The organic Kokopelli Farm, which I have owned for over two-dozen-years, has been my home, as well as my main work, identity, and love. Then I fell into a badger hole, covered by grass, on Jan. 15 this year. I crawled painfully uphill back into the house, feeling like a baby. This unwelcome anniversary will remain in my now 73-year old body and memory.

The fall plunged me into deep reflections and life-changing behavior. “You must change your life” is a poetry line from Rilke that kept emerging as I spent hours each day in bed, no longer able to provide “the farmer’s shadow” with daily walks on the land, so essential to good farming.

Growing up is not always easy, even for elders. I’m closer to my death date than my birth date. Maturing can be sparked by a sudden, unexpected incident, like falling. What to do, other than feel sorry for one’s self? How can one turn a loss into a learning experience for one’s self and others?

I began to lighten my load. I decided to give away hundreds of books, DVDs, records, furniture, luggage, dog things, etc., which I had been collecting for decades.

“I call that ‘essentializing,’” commented Alexandra Hart of Transition Sebastopol’s monthly Elders Salon, which has been meeting since 2010. “Aging makes one slower, so it means simplifying and letting go of stuff.”

“We’ve noticed in the Elders Salon that loss almost inevitably brings some kind of gain in its wake,” Hart added.

The smiles of friends and strangers as they load up books and other things, taking them on a journey into their lives, delight me. I’m even asked to autograph some of the 24 books to which I have contributed, reminding me that I can at least still write.

The fall became a blessing in disguise. Friends brought me chicken soup, other food, and helped lessen my isolation. I listened to their stories of having fallen, being sick, and experiencing excruciating pain. I appreciate living in small town Sebastopol, with its caring community, even more.

“Loss can be conceptualized along three intersecting axes: loss of control, loss of identity, and loss of relationships,” writes Dr. Barbara Sourkes in her book “The Deepening Shade: Psychological Aspects of Life-Threatening Illness.”

My identity as a farmer is important. I farm most days of the year. After the fall, I have been unable to farm for weeks. Among my losses have been many basic body functions and control. I have also changed my self-image and body-image. Being more dependent on others is a stretch.

My fall dramatically changed my self-image and body-image. I now consider myself temporarily (hopefully) disabled. I notice others with canes and am more cautious with my movements, which have been limited. As my friend David Goff writes, “Falling is scary.”

“When I’m physically drained, I often don’t feel like talking,” a client told Dr. Sourkes. As an introvert, though also a public person, I sometimes feel the same. Some friends have worn me down by their needs to talk, talk, talk. “I’m all talked out,” I say at times, which can make me feel like the bad guy.

I have been sharing my fears with friends, some of whom report their own stories. “You strike a familiar chord of vulnerability that we all face,” observed body-worker Jeff Rooney. “I work with many people for whom a big theme is falling and fear of falling. Falling is often a step away toward dying.”

Humans are so “fragile,” my brother Steve Bliss reminded me about we two-footeds. I am actually now three-footed, since I walk with a cane, but that will eventually change. “Tomorrow’s a new day,” my brother reminded me, as Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote.

This learning experience evolves. So where do I go from here? I’m not sure. I feel suspended between the no-longer and the not-yet.

As the elder Doug von Koss recently quoted a Sufi saying, “We have three days to live, and two of them are gone.”

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Library Corner

- JIM HEANEY, LIBRARIAN

We have a unique and extensive collection of books on men’s and general topics which can be checked out by members. Our periodicals include; Fathering Today, Men’s Health, Men’s Journal, Lavender, Transitions, and Voice Male.


In addition to members having borrowing privileges from our library, we also have a reading room with free WiFi access. Stop in for a cup of coffee and catch up on your men’s literature, and check out a book to go!

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Letter from the Chair

TCMC has played a big part in transforming my life. When I initially joined the board in 2012 I was interested in learning the inner workings of the organization. I wanted to aid and assist any way I could. I came back to the board September 2017 after taking a 9 month break, and I returned with the vision of evoking change not only from how we operate as a board, but also in how we engage our volunteers and the Men who use TCMC.

This year has been exciting because the board has really embraced the ideas of progressive change through promoting and empowering committee work, adopting ideas around collaborating and partnering with other organizations, and embracing the fundamentals of brotherhood; love, compassion, and respect.

