

TeMari Member Of Jewelers Group

TeMari Designs, LLC of Yankton recently announced its membership in the Independent Jewelers Organization (IJO), an international Buying Group and educational organization of independent retail jewelers. TeMari Designs, LLC will be the area's exclusive Master IJO Jeweler member.

"We seek out one of the top two independent retail jewelers in a market area for exclusive membership in IJO," said Jeffrey Roberts, President and CEO of the organization. "Our Buying Group is geared for stores that offer high quality at good values. Our members share the international purchasing power of almost 900 members across the U.S., plus members in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia. And our educational, business and marketing programs are unique in the jewelry industry. They are designed to put the local independent jeweler on an equal footing with the national chains they compete with today."

According to Terri Cash, owner of TeMari Designs, LLC, the firm will be taking advantage of as many IJO membership benefits as possible. Benefits include direct access to the international diamond markets of Antwerp, Belgium, through the IJO Buying Office located there. "Antwerp, Belgium, is our gateway to more than half of the world's finest diamonds. It will allow us to act as an international diamond broker for our customers right here in Yankton."

IJO membership also includes participation in the IJO Business College. Jewelers have the ability to enroll in a joint Gemology and Business Curriculum offered in conjunction with the Gemological Institute of America (G.I.A). The G.I.A is the non-profit organization that certifies diamond and color stone quality and also acts as the "Educational College" for the jewelry industry worldwide.

Located at 206 West 3rd Street, TeMari Designs, LLC is now the area's exclusive IJO member. For further information call (605) 260-0446.

MASABA Adds Brewer As Sales Manager

VERMILLION — Masaba expanded its sales force this month when they hired industry veteran, Bob Brewer, as the Western Region Sales Manager.

Since he started in the construction and aggregate industry more than 35 years ago, Brewer has held various operational and managerial roles. "Bob is extremely knowledgeable and has a lot of experience in our industry. We are very excited to have him on Team MASABA. He's a great guy to work with and will be a valuable asset." Masaba President Jerad Higman commented.

Masaba's reputation of building hard-working, durable equipment has led to substantial growth in recent years and created the need for another Sales Manager in their growing sales team. In his new role, Brewer will be responsible for sales activities and managing customer relationships in the western United States.

Cameron Named To NY Life's Council

TYNDALL — Brad Cameron has been named a member of the 2014 President's Council of New York Life. Members of the President's Council are among the top five percent of New York Life's elite sales force of 12,000 licensed agents.

Cameron has been a New York Life agent since January 2001 and is associated with New York Life's Great Plains General Office in Sioux Falls,

New York Life Insurance Company, a Fortune 100 company founded in 1845, is the largest mutual life insurance company in the United States* and one of the largest life insurers in the world. New York Life has the highest possible financial strength ratings currently awarded to any life insurer from all four of the major credit rating agencies: A.M. Best (A++), Fitch (AAA), Moody's Investors Service (AAA), Standard & Poor's (AA+).

United Way

Huff Named Volunteer Of Month

Recently, Steve Huff, was awarded as the Volunteer of the Month by United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton. Steve was awarded for his many volunteer efforts, mainly with his assistance on the Board of Directors with Habitat for Humanity.

"Steve has been able to compliment his professional career to make a difference in Yankton County," says Julie Dykstra, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, who nominated Huff for the award.

"So much of what Steve does is behind the scenes and is not visible to the general public, but Habitat for Humanity is in a much better position because of Steve!"

We asked Steve to tell us, in his own words, about his volunteer efforts.

• **Have lived here in the Yankton Area since:** I have been a resident of Yankton since September 1999.

• **I began volunteering:** I began volunteering upon arrival in Yankton.

I volunteer at (list organizations and duties performed): Since arriving in Yankton, I have been a 6 year board member (termed out) for Big Friend Little Friend. I was an initial four year term board member for Ribfest. I joined chamber and spent 8 years on various boards, including the Governmental Affairs board, the Chamber executive board, and eventually its president. I also termed out a two term stint at Habitat for Humanity. My family joined the UCC in the fall of 2012 and I have



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Steve Huff was awarded Volunteer of the Month by United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton.

served on the fellowship board for about one year. I am a two term president and have also been a board member for East River Legal Services since Celia Miner resigned to retire approximately 6 years ago. I served on the Yankton Search and Rescue board as its president for approximately four years

and was part of Verve's board throughout the organization's existence.

• **Approximate hours per year that I volunteer:** The hours of service vary from board to board, situation to situation, but it is at least 5-10 hours every other week. I also do a great deal of cooking and hosting prepaid parties for charities, donating the food, drink and sweat equity to various local functions.

• **Volunteer work is enjoyable because:** I enjoy volunteering because I need to do things outside the office to keep me grounded and to help my family grow in the community. As a person who moved to and was not born in Yankton, volunteer work is critical in getting to know folks and be a better citizen.

• **My best volunteer experience was:** I cannot pick between various volunteer experiences as all have their own joys and challenges.

• **The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities is:** The advice I would give those thinking about volunteering is do not just think, do. Get in the game or stop complaining about the world you live in. Life is too short to be on the sidelines.

