

'Make A Difference Day' Made A Lasting Impact

By the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

People of all ages shared their spirit on Saturday, October 25th for a national day of helping others, Make a Difference Day.

One of the largest Make a Difference Day projects in the area was the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway held at the SD Human Services Center. This annual event, hosted by Yankton Volunteer Leaders and United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton, distributed over 1,300 warm clothing items, including coats, boots, hats, gloves, and snow pants to our neighbors in need. Also during the event, a community needs survey was conducted as well as service provider information distributed.

It takes a community to make projects successful and the following people and organizations need to be especially thanked for the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway.

Thank you to our friends at the SD Human Services Center, for once again sharing their space with us.

Thank you to the Yankton Public Schools and Sacred Heart Schools principals and students, for organizing the school clothing collections; Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton, Payless Shoes and Maurice's for being community drop off locations; Will Kennedy and the Yankton Boys Scout Troops for picking up the donations; and the Yankton Volunteer Leaders group for organizing, sorting, and helping set up this annual community event.

A thank you also needs to be extended to the Yankton High School Student Council and other community volunteers who assisted with set up on Thursday. And a big thanks to everyone who helped make Saturday a success: Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers, community volunteers, Mt. Marty College Nursing Students, Holly Neth; Parents as Teachers, Jill Wermers; Sack Pack, Jackie Husman; Public Health Nurse, and Kathy Hansen; Headstart. We also appreciate the time and information shared by the 211 Helpline, AllPoints Health Clinic and the SD Department of Labor.

Last, but not least, THANK YOU to YANKTON for donating coats and warm winter items and making this event a huge success year after year! In just an hour and a half you helped keep your neighbors warm with over 500 coats and 800 other winter wear items being distributed. This event will continue to warm those in need throughout the winter months with the help of the Clothing Closet, located on the SD HSC Campus and our friends, Jane & Tom Gilmore.

To everyone that contributed to the many Make a Difference Day community projects from rehabbing a home, collecting and donating items for the Contact Center, to volunteering your time at the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway and Clothing Closet, THANK YOU! And remember to mark your calendars for the fourth Saturday in October 2015 for next year's Make a Difference Day.

United Way

Carol Becker Receives October Volunteer Of The Month Award

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton was pleased to present the October 2014 Volunteer of the Month Award to "Grandma" Carol Becker. Known as "Grandma" for her enormous heart and passion to take care of others, Carol is involved in numerous community projects and programs.

According to Julie Dykstra, Director of Habitat for Humanity, "Carol does so much for so many people. I appreciate having someone so accountable and willing to help out."

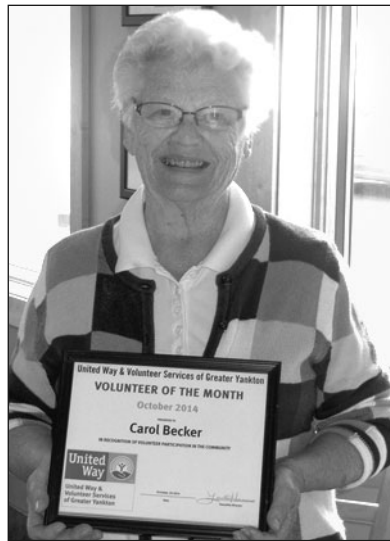
We asked Carol to tell us about herself in her own words:

1. I have lived in the Yankton area since: April of 1999

2. I began volunteering: Over 50 years ago and I have always volunteered in all the communities that we have lived in.

3. I continue volunteering because: It is the right thing to do! The folks I work with are incredible, interesting, and they soon become my friends. It is rewarding to myself to help others... and build relationships that are lasting!

4. I volunteer at: The Lions Club (Past Board President), hosting the Make A Difference Day "Baby Shower" to aid the Contact Center the last 4 years. I also volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, First United Methodist Church, Tree of Life Masonry, Haiti Missionary, Relay for Life, and the Yankton



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Care Center. I have served on many committees with the Lion's Club which benefits local charities including the Back Pack Project and Kids Against Hunger. I have volunteered several times with The Banquet, both with Lion's Club and my church.

5. Approximate hours per year that

I volunteer: That is a tough question. I never think of the time volunteering, or record the time; it is just something I like and can do.

6. Volunteer work is enjoyable because: Meeting people and helping others is a rewarding experience. I love meeting new people and volunteering gives me the opportunity to meet folks I would never had had the opportunity to meet.

7. My best volunteer experience was: The best experience for me was my mission trip to Haiti. I taught Solar Cooking in Haiti and Bible School to the wonderful children there. They were so happy with so little and very thankful for every little showing of love we can give them.

8. The advice I would give to those thinking about volunteering in their community: Just do it!!! There are so many things that anyone can do. You can help a neighbor, give a ride, pick up groceries or run errands, share a meal, or just visit with others. Some people are so lonely in our community that just spending time with them with put a smile on their face.

For more information on volunteer opportunities or to nominate a Volunteer of the Month, contact United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton at 605-665-6766 or visit www.yanktonunitedway.org

Beadle Costume Parade



Beadle Elementary School in Yankton held a costume parade on Halloween, inviting parents, relatives and friends to enjoy all the creative costumes on display.

