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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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Upcoming Meetings & Events ~ October

YWCA, 2525 W. 2nd St. ~ \$13.00 per meal

Catering by Emma Baker (*meals subject to change*)

Thur. 3 - AI in Education, Kittie Grace and Brian Hoffman

Teriyaki Glazed Chicken Breast, white rice, green beans, cookie

Wed. 9 - Board Meeting, **YWCA Conference Room** ~ All members welcome

Thur. 10 - National Preparedness Month, Ron Pughes

Casserole, Chef Salad, white rice, dinner roll, dessert bar

Thur. 17 - Active Family Chiropractic & Acupuncture

Chris Schaaf, Abigail Shaw, Shayla Nielsen

Pizza brought in (catering not available)

Thur. 24 - 4-H, Beth Janning

Menu unknown at publishing

Fri. 25 - Adams Central PTO Concessions for PTO Bingo Event

~ 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. ~

Contact Ashley Hajny to help with food prep (ashleyh@hastingskiwanis.org)

Sign up for a 2-hour shift or entire time

Thur. 31 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Jo Bair, enCourage Advocacy Center

Menu unknown at publishing

***** VOLUNTEER POSITIONS *****

If you are unable to attend Thursday noon meetings to sign up for volunteer opportunities, you can do so on the website.

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 has begun from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ~~~

Sunday, October 6 ~ 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

***Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
30 mostly 4th -10th graders + Adults***

Thursday, October 10 ~ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

***Faith Lutheran OWLs Group
20+ people***

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.**

October 4 – Kathy Schultz – Marge Ormsby

October 11 – Need 2

October 18 – George Howard – Need 1

October 25 – 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 ~ September 2024

September 5: Check Presentation ~ Raices de Mi Pueblo



Michelle Musgrave presented a check to Maria Rubalcava, teacher for this folkloric children's dance group.

Jeni Howard assisted and explained that the translation of its title is

“roots of our town.” The goal is to draw Hispanic young people together to learn about their culture and tell stories through their dancing. There are 20 dancers from pre-K to high school. They meet twice a week at the PEACE Center and have performed all across Nebraska. Maria makes the very colorful, intricate costumes, which represent different states in Mexico. There is no charge for the children; they depend on donations to cover costume and travel costs.

September 5 – District Convention Recap ~ John Boltz, Ashley Hajny, Michelle Musgrave

The District Convention was August 2 & 3 in West Des Moines, IA. Michelle and Ashley attended as our delegates. John was elected as the next District Governor.

Michelle reviewed the general schedule of the convention and special events. Clubs brought gift baskets for raffling and Ashley won a food basket. After dinner on Friday, attendees participated in a couple of service projects. One was packing hygiene baskets for Jaffa, and the other was blanket tying for the homeless. There were impact sessions to choose from and round table discussions. **John was elected District Governor at the House of Delegates meeting.** Woohoo!

Ashley's favorite session was the Possibility Project, a Kiwanis Children's Fund campaign to raise \$25 million over five years to benefit 10 million children around the world. Her favorite part of the convention experience is the fellowship and learning how other clubs operate.



John has chosen The Graduate in Lincoln as the location of August

2025 District Convention. It's on us to organize that!

He hopes to have 15 new clubs open in the district during his tenure. One in Orange City, Iowa is almost ready. [9-19 update: *It is now chartered!*] He will be taking on Oskaloosa, Iowa and has several more in mind ... Aurora, York and Nebraska City are targets.

John will be doing lots of traveling as Governor. Membership is a big focus; some clubs have closed due to lack of members. The Nebraska-Iowa District goes from Iowa City, Iowa to Ogallala, Nebraska. There are 140 clubs and 4,000 members. Another focus is to increase the Service Leadership Program

The International Convention next June is in Pittsburgh.

September 12 – Deaccessioning Items at the Museum ~ Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson



Teresa is the Museum Director and explained the process of deaccessioning (removing) excess items accumulated over decades. They are running out of space and have been taking a look at their collections and their need for rehousing, consolidating, or eliminating.

