

Spread The Word

BY DAGMAR HOXSIE
Yankton

Recently one of our long time guests died. For many years she came to share a meal with her Banquet family. She was 95 years old. I remember when one of the volunteers asked her how she got to the UCC church, it was a cold, snowy night, she answered, "with my car of course. We will miss her.

Into our 18th year, many guests have been with us for years, some since our beginning. The same goes for our volunteer groups so faithful through the years.

I also need to mention the committed friends of the Banquet covering each Thursday and first and third Tuesdays.

New faces have been added to the Banquet board. A big welcome to you. A big THANK YOU to JoAnne Dickenson who served us well as the boards president. She is also a committed helper at the Banquet. You will find her in the dining room or kitchen on many nights.

That brings back memories of long ago. JoAnne's husband Dave was a board member in the beginning. So was Sister Ann Sherman, Kyes Harris and Don Dendinger. All gone now to their heavenly reward. All gone now to their heavenly reward. They made certain our endeavor was built on a solid foundation.

Our guests are so welcome and Thursdays and Tuesdays have become family gatherings. Friendships have been formed. When a "Regular" does not show up, other guests show concern. Food, time and stories are shared. We listen to folks' struggles some working two and three part-time jobs, benefits out of reach, single parents losing jobs because children were sick so often, rejection, loneliness for many so painful. It is a great time when we are able to bring a solution to a problem and can lighten someone's load. We do share good news, a pay rise, a new job and a new baby and a marriage proposal right in our dining room. We celebrate birthdays with a cake, a card and a song. The other night a new family of seven arrived. They have lived in Yankton for months. Dad worked two

jobs, mom part-time, five children, no time to listen to radio, no money for newspaper, someone mentioned the Banquet and they came. So I ask all of you out there to be mindful of new neighbors, newcomers at church, anywhere and point out the good things our town has to offer. Yes, a free meal, fellowship and a place to go can be a big boost for newcomers.

The Girl Scouts served recently. They served spaghetti, green beans, bars and cookies. Very good. The group was small so Laura called on Doug Haar, a high school teacher, who brought some of his students to help out. Oh, what good helpers they were ready, willing and able and topped it off with big smiles. Laura Brown, (665-7199) has been in charge of scheduling since day one. She stays on top of things and we could not do it without you, Laura.

Next week, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with St. Patrick's Church from Wakonda. Come join us for baked chicken and mashed potatoes.

Holy week, we will serve on Tuesday only. UCC church will need to Pilgrim Hall for their Easter service. The United Church of Christ has hosted us for all the 18 years. Offering their hall to us for one year, somehow it turned into 18 years. What a blessing their hospitality has been to us.

Consider this. About 300,000 meals eaten, provided by 50,000 volunteer hour. I call that pretty remarkable. The Pilgrim Hall true to its name, opened the door to the strangers and allowed this community effort to flourish. God is good.

Hy-Vee keeps our tables filled with give away bread, and weekly supplies us with flowers for all the tables, so appreciated by all.

Bruce and Carol Myers, our Directors, keep everything running smoothly, welcoming volunteers and guests and helping families. Liann Schoenberger facilitates the Tuesday Banquets. She and her committed staff serve each 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. God willing, we will keep on keeping on and try to answer the Gospel's call to serve. It's rewarding, feels good and is the right thing to do. Amen.

United Way And Volunteer Services Of Greater Yankton Announces 'LAST BLAST'

BY LAUREN HANSON
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Greater Yankton

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton announces its LAST BLAST Final Campaign Push!

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton is making a final push in our annual campaign to support over 35 non-profit programs in the greater Yankton area. Our organization acts as a primary funding source for a variety of community organizations aimed at combatting poverty and supporting education and health initiatives. Currently we are striving to hit the record breaking \$500,000 goal for this year!

The more funds generated through the campaign, the more funds we are able to re-invest in the community!