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Optimist Club Donation



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Karla Olson, President of the Yankton Morning Optimist club presenting a check to Jeff Benjamin, President of Yankton Baseball Association. This check is from the proceeds that the Optimist club earns while running the concession stand at Riverside Park for summer baseball games for the Legion teams and the Yankton Tappers.

The Magic Of Science



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The Magic Of Science was presented to Beadle Elementary students on Nov. 5, 2014. Mr. Dennis presented information on chemistry, optical illusions, math and physics. The assembly was a mixture of magic and science and how they are related. Using math, physics and chemistry, the students learn scientific principles and how magicians use them to fool us. Students learned about magical events in history and how science has changed our world.

MILITARY

MEGHAN HAROLD

Air Force Airman Meghan R. Harold graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate



Harold

in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Harold is the daughter of Brenda and Phillip Harold of Chancellor, S.D.; and the granddaughter of Norma Jensen of Centerville, S.D.

She is a 2014 graduate of Parker High School, Parker.

MEETINGS

INTERCHANGE

Interchange and the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce hosted an election forum featuring District 18 candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives on Monday, Nov. 3, 2014, at noon at Minerva's. Interchange board member Mary Pesek led the Pledge of Allegiance and served as the forum's moderator.

District 18 Senate candidates Bernie Hunhoff and Matt Stone gave a two-minute introduction of themselves and why they are interested in representing District 18 in the State Senate. Jay Williams, Jean Hunhoff, Terry Winter and Mike Stevens also gave a two-minute introduction of themselves and why they are interested in representing District 18 in the State House of Representatives. Candidates responded to questions posed to them related to education, health care, Medicaid expansion, working collaboratively with each other, minimum wage, and affordable housing. Each candidate gave closing remarks and encouraged voting on Nov. 4. Approximately 50 people attended the forum.

The next meeting for Interchange is at noon, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, at Minerva's. The program is an Open Forum. The Forum will include a discussion of the Nov. 4 election, the plans for the Past Presidents Luncheon, and many other interesting things! For more information about Interchange send an email to Interchange.Yankton@yahoo.com.

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 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. Each program covers information about the community or other subjects that may be beneficial to the membership.

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. (We help if there is a problem finding a program.)

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.

Our programs in October were:

Oct. 7 — Installation of Officers: Jack Lyons, Past President and Iro and Suzanne Mogen were honored for their service. Our new President, Joan Neubauer, gave a humorous presentation on a woman who is occupying her home.

Oct. 14 — Tom Lorange: Interim President at Mount Marty College. Discussed it's beginning, present and future advancements

Oct. 21 — Bernie Hunhoff: Discussed entrepreneurs in South Dakota that came out of the Great Depression and the importance of the Mead Building

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

YANKTON TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Fry'n Pan restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Vern Arens. The invocation was given by Kathy Hejna followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Kathy Hejna was introduced at the toastmaster of the meeting. She called on the Master Evaluator, Janice Kruse, who introduced her evaluation team. The Grammarian, Teresa Rentsch, gave the word of the day, "propensity." Table topics was led by Steve Hamilton. Speeches were given by Jack Dahlseid on "how to lose a golf ball without trying" from the competent communication manual, project 8/visual aids, and Jana Lane on "how to make organic soap" from competent communication manual, project 8/visual aids. Master evaluator of the meeting, Janice Kruse, evaluated the meeting and called on John Swensen to evaluate Jack Dahlseid, and Kevin Buhl to evaluate Jana Lane. Presentations were also given by Grammarian/Aah counter Teresa Rentsch, Joke master Steve Hamilton and Timer/vote counter Vern Arens. Table topics winner was Kathy Hejna, best eval-

uator was John Swensen and best speaker was Jack Dahlseid. Another participant in the meeting was guest Rachel Hejna, who assisted the toastmaster with giving out the awards. Guests are welcome. Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 welcomes anyone interested in improving their speaking and leadership skills. For more information, call 665-9217.

LILLEHAMMER LODGE NO. 1-633 SONS OF NORWAY

Lillehammer Lodge No. 1-633 of the Yankton area met Oct. 18, 2014 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton. The meeting was opened by President, Carol Broderson leading the group in the national anthems of the United States and Norway and also the flag Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. The minutes of the July meeting was read by Secretary Diane Reese and approved. The financial report was given by Clarice Holm, Treasurer, with a few bills due from the last months.

Secretary Diane Reese brought envelopes to have the stamps clipped for Tubfrim. Several members have been helping with this and some turned in clipped stamps to be sent.

The program for Oct. was given

by Joan Neubauer, President of the Historical Society of Yankton, on the history of the Mead Building which is being renovated into a new home for the Territorial Museum. She highlighted many of the buildings of the area formerly known as The SD Home for the Insane. The building they're working on is named for Dr. Mead administrator until 1920. He oversaw the construction of 6 large buildings, using more fire-resistant materials than previous structures. The Mead Building is under renovation under the guidance of the Historic Preservation group working to find funds to continue the restoration and prepare the building for the museum displays. The current building by the park, has had weather damage which led to some damage to stored items. Ms. Neubauer showed an architect's concept of some of the changes to prepare for the public viewing. The group has a deadline of Dec. 31, 2018, to complete the repairs.

Mariys List led the members in the Norwegian table prayer leading to the members enjoying a generous pot-luck lunch.

The next meeting will be Nov. 22 (due to a conflict of activities at the church) at 2 p.m. with a potluck lunch.

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