

The view from here

Please vote "YES" this fall to incorporate the University Grove Homeowner's Association as a non-profit corporation.

A bit of history: The question of incorporation was put to a vote of Grove residents in 1994, and failed due to lack of a quorum. The matter was never brought to a vote again. There is no good reason NOT to incorporate (call me right away if you are aware of a reason – 651-646-2925).

There is, however, one compelling reason TO incorporate: **it limits liability for directors, officers and members.**

Since a non-profit corporation is a legal entity different from the actual persons involved, there is a key distinction between the non-profit's assets and the assets of the people associated with it. Non-profit incorporation would protect both members and those serving in governance roles in the Grove from being held legally responsible for legal action directed at the Association.

Personal bad acts (i.e., entering into an unauthorized contract) are not excused

Madame Picasso

Immersed in painting and oblivious to time, Dorothea Smith would be roused at day's end by her husband, Ross, affectionately calling, "Madame Picasso." Fortunately for both, he loved to cook. And Dorothea loves to paint. Her home and studio are filled with colored etchings and canvases painted in oil, acrylic or pastel.

A spry octogenarian, Dorothea Smith is well known in artistic circles. Her work can be found in more than 50 public and private collections in the United States. Her art ranges from impressionism and expressionism to abstraction. She also creates sculpture, jewelry and shell art.

Ross and Dorothea discovered the Florida Panhandle in the early 1980s after he retired as arts coordinator for Northrop Auditorium. They wintered for 15 years in Port St. Joe, Florida's oyster region. Rustic fishing villages, shrimp



Sculpture is a demanding art form according to Dorothea Smith, posing on one of her pieces.

by membership in a non-profit corporation or by a person's service as a director or officer. The protection from liability of directors or officers is *only for those actions that are in an official capacity*, done in good faith, lawful and authorized by the non-profit corporation's bylaws.

Although the risk of liability to current directors, officers and members is low, "old timers" might recall that our colorful neighborhood history has not been free from litigation.

Incorporation would require simple changes to our current bylaws:

- 1) a board of directors would need to be nominated and elected, and
- 2) indemnification clauses would need to be added to the by-laws.

Annual reporting duties required by the state could be readily handled by yours truly or another volunteer lawyer from the Grove. There is no reason to put the family assets of Grove officers at risk when incorporation would remove that risk. **Please vote "yes" to incorporate this fall!**

— Beth Mercer-Taylor, president

boats, marshes, sunsets and the water gave Dorothea unlimited material. She was selected as one of 50 artists featured in *Coast to Coast: The Contemporary Landscape in Florida*.

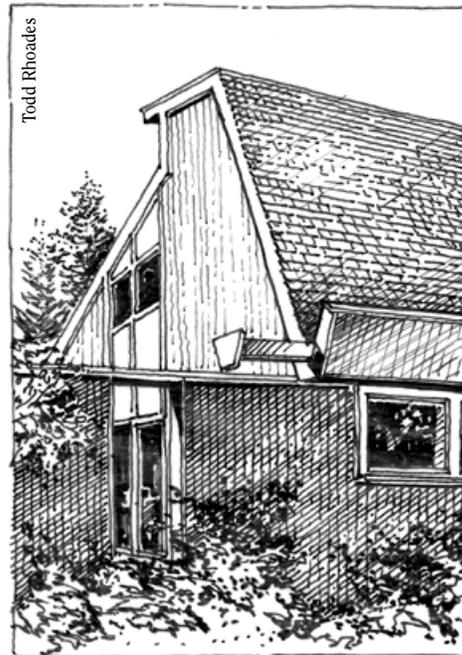
Born in Iowa, Dorothea majored in studio art at Pasadena College in California and later studied at art schools in Utah, Minnesota and Indiana. In California in the 1930s, she was a fashion model, an actress and taught modeling. In Minnesota she modeled for Young Quinlan, Dayton's and United Airlines.

Dorothea and Ross went to the same Iowa high school and they became friends at an art show where she had two paintings exhibited. They

were married in 1940 while Ross was a graduate student in theater and directing the former Punchinello Players Theater in Coffey Hall on the St. Paul campus. After Ross received his master's

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New neighbors

Markus Keel and Janet Pavelich, [redacted] Markus is an associate professor in the math department. Janet is an engineer with Lockheed in Eagan. He previously lived in the Pillsbury Court apartments and she in Crocus Hill. They are planning an October wedding.

They've moved

Barbara Reid and Chris Meadows moved to [redacted]. They have the same phone number, [redacted].

Grove Home Tour Oct. 2

Thanks to Terri Cermak for organizing a tour of approximately six Grove homes on Sunday, Oct. 2. Watch for a flier with more information this fall. Contact Terri if you'd like to have your home on tour, 659-0342.

