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Astonisher

A newsletter of the Hastings Kiwanis Club

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*"Negative people make people negative. Positive people make people positive.
Your attitude matters." ~ DeMoine Adams, Keynote Speaker, NE-IA District Conference*

September 2025

If you have items you wish to be included in the Astonisher, you can send them to
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Upcoming Meetings & Events ~ September

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

Thur. 4 - Corvair Museum of America, Chris Shade

Wed. 10 - Board Meeting, YWCA Conference Room ~ All members welcome

Thur. 11 - Wound Care Services at Mary Lanning, Jayne Nelson

Thur. 18 - New HPS Superintendent, Christopher Prososki

Thursday September 25, Installation Banquet, Social 5:30/Dinner 6:30

See page 4 for more information

August event follow-up:

Wednesday August 6 ~ NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ~ Frank Koch and Michelle Musgrave tended to our display table. They report it was a nice, cool evening and they made lots of contacts. They received one donation for the Skatepark from a grandmother whose skateboarding grandson lives in Seattle, but she thought it was a great idea for Hastings.

Saturday, August 9 ~ 18th ANNUAL 4-PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE



We had 11 teams this year, down one from last year. Not bad considering there were other tournaments going on that same day.

There were 44 hole sponsors, down from 48 last year. This is where most of the money is made. **Kudos to Heather Bolte, Neil Grothen, George Howard, Jim Krebsbach, Casey Mohler, and Greg Schultz for soliciting these sponsors.**

Rachel Irvine and Roger Selley collected \$273 at the betting hole. They also provided Kiwanis team photos.

There were 10 prize drawing donors. Two teams donated their cash prizes back to the club.

Net earned after expenses was \$4,735, which will go to the Skatepark fund. This was down from last year by \$1,949, partly due to an increase in fees at the Elks Club.

THANK YOU! to all who helped make this tournament a success!! Please support and thank our donors.



Kiwanis would like to gratefully acknowledge the golfers and the following businesses who supported our recent golf tournament.
Thanks to all!

- Adams County Bank • Advanced Eye Care • Associated Staffing
- Brown's Shoe Fit • Bruce Furniture • Butler Volland • CASA
- Coaches Corner • CORE CPA • Culligan Water
- Edward Jones Danyelle Burns • Erik Buderus • Fill N' Chill
- First Interstate Bank • Fisk Chiropractic • Five Points Bank
- Gary Michaels • Gengenbach Farms • Hastings Chamber
- Hasitngs College • Hastings Federal Credit Union • Hastings Ford
- Hastings Tribune • Hastings Vision • Hearts & Hands
- Heritage Bank • Highstreet Insurance • Husker Power Products
- Jacobi Carpet • Jerry Spady • Jimmy John's
- Judy Barnes Insurance • Kiwanis Non-Golfing Men
- Kiwanis Non-Golfing Women • Kreuger Construction
- Landmark Center • Landmark Implement • Levanders Auto Body
- Mary Lanning Healthcare • Mike Englehardt Nebr. Realty
- North Shore Real Estate • Pinnacle Bank • Precision Heating & Air
- PTSR • Quiznos • Ruhter Auction • Stans Radiator • T & M Storage
- Taco John's • Wal-Mart • Woodward's Disposal • YMCA

Tribune 8-23-25



Team Johnson (Mark)



Team Jacobi



Team Heyen



Team Wright & Edwards



Team Krebsbach & Grothen



Team Schultz

Saturday, August 16 ~ KOOL-AID DAYS PARADE



This is our group prior to the parade starting.
Landon (on the left) and Casey (third from left) are our local design consultants. They've been using the park since it was first built in 2003.



The Key Club helped us make a good showing.
 Their participation is much appreciated!
 They carried signs and handed out skateboards and candy.



We had 4 participants on wheels...
 2 skateboards, 1 scooter, and 1 on
 rollerblades. I was really happy about
 the variety and also the different
 ages represented.
 The front two are Casey and Landon,
 then Kaysen on scooter, and Tyler on
 blades.



Christy Rickert, Key Club sponsor, her husband Shane, and Marge brought up the rear.

