

United Way 2015 Campaign In Full Swing

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The United Way & Volunteer Services 2015 Campaign is currently in full swing! You can LIVE UNITED and help keep the doors open for over 35 local programs and Partner Agencies and the people they care for through several giving opportunities:

1. Mail your United Way pledge card and your contribution to United Way & Volunteer Services, 610 W. 23rd Street, Suite 11, Yankton, SD 57078. You may also give online at www.yanktonunitedway.org or give when your workplace holds its campaign! No matter where you are, you know someone whose life has been changed through the services you will be helping to support.
2. Step up your giving and become a Heart Club Member! By giving \$250 or more, you will be recognized as a leader who supports what's working in our community to keep it strong and healthy.
3. Consider a Legacy Gift that will impact your community for years to come! Contact the United Way office at 605-665-6766 for further information about how you can leave a legacy of hope for your community.

Let's keep the doors open to our United Way Partner Agencies! These agencies work to provide food, shelter, after school child care, emergency assistance, homework assistance, elder care and many other services for all of us.

Together, we can raise enough funds so our Partner Agencies can continue to make a dif-

ference in the lives of all who live here in the greater Yankton area.

Two of the partner agencies that are supported by the 2015 Campaign are featured below.

Yankton Homeless Shelter, Submitted by Carol Pooler, Director:

Due to a collision of circumstances, a family of six recently found themselves at the Yankton Homeless Shelter.

The father had lost his job, and the mother had to quit work due to health issues.

As the couple attempted to care for their children, bills mounted, and the family was evicted from its residence.

With the assistance of Homeless Shelter staff, the couple has found their feet and begun to regain control of their lives.

The father has found full-time employment, and budgeting education at the shelter has helped the family to manage its finances and catch up on bills.

It is anticipated that it will take several months for the family to get back on their feet entirely. In the meantime, they are complying with shelter rules and staff has watched them try very hard to become self-sufficient.

They are among the approximately 140 individuals the Yankton Homeless Shelter has assisted in one way or another so far this year. In 2013, the facility sheltered 112 people - 64 men, 15 women and 33 children.

Each case presents unique challenges, and staff work hard to accommodate the needs of our clients in the hope that they can find sustainable living arrangements.

For almost 20 years, the Yankton Homeless

Shelter has carried out its mission to offer temporary shelter to homeless individuals and families in a hospitable atmosphere. It provides community outreach to individuals and families in need, regardless of sex, race or creed.

Located at 304 W 4th Street, the shelter was converted from a single-family home to its present use. The house has three separate living quarters. The shelter has the ability to house approximately eight people, keeping families separate.

Each client is screened and informed of the rules of the shelter to ensure the safety of the staff and other occupants. The shelter is designed to house those who are in need of temporary housing while seeking employment; those who have found work but cannot afford the initial cost of housing, temporary shelter that will allow individuals the time to save money for permanent housing; and for those who have had their home damaged or destroyed.

The Homeless Shelter board and staff are proud that our organization is a United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton Partner Agency. United Way has been an important partner during these last two decades, providing funding and other support services.

The Contact Center, Submitted by Jennifer Adamson, Director:

The Contact Center is an emergency assistance agency which has served the Greater Yankton Area since 1974. We receive funding through the United Way & Volunteer Services, Yankton County, City of Yankton and many local organizations, churches and individuals.

Contact Center is best known for its Food Pantry which served an average of 180 households each month (536 individuals). We provide at least a 3 day supply of food.

Contact also provides emergency assistance for partial rent, utility shut offs, and emergency medication. We have been able to provide assistance to 280 households in an emergency situation in 2013.

Protective Payee Services are also provided to over 90 individuals, many of whom are referred to us by Social Security Administration. We are responsible for managing their checking account, paying bills, developing a budget, and disbursing a weekly check to the clients for their personal living essentials.

Another service provided is our annual Back Pack project. Last year we were able to provide back packs to 176 children, K-8th grade. Children are issued a voucher so that they can pick out their own backpacks. It sure is fun to start school with a new backpack.

And before we know it, we will be working on our Holiday Food & Fruit Baskets. In 2013 we were able to put together 289 Holiday Food Baskets with the help of Knights of Columbus. Each basket is complete with fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, butter, potatoes, stuffing, and ingredients for a pie, meat, cookies and hot cocoa. Last year we delivered 155 Fruit Baskets to area shut-ins.

It is wonderful to live in such a giving community and we are so very thankful for all of the support our agency receives. Many struggle each month to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. Together we can and do make a difference in someone's life.

MEETINGS

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, October 20, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton. In attendance were: Heidi Andersen, Scott Bormann, June Ende, John Gasahl, Judy Jensen and Margaret Rahn.

The October meeting was called to order.

1. Meeting Place
Heidi handed out a list of potential meeting places and the group discussed the pros and cons (cost, availability, etc.) of each. It was suggested by the newest member, Scott, that we use the Masonic Lodge meeting room (we may bring our own refreshments there) for free. Scott has a key to the place (as a member) and he said to contact him via email if we are interested in using it.