Not everything they have is historically significant to our area. Some items are simply not in good enough condition to display or not a complete collection, for example a set of dishes. Another consideration, is it safe? They have discovered items that are radioactive or contain arsenic. Removing these items frees up space

and resources to be used for more mission-focused collecting.

They look at the history of an item and where it came from. They have glassware from the 1880's to 1920 or 1930, but nothing beyond. They had 50 sad irons; don't need that many. (For you young folks, those are irons made of cast iron and heated on the old potbelly stove for ironing clothes. Super heavy. What your great grandmother used.)

The curator or registrar will make a recommendation to the Director regarding the status of an item. The Board then approves the deaccessioning and the method.

- Selling items is not illegal, but the money obtained must go to purchasing other items or to direct care of existing collections.
- Items can be donated to another museum.

- The Education Department takes some of the items.
- Items can be exchanged with another museum.
- If they are totally damaged and unusable, they are discarded, but in such a way so that no one can raid the dumpster to make money for themselves.

They are currently setting aside things for a public auction, with a local auction house. The money they make is earmarked for Native American artifacts of Pawnee heritage for a planned exhibit.

Funding the Museum

The Museum is a department of the City of Hastings with its own budget. It is one of seven accredited museums in Nebraska. That designation opens doors for grants. Most of its income is from museum attendance, and next the theater. Additional income is from property tax, most of which goes to staffing; motor vehicle tax;

lodging tax, which is split with the Convention & Visitors Bureau; and lastly, earned income.

The museum is popular for school field trips. Teachers comment that school offerings at Hastings are broader than at other museums. They have had schools from Sidney to the west, Northern Kansas, and east to York. There is a special student rate.

Expenses largely fall into facilities maintenance, exhibits, and films. If there is excess income at the end of the year, it goes into a capital account. Her bar chart illustrating income vs. expenses going back several years showed expenses are consistently below income. During the pandemic when they were closed for several months, they received a "Shuttered Venue Operators" grant offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration, so expenses were actually down and income was up.

Teresa can be reached at:
tkreutzerhodson@cityofhastings.org

September 19 – Youth Protection Training ~ Dave Kempf & John Boltz

Youth Protection Training is required annually by Kiwanis International for anyone participating with Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). These are the sponsored youth programs from elementary K-Kids through college level Circle K, and Aktion Club for adults with disabilities. A 30-minute video was presented entitled "Policies in Practice" that outlined the objectives of the Youth Protection policies and how they must be implemented. Those at today's meeting will be submitted as trained for this year.

Abuse can be in person or online. According to the World Health Organization in 2022, abuse occurs worldwide for 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 13 boys, across all ages and socioeconomic levels, ethnicities, and big or small communities. It is important that all adults in Kiwanis who work with youth understand the policies and desired culture necessary to protect the youth with whom we come in contact.

Twenty-nine percent of abuse is by a family member, 60 percent by someone else the youth knows, and only 11 percent by strangers. Abuse erodes the trust youth have in adults, and can cause mood swings, loss of interest in activities, and acting out in sexual ways. They often feel it is their fault and makes them feel sad, angry, guilty or confused.



Kiwanis Youth Protection Goals are to:

- Protect youth from predators.
- Educate youth with skills and tools designed to inspire and engage future leaders to be their best.
- Engage all Kiwanis members and empower them with best practices when working with youth.

More information can be found at www.Kiwanis.org/youthprotection for those who did not attend today's meeting and wish to work with any SLPs. A background check will also be required. Guidelines are presented for chaperones, for preventing false allegations, social media and communications, and reporting troubling behavior, among other topics.

September 26 – Installation & Awards Banquet, Elks Club

An evening meal of Baked Steak, roasted potatoes, steamed vegetables, and salad was enjoyed by about 20, including members and guests.

President Michelle Musgrave individually acknowledged all committee members and chairs, and distributed Perfect Attendance certificates.