In an effort to raise the final \$15,000 needed to reach our 2015 Campaign Goal, United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton is conducting a LAST BLAST Final Campaign Push on Thursday, March 26th thanks to KYNT1450 Radio.

United Way Staff, Members of our Board, and the Heart Club Committee, will be stationed at Hy-Vee throughout the day, collecting funds and promoting United Way and our Partner Agencies. A drawing for an IPAD Mini, donated by Wal-



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Mart, will also be conducted. If you donate, \$5.00 or more, you will be entered into the drawing!

We are urging those able to make a donation to do so. Any gift, no matter the size, will help better the community.

Here's how your organization can help: Host an employee pizza party, a bake sale, a prize raffle, or hold a "Jeans Day" the fourth week of March to raise funds for United Way & Volunteer Services. For every \$5 donated, employees can enter to win the IPAD Mini!

Monies for the total funds raised can be brought down to Hy-Vee on Thursday, March 26th and donated in your organization's name on-air with KYNT's Scott Kooistra.

If your organization would like to participate and donate on air, please contact United Way at 605.665.6766, so that we may coordinate your broadcast time. Or just swing by HyVee anytime between 7:00am - 7:00pm on Thursday, March 26th to support United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton.

United Way is also introducing our TEXT TO GIVE donation option, making giving even easier! All you need to do is text GIVE2015 to 41444, to be lead to our MobileCause giving site. You can easily enter in your donation amount and Credit Card information to be entered into the IPAD drawing or to schedule your annual pledge to United Way.

Please help us reach this record breaking goal to help support over 35 local programs. THANK YOU for your support!!

Jones Honored By Yankton College Board of Trustees

It was June 3, 1963, when Kenneth B. Jones first became a member of the Yankton College Board of Trustees; it was April 20, 2014, when he announced that he was retiring from that body and it was Sept. 26, 2014, when that same Board elected and proclaimed him as Trustee Emeritus.

This story, then, spans more than 50 years.

In 1965, soon after joining the Board, Ken spearheaded the Yankton College Community Fund, which was a portent of things to come as his

name became synonymous with Yankton College Finance and remains so to this day. In 1972 Ken was elected to and served in the South Dakota State Senate for two terms and upon returning to Yankton he was once again elected to the Yankton College Board of Trustees.

In 1972 the Yankton College Pro Causa Award was conferred upon Ken for his devotion and leadership over the many years.

In 1973 he received a Yankton College Board of Trustees Citation.

In 2000 his fellow Board

of Trustee members saw fit to bestow upon him the title of Doctor of Humane Letters Honoris Causa, a title he proudly bears today.

Community work got its share of Ken's time — in 2003 he spearheaded the establishment of the Auld-Brokaw Trail and soon after that was awarded the honor of Citizen of the Year.

His own alma mater, South Dakota State University, recognized his 50 years of service to the South Dakota Pharmaceutical Association in 2006.

The Yankton United

Church of Christ has also been the beneficiary of Ken's time, effort and monetary acumen. Most recently he worked tirelessly on the revitalization of the church building and the re-configuration of the Yankton College Memorial Organ in the sanctuary.

The Yankton College Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges the long and dedicated service of Dr. Kenneth B. Jones and humbly bestows upon him the title of Trustee Emeritus.

MEETINGS

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, March 9, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton.

Attendees: Heidi Andersen, Scott Bormann, June Ende, Roberta Engstedt, John Gasahl, Judy Jensen, Margaret Rahn, Mary Roper

The March meeting was called to order.

1. Miscellaneous
Roberta brought in a copy of the book "Last Call" by David Lee for group members to examine.

Scott brought in framed calligraphy of the 23rd Psalm.