2. Advertising
Heidi handed out a list of advertisers to the group. The group thought we should advertise in the Vermillion Plain Talk and the Yankton Press and Dakotan. The group agreed to use the YWG description from the last meeting for the advertisement. It was suggested by Scott that perhaps one of the writers from the P&D could do a newspaper article on the group.

3. Contests/ Writing Opportunities
Heidi handed out information on contests/writing opportunities.

a. Vermillion Literary Project Short Story Contest (deadline November 1, 2014)

b. Prairie Winds (DWU literary magazine) is accepting submissions for its 2015 issue. (Deadline November 1, 2014.)

c. South Dakota State Poetry 2015 Annual Contest (Deadline November 1, 2014)

4. Recitations
a. Scott read two poems, "Love Not War" and "Swabby in the Box" to the group. ("Love Not War" was published in Paddelfish and won the Sr. Eileen Neville Poetry Award. "Swabby in the Box" appeared in USD's literary journal.) Scott also read the short story, "Luteifisk: The

Definitive Historical Record."

b. Margaret read a poem about Abraham Lincoln.

c. Heidi read two poems, "Homecoming" and "Stranger" to the group.

d. June read the short story, "Abuse" and her poem, "Game-land" to the group.

e. John's poem, "School's Out" was read to the group by Scott.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club will meet Monday, Nov. 10, 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) 664-6582.

ERNEST BOWYER V.F.W. POST 791 LADIES AUXILIARY

The October 2014 meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post 791 opened by President Joyce Stahlecker. Roll Call was taken, followed by opening prayer by Slowey, and Patriotic instructions by Olson. Pledge to the Flag and sang the Star Spangled Banner.

President Stahlecker introduced District #1 President Donita Mullinix. Minutes were read by Schramm, and the treasurer's report was given by Stoddard. Reading of the bills by Simonsen and Correspondence were read by Schramm.

Committee Report: Legislative by Olson. She encouraged all to vote and encouraged purchasing the Checkpoint Magazine. Check on election candidates and their views on veteran benefits. Americanism by Stoddard, reported on the Yankton High School Parade. Hospital by Slowey, National Home by List, passed around brochure on National Home. Youth by Simonsen, Stahlecker had contact with Amy Long on Patriotic Pen contest and she will be part of a class project.

New Business: President Stahlecker thanked the Auxiliary

girls for walking the YHS Parade and also all Poppy Sales Volunteers. She thanked all present for their donation to the Contact Center for the Auxiliary's "Make a Difference Day." Help will be need for the soup kitchen.

Nov. 11, this Veteran's Day, our Post /Auxiliary will be holding their Membership Dinner-free to all paid up members. Jean Hunhoff will be the Guest Speaker.

Stoddard passed out new phone directories of the Auxiliary and also passed a lunch committee sheet for sign up. Stoddard will be ordering a new podium book for the Treasurer and suggestion to order for Olson, Slowey and VanDyke. Stoddard had the gross for poppy sales and a donations from Stibral Family. Stahlecker passed around a bingo volunteer sheet for sign up. Olson motioned to purchase 3 wreaths at \$20, each for the Black Hill National Cemetery, it was seconded.

President Stahlecker introduced District #1 President Donita Mullinix to Speak. It was discussed changes in dues payment and wreaths to the National Cemetery. South Dakota is now 79.62 percent in Membership, with Yankton's obligations paid in total. Our state Presidents Project is Operation: Changing Lives. Baby Blankets are still needed for the project. She spoke on her trip to the National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. A gift was presented to the District President from President Stahlecker.

Lunch for the next meeting will be served by Olson, Stanage and Schramm.

Next meeting will Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

ROY ANDERSON UNIT NO. 12 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Roy Anderson Unit No. 12 American Legion Auxiliary met Oct. 13, 2014, with President Betty Adam presiding. Chaplain Theresa Brandt presented the opening prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Members recited the Pre-

amble 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 21 members present introduced themselves. Minutes of the September meeting were read and were approved. Priscilla Mazourek presented the Treasurers report that was approved on motion by Natalie Frick second by Joyce List.

New members initiated were Cheryl Van Dyke, Patty Hojem, Myrna Hunhoff, and Dona Knapp.

Members having attended the District meeting at Centerville presented reports of the meeting. Mid-winter Conference will be held in Watertown Feb. 6-8. State Convention will be held in Huron.

Various program reports were given. A thank you for apples to students and staff from Sacred Heart School was read.

Membership chair Helen Simpson reported there are 78 paid members. The membership goal has been set at 133. Address changes were noted. Bake-less Bake Sale continues. Members are to send their contributions to Priscilla Mazourek.

A letter from Kathleen Geiman, District 8 President of Scotland was read. Ms. Geiman was present and discussed various agenda changes and Auxiliary programs. She also displayed the new purple shirts that are available.

