

Kenyon Family Members Visit Cramer-Kenyon Home

It was Christmas in July when the daughter and granddaughter of Jean Kenyon Lovelace, who now lives in St. Cloud MN, spent an afternoon at the historic Cramer-Kenyon Family Home at 509 Pine Street in Yankton. Marilee Lovelace Kleiber and her daughter, Katelin, who reside in Idaho, had been visiting in St. Cloud and were eager not only to see the Home in its current renovated and preserved state but also to bring more family treasures which Jean wished to see returned to their original location.



The early part of the afternoon was spent reminiscing about family gatherings and telling stories about the early residents of the Cramer-Kenyon Home. Katelin, who is a 5th generation family member, was particularly interested in the stories. Donna Schmidt, Curator and Margaret Lyons and Joan Neubauer, board members, took notes in order to preserve the authenticity of the Home, its furnishings and to add to the tour information which is provided to visitors.

Contents of the boxes brought from St. Cloud were then carefully unwrapped and noted. Katelin is shown holding one of the four handmade quilts, all of which are 100 - 150 years old, and which are now displayed

in the Home, with appropriate signage indicating the quilter and the age of the quilt. Marilee holds a ruby-red hobnail light shade, thought to have been originally placed at the front entryway of the house. The "Crazy Quilt" shown in the second picture was made by Ada Clark (1884-1936), who was the niece of Nelson Cramer and mother of Esther Kenyon. It contains swatches of fabric used for family clothing and features Alice Bullfinch Cramer's hand painting on some of the pieces. Alice and her husband, Nelson, lived in the Home from 1890 until her death in 1916 and his in 1929. This quilt is one of two placed on display in the Ward bedroom on the second floor of the home.

The Board feels privileged to be entrusted with the above items, and others, which are to be displayed in the Cramer-Kenyon home for visitors to enjoy. A tour through the home is a visit backward in history to a time when ladies had tea in the parlor while wearing long dresses, hats and gloves and when gentlemen wore top hats and were able to make a choice about whether they would take the carriage or the motor car to do the day's errands.

Tours can be arranged by calling 665-7470 or just by stopping by 509 Pine Street at designated times, between now and Labor Day.



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DEDICATED SERVICE



Submitted photo: Doris Allan retired from the Yankton Community Library Board of Trustees on July 13 after serving for six years and holding the office of President of the Board for the last two years. In appreciation for her volunteer time, new Board President Alicia Cornemann presented Allan with a plaque and many thanks.

HONORING FREEDOM



Submitted photo: Preston Olson 2011 Chef de Gare (Commander) of Lewis & Clark Voiture 842 is pictured with Chef de Chemin de Fer (National Commander) Hank Kwiatkowski and Kitty Werthman who gave a speech "Socialism vs. Freedom." Werthman was nominated by Yankton Voiture 842 for Grand du SD's prestigious Americanism Award, was the winner of the 2011 Award. (For more information, see below.)

Making A Difference For United Way

For the past twenty years, Yankton has had an extraordinary woman promoting volunteerism throughout our community through action. The evolution of her volunteer efforts and her passion for service has not gone unnoticed. Dr. Nancy Saunders, Veterinarian at For Pet's Sake, and Professor of Natural Science at Mount Marty College, is the recipient of the United Way & Volunteer Services' Volunteer of the Month Award for May 2011.

Nancy got involved with volunteerism at the Yankton Care Center and local retirement homes, playing old hymns on the piano every Sunday morning. "I would play for thirty minutes at each place every week. The residents would request songs I did not know so I would go home, look them up, and play them the following week. They loved it." Her volunteerism soon progressed to serving on the Board of Directors for Big Friend Little Friend, as well as delivering meals to seniors through The Center's, Meals on Wheels Program.