Legion of Honor recipients are:

- Jim Heyen – 25 years; president 2003
- Kathy Schultz – 25 years
- Dale Musgrave – 30 years
- Elizabeth Musgrave – 30 years

- Jim Krebsbach – 35 years; treasurer since 2002
- Chuck Hastings – 45 years; president 2005

Jen Barker, Lt. Governor from Grand Island, installed 2024-25 board members John Boltz, Dale Musgrave, Taylor Musgrave, and Marge Ormsby. Additional board members Brandon McDermott, Casey Mohler, Kathy Hohensee, and George Howard did not attend.

She then installed board officers Jim Krebsbach, Treasurer; President-Elect Dr. Mike Johnson; Immediate Past President Michelle Musgrave, and President Frank

Koch. Vice President Russanne Hoff and Secretary Dave Kempf were not in attendance.

President Michelle thanked everyone who helped her during the past year. She acknowledged that Kiwanians she has met and worked with are a warm and welcoming group of people who have become another family.

The relocation from Pastime to the YWCA seems to be a good move. She thanked Ashley for making contact with the Elks Club and getting things lined up to host our Installation and Awards banquet. And she asked that we support Frank during his year as President, and John Boltz during his term as NE-IA District Governor. She looks forward to seeing "our next big project" of

partnering with the Parks & Rec Dept. to upgrade and enlarge the skate park move ahead.

Incoming president Frank Koch presented Michelle with a Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Foundation plaque as a Donor Member.

He wants to focus on our membership situation. He noted we had 88 members in the 2019-2020 year and are now at 62. The Membership committee will be meeting soon to discuss possible issues to retaining and getting new members. He thanked the many committee chairs for all the hours they put in, and thanked Michelle for her leadership. He asked that we all explore how to engage, nurture, and retain new members.



Perfect Attendance: Tom Musgrave, Michelle Musgrave, Jim Krebsbach, Michael A. Johnson, Kathy Schultz, Marge Ormsby, Dale Musgrave, Frank Koch



New president Frank Koch presents outgoing president, Michelle Musgrave, with NE-IA District Foundation Donor Member plaque



2024-25 NE-IA District Governor, John Boltz
2023-24 President, Michelle Musgrave
Lt. Governor, Jen Barker
2024-25 President, Frank Koch
2024-25 President-Elect, Dr. Mike Johnson

THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!!

**OUTGOING PRESIDENT MICHELLE MUSGRAVE
OUTGOING OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

Tom Musgrave ~ Ashley Hajny ~ Michael A. Johnson ~ Mary Plock

2024-2025 Hastings Kiwanis Leadership

Officers

President ~ Frank Koch

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Immediate Past President ~ Michelle Musgrave

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

12 Heather Bolte

13 Wendell Bumann

23 Dan Rutt

28 Karen Kempf

Nov. 1 Judy Barnes

2 Linda Stark

October 5th
is World Teachers' Day

Dictionaries Delivered September 3rd

A **BIG** “Thank You” to **Russanne Hoff** for spearheading this annual project, and to **Jim Krebsbach** for making the space at the PEACE Center available. Stickers

identifying Kiwanis as the giver and a special “Note to the Parents” were attached/inserted into 450 dictionaries. Then delivered by:

Darla Bruna – Longfellow
Cheryl Burr – Kenesaw and Zion Lutheran
Val Erickson – Lincoln
George Howard – Hawthorne
Frank Koch – Silver Lake

Mark Moul – St. Michael's
Marge Ormsby – Adams Central
Kathy Schultz – Watson
Linda Stark – Alcott
LaVila VanBoening – Christ Lutheran

GOLF PHOTOS – August 3rd Tournament – Kiwanis teams



Brian Fisk (far right) and Friends



L-R Neil Grothen, Jim Krebsbach, Jim Lewis & Friend



Roger Wright (left) and Friends



Greg Schultz (second from left) and Friends



Jim Heyen (second from L), Tom Ackles (far R) and Friends



Honorable Mention – Best Theme: Hawaiian Mafia
(Not Kiwanians)