

W.S.I. Newsletter

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President's Message:

Greetings,

Spring is soon upon us. Last week's temperature sure was good to us. People are playing ball (Husker baseball) and walking their dogs. Cold weather seems so far back. Ha! Ha!

We have a lot on our agenda to accomplish this year. A committee is reviewing the W.S.I. rental policies and rates to update and propose possible changes. We are hoping to get it done soon but we'll keep you informed. Alan Gossman and John Stuertz have recently been appointed to the Audit Committee. They meet with Steve Clements, the W.S.I. treasurer and serve as another check and balance system for our finances. They recently audited our books and reported back that everything was in order. Thank you for doing this for W.S.I. Steve Clements does an amazing job as treasurer. Thank you.

We have added a few new members to W.S.I. This includes Robert and Lee Anne Call, Barbara Schlegel, Richard Rekart, Jesus Juan and Dana Jo Rodriguez and Donna McClain. Sorry if I left your name out. Thank you all for joining and WELCOME! Let's make it an enjoyable experience for both new and old members. Get involved and show support.

The W.S.I. has open seats for some of our Standing Committees. These include the Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Breakfast Club Committee and Building Committee. Please get in touch with me if you wish to fill any of the vacancies we have.

Please look in the newsletter for more information and dates for upcoming events.

More Volunteers! I will mention it again. We need our members to be more active within our organization. If everyone can put a small amount of time into our group, then it would add up to the amount of help we need. We would love to see newer members get involved!

We have had some new things done at W.S.I. We have been making progress and I hope we continue to move forward in making improvements. Let's keep W.S.I. looking good and something to be proud of.

If you have ideas for how we can improve upon things, or have an issue you'd like for us to focus on then please contact me at 402-429-1749. I take your concerns and suggestions very seriously. I am very new at this job, but I am eager to work hard with everyone involved with W.S.I. Let's go forward this spring and work together.

Thanks to all of you who help at W.S.I. Let's get involved and show support to our wonderful group. Thanks again!!

Please come out to the General Membership meetings that are held the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 7 p.m. Also, don't forget the coffee club meets every Wednesday morning starting at 9 a.m. See you there!

Thanks again to all that help at the W.S.I.

Sincerely,
Tim Hardt
President
402-429-1749

The biggest step you can take is the one you take when you meet the other person halfway.

It costs nothing to say something nice about someone.

Gossip is like a balloon. It grows bigger with every puff!!

Social Committee:

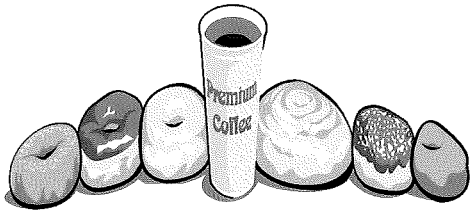
Cards have been sent to the following:

Sympathy card to Jared Techmeier's family

Thinking of you card sent to Lupe Livingston

What sound do porcupines make when they kiss???

OUCH!



Coffee Club

The Coffee Club is open to all members and this includes the women members. We meet every Wednesday morning. People start coming around 7:10 a.m. and everyone is present by 9 a.m. when we have the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, announcements, birthdays and a devotional. Then the rolls are passed. Members can bring a guest. We do ask that after a guest attends three times that they apply for membership to the W.S.I.

There is a lot of good old fashion get together conversation that goes on. Birthdays are read from the present Wednesday to the next Wednesday and if you have had a birthday, you get in free. Come on down and visit with someone you haven't seen in a while and have a good time with your fellow members!

Scheduled Events:

Salad Supper (potluck)
Friday, July 24th from 6-8 p.m.

Fall Soup Supper
Friday, September 25th from 6-8 p.m.

Turkey Shoot
Thursday, November 19th
Dinner served 5-7, Bingo begins at 7 p.m.

Christmas Potluck
Thursday, December 10th from 6-8 p.m.

Christmas Program
Sunday, December 13th from 2-3:30 p.m.

All events will be at the W.S.I. Hall.



BINGO:

Come join us for bingo on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. We have lots of fun and it is great to have a chance to visit with our players. Hope to see you there!
Ernie & Marge

Spring is coming. I saw my first robin this morning and the buds on my magnolia tree are puffing up.

Living in the North Bottoms, I can hear the sounds of spring coming from the Haymarket Baseball Park. Nebraska baseball has begun. I live just two block from the baseball and football stadiums. When I am doing my yard work, I enjoy listening to the crowd noise and hearing the ping of the bat when they practice.

For fifteen years, I was on the Nebraska Baseball Home Run Club Board of Directors. I was also the first woman to serve as Board President. I am very proud of that. Being a German Russian from the North Bottoms, it was a big honor to serve.

I am very proud of living in the North Bottoms and enjoying the memories of my German Russian friends and neighbors. I am a member and attend Immanuel Church on 10th and Charleston.

I also am a member of the Welfare Society. Growing up, I played on the play ground equipment behind the Hall. My two favorite times at the Hall were the annual picnic which was held at the Hall and the Christmas program.

The Welfare Hall in the North Bottoms, like the American Forward Hall in the South Bottoms, were fun gathering places for German Americans.

I want this organization to continue to be a fun gathering place that provides pride in its heritage and honors those who came before us. They started our Hall with the hope of having a place where they could come and enjoy themselves, where they would fit in and play their music, dance, celebrate weddings and special moments in their lives.