Be sure to watch the two videos I will insert on the cover email with the newsletter. The one of us
 turning the corner includes a skateboard kickflip by Landon.

INSTALLATION BANQUET ~ Thursday September 25

2025-26 Officers & Board Members, and Recognition Awards

Lochland Country Club ~ 5:30 Social 6:30 Dinner ~ Italian Buffet and Dessert

\$32/person includes tax and tip

Reservations to Dave by September 18, 1:00 p.m.

Italian Dinner Buffet ~ Pastas: Fettuccine & Penne ~ Sauces: Bolognese & Alfredo
Beef Lasagna ~ Garlic Bread Sticks ~ Caesar Salad with Italian Dressing ~
Green Beans Almondine ~ Peach Crisp A la Mode



SKATEPARK NEWS

Committed to raise \$200,000 total ~ \$50,000 of that from the Club

Total Club Donations to 8-7-25: \$15,033 (30%)

*This includes the Schnase 1906 Skip-A-Meal and Fairfest donations in July.
Total member donations = \$5,675.75; the rest was raised by members thru
outside events.*

This does not yet include the Golf Tournament or National Night Out.

**Total General Public Donations to date: \$5,724 + Visitors Bureau
commitment of \$50,000 = \$55,724 (37%)**

A NEW "ASTONISHER" NEWSLETTER REPORTER IS NEEDED.

Format as you wish. Scale it back. Make it your own.

I will provide my template as a starter.

Marge

***** 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****

The facility has been cleaned top to bottom and is ready for a new packing season.

Wed. September 17 ~ 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Faith Lutheran High School Youth Group
15-20 youth + 4 adults

Wed. October 1 ~ 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
St. Cecelia High School ~ 40 high school students

Wed. October 1 ~ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
St. Ann's – Doniphan Catechism Class
15-20 students & adults

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.
(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.

September 5 – Russanne Hoff – *Need 1*
September 12 – *Need 2*
September 19 – Kathy Schultz – *Need 1*
September 26 – George Howard – *Need 1*

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 ~ July/August 2025

July 31 – Update on Plastic Surgery in Hastings, Dr. Keli Kolegraff

(Report by Kathy Schultz – thank you!)

Dr. Kolegraff is a plastic surgeon in Lincoln. She opened an office in Hastings in July and comes here every week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She also has an office in York where she goes on Thursday.

Her services include:

- Reconstructive surgery after mastectomies
- Breast reduction surgery
- Removal of excess skin, such as on eyelids with extra folds that make it hard to see, and on people who have lost a lot of weight
- Cosmetic surgery
- Trauma center – for example facial surgery on people with dog bites, etc.



August 7 – Report on 2025 Kiwanis NE-IA District Conference, John Boltz



District Conference Attendees from our Club:

Kathy Schultz, Frank Koch, Michelle Musgrave (presenter), Tom Musgrave, Ashley Hajny, Carter Hajny, Patty Boltz, Kat Boltz, John Boltz, and Dan Rutt

Not pictured: George Howard and Dave Kempf (presenter)



Nebraska-Iowa District
President John Boltz



Cathy Szymanski, 2025-26
International Vice President
Designate



Lenora Hanna, 2025-26 Kiwanis
Children's Fund President Designate

DeMoine was a 3-year starting blackshirt defensive end for the Cornhuskers. He led the team in quarterback sacks during his time on the team 1998-2002.

He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science in 3 years, with minors in English, History, Communications, Ethnic Studies, and African Studies. He then went on to earn a master's degree in Educational Psychology, and is currently pursuing his doctorate at UNL with research that includes leadership, motivation, and sociology.

DeMoine emphasizes in his talks the importance of having a Game Plan for Success. He challenges others to:

- Maximize performance
- Build positive relationships and a positive attitude
- Develop a strong focus and work ethic
- Create a culture of winning principles
- Embrace the unique role of a leader

His personal attributes and resilience influence others to form a relentless commitment in order to win the Game of Life. DeMoine's motto in life is: "Once you see where you're going, everything you do must correspond with where you're going."