2. Writing Contests/Opportunities
a. Shenandoah Flash Fiction Contest (deadline March 31, 2015)
b. Prairie Schooner Book Contest (deadline March 15, 2015)
c. thelinecolunderground.com Haiku Contest (deadline April 1, 2015)

d. Prairie Schooner Creative Nonfiction Contest (deadline August 1, 2015)

3. Recitations
a. Scott read his essay "Confront Your Fears," a creative nonfiction piece about his religious journey, and the poem "Boot Camp Reality Check" to the group.

b. June read six stories to the group ("Stalder Brothers Concert," "Mountain Dew and Vodka," "Mrs. Frederickson," "Donny Osmond & The Color Purple," "My Love of Music" and "Truck Driving Shakespeare.")

c. Heidi read flash fiction stories "In Transit" and "Hoodoo" to the group.

d. Margaret read the essay "The Life of Steve McQueen" and her story "Wylie's Musings" to the group.

CORRECTION: Last month's minutes incorrectly listed Margaret Hunhoff as attending and reading the story "The Great Debate" and an essay on growing up in South Dakota. Instead, Margaret Rahn is the author and reader of both.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club is pleased to announce our presence on social media! Follow us on Twitter at @YanktonWriters (https://twitter.com/YanktonWriters). Like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/yanktonwriters.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club will meet Monday, April 13, 2015, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Membership is free and open to all ages and all genres of writing. For more information, please visit our NEW website: http://yanktonwriters.com, e-mail info@yanktonwriters.com, or contact Nancy Burk at (605) 664-6522.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Vernon Arens. Jack Dahlseid gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Toastmaster of the Day was Steve Hamilton who conducted the meeting. Grammarian Janice Stone gave the word of the day, "vacuity," which means emptiness or lack of content, ideas or intelligence. Arens gave a speech titled "General Friedrich Van Steuben" with the objective of using gestures. Matt Stone gave a speech titled "Betrayed by Social Media" with the objective of organizing your speech. Steven Bierschbach conducted Table Topics and asked members to talk about conspiracy theories concerning celebrity dis-

appearances. Janice Stone evaluated the meeting. John Swensen evaluated Aren's speech, and Teresa Rentsch evaluated Stone's speech. Presentations were given by ah counter Kevin Buhl, grammarian Janice Stone, timer Dalhseid, and vote counter Lesley Stone. Trophies were presented to Janice Stone for best table topics response, Rentsch best evaluator, and Matt Stone for speaker who most closely met the speech's objectives. Harry Voelzke participated in the meeting. The business meeting was led by Arens. Guests are welcome. Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 welcomes anyone interested in improving their speaking and leadership skills.

For more information call 665-8448 or http://1294.toastmastersclubs.org/.

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met March 7, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. President Pauline Aklund called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge, and Collect for Women were given.

Program: Dugan Smith, a National Park Ranger, brought the mobile ranger station for members to visit before he presented the program, the Missouri National Recreational River.

Guests: Liz Lynch was the guest of Anneliese Dehmer. Judy Woerner's guest was Erna Hiedema.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Denise Erickson gave the treasurer's report. This report is for information and is filed for audit in June 2015.

Minutes were approved as written.

Leadership: President Pauline introduced Liz Lynch and presented her with a red rose in memory of her mother, Marge Gross. President Pauline read "Ten Qualities of an Effective Team Leader" which Marge Gross had shared with GFWC members throughout the years of her longtime membership.

Business: President Pauline announced that the 2015 GFWC State Convention will be held in Pierre, South Dakota, on April 10, 11, 12. Registration forms are available. One of the fundraisers at the State Convention will be the World of Opportunity Baskets. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be directed

to Shot at Life which is a program that provides shots to children who might not be able to receive immunizations in other countries. Nominations are being sought for the GFWC Empowered Woman Award. Signup sheets for salads and bars for the April 18 Style Show and Luncheon are available on the table as you leave. The next GFWC meeting will be Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Joyce Franklin moved to nominate President Pauline Aklund for the GFWC Empowered Woman Award. Joyce wanted to nominate Pauline because of her outstanding leadership in GFWC as well as her many contributions to our community. Maysel Goltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bingo: Feb. 28, 2015, the volunteers for Bingo at Majestic Bluffs were Priscilla Mazourek, Eileen Leshner, Dot Blaha, Claudia Schumacher, and Barb Law. March 28, 2015, Judi Olson, Joan Neubauer, Reida Trout, Mary Pietila, and Diane Butzlaff will be at Majestic Bluffs for Bingo.