City News

By Mayor Sue Gehrz

The Farmer's Market on Larpenteur and Prior is open every Tuesday from 7:30 to noon. Mark your calendars for the Annual Ice Cream Social in the park at Cleveland and Roselawn from 6-8 P.M. on Thursday, July 28.

Home for sale:

2111 Folwell

Contact: Nancy Meeden
(651) 282-9650

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Soccer by the sea

By Mary Zimmermann, contributing editor

Grove Park is just a hop/skip away from the Georgiou's house on Folwell and a convenient place for Katerina (15) and Thomas (nearly 12) to practice their finely honed soccer skills. However, it's another field - literally a world away - where these two *really* get their kicks.

That field is in the seaport town of Oropos, Greece. The town is north of Athens where the kids' parents, Efi Foufoula and Tryphon Georgiou, met while attending the National Technical University of Athens. Today, Efi is a professor of civil engineering and Tryphon a professor of electrical engineering at the U.

The Georgiouts have made annual summer pilgrimages to Greece since before they moved to the Grove in 1993. For two months each summer, Katerina and Thomas play soccer, swim and hang out with friends in Oropos. The family also spends time in Athens (Dad's birthplace) and on the island of Milos where friends run a local hotel. Efi's hometown of Livadia is another destination spot.

Last year, Katerina and Thomas, who are both fluent in Greek, spent six months



Thomas and Katerina Georgiou at their summer house in Oropos, Greece.

studying at an American school in Athens. In her kindergarten year, Katerina attended an all-Greek school. "Schools in Athens are stricter," reported the kids, "but it helped our Greek reading and writing a lot. Plus, they're more advanced in [teaching] science and chemistry."

Back home, the Georgiou kids excel in sports, music and academics. Katerina, who's interested in a career in science and math, has participated in the University of Minnesota Talented Youth Math Program (UMTYM) since sixth grade when she attended Parkview Elementary. Now a freshman at Roseville Area High School (RAHS), she studies pre-calculus classes with juniors and seniors.

Thomas enters seventh grade at Parkview this fall. Last year, his Parkview team placed second in the regional Mathmasters competition. A talented young pianist, Thomas performed at this year's Upper Midwest Piano Festival's awards ceremony.

Academics and musical pursuits, however, take a back seat in Oropos where the pace is slower, the sun - and the soccer - are hotter and lazy days by the sea never seem to end.

Madame Picasso

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degree, the Smiths moved to Indiana where Ross was arts coordinator, theater director and the football game announcer for Purdue University.

For the next 25 years they raised their two children, Deborah and Brian, and were active in Lafayette's community theater and arts. Dorothea held fashion shows for charity, taught ceramics and gardened wildflowers. For five summers, the family lived in Michigan while Ross directed the Dunes Art Foundation Summer Theater. In 1963, the Smith's lived in Paris on sabbatical. They traveled Europe and Ross studied with some of France's finest theater directors.

After returning to Minnesota in 1968,

the couple bought a Close-designed home on Folwell where Dorothea still resides and for 19 summers boated on the Mississippi River in their houseboat, "The Madame Picasso."



The late Ross Smith displays his baking skills.

At the U, Ross managed the Minnesota Orchestra (its home was then at Northrop), created the Northrop Dance Series, brought the Metropolitan Opera to Minnesota, staged "Loyce Houlton's Nutcracker Fantasy," and taught theater. Ross died of cancer in 2003.

Dorothea continues to paint, occasionally exhibits and collects antique marbles.

Her wildflower garden, Japanese inspired-home and a vivacious life color her world.

Kudos:

Tom Taff, son of **Steve Taff** and **Susan Hoyt** graduated from RAHS and will attend the U this fall. In high school, he played trumpet in the concert and jazz bands and in a brass quintet. Tom was on the honor roll all four years.

Kelly Voohaar, daughter of **Richard Voorhaar** and **Ellen Worlund-Voorhaar** graduated from RAHS with a focus in arts, science and fencing where she earned two letters. She will attend the Minneapolis Community Technical College this fall. This summer she is working an internship at Northern Clay Center.

Monika Chandler and **Kristen Swanson** organized the first annual neighborhood perennial plant swap on a rainy Saturday, May 21.

Kristen Swanson updated the kid helper directory (attached).

Kevin Silverstein initiated the garbage hauler changes now in effect.

Dawn Hudoc coordinated the 8th Annual University Grove Families with Young Children Picnic on June 5 (unfortunately rained out).

Dudley Riggs was featured in the Variety Free Time section of the *Star Tribune* on April 29. A lengthy article profiled Dudley and alumni on the history of Brave New Workshop, a Twin Cities institution for stand-up and improv comedy founded by him.

Stephan Kistler is our new bluebird housekeeper. His job is to keep intruders from infiltrating the bird-houses located in the green space by the tennis courts.

Dues paid

49 households have paid their annual dues for 2005. If you have not paid, please send a \$10 check made out to the University Grove to Gary Wright, 2129 Hoyt. Thanks.

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