As I look forward to 2019 it is my wish that we continue to pour creative efforts in fundraising, continue to build and empower committee work, and continue the celebration of Men striving to be better Men.

I look forward to our commitment to successfully end 2018 and a strong start of 2019.

Damon Starks
TCMC Board Chair

ANNUAL FACILITATOR TRAINING

has been scheduled for Saturday, January 26th, from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. It will again be taught by Tommy Jones, Gary Weldon, and Bobby Schauerhamer. Lunch will be provided. All current support group facilitators and those wishing to become one are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to connect with other support group facilitators. This is a wonderful opportunity to sharpened old skills, learn a few new ones, and to share your experiences with new and experienced facilitators.....and you get one of those rare and enjoyable “free lunches” that are so rare these days! “....... see you there....

Please RSVP to Tom Maher at tomm@tcmc.org or (612) 822-5892.

TCMC joins the Amazon Smile program

The Twin Cities Men’s Center is now listed as a charitable organization on Amazon Smile. This means when any Amazon customer who registers with Amazon Smile and selects the Twin Cities Men’s Center as their charitable organization of choice, 0.5% of any qualifying purchase will be donated to the Twin Cities Men’s Center. You can sign up to help us out at <https://smile.amazon.com/>.

TCMC is eligible to receive Choice Dollars through Thrivent Financial!

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who’s eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Choice Dollars charitable outreach funds can make a world of difference to the Twin Cities Men’s Center! Thrivent’s Choice Dollars program allows eligible Thrivent members to recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable funds. Directing Choice Dollars to TCMC is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice®” after the prompt.
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Oct/Nov 2018
PRESENTATIONS

The Twin Cities Men’s Center has been an important voice in the community for 40 years providing classes and support groups promoting personal growth to many men and women. Professional leaders in the community have led weekly presentations providing a wide opportunity for educational, spiritual and emotional growth for 30 years.

In recent years, attendance of the presentations by TCMC supporters has diminished to the extent that the TCMC Board of Directors has agreed to schedule them intermittently as the interest arises.

The 1st Wednesday of the month Family Law Clinic will continue by providing legal support for those experiencing legal issues.

The Board wishes to express appreciation to the supporters who attended the presentations and the many volunteer professionals who gave their time and talent to support a strong educational component of the TCMC mission.

A small fee is collected at the door for each person attending:
- Non-Members of TCMC – $5.
- Regular Members ($25 level) – $3
- Sustaining Members – FREE

All presentations, classes, and clinics meet at The Men’s Center, 3249 Hennepin Ave. So, Suite 55, Minneapolis, MN 55408 (unless otherwise noted).

The Twin Cities Men’s Center does not endorse, takes no specific position, nor holds any opinion on the presentations, or of any information imparted, or of the presenter(s) themselves. Presentations are the sole product and responsibility of the presenter(s).

Mankind Project
Open Circle
Facilitator: Dave Semenchuk and David Grocott
When: Every Thu., 7:00-9:00 pm
Open to Men Only

ManKind Project Minnesota began in 1990 and over 800 men are in our community. We have more than 20 on-going men’s groups which serve as places where men can develop their Emotional Intelligence, practice Accountability to their Commitments of Service to others, and practice Authenticity in Actions and declarations.

This Open Circle enables participants to witness other men practice clarity of self-expression from their hearts rather than their heads. Join us in our 5-round format and ask questions to learn more and even participate yourself if you choose. Our structure is based on the masculine archetypes of King, Warrior, Magician & Lover in Moore and Gillette’s book.

Financial Workshop: More than Money Matters
(Module 1)
Facilitator: Patti Powell
When: Weds., Oct. 17, 7:00-9:00 pm
Open to all Genders

This interactive 4 Module workshop can help you align your money management with your values. Sessions includes setting goals, budgeting, finding money to save for your goals, and how credit and debt impact your financial well-being.

During Module 1, you’ll learn how to:
- Set SMART goals.

Patti Powell is a Financial Associate with the Central Minnesota Regional Office of Thrivent Financial.

