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"Make the best use of what is in your power, and take the rest as it happens." ~ Epictetus, Greek philosopher born around AD 50

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If you have items you wish to be included in the Astonisher, you can send them to marge.ormsby@hastingskiwanis.org OR Astonisher@hastingskiwanis.org



Upcoming Meetings & Events ~ January

- Thur. 4 - Watch your email for announcements
- Wed. 10 - Board Meeting, Pastime Lanes ~ All members welcome
- Thur. 11 - Scouting Update, David Plond
- Thur. 18 - Watch your email for announcements
- Thur. 25 - Watch your email for announcements

*** VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ***

If you are unable to attend Thursday noon meetings to sign up for volunteer opportunities, you can log into the website ... go to "Meetings & Sign Up Sheets."

Ongoing service projects include:

- **Hearts & Hands Against Hunger** – dates and times TBA
- **Meals on Wheels** – every Friday, 11:15 a.m. – 2 routes, approx. 30-40 min.

HEARTS & HANDS AGAINST HUNGER

PEACE Center, 622 N. Lincoln, South side
(former Middle School manual arts bldg)

****Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time****

***** REGULAR MONDAY PACKING ~ 2 – 3:30 P.M. *****

Wednesday, January 17 ~ St. Ann's Doniphan

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

20-25 students (+ parents), 4th – 12th Grade



Hearts & Hands Against Hunger, P O Box 1293, Hastings NE 68902-1293 * 402-460-8627



MEALS ON WHEELS – This is quick and easy!
We have two (2) routes on Fridays for this service project.
Two volunteers from Kiwanis are needed.
Sign-up sheets are available at Thursday noon meetings
or sign up on the website.

Meals are picked up at 11:15 at the Senior Action office, 212 W. 3rd St. (block east of the Post Office ~ 3rd & Minnesota) and delivery usually takes 30-40 minutes. They have the routes set up for the most efficient delivery.

January 5 – Marge Ormsby – *Need 1*

January 12 – Sandy Brandenburg – *Need 1*

January 19 – *Need 2*

January 26 – *Need 2*

Marge Ormsby is the Club Coordinator. Please notify me by text or call if you cannot make it or will be late. 402-469-3296

ICYMI ~ December 2023

December 7 – New Executive Director of Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce & HEDC, Shannon Landauer

Shannon grew up in the Sandhills and knew in high school that she wanted to serve rural communities, but was not sure how that would be in practice.

Her career in Economic Development started in Albion. She later went to Carroll, Iowa where she served two boards with two budgets and brought the two together. That is the same course that Hastings is pursuing now. She is looking at how resources have changed funding for both organizations, duplication of talent, and how the two can be brought together for more efficiency.

Her priorities are:

- Expanding the tax base and getting new money into the community. Adequate, affordable housing is necessary for this to happen. Businesses need to employ good people. Those people need good housing and child care. The HEDC looks at how to bring new business in, and the Chamber helps solidify it.



- Marketing – making sure companies look beyond Lincoln. European manufacturing companies looking for locations in the U.S. focus more on the people available, and the availability of housing for their employees.
- Looking at how the two organizations can work together as one team to elevate Hastings' reputation and what it has to offer.

She is also looking to bring more energy to the community with more events like Business After Hours. The Chamber is looking at what's missing to support existing businesses and retailers. They are also seeing new, independent businesses in all areas. They are looking holistically at what types of housing are needed: entry-level, rentals, and senior. She recognizes that volunteerism is the heart of a community, and offered appreciation for what Kiwanis contributes.

December 14 – Special Olympics, Anne Hermann (with assist from dad, Russ)



Anne participated in Track and Field at the Special Olympics World Games in June 2023. The adventure started with the trials in Texas in November of 2022. She was notified of acceptance in March 2023, and she and her father, Russ Hermann, left on June 8th. They met other participants in South Dakota and then went on to New York City.

The competition was held in Berlin, Germany from June 17-25. Anne summed up the experience: "It was awesome!" She made lots of friends and would love to do it again. There were 94 athletes from the United States representing 42 states – Anne was the only one from Nebraska. There were 103 countries participating.

Anne said she was up at 5:15 every morning. Training was for three days prior to competition, mostly with people she had never met. She participated in the opening ceremony in the Olympic Stadium built for the 1936 Olympics.

