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MAGIC Annual Banquet Held on March 24 _____

The Mishicot Area Growth and Improvement Committee's 28th Annual Banquet was held at Fox Hills Resort on March 24, 2013. The evening began with a social hour and music by the Mishicot Melody Makers. A family-style dinner was enjoyed before community awards were presented. Thanks go to Rod Scheuer who did a wonderful job as emcee; as well as Subway and Mama DeLuca's of Mishicot, Melvin & JoAnn Kliment, and Allen & Kathy Beranek for donating our raffle prizes.

These awards were presented:

- GENIE: for Outstanding Volunteers - Gale and Pam Kronforst who serve on
 - ❖ the M.A.G.I.C. Board of Directors
 - ❖ the Pumpkinfest Committee
 - ❖ the Mishicot Historical Museum Board
 - ❖ the Kronforsts also host a bluegrass festival on their farm every fall
- RED CARPET: for an organization providing outstanding service to our village - the Mishicot Youth Sports Organization. Allen Kliment and Chad Dennis accepted the award on behalf of the organization. Mishicot Youth Sports
 - ❖ Hosts a baseball tournament in the village every June
 - ❖ Donated scoreboards at the village park and VFW ball diamonds; bleachers at VFW
 - ❖ Sponsors "T-Ball Basics" to teach children the fundamentals of baseball and softball
- ABRACADABRA: for a business providing outstanding leadership and service to our community - Dave DePas, owner of the Badger Bowl Cozy and Corner Café.
 - ❖ Dave has owned and operated businesses in Mishicot for 36 years
 - ❖ Sponsored many pool, darts, baseball, softball, and bowling tournaments in the village
- DESIGN: for a business providing outstanding property improvement to its premises - Brickner's Parkside Auto
 - ❖ Jerry and Kristine Brickner improved their business building
 - ❖ Active in the Mishicot Business Association
 - ❖ Active with the Mishicot Pink Heals organization
- Special Lifetime Achievement Award: for an individual who has volunteered and served the community over a number of years - Glenn Nelson.
 - ❖ MHS band director for 38 years
 - ❖ Director of Two Rivers Municipal Band
 - ❖ Director of Mishicot Melody Makers
 - ❖ Volunteers at the Capitol Civic Center and Two Rivers/ Mishicot Ecumenical Panty



MAGIC Annual Banquet *continued*

- Outstanding Community Contribution by a Contractor - Brian Benzinger
 - ❖ Brian Benzinger Builders has been in the community for 28 years
 - ❖ Donated time/talent for community projects such as the MHS concession building, VFW and village park concession building renovation
 - ❖ Member of U.S. Navy Seabees reserve unit
 - ❖ Deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan



2013 M.A.G.I.C. Community Service Award Winners

Glenn Nelson, Jerry Brickner, Allen Kliment, Chad Dennis, Brian Benzinger, Pam Kronforst, Gale Kronforst, and Dave DePas



Village-Wide Rummage Sale

★ Mark your calendars for the Village-wide Rummage Sale weekend. The deals start on May 17 at 5 p.m. and go until 8 p.m. On May 18, hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Once again this year there will be a pick-up service for items that you would like to donate to the Two Rivers Christian Outlet and Thrift Store. The truck will be stationed at the village hall parking lot from 3 to 4 p.m. Check out the bargains around town and in our businesses: the Mishicot Country Store is hosting a fry-out on May 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the Mishicot Lions Club is hosting a fry-out at Green Acres on May 18; and DFC Computers will have a sidewalk sale both days.

★ An E-cycle event is being hosted by the Mishicot Area Ambulance Service at the VFW on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 18. No fee is charged to drop off these items: computers (hard drives are physically destroyed by shredding), laptops, printers, keyboards, mice, radio servers, fax machines, wire and cabling, telephone systems, modems, stereo systems, video equipment, cell phones, copiers, office furniture, power cords, microwaves, dehumidifiers, appliances. Fees are charged for the following items: LCD monitor - \$10; TVs or Monitors 29" or smaller- \$20; TVs or monitors 30" and larger- \$40; all console and rear-projection TVs- \$40. Other items accepted: lawn mowers, grills, exercise equipment, and vacuum cleaners.

Now all we need is good weather!





VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Mishicot, Post 7753

Contributed by Kay Benzinger, President

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Mishicot Post 7753 has been in existence well before 1947, according to Janet Kempen, one of our longtime members. I have counted on all the current members to help me lead the meetings, since I was voted in as president, last October 2012. The Ladies Auxiliary is an important part of the VFW and supports our veterans and their families. Our yearly fundraisers are the Buddy Poppy Drive, chaired by Judy Wanish; and the Memorial Day Celebration, chaired by Donna Benzinger. This year we are starting a new project called "Adopt a Solider." We will be sending care packages to local soldiers from Manitowoc County serving overseas. Please give Kay Benzinger a call with the soldier's name, rank, and address. Care packages are greatly appreciated by the soldiers, since normal items they need may not be at the PX where they are stationed.