Keynote Speaker, DeMoine Adams

Note: Above information was taken from his website: demoine-adams.com



The District Conference service project was "Knock Down Hunger." District clubs were asked to donate mac-n-cheese, which will be distributed among the food pantries within the district.

Nebraska clubs outdid Iowa for contributions. In keeping with the title, a domino chain was created with some of them! (pictured is just a small portion)

August 14 – Membership Thrills & Chills, Michelle Musgrave, District Conference Presentation



As District Membership Coordinator, Michelle was assigned the title "Membership Thrills and Chills" for her presentation at the NE-IA District Conference, August 1st and 2nd. She did a shortened version of it for us.

It's important to remember that nothing works the same for every Club. However, we need to consider **Growth v. Procrastination**. She showed how there always seems to be a reason each month why it was not a conducive time to invite new members. Suddenly you find yourself back to the beginning of the year with no new members to show for it.

Some opportunities she suggested were:

- Installation of new officers and board members. Invite people so that they see the involvement throughout the year that people are receiving recognition for.
- Open house. This would be a bigger endeavor and might require a special budget.
- Special guest days. Focus on a certain group, for example retired teachers or former members.

- Recruit former members. Life gets in the way, and volunteering gets pushed aside. Find out the reason they dropped their membership.
- Invite people to events, or to a speaker they might be interested in.
- Send a newsletter.

Written invitation versus recruiting. Inviting is a more passive approach, relying on the individual to actually read your invitation and then act on it. This usually results in a lower turnout. Recruiting person-to-person is more active because it is more personal. You have their attention. People join people, not clubs.

Be prepared to respond to objections:

- I'm too busy - no requirements to attend, participate as time allows
- It costs too much - payment plans are available; part of the dues helps Kiwanis International with its programs, and includes Club insurance coverage
- It's hard to join - application form is very simple
- Already a member of another organization - does your spouse belong to an organization?

After a membership drive:

- Follow up. Did you accomplish your goal?
- Debrief. What worked and what did not?
- Celebrate, no matter the outcome.

August 21 - South Central Townhall Caregiver Coalition, Ashleigh Drudik

Ashleigh is the new president, after taking over from Jinx Hackler who started the organization 20 years ago. Her full-time career is as a social worker.

The South Central Townhall Caregiver Coalition originally served Adams County and surrounding counties, but now includes the Tri-City area.

The first town hall meeting was in July 2005, when Jinx gathered caregivers together to discuss what their concerns were and how they could be supported.

There are 219,000 family caregivers in Nebraska ... providing 199 million hours of unpaid care annually ... valued at \$2.9 million.

Major concerns identified were:

- Stress relief
- Long distance caregiving
- Family roles
- Insurance issues
- Advance directives
- Need for more respite providers and resources

Its Mission: "To promote and support the issues important to caregivers through coordination, education, public policy and awareness."

Its Goals: Identify resources and services to reduce the stress that caregivers experience; increase public awareness of caregiver issues; and provide caregivers with information and education.

Its annual "Day of Caring" in April is a free event where they bring educational speakers to provide

education, and offer opportunities for self-care. Speakers provide valuable information for management of their caregiver responsibilities. Many vendors attend to highlight the resources and support services they can provide to caregivers.

National Family Caregiver Month is in November. There is a proclamation signing with the mayor, and some type of self-care activity offered.

Information on educational opportunities and support groups is shared on its Facebook page. Local agencies can share information on what resources they have available.

They're working on partnering with other organizations to provide additional support groups, educational opportunities, and self-care experiences for caregivers.

Its funding comes solely from grants and donations. It is a 501c3 non-profit.

You can contact Ashleigh at 402-318- 9797 or adrudik@griefandgratitudecounseling.com.



August 28 – Kiwanis Engage – New Kiwanis International Website, Dave Kempf



Dave gave a Power-Point tutorial on the new Kiwanis International website, [Engage.Kiwanis.org](https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-engage/). Dave is the District Webmaster and gave an extended presentation at the recent District Conference in Lincoln.

The website is available to all members,

with extended access to officers. It can be accessed on your phone.

You can do training online at <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-engage/> Kiwanis-learning-resources. This is just a training site, however, so any changes you make will not be kept.