Soccer was next on this volunteer's to do list. Nancy has been coaching soccer in Yankton for the last 15 years, and although all three of her children play/played soccer, Nancy states, "I coach because I like to coach, not because my kids are in it. I enjoy it and plan on coaching even when my children are no longer in the program." Coaching is not the only soccer related activity Nancy has put forth enormous effort. In 2004, Nancy started the local TOP Soccer program through Yankton Youth Soccer Association. The TOP Soccer season runs for five weeks in the fall beginning in September. TOP Soccer is for players with physical, mental, social, and emotional special needs. The success of this program has evolved into Dr. Saunders starting another program in

Yankton called SNAP, Special Needs At Play.

Nancy's passion for service and helping others does not end there. She is currently working alongside other agencies and volunteers on bringing a CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, program here to Yankton. Nancy currently works with the CASA program out of Sioux Falls. The National CASA Association is a network of programs that recruit, train and support volunteers to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courtroom and other settings.

Dr. Nancy Saunders's resume of volunteerism is extensive as you can see. From her donated time as a veterinarian and care giver to abandoned and stray pets, to her gift of music and participation in Mount Marty College productions, to her passion for youth activities, Nancy is an inspiration to others. Her advice to those thinking about getting involved in our community through volunteerism is simple, "Just do it. There are so many things you can do to help this great community. You don't have to do it all, just pick one agency you are passionate about and the people you serve will be so grateful."

For more information on how to volunteer or participate in the programs mentioned in this article, contact the United Way at 665-6766.



Saunders

Surrounded by the children he works hard to help, Arnie Boschker posed for a picture while being awarded the United Way & Volunteer Services, Volunteer of the Month Award for June 2011. For the past two years, Arnie has been a helping hand to the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton. Employed through Experience Works, a community-based organization that helps older adults get the training they need to find jobs in their communities, Arnie was matched up with the local club to perform 20 hours a week of custodial duties. Arnie's efforts towards the club and their daily operations have exceeded expectations according to the Boys & Girls Club Director, JD O'Grady. "Arnie is the type of guy that would do anything to help out. He will come in on his own time and expense and make needed repairs to the facility. He is a wonderful asset to our organization."

A strong work ethic comes naturally to this volunteer. "I grew up where you put your full effort into your job", Arnie says. "If I see something that needs to be done, I do it." Living in Yankton for the past 15 years, Arnie along with his wife Lucy, raise four grandchildren in their home. His grandchildren, who are active in a variety of sports, Boy Scouts, and other activities in the community, sometimes accompany their grandfather to the club to lend a hand. "They love coming along with Grandpa to help out."

Arnie Boschker is a wonderful example of dedicated volunteers who have given their time and efforts to benefit a local program. When asked why he enjoys his job and volunteer efforts with the Boys & Girls Club, Arnie states, "It is not only a positive and friendly work environment, but they really make a difference in our community."



Boschker

MEETING MINUTES

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, July 11, at Books & Beans, downtown Yankton. Nancy Burk, Roberta Engstedt, Judy Jensen, Dawn Nelson, Lorinda Pullen, and Margaret Rahn read original works. Margaret Rahn let us know that she had a letter published in the *Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan*.

INTERCHANGE

President Kathy Jacobs called the meeting to order. Hostess Mary Pesek, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital introduced guest Lyla Hirsch mother of the guest speaker, Sarah Hirsch Wittmuss, law professor at USD who spoke on "Cyber Law in Human Resources and Business." Ms. Wittmuss teaches a course in Cyber Law at USD noting the effect technology has had on the way we work, communicate, and market services and product and the response of the law and legal system to the rapidly changing issues caused by technology changes. She encouraged business large and small to adopt technology policies which give the ground rules for employers and employees for what is acceptable and what is not in the work place with regard to technology issues. Technology policy also helps protect the integrity of business systems, monitor potential criminal activity, manage harassment issues with a technology component, protect the reputation of the business, help comply with wage and hour laws and gives the employer and opportunity to educate and communicate with employees. Next meeting will be held on July 25th at Minerva's. Hostess Mary Pfeiffer's guest speaker will be David Becker, US Army Corps of Engineers.

ROY ANDERSON POST #12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its monthly meeting on July 14 at the V.F.W. Post home. All saluted the flag and recited the Preamble, Chaplain Pro tem Studebaker gave the Invocation.

