

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Ascension Day/Baccalaureate Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 21, 2017, starting at 10:00 AM. with Elder Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Follow Me the Saviour Calleth" No. 24

Testimony: J.F. Rock (Schweiz) June 19, 1741

Scripture: Luke 24:25 – 53

Psalms 47

Closing Hymn: "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" No. 280

The Saturday worship service meets 6:00 PM in the Sunday school meeting room in Amana.

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during English Services.

CONGREGATE MEALS

Come join us for Congregate Meals at the Fellowship Hall in the Amana Church on Mondays.

Our menu for May 22nd is..

Baked Fish, Calico Bean Salad, Nutty Buddy Parsley Butter Potatoes, Tropical Fruit Salad

May 29...Closed for Memorial Day

The cost is only \$5 and also includes your drink!! Open to all ages. The doors open at 11:00 and we serve at 11:30!! Please call Donna Trumpold at 622-3218 or 560-6285 by noon on Friday to make a reservation. We hope to see you!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE AMANA CEMETARY SEXTON

The Amana cemeteries will be mowed and trimmed next Wednesday (May 24th) in preparation for Memorial Day. We ask that you please do not put any decorations out before then so we can get everything trimmed up before the Memorial Day weekend. Thank you.

AMANA CHURCH GUILD NEWS

The Amana Church Guild is coordinating a group of volunteers asking for Christian representatives throughout the Church and community who are willing to commit to visiting an individual at the Assisted Living/Nursing Home 1-2 times per month. This is one way the Lord calls us to help and serve. If you feel the calling to visiting, playing cards, singing, praying, listening or spending some time with an individual who would love to have a visitor, please contact Penni Berger at atptberger@southslope.net or the church office at mchurch@southslope.net. We will be gathering volunteers and then having a meeting (after Memorial Day) with everyone who wants to be involved. At this meeting we will help match people with someone at the Nursing Home/ Assisted Living and talk about what this type of commitment this may involve."

WEST-HIGH SANITARY MEETING NOTICE

A public meeting of the West-High Amana Sanitary District will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Middle Amana Fire Station.

THANK-YOU!

The Amana First Responders would like to thank the Amana Community Chest and those in the community who contribute to this organization. The Amana First Responders operating out of an unincorporated community means that our only source of a revenue to pay for our equipment and operating expenses is through donations we receive throughout the year. The Amana Community Chest has been one of the major contributors to our organization over the years and continues to support our efforts. This year we received \$2000, which will go towards day to day operating expenses and funding for equipment replacement. As an organization that provides emergency medical treatment to the Amana Colonies and surrounding areas, we can't thank the Community Chest and their supporters enough for good they do in helping the Amana First Responders be there for those in need when the time comes.

Josh Bern, NREMT/BLS-I/Director
Amana First Responders

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Governor Signs Hotel-Motel Law

It's official. On Thursday, May 11 Gov. Terry Branstad signed House File 609, legislation that will allow the Amana Colonies Land Use District to impose and allocate a hotel-motel tax in the Colonies.

After successfully passing both the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate by wide margins, the bill was sent to the Governor's office April 25. On Thursday, May 11, along with 36 other bills, Gov. Branstad signed the bill into law. It was among the last to be signed by this Governor.

Wednesday, April 19, the bill passed the Senate with 47 of the 50 Iowa Senators voting in favor of passage. The bill began its life as House File 186 floor managed by Representative Dawn Pettengill and introduced to committee by Rep. Dave Maxwell and Pettengill. It passed the House by a margin of 82 to 15.

The bill allows for a land use district created under Chapter 303 of the Iowa Code (in other words, the Amana Colonies Land Use District) to impose by resolution a hotel and motel tax at a rate not to exceed 7%. To raise the tax rate it would need to be voted upon by the voters of the land use district. The tax when imposed by the land use district will apply only within the corporate boundaries of that district, in other words, the seven Amana Colonies excluding the portion of the village of West Amana that is not in the ALCUD. At the same time the bill prohibits the county from imposing its own hotel motel tax within the same land use district.

According to the legislation, "The board of trustees may by ordinance impose a hotel and motel tax in accordance with chapter 423A. All revenues derived from the imposition of the hotel and motel tax shall be spent exclusively on the acquisition of sites for, or constructing, improving, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operating, or maintaining of recreation, convention, cultural, or entertainment facilities including but not limited to memorial buildings, halls and monuments, civic center convention buildings, auditoriums, coliseums, and parking areas or facilities located at those recreation, convention, cultural, or entertainment facilities, or for the promotion and encouragement of tourist and convention business in the land use district and surrounding areas." This language now becomes a new subsection of Iowa law 303.52, Code 2017.