Financial Workshop: More than Money Matters
(Module 2)
Facilitator: Patti Powell
When: Weds., Nov. 28, 7:00-9:00 pm
Open to all Genders

Designed to equip you with tools and information to help you manage your money wisely and make spending decisions that align with your goals and values. During the workshop, you’ll learn how to:

During Module 2 you’ll learn how to:
- Find money to save.

Patti Powell is a Financial Associate with the Central Minnesota Regional Office of Thrivent Financial.

CLINICS

Family Law Clinic
Leader: Rasheen Tillman
When: Wed., Oct. 3, 7:00-9:00 pm
Open to all Genders

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- Separation
- Paternity
- Property Division
- Custody
- Spousal Maintenance
- Child Support
- Financial Settlements
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Anger Management
Facilitator: various
When: See calendar for dates
Open to Men Only, Registration Required

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Please call TCMC at 612-822-5892 to be placed on the waiting list. State name, address, telephone, preferred starting class. Or if you need further details, call our Anger Management coordinator, John Hesch, at 612-229-3102.
Choosing Healthy Sexual Boundaries

Open to Men Only

Do you have concerns about your sexual behavior? Are you receiving negative feedback about your sexual choices? Worries about excessive, compulsive or obsessive sexual activities? Too much pornography in your life? Too many strip clubs? Ever feel like a sex addict? Feeling uncomfortable about inappropriate fantasies/thoughts/urges? Hurting or disappointing someone you love?

This group is a safe, non-confrontational, non-judgmental place to talk with other men about healthy sexual boundaries.

Healthy Boundaries welcomes all men who are currently participating in, or who have completed, sex offender treatment. Facilitated by Tom Duvall, Hardy, Rich Powell, Tommy Jones, Bobby Schauerhamer and Gary Weldon.

Minneapolis Location
3249 Hennepin Ave. S. Suite 55
- Tuesdays 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Paul Location
Project Pathfinder
570 N. Asbury Street, Suite 300
St. Paul, 55104
- Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Sexual Trauma & Abuse Survivors

Open to all Genders

Co-facilitators: Jerry Buchmeier, PhD (Therapeutic Counseling) & Kathleen McDowell, MA (Human Development)

Many adults have been sexually abused in childhood or adolescence, or have experienced sexual trauma as adults. Whether you have clear memories or vague recollections, perhaps you experience feelings of shame, self-hate, guilt, fear, anger, grief, or embarrassment. Sharing your story and feelings with others can release these feelings, while creating and renewing patterns of comfortable, healthy, and rewarding interactions with people of both sexes. This support group provides a safe environment to share your experiences and learn about how others are coping with these issues. Join us in developing healthier attitudes and behaviors that transform us from survivors into living life to the fullest.

Questions, call Jerry, 763-546-4133.
- Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Bisexual and Gay Issues

Open to Men Only

Men of all orientations explore a wide range of personal issues including our sexuality. We focus on our feelings about who we are and how we choose to live in the future.
- Fridays 7:30 - 9:30 pm
  (Currently 2nd and 4th Fridays)
Upcoming Monthly Men's Sunday Brunches, drop-in anytime 10AM-1PM (bring something to share/cook up): October 21st at the Men's Center - 42nd anniversary celebration, 3249 Hennepin Ave S, Suite 55, Minneapolis 55408 612-822-5892 Andy Mickel and Harry Greenberg co-hosts. **November 18th** at Stan Bookout’s: 2512 37th Av S 55406 377-1414. 12 men attended the **August 19th** brunch at Harry Greenberg’s backyard patio, 9 men attended the **September 16th** brunch at Andy Mickel’s – Andy Mickel, 2018-07-19.

“Thanks for helping the U.S. become a better and safer country.”
– Jerry Daniels, 2018-09-07.

Twenty-three men (including 6 current/former TCMC board chairs) gathered at the Men’s Center on Sunday, August 19th in celebration of the life of former TCMC Office Manager Randy Genrich who passed on August 7th. Dan Gorbunow led the event honoring him. Randy was active from 1985-2016 in various capacities from volunteer to facilitator to mentor and of course, long-time office manager. For many men, Randy was the face of TCMC. On behalf of the TCMC, we thank Randy for all his 31 years of service. He will be truly missed.


