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A newsletter of the Hastings Kiwanis Club

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"Children are gifts too ~ handle them with care."

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If you have items you wish to be included in the Astonisher, you can send them to
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Incident weather policy ~ If HPS is closed on a given Thursday, there is no Kiwanis meeting that day. It will also be displayed on the Channel 10-11 scrolling closing information.

Upcoming Meetings & Events ~ April



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

Thur. 2 - Good Samaritan Village History - Chuck Conrad

Wed. 8 - Board Meeting, YWCA Conference Room - All Members Welcome

Thur. 9 - Skip a Meal-\$10 for Skatepark, Tour of Hastings Airport, by Aaron Schardt

Noon- Meet at Grey "Hastings Air" Bldg (farthest East airport bldg on 12th) Guests OK

Thur. 16 - Thermo King History with Todd Cerny

Thur. 23 - to be determined

APRIL:

MAY:

THURSDAY 14TH: ELEMENTARY TRACK MEET 3:45-8 pm

THURSDAY 28TH: ANNUAL MEETING CLUB AND FOUNDATION



SKATEPARK NEWS

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

Total Club Donations to Date: \$54,096.84 (105.90%)

* Member Matching grant pledge \$10,000 (received)

Total General Public Pledges/Donations to date: \$129,502.53 (86.5%)

* Visitors Bureau commitment, \$50,000 Coming

* Lions Club pledge \$ 5,000 Coming

Skatepark Giving Levels

\$10,000 - Big logo on sign

\$7,500 - Small logo on sign

\$5,000 - Name on sign

\$2,500

\$1,000

\$500

\$250

All donors at \$125 and above:

- Listed in newspaper ad
- Status newsletter at end of project

Kiwanis Skatepark Fellows giving \$1,000 or more
- Name on sign

\$50,000 to put your name on the Pump Track

*** 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 for setting up****

Monday packing has resumed ~ 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1 ~ 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Hastings High Key Club and

National Honor Society-80 members

NEED MANY KIWANIS-NO FOOLIN

At 3:45, 10 Millionth Meal Ceremony

Saturday, April 11th 2-4 pm
St Paul Lutheran of Minden

Thursday, May 21st 6 pm-8 pm
Faith Lutheran Owls

Friday, June 19th 9-10:30 am
Sertoma 8 man football

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.**

April 3 – Heather Bolte, Kathy Schultz
April 10 – Heather Bolte, Marge Ormsby
April 17 – Heather Bolte, Need 1
April 24 – Heather Bolte, Neil Grothen

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

ICYMI ~ March 2026

March 5th -Pre Pancake Day Planning for March 10th

Kathy Schultz and Jim Krebsbach were the program as they went over assignments for everyone and made sure that all of the supplies would arrive at the Fairgrounds. They also went over set up day March 9th, so that all equipment would show up. Finally, at the end of Pancake day, they talked about clean up and tear down

duties. It must have worked, Pancake Day went well and most importantly the pancakes and sausage were great once again.

March 12th - No meeting, just the pictures below from the March 10th Pancake Day







March 19th Jim Krebsbach with a Pancake Day recap

Thank you to all who helped with this year's pancake day. Your help in selling tickets or working make this a great Kiwanis activity. We had over 66% of the membership that were able to help with pancake day. We had 41 outside individuals help with activities on Monday and Tuesday and we were joined by 8 Key Club members.

On Tuesday we served 1667 meals which is down 44 meals from a year ago. The total income for this year is down \$2200. There is a potential sponsorship of \$1700 that would get us to within \$500 of last year. We had 14 different organizations or individuals donate over \$5000 for items like butter, milk, syrup, flour, etc. This is a great help as we do not have to purchase those items, which in turn increases the amount of funds raised.

The donation box for the Skatepark Project received \$410. The funds raised from this year's pancake day will be used to support all the activities that make Kiwanis the BEST service club in Hastings.

Kiwanis member ticket sales were \$12, 231. 480 hours worked by all helpers. Thank you all.



March 26th—Karen Hurst with Stuhr Museum

Before Karen spoke, John Boltz presented Marge Ormsby a \$5,000 donation for the Skatepark from Patty and himself. Thanks John and Patty!

Stuhr Museum is open 7 days a week, but not as many days during the Winter. Spring and Summer open on Fridays until 8 pm. Stuhr Museum was built in 1967. Railroad town isn't open in Winter. A variety of things going on: Running of the Wiener Dogs; Mangelsen Safari Pictures; Tea parties with extensive silverware equipment and utensils; hands on farm events with kids able to be close to baby ducks, goats and pigs; trade exhibits showcasing blacksmithing, tinsmithing, woodworking and millinery; tours of town life in the 1890s; July 4th, 250 anniversary parade, fireworks and live music. A Fall festival will have a hand cornhusking contest, 1896 Fair of Ag products, a Medicine Show, using the staff's talent, an antique tractor show, Oct 16-17 trick or treating, adults have bar service and in November, a North Pole Express for kids in a stationary train car.



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Gaynor Watson
6 Neil Grothen
6 Nate Thompson
20 Greg Schultz
26 Taylor Musgrave
27 Maureen Mohlman