Before the Amana Colonies Land Use District may impose the hotel-motel tax, the voters of the ACLUD will have a say. Michele Hahn, ACLUD administrator, said that voters will have to approve the tax for the district via special election sometime at least 45 days before Jan. 1, 2018. The tax would be collected from visitors who buy guest rooms in motels, hotels and bed and breakfasts located Amana, Homestead, East Amana, High Amana, Middle Amana and South Amana.

The ACLUD Board discussed "next steps" at their regular meeting Monday night. According to Hahn, a petition from ACLUD will be prepared asking the Iowa County Auditor to set the date for the election.

David Rettig, Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau, said that the ACCVB board is very encouraged by the Governor signing the bill into law. He hopes one or more informational meetings for the community will be held once the date of the election is set, to help get the word out and to answer questions.

Amana Colonies Car Show a Doggone Good Time

Last Saturday at the Amana Colonies RV Park, 88 cars and lots of car enthusiasts showed up at the Amana Colonies Car Show.

After a couple of years at the Maifest celebration, this year the group opted to hold the event after Maifest at the Amana Colonies RV Park adding a new dimension to what became a pretty busy weekend in the Colonies. "Saturday and Sunday

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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT

Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda – May 22, 2017, 6:00 pm ACLUD Meeting Room, 4304 220th Trail, Amana

- Call Meeting to Order
- Set/Amend Agenda
- Review/Approve minutes of February meeting.
- Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
 - 2017 – 027 – Millstream ; Replace three (3) garage doors, front door on Brau Haus and new roof on entire building.
- Chairman's Report
- Adjourn

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OBITUARY

Anne M. Freshour ended her earthly journey on May 15, 2017. She passed away at the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House in Hiawatha, Iowa. Funeral services were Thursday, May 18 at the Middle Amana Church, with Elder Betsy Mo-many officiating. Burial was in the Amana Cem-eter. Memorials in her memory may be given to Camp Courageous, the Amana Church Society or the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy. Kloster Funeral Home is in charge of ar-rangements.

Anne Marie Schuhmacher was born in Amana, Iowa on December 22, 1932, the daughter of George and Lina (Roemig) Schuhmacher. She at-tended and graduated from the Amana Schools and later attended Cedar Rapids Business College and for a short time did office work in Cedar Rap-ids until being employed in the office of the Amana Woolen Mill in 1952. Anne was united in marriage at the Amana Church to Charles Freshour on July 25, 1959. She joined her military husband in trav-els to Florida, Germany, and California. Upon his retirement of 20 years of service, they returned to Amana in 1970, where they raised their two sons. In 1971, she worked as a bookkeeper for Amana Society Builders, retiring in 1995.

Charles and Anne enjoyed going on cruises and did extensive travel in Europe and the States. They also attended several of the reunions of his Air Force missile company. Charles and Anne were instrumental in starting the home delivered meals known as Essen Wagen in 1993. In 2004, they began a Senior Dining program at the Amana Church which served meals on Mondays. In June 2007, she received the award of Outstanding Vol-unteer of Iowa County from the Heritage Agency, presented by Gov. Chet Cluver. Anne was a reader and helper at the Clear Creek Amana School Li-brary. She was a life time member of the Amana Church where she served on various committees. She was also a member of the Amana Heritage So-ciety and the Amana Arts Guild. Anne was an avid reader and bridge player. She enjoyed gardening, canning, and cooking. She was best known for her “cookie care packages”, and they will definitely be missed. Anne especially looked forward to attend-ing the sports and musical events of her grandson.

Anne is survived by her sons Greg (Mary), grandson Mitchell Freshour of Urbandale, Gordon (Vanessa) of Amana; two step grandchildren, Sara and Nick Waddell; and a brother Henry Schuhmacher, of Amana. Also surviving, are several nieces, nephews and many friends who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother Roy (Ruth) Schuhmacher, and a sister-in-law Rose Schuhmacher.

Online condolences may be left at www.kloster-funeralhome.com

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FOR RENT

For Rent – Middle Amana – One bed room apart-ment. Water, Sewer, Laundry Furnished. Available June 1st. Call 319 360 8875.

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it was like we were having a festival in Amana. With U of Iowa graduation, Mother’s Day, the nice weather and the car show it was a busy weekend in the Colonies,” said one main street merchant.