A memorial service was held at his church in the Lake Nokomis area of Minneapolis on Saturday, September 15th attended by Tom Weaver and Harry Greenberg and other TCMC members: “300-400 people attended, and I gave the Hopi prayer.” - Tom Weaver. TCMC members Todd Vandenbark and Don Eschbach who are not Twin Cities residents were among many who also communicated their reflections of Randy upon hearing the news.

**Fall Spirit & Wellness Rite of Celebration at SATTVA**

Please join us for an experience in spirit, health, and connection: Drum * Meditation * Movement * Ritual * Personal Alignment * Prayers and Creative Process for Healthy Family, Society & Planet. Sat., Oct. 6, 7-10pm at SATTVA Healing Arts, 3200 Bryant Av S, Minneapolis 55408. All people, ages, genders, faiths welcome! $10-20 Suggested Donation * Light Nosh and Healthy Beverage provided. To register or FFI: www.sattvamn.com or Dan at 612-987-0324.

The **Thursday August 9th** movie event “**The Mask You Live In**” was a real success as over 120 attended the showing at St. Anthony Main Theaters in a Men’s Center co-sponsored event. Organizer Melanie Paradise forwarded to us this comment she received the next day: “Thank you so much for organizing this. For me to call it just worthwhile would be an incredible understatement. I was doing my best to prepare myself ahead of showtime for what I knew would be a difficult/growth topic for me personally, but it has hit me much harder than I even expected. I’m pretty sure I needed this at this time. I would bet many others in attendance were greatly impacted by it as well. I wish I could have stayed for the after movie discussion but I needed a walk and some air.”
– Andy Mickel, 2018-09-10.

The Minnesota Men’s Conference has indeed been cancelled. The main reason is that we did not meet our minimum number of participants to host the larger Fall event in beautiful Camp du Nord by the August deadline. This no doubt comes as a surprise and a disappointment to many of us, especially those of us who have come to rely on the Fall event especially as a touchstone for our year. The Fall conference is for many a reunion with old friends, a way to measure ourselves against our years, and a time to trouble ourselves with questions that ask to deepen us. It is a time to feel into the myths that are living through us as well as a place to find perspectives and strength for our personal journeys.”
– Marty Miller, MMS Chairman, 2018-09-08

Recent articles in the Minneapolis Star Tribune <http://www.startribune.com/>

“Men are the victims in rape tale: Actress Amber Tamblyn’s novel will upset some people. She’s OK with that. By Stephanie Merry, Washington Post, 2018-08-09. “As #MeToo stories began pouring out, Tamblyn became involved in the Time’s Up initiative that offers legal support for victims of sexual harassment in Hollywood and beyond. In the midst of this, she finished her first novel, “Any Man,” which was published in June. The book focuses on sexual assault, although it does so in an unexpected way: The villain in the story is a woman who targets men, committing a string of sexual assaults so violent and troubling that they could have been ripped from a horror movie. The male victims largely narrate their own stories, delving into the profound pain of dealing with the aftermath of such crimes...”
– Andy Mickel, 2018-09-01:

**In Memorium: Randy Genrich**

On August 7, 2018 we lost a well-known member of The Twin Cities Men’s Center, Randy Genrich. He was active for many years in various capacities from volunteer to facilitator to mentor. Perhaps best known, he served as our long-time office manager from 1985 to 2016. For many men, Randy was the face of TCMC. On behalf of the TCMC, we thank Randy for all his 31 years of service. He will be truly missed.

In consolation for our shared grief,
In sweetness for a life of loving service,
In solidarity for the realization of men’s healing,
and making the world a place of beauty and justice.
Twin Cities Men’s Center ALL-PURPOSE FORM

Men’s Center members are entitled to: participate in our annual & monthly Board meetings, receive Men Talk, use the reference library, and enjoy reduced fees to Men’s Center-sponsored events such as Weds. presentations.

☐ I want to sustain the activities of The Men’s Center by becoming a “20 x 12 Honor Roll Member.”
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  Enclosed please find $________  ☐ $25 (Regular)  ☐ $50 (Patron).
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Where: The Men’s Center, 3249 Hennepin Ave S #55, Minneapolis MN 55408
When: Every 1st Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Just come! No advance registration required!

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22 Years of Successful Classes

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