Commander Ausbourne then declared the meeting open with seven members present. The Financial report was read and approved by the members.

Area 2 Vice Commander Wes Rye was at the meeting and commented on the convention. Rye had stated that there will be 8 districts instead of 12 and Yankton will become district 8 instead of 7. Also there will be 2 Vice Commanders in the state.

Children and Youth Director reported that in the last month they had taken a semi load of bicycles and other equipment to Brookings to be refur-

bished and taken to Rosebud reservation.

Americanism nothing to report this month.

Membership Don List reported that the dues will be going up \$5 starting in 2013. If you have been thinking about becoming a PUFLL this would be the time to do it to save money.

Post POW/MIA representative reported that 10 POW/MIA's had been identified and returned to their families in the last month. Seven from WW2, 1 from Korea and 2 from Vietnam welcome home.

Sick Call Chuck Tienken and Bud Conrad

Chaplain Pro Tem Studebaker gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Home.

TOASTMASTERS 6217

Club 6217's President Sheryl Schwartz called the end-of-year picnic meeting for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters to order at 6:30 PM at Tim Bohn's residence on July 14th. After Eileen O'Connor said grace, Bohn's barbecued ribs and members' pot-luck dishes were enjoyed by all.

Schwartz led a Table Topics game with each member secretly answering 3 questions: what new career would each choose, tell of an embarrassing moment, and what didn't other club members know about each member. Jane Miller was the winner.

M&M's were used to represent the presidential goals for the upcoming year established by Schwartz. Her M&M goals are Mentoring, thus allowing each club member to become the best speaker and leader possible, while increasing the overall Membership.

Jen Hovland, Area Governor, led the ceremony thanking the out-going officers: Secretary-treasurer Taylor O'Bryan and VP Education Jennifer Wubben. Then Hovland inducted the new officers: President Schwartz, VP Education Miller, VP Membership Gale Vogt, Secretary-treasurer Bohn, Public Relations Officer Muriel Stach, and Sergeant-at-Arms O'Connor Shwartz adjourned the meeting.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

Preceding the meeting Jan Putman of the local Special Olympics organization was introduced and presented a check of \$2,000 — the efforts of dedicated work by the Auxiliary St. Patrick's Day Special Olympic Leprechauns. Jan thanked the group; and told of the Special Olympics activities and goals. Newly elected President Joyce

Stahlecker opened the regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer VFW Post 791.

Thank you notes were read. An award certificate was received from the ERTH program.

Judy Potts was introduced as a new member.

Reports of Committees were given. Shirley Christensen reported on collecting stamps. Jane Slowey, hospital chairman, reported sending cards to members, also delivering two rose bowls. Jane also reported doing meal on wheels. Donna Mellem reported on Bingo at Majestic Bluffs. And Delores Gwinn reported on Bingo at Yankton Care. Lola DeJong, funeral chairman, reported one funeral for Sylvan Jiricek.

Majorie Olson, Joyce Stahlecker, Dorothy Stange, and Jackie Simonson gave reports. Brookings will hold the next state convention.

There will be a soup kitchen on the twentieth of September.

Fall Council will be on Sept. 17-18 at Chamberlain. The State Commander and President's Homecoming will be that weekend. Big 10 Conference will be in Sioux Falls on October 21-23, 2011.

President Stahlecker advised that she and Earl would be celebrating their fiftieth Anniversary on September third at the VFW Post Home and will be serving food (the kitchen will be closed that night) and there will be a dance afterwards with everyone invited-no gifts, please.

Marlene Schramm won the tent cup. Ione Fisher won the attendance prize of ten dollars. The next meeting attendance prize will be two dollars.

Char Vitek and Dorothy Stange served a lovely lunch.

YANKTON TOWN AND COUNTRY

The Yankton Town & Country Garden Club met July 8th at the Senior Center for the July meeting. There

were 25 members present. Hostesses were. Darlene Branaugh, Linda Scott, Sarala Somepalli and Judy Utely. Roll Call was, what do you have planned for the Flower show? The flower show date was changed from July 30-Aug. 5.

