

Edward Jones Ranks No. 17 in 'FORTUNE' Magazine's Training Top 100

Edward Jones has consistently earned high marks as an employer of choice in national rankings. For the 15th year, Edward Jones was named one of *FOR-TUNE* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For 2014."

The firm took the No. 4 overall spot on the prestigious list and was the highest ranking financial services firm. For the sixth straight year, Edward Jones financial advisors ranked the firm Highest in Employee Advisor Satisfaction among Financial Investment Firms, according to the 2014 study by J.D. Power and Associates.

Edward Jones was the top-ranked financial-services firm on the Training Top 125 rankings announced at a Feb. 9 awards

dinner during the magazine's Training 2015 Conference & Expo in Atlanta. It has been honored as one of the best companies for training for 15 consecutive years, dating back to the debut of the Training Top 50 in 2001.

"We get the best training in our industry to help us serve clients well," said Devin Anderson. "My branch office administrators and I access industry-leading tools and train together to use them effectively and appropriately with our clients. This Training magazine ranking confirms our training equals that of the best in the industry."

The Yankton community Edward Jones financial advisors are: Devin Anderson, Wayne Ibarolle and Stacy Hubert.

Red Cross Announces Yankton Leaders

The American Red Cross is proud to announce its community champions for the Yankton area. Tammy Matuska has agreed to serve as Community Volunteer Leader and Laurie McKee has accepted a role on the Eastern South Dakota Board of Directors.

Matuska will spearhead community activities and take an active role in getting resources to those in need due to a disaster like a fire or tornado. She will also assist with the fundraising and Red Cross projects in the area. When Matuska's grandfather passed away, the Red Cross assisted financially in helping her father, stationed overseas in the military, come back for the funeral.

"My current position allows me to have a flexible schedule and I am excited about some of the future plans here in the community," Matuska said. "I'm excited to take on a leadership role."

McKee assumes a role on the board of directors to collaborate with other community board members throughout Eastern South Dakota and provide feedback and advice on future initiatives and activities. Her father served as a Red Cross volunteer for many years.

"I want to stay involved so that I can keep the American Red Cross presence in the Yankton community as well as assuring that our communities are ready if disaster does strike," McKee said.

You can help people affected by disasters like home fires and countless other crises by making a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. Visit redcross.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or text the REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

United Way

Kathy Sheldon Named Volunteer Of The Month

BY LAUREN HANSON

Executive Director United Way
And Volunteer Services

Principal at Lincoln Elementary School, Mr. Paul Struck, was delighted to hear that one of his volunteers, Kathy Sheldon, was named as United Way & Volunteer Services' February Volunteer of the Month. Struck stated "Kathy has been a God-send for Lincoln Elementary School. She has been willing to work in any classroom and for any teacher where there is a need. She works with a smile, a positive attitude, and her enthusiasm is contagious to all who work with her. Thanks Mrs. Sheldon for all you do for Lincoln School!"

Sheldon, a retired elementary teacher, began volunteering at Lincoln School three years ago. Sheldon spends most of her time helping a young student develop language acquisition skills. Deb Overseth, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Coordinator reported Sheldon averages around 80-90 hours per month volunteering and is a great asset to the RSVP team.

I have lived here in the Yankton Area since: We moved to Yankton from Mitchell, SD in the fall of 2011. My husband needed long term care, and our son and his family live in Yankton, so we selected the Sister James Care Center.

I began volunteering: In 2011, at Sister James, where my husband was residing. The need was and still is great at the facility. In the fall of 2012, I began, in addition, volunteering at the Lincoln Elementary School, where our grandsons attend.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured is Mrs. Hoesing, Kathy Sheldon and Principal Mr. Paul Struck. Sheldon was named as United Way and Volunteer Services' February Volunteer of the Month. Sheldon, a retired elementary teacher, began volunteering at Lincoln School three years ago.

That year I volunteered in four different classrooms. In 2013, I cut that down to three rooms, and in 2014, that became just two rooms. I had been a teacher for 34 years, and felt I wanted to watch our grandsons learn, and volunteering to assist in their school was the way to do that.

I continue volunteering because: The need is so great at both the Elementary School and at Sister James. Watching and helping children develop the academic skills to survive and be successful in today's world is very satisfying. Assisting the residents at Sister James in many ways is like assisting in an elementary classroom. Yes, there is an age difference but there are many similarities. The smiles you get when you help someone in need are well worth the effort of volunteering.