New members are welcome at any time. Just a reminder, you must be a mother, wife, sister/half sister, daughter, or granddaughter of a Veteran of Foreign Wars of the United States. Members must be citizens of the United States and at least sixteen years old. Please call President Kay Benzinger at 755-2259 if you want to become a member. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month except January, February and June. Meetings are held at the VFW Hall, 314 West Main Street.



Members of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Mishicot, Post 7753

Front row: Bea Cisler, Donna Benzinger, Nancy Tuma, Janet Kempen.

Back row: President Kay Benzinger, Margret Kostechka, Judy Wanish

Mishicot Memorial Day Celebration: The parade begins at noon, followed by a service at the cemetery. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving hamburgers, brats and desserts, plus beer, soda and milk at the VFW from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.





St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Thanks to Robert Barthels and Kathy Specht

St. Peter's Lutheran Church has a long history in Mishicot. John Bahls, Claus Schwiem, Friedrich Schriever, A. Jen Sievert, Friedrich George, Louis Barthels, Friedrich Drews, and Carl Wilsmann were influential in establishing the formation of St. Peter's. The deed to the property currently on Randolph Street was obtained in 1871 and the first church structure was built in 1875. The church architecture was unique in that, when seen from above, the building was in the shape of a cross. The stone for the church was brought in from Red Granite, Wisconsin and shipped to Francis Creek. Members of the congregation used horse-drawn wagons to pick up and transport the stone to Mishicot.

Before 1920, all services were spoken in German. The language evolved over the years, with English eventually being spoken once a month, until in 1930 only one service a month was spoken in German. The next year, 1931, was the 70th Anniversary Jubilee for the church. In 1972, a school addition was built.

Planning for the newly finished addition began in 1997 with committee members Robert Barthels, Randy Haack (co-chairmen), Jim Reis, Brent Robinson, Charlie Eckhardt, Steve Brandt, and Bob Blattler (finance committee chairman). The groundbreaking service did not occur until April 29th of 2012. Building began in May and the members held their Easter service in the new addition for Easter 2013.

The finished addition includes a carport entrance, elevator, and handicap accessible restrooms, a large gathering space with kitchenette, two pastors' offices, a receptionist office, and a conference room. A dedication service with dinner celebration will be held on June 2 of this year for the addition. Photos of the progress of this undertaking are available on the church's Facebook page. A historical write-up is available through the Manitowoc County genealogy site at www.2manitowoc.com/stpeters.html.



Groundbreaking for the St. Peter's Lutheran Church addition.



A new look inside and out.





Benefit

On May 18 from 8 a.m. to midnight, residents are invited to the Janice Wiegert Benefit hosted by Main Street Coffee Haus & Bistro, Chillers Bar and Grill, and the Crow Bar and Grill. There will be a bake sale, silent auction, entertainment, food and drinks. A fund has been set up at Bank First National in Janice's name. Janice has taught many Mishicot boys and girls over her four decade career as a dance instructor. We can now support her in her efforts to fight cancer. T-shirts will be available by ordering through Pink Heals on Facebook. The shirts will be a kelly green color with a logo --"Wear the Green & be a Fighting Machine." "I danced for Janice" will be printed on the back. A schedule of the events for the benefit is online at the Janice Wiegert Benefit Facebook page.



Pink Heals

Thanks to Missy Miller & Ann Wilsmann

Guardians of the Ribbon Manitowoc County, Mishicot WI Chapter, Inc.

We were able to help 5 women battling cancer this year with medical bills. We can help with medical bills, mortgage or car payments, and utility bills. Because of privacy laws we are not able to give you the names of our recipients unless they approve; however, Bonnie Demeyer was a recipient who agreed to share her information.

Lisa Heyroth, from Lisa's Photo Quilting, with some of her quilting groups, has been busy making quilts for our recipients. They have also made a beautiful "Cancer Quilt" with the colors that represent of all the different types of cancer ribbons. We are having a quilt raffle that will start in May, and the drawing will be October 26th.

We will also be at the summer concerts. On July 17th, we will be doing the concessions. The Janice Wiegert Benefit will be held on May 18th. This will be a full day of music, food and fun. We will be serving fish at the American Legion in Manitowoc on May 24th. Stop in and join us for a great fish lunch and dessert. July 21st the "Pink" fire trucks will be here. "Pink Heals National Tour" is coming to Mishicot with "Pink" fire trucks that can be signed by anyone touched by cancer. The Tour escort will begin at the Expo Center; go through Manitowoc along Memorial Drive, into Two Rivers, then onto Hwy 147 to Mishicot to Fox Hills for a day and evening full of family fun. Then the following week is Riverfest. Stop at our "Pink" tent to see our merchandise and literature. The Sagbrow Bike Event is August 7th and 8th. We will be serving coffee and bakery early the morning of the 8th to the participants. We will be doing our celebration of the National Pink Heals Day on October 26th.