Hostesses: Alice Melgaard and Muriel Vangerpen.

Door prizes were awarded to Norma Iverson, Sharon Kreitzinger, Sheryl Dykes, and Virginia Larson. Red roses were given to Jo Anne Weber and Judy Ray.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

INTERCHANGE

The March 16, 2015, meeting of Interchange was held at Minerva's at Noon. The meeting was presided over by Ann Clough, President, and called to order at Noon with the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Julie Amsberry with Yankton Area Arts announced the current exhibit displayed was done by Yankton High School students and if you haven't seen it you should stop in at the G.A.R. Hall. She also requested support for an art teacher to be hired at YHS and that anyone also in support of art in the school should send a letter to the school board.

Sheila Kuchta with Avera Sacred Heart Foundation announced today was the final day to purchase roses for "Roses Just Because" which supports Hospice patients and their families.

Hostess for the program was Nancy Wenande. Speaker was Rachael Bryd, Marketing manager for the Archery Center. Rachel did an internship with the Archery Center until her graduation, December 2014, at which time she took a full time position with the Archery Center. She spoke of the need for volunteers with over 1,000 shirts to fill as Yankton hosts the World Youth Archery Tournament. This is an experience not to miss and anyone can be a part of assisting in so many ways regardless of whether you have knowledge of archery. Businesses are also encouraged to sponsor the event. Gift bags for each of the participants will be assembled and distributed during the

tournament. As of today, 52 countries are pre-registered and each team can have as many as 25 team members. With coaches and youth coming from places such as Austria, Brazil, Venezuela, etc., Yankton will be on the world stage. Diversity training is being offered April 21 and 22 at RTEC.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 23. The election forum originally scheduled for this date has been cancelled, so the program will be presented by hostess Tammy Matuska and her guest, Laurie McKee, about the American Red Cross Program.

TOASTMASTERS 6217

On March 12, Toastmasters (TI) Club 6217 met at noon in the Pavilion Conference Room with Sandy Spady giving a warm invocation and Jennifer Suing as Toastmaster.

(GE) Muriel Stach introduced her team. They were: Eileen O'Connor, timer; Jen Hovland and Jeff May, evaluators; Jennifer Wubben, "ah/um" counter; and Chelsi Hames, grammarian. Hames's Word of the Day was donybrook, meaning a public argument or uncontrolled fight.

Speeches were given by Mandy Green and Joyce Stevens. Green gave an entertaining speech on how she acquired her college coaching job in Yankton which was a whole lot of crazy. Stevens informed the audience of how her husband's lack of cooking ended in a famous family dish known as the sloppy Doyle's, and also gave out the recipe or lack thereof. Green was evaluated by Hovland and Stevens by May; they gave praise for the speakers' entertaining speeches with great use of words and gestures.

Steve Anderson used "what if" as his table topics. If Jan Schiferl would win the lottery and take a hot air balloon ride over anything she would choose the Grand Canyon, chances are slim though since she doesn't play the lottery and hates heights. Spady would start up a home for women and children of domestic violence providing a safe, comfortable fun place for them if she acquired a bunch of money. Hames would go back in time and tell herself not to worry so much about what people think of you and you can do anything you set your mind to. Wubben would like to go back in time and meet her great grandparents to see what it was like growing up in a large family since she is an only child.

GE Stach informed the group to remember the etiquette of introducing speakers, other than that gave the meeting overall good remarks.

YANKTON TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

Opening: Terri Berklund started the meeting of the Yankton Town & Country Garden Club at 1 p.m. on March 13, 2015, in the Yankton Library. Pledges were

stated by the group.

• Roll Call: All members were present for the meeting except for five members. One new member, Cathryn Flyger, joined the group and was welcomed.