I volunteer at (list organizations and duties per-

formed): Lincoln School, mainly 2nd and 4th grades. I perform any duty the teachers may need help with but mainly in the area of reading. This year I have had the privilege of assisting a child learn the English language. I have found it to be the most rewarding teaching I have ever done. I am so grateful to Mr. Struck and Mrs. Hoesing for allowing me that privilege. I assist at Sister James by creating place cards for the dining tables, and assisting during meal times. At my church, The United Church of Christ, I serve on the Missions Board, assist with Church School, and serve as a Pastoral Partner.

Approximate hours per year that I volunteer: This year, assisting the student with the English Language, I am at the Elementary School about five hours a day, five days a week. To be very honest, I have no idea how

many hours a year I have volunteered, but I know that this school year so far I have helped out over 550 hours. I can honestly say 550 hours very well spent. Rewording a well-known phrase, my motto is: "Have I helped someone today?"

Volunteer work is enjoyable because: When I volunteer at the Elementary School, it gives the teacher more time for the daily instruction of the classroom, which increases the quality of education for our grandsons. If I can use my skills, to assist someone, that is a valuable use of my time. The smiles of thanks from the children or the elderly help me feel useful, needed and that I have a purpose in my daily life.

My best volunteering experiences: As I stated earlier, helping an individual student learn the English language, who was non English speaking, would be my best experience. I can only imagine the feelings of this child, never having been to any school, and coming to Yankton, not knowing the language. The small part I have played in changing this child's life is an experience I will never forget. I have gained so much from this volunteering experience.

The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities is: START TODAY! That card game can wait, and so can that dust on the end table. Somebody needs your help, and they need your help now. Just knowing your time has made a difference in the life of someone else is one of the best feelings in the world.

MEETINGS

YANKTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Yankton Community Forum is a non-profit organization which meets the first three Tuesdays of every month at the Hillcrest Country Club. Coffee and rolls are served at 8:30 and the program begins at 9:00.

Membership is limited to persons over 50 years of age. There is a membership fee and second year members are asked to secure one program a year.

If you are new to Yankton, this is an opportunity to meet people and to learn about our community. If you have lived in Yankton for a period of time, you will be surprised to learn about some of the things that are going on in and around our great community. The interesting programs that were presented in January and February were:

Jan. 6 — Melanie Ryken, Principal at Webster School, commented on school offerings: Preschool, Jr K, Head Start, K-5, Sack Pack, Fruit & Veg Program, Special Ed., Recess before lunch, Anti-Bullying.

Jan. 13 — Julie Dykstra, Director of Yankton Co. Habitat For Humanity, shared a video presentation by Nicole Myer and discussed the history and purpose of HHF.

Jan. 20 — Phyllis Karolevitz shared her experiences on "Riding the Rails."

Feb. 3 — Kathy Greeneway, President of Yankton School Board and Associated School Boards of SD member, discussed GAVEL Training, funding needs and the importance of developing a continuous improvement plan.

Feb. 10 — Nickie Beltran from Goodwill talked about programs that they offer: Vocational skills training, Shoe, Hat and Mittens Program, Going Green with Good-Totes, recyclables items, and Rewards Cards.

Feb. 17 — Brian Hunhoff, Yankton Co. Register of Deeds, discussed his Observer Connection and covered the electronic records in his office: Online records and auto indexing dealing with real estate and vital records.

You may contact President Joan Neubauer at 260-9564 or Rose Mather at 665-4615 for more information.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015. Acting Club President Teresa Rentsch called the meeting to order and asked Roy Wilcox to give the invocation and lead the pledge of allegiance. Guest at the meeting was Rose Lane, daughter of Jana Lane. Kevin Buhl was introduced as Toastmaster of the meeting and called on grammarian Steve Bier-schbach to give the word of the day "Founder." Manual speeches were given by Carrie Wintle entitled "Cats Rule, Dogs Drool" and Jeremy Skrenes entitled "Is Your Flashlight Stealing Your Identity?" Table topics were led by Matt Stone on the subject of acronyms. Master Evaluator of the meeting was Jana Lane, who called on Teresa Rentsch to evaluate Wintle and Steve Hamilton to evaluate Skrenes, and then presented her evaluation of the entire meeting. Other functionaries at the meeting were Jack Dahlseid as ah counter, John Swensen as timer, Brea Stone as vote counter, and Rose

Lane told three short jokes. Trophies were awarded to Carrie Wintle for best speaker, Steve Hamilton for best speech evaluator, and Kevin Buhl and Janice Stone tied for best table topic's response.