"Pink Heals" has been invited to and attended functions of other groups this year. If you are having an event that you would like us to be a part of, please contact us. We would like to get the word out about the help we have available for people fighting cancer in Manitowoc County. Missy can give a presentation which will give a lot of information about our group and how we help. Contact us at: Missy 755-2352 or Ann 755-4220. More information is available online on the Mishicot Pink Heals Facebook page, by emailing mishicotwipinkheals@gmail.com.





Five Exchange Students to bid Mishicot Farewell

Thanks to Connie Koerth

Four exchange students arrived in Mishicot with the idea that America would be like it is in the movies. Now, months later, Juliane from Norway, Laurine from France, Riina from Finland, and Lisa from Austria will go back to their hometowns with a newfound respect for different cultures and more mature minds. The students state that living in a small community like Mishicot has given them a new perspective on life.

Juliane has been staying with the host family of Robert & Janice Wiegert since August. The Wiegert family has thoroughly enjoyed having an exchange student stay with them. Janice states "It has been a wonderful experience with Juliane. We've learned so much about Norway and at the same time loved seeing her experience life as an American teenager." Juliane has been a member of the dance team at school and has enjoyed her time studying abroad.

Laurine is staying with David & Theresa Hruby. They have two children who live at home, Claire and Max. The Hruby family decided to host because they wanted to learn more about another culture and gain a lifelong friend. Laurine has made some great friends and had to adjust to a very different school system. She is currently on the softball team and is enjoying this new experience.

Riina's host family is Martin & Alison Ruzek and their two boys. Alison states that Riina has given her a new idea of how to slow down in life and enjoy quiet times. Riina feels that Americans are friendlier to new people than in Finland.

Lisa is staying with the Brian and Mary Mowrer family. The Mowrer's have two children, Alyssa and Emily. Brian states, "Lisa has fit in very well with our family." They have gone on a family trip to Chicago and plan one to the Poconos and New York just before Lisa goes back to Austria. Lisa has also joined the family for many of Emily's basketball tournaments including an overnight trip to Stevens Point for the State Tournament. Lisa also made a few trips with the family to visit Alyssa at UW Parkside in Kenosha. She has made many new friends at school and spent time skiing, snowboarding, and shopping. When asked what the students will miss most, they all agree it will be their host family and all the friends they have made over the past few months.

These students participated in this academic exchange program through STS Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization that has been around for 25 years. Connie Koerth is the Local Coordinator for STS and is recruiting host families for the upcoming school year. For more information, go to www.stsfoundation.org, contact Connie at 920-645-1735, or email her at connie@bugnet.net.

Gabor is not associated with STS Foundation, but he is an exchange student from Sao Paulo, Brazil who is staying with the Mike and Sandy Honzik family. Gabor was surprised at the small size of our area and at how cold it has been.



*Would you like to host
an exchange student?*



Cenex Convenience Store

The new building is now open. A 4000 square foot convenience store is taking the place of the former building and new gas pumps and diesel island are taking the place of the former gasoline islands. More information is available online at www.countryvisionscoop.com.



SAGBRAW



Schramm's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Wisconsin (SAGBRAW) will again be staying in Mishicot overnight on their annual summer tour. This year, the bicyclists will arrive on August 7 and rest overnight at the high school. Mishicot has won the Best Overnight Rest Stop every year the group has stayed here, plus Best Rest Stop when they were passing through.



The Power of Plants

Thanks to Pamela Rabas, ND

As an herbalist I use plants to feed, nourish, cleanse and support the body, mind and spirit. The more you know about plants the more you want to use them! Remember the 60's and the "hippie" counterculture which popularized the phrase "flower power"? They were definitely onto something there. Most of us know plants brighten our attitude and outlook, now there is research to prove it helps the body chemistry also. When researchers at the University of Kansas did a series of studies, they divided groups of abdominal surgery patients and learned something interesting. Half of each group had "ornamental plants" in their room during recovery, and the other half did not. Those that had the plants showed better health outcomes overall: lower blood pressure, less use of pain medication, and less anxiety and fatigue. The plants were placed by hospital workers, so the effects can't be attributed to visits by friends or relatives. It was just the presence of plants! In this study a variety of plants were used, so if you are visiting someone who is ill, make sure they do not have any plant allergies, and if they do green plants like Aloe or a Spider plant would be a good choice. The surgeries in this study called for short hospital stays, which means the benefits showed up very quickly. So even if the person is going to be in the hospital for only a few days, stop by the florist on your way and pick up a plant. And don't forget to keep some around your home and workplace; it will just make you healthier and happier!





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