Gift Shop is set for Dec. 1. The Auxiliary voted to send cash in lieu of gifts. Human Services Christmas Party will be held Dec. 10.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 17. There will be no meeting in December. Chaplain Theresa Brandt presented the closing prayer and meeting was adjourned. Cheryl Van Dyke and Rose Robinson served lunch.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

On Oct. 23 Toastmasters (TI) Club 6217 met at noon at Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. with Joyce Stevens giving the invocation, praying for the safety of farmers, and Eileen

O'Connor as Toastmaster.

As General Evaluator (GE) Muriel Stach introduced her team. They were: Stan Sudbeck, timer; Steve Anderson and Stevens, evaluators; Sandy Spady, "ah/um" counter; and Chelsi Hames, grammarian. Hames' Word of the Day was "Docile" meaning ready to accept control or instruction; submissive.

Speeches were given by Jennifer Wubben and Jeff May. Wubben explained all the benefits to having a pet while May enlightened us on expanding our universe of knowledge. Wubben was evaluated by Anderson and May by Stevens. They were given praise for their descriptiveness, inspiring examples, and sincerity in their speeches.

Table Topics were led by Greg Stach with a plea to be more futuristic questions. Jan Schiferl hopes that we can hang on to our values as we parent in raising kids today. Spady can tell the personality of a person by the car they drive. Sudbeck says although the price of gas hasn't risen significantly compared to other necessities it still is a major expense. Hames believes women in the working field today do it for more reasons than to just make ends meet.

Toastmaster O'Connor then turned the meeting over to President Greg Stach who mentioned that November is guest month. Come check out the club the whole month of November as a guest every Thursday from noon-1 p.m. at the Pavilion Conf. Rm. 2.

Any questions feel free to contact Greg at 605-665-6776.

XI CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Members of Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an Honorary Women Teachers Society, met Sept. 25 at Mt. Marty College. President Colleen Chase presided.

Dr. Angie Hejl introduced Dr. Jim Sorensen who presented the program. Margaret Lyons installed Heather Barron-Galvin as treas-

urer. A \$200 Grant-in-Aid was awarded to Mt. Marty student Cheyenne Lamby. Margaret Lyons will submit articles to the Alpha Pi State Newsletter on members Amy Miner and Karla Hacecky, Yankton School District Teacher of the Year and nominee respectively.

Dates for future meetings and programs were given.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange and the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce hosted an election forum featuring the Yankton County Commission and Auditor candidates on Monday, Oct. 27, 2014 at noon at Minerva's. Interchange board member Mary Pesek led the Pledge of Allegiance and served as the forum's moderator.

Yankton County Commission candidates Ray Epp, Don Kettering, Todd Woods, Deb Bodenstedt, John Harper, Cheri Loest, Bruce Jensen, and Garry Moore each gave a two-minute introduction of themselves and why they are running for a seat on the commission. Yankton County Auditor candidates Patti Hojem and Pat Garrity also made two-minute introductory remarks. Questions were posed to the County Commission candidates and to the Auditor candidates, respectively, covering a wide variety of topics. Each candidate gave closing remarks and encouraged voting on Nov. 4. Approximately 75 people attended the forum.

There will be an Election Forum featuring the candidates for District 18 Senate and District 18 House on Monday, Nov. 3. Again hosted by Interchange and the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, the forum will take place at noon at Minerva's. There is no charge to attend the election forum. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is available for \$10. The candidate forum will begin promptly at noon. To RSVP for lunch that day, please call (605) 760-7082, or send an email to interchange.yankton@yahoo.com by Thursday, Oct. 30, at 5 p.m.

YANKTON DAILY
PRESS & DAKOTAN
MISSOURI VALLEY
MV Shopper
Celebrate
Veterans Day
November 11, 2014
Military Salute
Recognize a Veteran or Military Personnel in our November 11th issue of the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan and Missouri Valley Shopper

Deadline: Friday, October 31st

Mail to: "Military Salute", Yankton Media, 319 Walnut St., Yankton, SD 57078
Email to: classifieds@yankton.net and we will call for credit card payment

Submission Fee: \$20 or a non-perishable food donation to be given to the Contact Center. Suggested donation is 3-4 items. Includes a photo and 20 words
Runs in the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan and Missouri Valley Shopper

Veteran's Name _____

Branch _____

Rank _____

SPECIAL MESSAGE (20 words or less)

Nobody Else Will Tell the Yankton County Story...

Nobody in the world has the same heritage as Yankton County. And nobody in the world will tell our story. That's our job. The History Ordinance on Tuesday's ballot will help us develop the Mead as a cultural center.

Is this a proper role for county government? Absolutely! Big projects like the Mead don't happen without broad support from everyone — big and small donors, foundations, state and local government. The bit of money budgeted by this ordinance won't pay for the project, but it will show large givers that we believe in the Mead.

In small counties like ours we can't afford city and county museums. But we can afford to provide help to non-profits who work so hard to do that for us.

Vote "Yes" on the History Ordinance!

MEAD WAFFLE FEED • Sat., Nov. 1 • 7 - 11 AM at the Riverfront Event Center!
(paid for by Friends of Yankton County History.)