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 meets each Saturday from 7:30-8:40 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant and guests are always welcome to attend a meeting. For information about Toastmasters, call (605) 665-0920 or 665-1728.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

On Feb. 26 Toastmasters (TI) Club 6217 met at noon in the Hospital Conference Room with Greg Stach giving an Irish blessing as the invocation and Jennifer Suing as Toastmaster. This club is part of the Toastmasters International Organization and is sponsored locally by Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Yet, this club is open to the public and any interested person is welcome to attend their regular meetings.

As General Evaluator (GE) Chelsi Hames is responsible for improving the overall meeting. She introduced her team. They were: Eileen O'Connor, timer; Muriel Stach and Jeff May, evaluators; Stan Sudbeck, "ah/um" counter; and Jesse Bailey, grammarian. Bailey's Word of the Day was pertina-cious, meaning extremely persistent.

Speeches were given by Steve Anderson and Jennifer Wubben. Anderson informed us how to prepare a humorous speech giving us tips along the way while Wubben gave an ice breaker speech to help us get to know her better. Anderson was evaluated by Stach and Wubben was evaluated by May. They praised the speakers for their easy to follow, attention getting and articulate speeches.

Table Topics were led by Gale Vogt, whose questions centered on the news. Fran Kocer believes that America needs to find our direction and become united again. Stach has mentored many in his life; the majority was past co-workers and employees. Sudbeck would consider his brother a hero as he respected and looked up to him.

GE Hames gave the meeting overall good marks.

Then President Greg Stach, proceeded to finalize next week's agenda and also reminded everyone that people can contact him for more information on ASSH Club at 665-6776.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway held a business meeting Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, at the Corner Bar, Butte, Nebraska. President Rhonda Kneiff called meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Those present: Rhonda Kneiff-Newcastle; Al & Helen Brock-Valentine; Marci Broynhill-Dakota City; Twyla Witt-Thedford; Larry Sheppard-Mills; Tammy McGeorge-Butte.

Minutes from Jan. 24, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected. Financial report was presented and accepted and bills paid.

Committees Reports:
• Membership — Mailing will be sent to remind members of the OTSB Annual Meeting April 19, 2015, in Naper, Nebraska.

• Trail Rides — Al gave a report on the four trail rides scheduled for 2015:

- 1. Ponca Ride in June in conjunction with Days of '56;
- 2. Niobrara Ride in July with

conjunction with Desperado Days;

— 3. Scoot, Boots and Boogie in August incorporating a trail ride; rafting and dance. Al is organizing this event with Rhonda.

— 4. Hutton Ranch Ride in October-details to come.

• Signage — Bob's Signs will create OTSB billboard for the west end of Highway 12. Members are investigating location for a corresponding sign to be installed on the east end of Highway 12 near Willis.

• Bylaws — Teleconference will be held Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, 7 p.m. to discuss amendments.

• Website — Cindy Weller indicated website will be live this weekend.

• Print Merchandise — Legends and Lore-Rhonda will be delivering the books to businesses requesting copies. Will have 200 booklets of "Woman Hanged" printed. Larry made donation towards the reprinting expense. Al also requested "Murder on the Plains" reprinted with a map and the OTSB logo added. This is the story regarding the murder of Lt. Cherry. The board gave Al permission to investigate the reprinting process of Murder on the Plains.

• Quiltway — Rhonda is getting community coordinators, speakers and sites for the Oct. 9-11, 2015, event.

Communities along the byway need to be aware of summer events that will bring travelers through their communities:

— 1. Cattleman's Ball: There may be 30,000 to 50,000 people at this event near Lynch;

— 2. National Archery Competition will be in Yankton;

— 3. The 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally-Late July/August.

Twyla Witt gave an update on tourism in Nebraska. Heather Hogue is heading up the Nebraska Tourism Commission. The State of Nebraska is gearing up for 150th Birthday in 2017. Twyla reminded members to be in touch with their legislators. Twyla Witt will be in attendance at our Annual Meeting in April in Naper. She will have her computer available for anyone in attendance wanting to put their business, historical site or event on the website: www.visitnebraskavisit-nice.com "Claiming Your Business."