The car show was a benefit for Safe Haven of Iowa County with proceeds going to the nonprofit organization that works to rescue and find good homes for stray or abandoned pets. It was or-ganized by Robert Krauss and Jordan Bernacki assisted by Kay Bernacki, Jackie Krauss, John Hoppe, Bob Hoppe, Steve Krauss, Jane Krauss and Brian Sly. PHAT Daddy’s provided food and beverage on site as did the volunteers of Safe Ha-ven who sold desserts and rolls.

“Thanks to the Amana Colonies RV Park, Safe Haven, PHAT Daddy’s and our friends and fam-ily for organizing and helping with the show,” said Robert Krauss said sharing these 2017 Amana Colonies Car Show winners: Best of Show, 1959 Impala Convertible; Best Paint, 1959 Buick Riviera; Best Engine, 1964 Chevrolet Wagon; Best Interior, 1957 Chevrolet 150.

Amana Fire Dept. Fills the Boot for MDA

The Muscular Dystrophy Association got a boost after volunteers with the Amana Fire Department collected over \$935 during their Maifest parade “fill the boot” walk through.

Donations given to fill the boots held by local fire department volunteers at our annual Maifest parade were gratefully received by MDA of Cedar Rapids. Derek Harrigan, fundraising coordina-tor, Cedar Rapids, wrote to thank the volunteers and the Amana community for the support, “Funds raised by Amana Fire stay local and help MDA’s efforts to fund groundbreaking research and life-enhancing programs such as state-of-the-art sup-

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GARAGE SALE

4429 V Street Homestead, Friday, May 19th 9am to 4pm. The old Impliment/Amana plumbing building.

WANTED/NEED

A key that fits one of my old Amana doors or a good home for the dog that opens it (and other doors- one which some people can’t even open). Right now we can lock the door from the kitchen side, but not from the living room/upstairs side. It would be wonderful to come down after sleeping and not have to go outside to go into the kitchen, or not have to spend 2 hours trying to catch that &*&% hound dog when he escapes, or not have the beast baying outside the bedroom door at 6 A.M. on Saturday. **PLEASE** call the Print Shop at 622-3912 if you can help. Thank you.

port groups and Care Centers, including the MDA Care Center at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics in Iowa City, IA. They also help send more than 75 local kids to “the best week of the year” at MDA summer camp at no cost to their families at Camp Courageous in Monticello, Iowa. These self-less individuals deserve all of the credit for making these advancements possible.”

So in addition to keeping our lives and our property safe, our Amana Fire Department volun-teers are contributing to battle MDA and to help those afflicted. The “Fill the Boot” campaign is a nationwide effort by depends entirely on local fire departments to make it happen.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Years ago I was in the hospital waiting for our youngest son to be born.

It was this time of year and I was growing impa-tient that this child was taking his/her sweet time to be born. (You have to remember that this was when ultra sound was just getting started and, even then, they would not reveal too much to the parents.)

I was what they referred to as “a high risk mother” since I had just turned 35 years old that year. It is strange AND wonderful how women now give birth at much later ages than 35. These days and they also know what sex their baby will be, but I digress.

The cleaning lady came in and told me how excit-ed she was because the coming Sunday would be Mother’s Day and her family was taking her to the Amanas for lunch. She kept telling me how wonder-ful the food was and how thrilled she was.

I thought this all rather strange until my brain fi-nally figured out that this woman was not taken out for a meal very often so naturally she was excited especially since there would be tablecloths and nap-kins not made out of paper. Besides that we have all known for a long time that this community serves good food.

Ironically here I was wondering why this woman only went out a few times a year. Just this year (I must be really insensitive) I realized that we never went out on Mother’s Day, but were “gracious” as to let our poor mothers make the meal and even put away the dishes!

Talk about judging only to find that the one who is judging is just as bad (if not worse) than the de-fendant!

Good grief, you would think that we would have realized that we should be honoring our mothers instead of having them do all the work. I sort of wonder if they regretted sending us off for a higher education just to have us come home dumber!

Charlemagne’s and my mother are no longer around so we cannot tell them personally how ashamed we are. Oh how I wish I could take back just a few of those years and payback all the things our mothers did for us.

Those of us whose mothers have died find Moth-er’s Day sad. I guess we even feel like orphans at times.

I just want to say, “thank you.” I suppose that is very little, but this really comes from the heart and is well meant. Charlemagne and I had very special mothers, which I am sure many of you will say about your own mothers.

We are so privileged to have mothers who care/ cared and overlooked our MANY shortcomings. Thank goodness they were not “turtle mothers” who laid their eggs in the sand and then left. Mothers seem to make time to go to recitals, teacher meet-ings, sports events, etc. even though we all know they probably have things they would enjoy doing more.

If you have not told your mother how much you love her then get up and do it right NOW.

B.S.H.

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