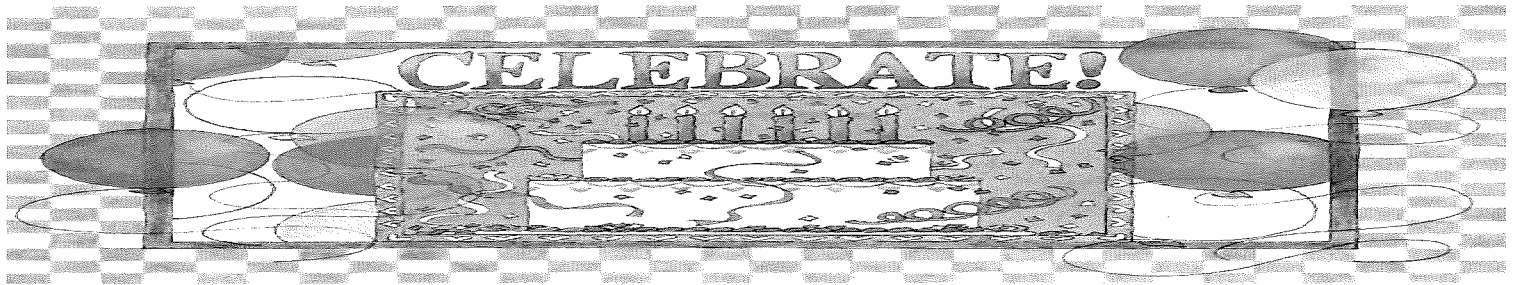
We need to remember why this Hall was built. Let's not lose the fellowship of our roots. Always remember the proud heritage of our past. Enjoy this special place.

Becky Schenaman
North Bottoms Rooshin

Person, Place or Thing?

1. My motto is "In God we trust".
2. My state bird is the mockingbird.
3. Spanish explorers name me.
4. I have more than 7,000 lakes...
5. ...and 633 miles of beaches.
6. Pat Boone, Delta Burke and Johnny Depp all hail from me.
7. Manatees and alligators call me home.
8. Snowbirds flock to me.
9. My nickname is the Sunshine State.
10. Walt Disney World is my most visited attraction

See page 3 for answer!



April

3 Steve Clements
 5 Kenneth Stofferhan
 12 Helma Bidler
 Arthur Kolb
 13 Kathy Hardekopf
 Scott Svoboda
 14 Jerry Berrgren
 Melvin Burbach
 15 James Elsener
 16 William Bidler
 17 Gerald Down
 Stanley Hanson
 20 David M. Merrill
 21 Jon Deb us
 Darlene Griffin
 24 Sylvia Hanner
 27 Gregory Kennedy
 28 Robert E. Call
 29 Albert Bartek, Jr.
 Donita Rotherham

May

6 Donna Meisinger
 9 Clark Becher
 Bill Bennett
 12 Ron Frank
 14 Daniel Burbach
 Gerry Shuster
 16 Douglas Christie
 18 Kenneth Kruse
 19 Larry Hergert
 22 Reynold Peterson
 23 Allen Terveer
 25 Middy Hughes
 Sandra Wrobliski
 30 Ruthe Shephard

June

1 John Burbach
 Bill Maier
 3 Melvin Markwardt
 6 Robert Ellyson
 7 Charles Miller
 9 Steven Heinbigner
 11 Delores Kaufman
 Phil Miller
 13 Bonnie Jurgens
 18 Adam Loos
 Steve Willey
 19 Patrick McCashland
 21 Terry Schneider
 22 Kirwin Kolb
 23 John Coffman
 24 Richard Rohan
 25 Dana Rodriguez
 Henry "Sonny" Sader
 26 Keisha Grenemeier

Apologies to Frank Eman for misspelling his name in last newsletter. Hope you had a great birthday on February 4th.

A Few Adult Truths:

1. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
2. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses beging with Miller Light than Kay.,
3. Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Playing Pin the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

Answer to Person, Place, Thing:

I am Florida

Where did you live in the North Bottoms???

We hope this will be a fun and historical research project! We would like to fill in the neighborhood starting with Bessie through Claremont Streets. Send via email (dianewhite1976@gmail.com) or snail mail with information on where you or any of your family lived and the approximate years.

Regular mail could be sent to Diane White
WSI
1430 N. 10th St.
Lincoln NE 68508

Depending on the response this could be a regular item in future newsletters.

11th Street

12th Street

Claremont Street

13th Street

14th Street

Court Street

Bessie Street

North Bottoms about 1903

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Coffee Club 9 am Bingo 1-3 pm	2	3	4
5 Easter	6	7	8 Coffee Club 9 am Bingo 1-3 pm	9	10 AHSGR Soup Supper	11
12	13	14 Meetings: Board 6 pm General 7 pm	15 Coffee Club 9 am Bingo 1-3 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Coffee Club 9 am Bingo 1-3 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Coffee Club 9 am Bingo 1-3 pm	30		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Coffee Club 9 am Bingo 1-3 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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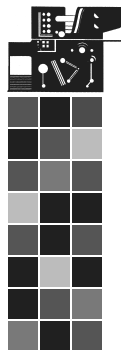
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