Upcoming events along the Byway: Nissen Cupcake Caper-Hartington Nissen Winery and Bull Bash in Valentine.

Teleconference to address By-laws to be held Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, 7 p.m. Next regular business meeting: Friday, March 13, 2015, in Lynch, Nebraska. Meeting closed at 3:20 p.m.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange weekly meeting was held at noon on Monday, March 2, at Minerva's. Ann Clough, President was the presiding officer. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following announcements were made: Ann Clough from City of Yankton shared that the Mt. Marty will be taking scholarship applicants with a deadline of 4/1/15, this is for Interchange members, children or grandchildren of Interchange members, Sherri Rodgers-Conti from CASA stated there will be a Gala fundraiser for CASA with tickets available for \$50, this event will be held on 3/14/2015, Rita Wentworth with

Yankton Area Arts announced the Youth Art event at GAR Hall on Friday evening 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Marie Steckelburg of Steckelburg Consulting shared that One Million Cups will be meeting this week with presentation from the Discovery Church and their plans for a coffee shop, Shelia Kuchta from the Avera Foundation told about the Roses Just Because fundraiser for Hospice, you can purchase a dozen roses for \$25.

The hostess was Jennifer Larson from Investment Planners. She introduced the speaker for the day, Ben Hanten, proprietor of Ben's Brewing Co. Ben has been named 2014 Citizen of the Year, he provided a summary of the projects he has been involved in this past year: He has

spoken about entrepreneurship to college and high school students, Entrepreneur Resident at USD, Launch Entrepreneur conference, Swimming with the Sharks, changes in the Copper Room, Two Bridges Capital LLC, Think 29, One Million Cups, Wire Me Awake along with the town hall meetings to work on relationship between Yankton and Vermillion, he will also be doing the River Rat marathon his year. The community reception for Citizen of the Year will be March 28th, 2015 1:30 to 3 pm at the Elks Lodge, Yankton.

The next meeting will be held at noon on Monday, March 9, at the Federal Prison Camp with tour of facility, RSVP's are required for this meeting.



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Please Join Us for these March Classes, Tastings & Tours

- **Monday 3/9 10:00 am & 2:00 pm:** Healthy Eating Store Tours with Kenny Tomek, Registered Dietitian. Register at Customer Service
- **Tuesday 3/10 5:30 pm:** Healthy Eating Store Tours with Kenny Tomek, Registered Dietitian
- **Tuesday 3/10 6:30 pm:** Cooking Class with Chef Scott, 4 course meal Cost: \$20. Register with Chef Scott in the Deli or email 1899CheeseSpecDept@hy-vee.com
- **Wednesday 3/11 7:00 pm:** Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits Wine Tasting Featuring Spanish Wines at Ben's Copper Room. 222 W. 3rd Street. Cost \$15 Register at Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits or email 1899winespiritsdept@hy-vee.com
- **Thursday, 3/12 6 pm:** Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class with Kenny Tomek, Registered Dietitian
• Cost: \$5 Register at Customer Service or email ktomek@hy-vee.com
- **Saturday, 3/14 10:00 am:** Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class with Kenny Tomek, Registered Dietitian
- **Saturday, 3/14 1:30 pm:** Healthy Eating Store Tours with Kenny Tomek, Registered Dietitian
- **Tuesday 3/17 7:00 pm:** Floral Arranging with Designer Jan Byrkeland. Register at Hy-Vee Floral Cost \$15
- **Tuesday 3/17 5:30 pm:** Healthy Eating Store Tours with Kenny Tomek, Registered Dietitian
- **Wednesday, 3/18 6:00 pm:** Starbucks Coffee Club with Coffee Master Linda Nickel Cost \$10. Register at Starbucks
- **Thursday, 3/19 6:00 pm:** Cooking Class with Chef Staci. Brunch recipes. Cost \$20. Register with Chef Staci or email 1899chef@hy-vee.com
- **Saturday, 3/21 10:00 am:** Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class with Kenny Tomek, Registered Dietitian Cost: \$5
- **Sunday, 3/22 1:30pm:** Cooking Class with Chef Staci. Brunch recipes. Cost \$20
- **Thursday, 3/26 6:00 pm:** Cooking Class with Chef Staci. Brunch recipes. Cost \$20
- **Saturday, 3/28:** Breakfast with the Easter Bunny! Watch for Details!



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COFFEE
WEEKDAYS
7:40AM
MONDAY
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FRIDAY**

Yankton's Home Team!