Wanda Veltkamp also asked for volunteers to design and display arrangements at the GAR Hall for the Arts In Garden event Aug 3-6.

The Bloom club also Donated \$200.00 to the Mead Building Project and \$50 to the GAR Hall.

LEWIS & CLARK VOITURE 842

Preston Olson 2011 Chef de Gare (Commander) of Lewis & Clark Voiture 842 was in Hot Springs last weekend for the Grand Promenade (convention) of La Societe des Quarante et Huit Chevaux (The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses) better known as the 40 and 8. National guests were present from North Dakota, Louisiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Attending all functions was Chef de Chemin de Fer (National Commander) Hank Kwiatkowski. Kitty Werthman who gave a speech "Socialism vs. Freedom, at Voiture 842 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Program last December and was nominated by Yankton Voiture 842 for Grand du SD's prestigious Americanism Award, was the winner of 2011 Award.

Again this year Voiture 842, Youth Sports Director Dave Budig presented a check to the Hockey Association to sponsor 3 youths in hockey.

We sponsored one nursing student at SDSU in nursing as part of our Nurses Training program.

Money for our Child Welfare program was raised by making flag poles (by Director Wayne Brandt) and other Voyagers (members) selling them to individuals and businesses.

Voyagers visited all the Yankton schools first grade classes giving their Flags for First Graders Program. Talking to the children about how to show respect to the US Flag and how to dis-

play it properly. Each student is given information on the US Flag, the 40 & 8, a coloring book and a 4 X 6 US Flag and a flag stand Train Master Preston Olson had the ambulance and train in parades across SD, including Yankton Riverboat Days and Christmas Lights, Watertown Christmas Light, Promenades (conventions) at Aberdeen, Pierre, Hot Springs, Fargo, ND and Pipestone, MN. The crew made trips with the ambulance/train to Rochester, NY, Springfield, IL, Lincoln, NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, and Grand Rapids & Eden Valley, MN.

Also gave rides on the train at an Adoption Agency picnic and other local functions in the area.

Members of Voiture 842 visited patients at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls and the SD State Veterans Home in Hot Springs. Many Voyagers (members) participate at Veteran funerals and Memorial services. Some members ride with the Patriot Riders and funerals and troop homecoming. We attended the Honor Flight ceremonies in Aberdeen and Sioux Falls.

Every year we help at the Box Car France gave the people of SD that is

on the State Fair grounds. Our Voyagers travels to Huron to help at the Box car France gave the people of SD in 1948, giving out information on the Box car, the 40 and 8 and our Nurses Training program to fair visitors.

Jim De Boer, our new Chef de Gare 2012 and POW/MIA is always looking for students to give a POW/MIA scholarship to. Anyone who is a direct descendant of a POW of any war is eligible.

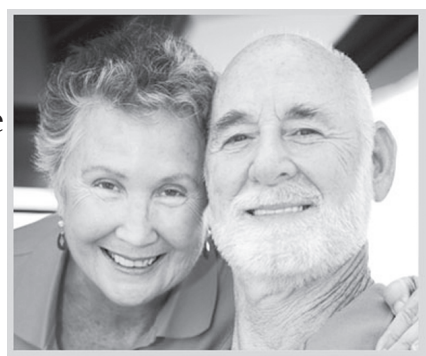
Our Voyagers (members) are community minded and most belong to other organizations in their communities. Members are from an area in Nebraska, north to I-90, and from Vermillion to Picks town.

Governor Daugaard has Proclaimed July 17th thru July 24th La Societe des Quarante et Huit Chevaux (The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses) FORTY AND EIGHT WEEK in South Dakota.

For information on this active Veterans group you can call Richard Kupfer 664-1425, Dave Budig 664-9056, Wayne Brandt 661-7431, Jim DeBoer 665-8661, Ed Olson 263-3485 or Preston Olson 729-0333 e-mail prolson@unitelsd.com

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