• Program: Lisa Kortan presented an excellent program about trees. Her program centered on the ash trees and the ash beetle that could arrive in Yankton in three to five years. She also discussed the possible treatments available.

• Reports: There was a secretary's report. The treasurer's report was not available. A bill was presented by Terri. Gay made a motion to pay the bill, and it was seconded by Betts.

• Old Business: Paul will be discussing organic fertilizer and application.

• New Business: Rita volunteered to be hostess for the next meeting. Gay suggested that the group buy "sucker killer" for the historical capital grounds. It was suggested that she call Lisa about the city making the purchase. Since Mary provides so many plants for the sale, members will either help with the planting or labeling.

• Closing: Mary presented the door prize, a towel holder for St. Patrick's Day, to Kimm. The hostesses, Rose and Lois provided coffee and treats. Terri also provided creamer for the coffee. The meeting ended at 2:30.

VFW POST 791 LADIES AUXILIARY

The March 10, 2015, regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post 791 opened at 7:30 P.M. by President Joyce Stahlecker.

Roll Call of Officers found the following absent: Sr. Vice-Novak; Jr. Vice-Mangold.

Opening Prayer: Slowey
Patriotic Instructions: Olson
Pledge to the Flag
Star Spangled Banner
Applications for Membership: None

Reading of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Minutes were accepted as read.
Treasurer's Report by Stoddard was accepted as read.

Correspondence:
OFFICIAL: General Orders #7; Ladies Auxiliary VFW (memo concerning the elimination of the One Year Rule); VFW Auxiliary Treasurer concerning's of obligations; Spring District meeting to be held April 19 at 2pm in North Sioux City.
GENERAL: Thank you notes were read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Americanism: Stoddard
Church: Christensen
Funeral: Schramm
Funeral lunches were served for the families of Robert Warren and Wally Boyles.
Hospital: Slowey
National Home: List-thanked everyone for the U.P.C. codes.
Publicity: Potts- minutes published
Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A letter from Big Friend Little Friend requesting a donation. Motion by Stanage, Second by Christenson to donate \$25 passed.

List brought to the floor discussion concerning the membership of Yankton's Gold Star Mothers. Action on the item was tabled.

The Auxiliary determined that there will be a St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck beginning at 6 pm. Drawing will be held at 7 pm.

General Orders will be sent via email to those officers and committee members receiving copies.

Trustees Stanage and Christenson motioned to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Suggestion for the Good of the Order: Blaha won the 10-cent cup. Door prize will be \$8 at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Sandwiches and sweets were served by Judi Olson, Mona Meyer, Sara Blom and Val Larson.

UNIT NO. 12 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Roy Anderson Unit No. 12 American Legion Auxiliary met March 16, 2015, with President Betty Adam presiding. Chaplain Theresa Brandt presented the opening prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Members recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary and observed a moment of Silent Prayer for our honored dead.

Six officers answered Roll Call after which 20 members present introduced themselves. Reading of the minutes of the February meeting was dispensed with. Priscilla Mazourek presented the Treasurer's report that was approved on motion by Natalie Frick seconded by Audrey Lubbers.

Helen Simpson, membership chairman, requested that all members seek out potential new members. Bake-less Bake Sale continues. Members are to send their contributions to Priscilla Mazourek. Gert Boyles reported that 16 girls would be attending Girl's State this summer. President Adam read letters from District President Kathleen Geiman and State President Carol Edwards. Spring District meeting will be held in Parker on April 18. State Convention will be held June 26-27 in Huron.

The next meeting will be held April 20, 2015.

Legislators Jean Huhoff, Bernie Huhoff and Michael Stevens were on hand for the program.

In celebration of the anniversary of Roy Anderson Unit No. 12 Wayne Brandt presented the history and the naming of the Post. Following the program birthday cake was served.

Chaplain Theresa Brandt presented the closing prayer and meeting was adjourned.
Marlena Diede and Mary Kuchta were hostesses.