She placed 3rd in shotput, ran in a 400 meter heat, and was on the 4x4 relay team who placed 1st ... except both the first and second place teams were disqualified "for some unknown reason." They feel it was due to a language barrier.

Special Olympics helps with communication and mobility, staying active. Their motto is: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Russ said that last part was foremost at the 4x4 relay medal ceremony. The team didn't know they had been disqualified until they were on the podium. He was very proud of how they handled it.

They got to do some group sightseeing, including visiting the U.S. Embassy. Russ was able to visit Checkpoint Charlie, a well-known Berlin crossing point between East Germany and West Germany following WWII. He saw signage everywhere that expressed the thought, "We must keep our history. We may not like it, but it is our history and we need to keep it."

Anne participates in track, basketball, swimming, pentathlon, unified bowling, and recently skiing in Winter Park. Her favorite sport is Track and Field, with skiing second. In January 2024 there is a competition in Snow Creek, MO she and one other are competing in. They will have seven events in two days, including alpine, super G, downhill slalom, and snowshoeing. Their coach told them, "If you don't fall, you're not learning."

President Michelle Musgrave presented a check to Anne for \$250.



Check Presentation 12-14-23

Jim Heyen presented a check to Chuck Hastings, President of HHAH, for \$500 from the Chevy Corvette Club



December 21 – Christmas Sing-Along, Mike Johnson & LaVila VanBoening



I did not attend this meeting, but Kathy S. provided photo evidence that it did, indeed, occur.

December 28 – No Meeting ~ Holiday Break

Holiday Projects Recap

December 2 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing

13 total Kiwanis Volunteer bell ringers + One Grinch
Collected \$1,481.53 – \$70 over last year



Wendell Bumann made the first deposit with Kiwanis \$300 donation



Marge Ormsby & Frank Koch took a late afternoon shift



Al & Val Erickson brought The Grinch (grandson Weston)

December 2 – Salvation Army/WalMart Shopping and Gift Wrap

15 Kiwanis volunteers + One Honorary (Dale Schultz)
8 Hastings Ford volunteers
4 Mary Lanning Healthcare ITS Dept. volunteers

15 children selected by the Salvation Army shopped for 72 family members. They were each provided with an \$80 Walmart gift card.

Donations for the event were: \$500 from Hastings Ford, \$300 from WalMart, wrapping paper from the MLH ITS Dept., \$1500 from Kiwanis.

Donations were \$1036 in excess of what was needed for the shopping project. Happy Basket collections for November/December totaled \$300, which were earmarked for the hygiene project. These total funds were split between Hygiene products \$636, Goodfellows \$400, and Miriam's Hope \$300.





Collection of Hygiene Products for Hastings High and Hastings Middle School

- Items collected through November at noon Kiwanis meetings were delivered by the Musgraves at the end of November. Collection continued through December, including donations to the Happy Basket.
- Both HHS and HMS provided lists of additional items they need. Collection will continue through January to help cover those items. (Happy Basket donations are discontinued for the hygiene project.)
- Russanne Hoff, Kathy Schultz, and Mike Howie shopped for additional hygiene items for HHS and HMS with surplus Salvation Army/WalMart shopping donations.



December 30 – Youth Bowling Tournament ~

THANK YOU! to Maureen Mohlman, Susan Price, and daughter Heather for organizing this event

92 youth participated ranging in age from 4 to 10.

18 Kiwanis Volunteers + 5 Non-members registered, assisted on lanes, served hot dog lunch, and cleaned up. Non-members assisting were Heather Price, Justin Musgrave, Carley Norlen, Dale Schultz, and Steve Hastings. Trophies were given to 1st thru 5th place finishers; all received a Kiwanis goodie bag.



Registrars ready ...



Bowlers ready ...



Dave Kempf MC'd the trophy presentations.



Awww ... 4-year-olds
There were more, but these were the
only brave ones to come forward.



5-year-olds



6-year-olds



7-year-olds



8-year-olds



9-year-olds



10-year-olds

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 7 Katherine Hohensee
- 14 Kristine Kasperbauer
- 23 Gary Aadland
- 25 Darla Bruna
- 25 Ryan Samuelson
- 26 Valerie Erickson

2023-2024 Hastings Kiwanis Leadership

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