For more information on volunteering or to nominate a Volunteer of the Month, please contact United Way & Volunteer Services at 605-665-6766 or volunserve@iw.net

Five Generations



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This five generation photo was taken at a family gathering in April 2014. Seated from left to right: Colleen Schild of Yankton, is holding Garrison Snider, great-great grandson of Eudora, KS, next to them is Diane Fauth, daughter of Shawnee, KS, Angie Hadl, granddaughter of Eudora, KS and Josh Snider, great-grandson of Eudora, KS.

Help Team HOPE Fulfill Its Mission

BY KAREN EDLER

Team HOPE is a non-profit organization that supports area individuals and families that are affected by cancer. Four years ago, at the age of 43, I, myself, received the life changing news that I had cancer. Telling my daughter, my mom and dad and my friends was by far the hardest thing I have ever had to do. The months to follow tested my faith, endurance and strength. After a major surgery to remove my tumor and cancerous lymph nodes, four months of chemo, radiation treatments and another year of countless surgeries and hospital stays due to complications, I was determined that when I was well, I was going to "pay it forward" for all the support I received from my friends, family, co-workers and the Yankton community ... and that is how Team HOPE began.

There is an overwhelming epidemic of cancer victims in our surrounding area. It goes without saying that

having cancer is expensive. The costs of treatment (even with good insurance), traveling to treatments, medications and more are just one side. On the other is the reduced or inability to work during treatment. The emotional and financial burdens make it difficult for many families to endure. As much as I would like to, it is impossible to help everyone...but my goal is to continue helping more and more families in need each year.

In the last two years, Team HOPE has helped many individuals, from young children to the elderly, in the form of gift cards, HyVee food cards, money for travel expenses and medication, care packages, sending cards and letters of encouragement to people who are ill, etc.

These are just small gestures, but are so meaningful to the ones that have gone through overwhelming sickness and pain. It doesn't take it all away, but it truly gives a sense of comfort to know that people care.

The third annual Team HOPE Cancer Benefit Poker Run is set for Aug. 30, 2014. Registration begins at noon at Kozy's Inn and will be ending in Lesterville. There will be a free will offering BBQ supper starting at 6:30-8:30 p.m and a street dance to follow. For more information, please contact me.

I am asking for your consideration to helping Team HOPE fulfill its mission. I want to continue to provide to the families of this community and with your help this will be possible.

I am asking you to consider becoming a sponsor of Team HOPE. If not, you may make a donation to the Team HOPE Cancer Benefit fund, Karen Edler, 3018 N. Francis St., Yankton, or directly to a fund set up at the Services Center Federal Credit Union, 609 W. 21st, Yankton, S.D. 57078.

Your support of any kind is so graciously appreciated, not only by Team HOPE, but all individuals affected.

MEETINGS

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Avera Sacred Heart Toastmasters Club 6217 met Aug. 14 at noon in the Benedictine Center with Jennifer Suing giving the Invocation and Chelsi Hames as Toastmaster. General Evaluator Muriel Stach introduced her team. They were Steve Anderson Timer; Greg Stach and Jennifer Wubben as Evaluators, Suing/Stach "Ah/um" counters, and Stan Sudbeck grammarian.

No regular scheduled speakers therefore impromptu speeches were given by Gale Vogt and Stan Sudbeck. Vogt and Sudbeck both spoke about their personal opinions about the Tony Stewart tragic accident that happened on Saturday's race.

Vogt was evaluated by Stach and Sudbeck by Wubben giving praise for their volunteering of doing the impromptu speeches and how they both brought a different perspective and it made you really think about your own opinion on the situation. Both very good speeches for such a short notice and the little time they had to write them up.

Table Topic Master Joyce Stevens asked impromptu questions about Riverboat Days. Wubben convinced us all that we need to attend at least one event at

RBD and take it all in. Stach's favorite riverboat captain was Mark Twain even though you had to take him with salt on the cheek. Although Anderson has never been in a rumble at the "Rumbles" he used to enjoy the bands that played in the '70's when the music was "good." Suing's three points of admiration for RBD were; shows the young kids what volunteering does for a community, lots of fun activities and where else would you have a class reunion.

GE Muriel gave the meeting overall good points.

Toastmaster Hames then turned the meeting over to President Greg Stach for announcements, which were: big thanks to Joyce and Doyle for hosting the picnic and upcoming officer training.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Aug. 18, 2014 at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ann Clough and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Member Pam Frick introduced her guest, Chris Frick of Kaiser Heating and Cooling.

Members gave the following announcements:

Kathy Wibbels from the Yankton Community Library introduced our newest interchange member, JoEllen Gieveshausen, an AFLAC representative from Vermillion.

Rita Wentworth, former Yankton Area Arts board member, announced that Julie Amsberry is the new YAA Director who has been hired to replace Jackie Quinn.

Pam Frick, retired business owner, was today's hostess. Her guest speaker was John Kramer, Economic Development Director from Yankton Area Progressive Growth. Mr. Kramer spoke on the shortage of affordable housing in Yankton. Mr. Kramer shared findings and recommendations from the 2013 Yankton Area Housing Study. He also discussed a study of 30 primary sector companies in Yankton that identifies the projected jobs needs in Yankton over the next five years that will continue to create demand for housing in the community and possible ways of addressing these needs of the community.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014 at noon at Minerva's. Interchange will conduct its Annual Meeting with the Board of Directors encouraging all members to attend.



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