When you first log in to Engage.Kiwanis.org, you will see a screen titled "Login to Engage." Click on the Members tab at the top.

You will then see a yellow highlighted box that says "Access Kiwanis Engage online reporting." Click on that box to get to the actual login screen.

Use your Kiwanis email address, e.g. marge.ormsby@hastingskiwanis.org. Then go to "forgot password" to create a password.

Once you are logged in, Dave suggests changing your password in the My Profile section, under Contact Information, to your actual personal email rather than your Kiwanis email. Notify Dave if you do that so he can update our Club contact information. Engage.Kiwanis.org is your connection to Kiwanis International, so changes here will not update our Club database.

Your Hastings Kiwanis club email will not change. That email is set to forward to your actual personal email, but some platforms do not allow forwarding. So having both email options will ensure that you receive all Club email communications such as the Astonisher newsletter and notifications of upcoming programs, as well as minutes of the board meetings.

You can also change your photo and update any other information you need to in your profile.

He gave a brief description of the information in each section.

Education: This provides access to training materials for Club leadership, SLP leadership, Youth Protection, and Leadership Development Training.

Important Links: This provides links to various Kiwanis International information and guidelines. You can do online Engage training from here, and access the Kiwanis Family Store.

Kiwanis and AI: This is currently in development for translation of Kiwanis content into other languages. He reminded us to be wary of anything posted on social media.

Club Details is where you have access to our member list and a photo, but no other details. If you want a full directory with address, phone etc, contact Dave. He has access to that.

To sign up to volunteer for events and service opportunities, you still go directly to our HastingsKiwanis.org website. Go to the "About Us" tab, then "Sign Up Sheets," then choose the activity you wish to sign up for.

IN HINDSIGHT ~

Adams County FairFest July 16-20, 2025 ~ Photos ~ Story was in the August "Astonisher"



Mike A. Johnson erected the new banner stand



We promoted the new Skatepark, Kiwanis membership, and Hearts & Hands Against Hunger



Michelle Musgrave, Patty Boltz, John Boltz



Marge Ormsby & Kathy Schultz



Frank Koch & Darla Bruna

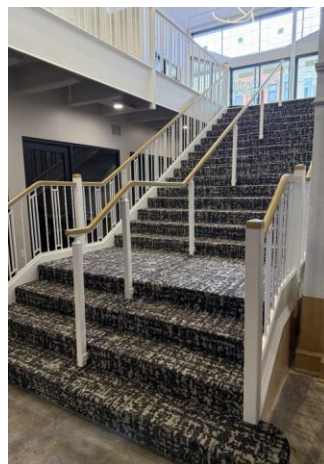


Dave Kempf & Marge O.

July 24 – Tour of Schnase 1906 District and Hastings Community Foundation Office ~ Photos ~ Story was in the August “Astonisher”



Dan Peters, Executive Director, Hastings Community Foundation, was our guide



Original staircase, now covered by carpet, but still has the nostalgic creak



These lion heads originally held up a flat awning. The design has been carried on in windows throughout the building.



Some original glass blocks were preserved facing 2nd Street



City map etching on the entry door



Lower Level flexible space.
There are also individual offices on the Lower Level, as well as the podcast studio.



Some Lower Level gathering space



Some poster-size pages from the Stein Brothers merchandise catalog.

A Little More About the Stein Brothers

The following information is from the Adams County Historical Society website ...

For more than 30 years after the turn of the century, the Stein Brothers Store provided quality merchandise from all over the world to South Central Nebraska shoppers. Buyers made regular trips to Europe purchasing goods, such as Belgian lace and Bohemian crystal, directly from manufacturers.

The Stein Brothers were among the first advertisers in local newspapers to list goods in stock and state their prices. They were also known for their elaborate Christmas window displays. The store closed in the midst of the Great Depression in November of 1933.

The four identical stone lion heads on the outside of the building originally served as chain supports for a flat entrance hood. The Stein Building was appointed to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 as an outstanding example of Prairie-style commercial architecture.

2024-2025 Hastings Kiwanis Leadership

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Roger Eigenberg

13 Mark Johnson

18 John Boltz

24 Brian Fisk

