

Care Partners of Cook County, Executive Director Kay Grindland retiring



Kay Grindland, Executive Director of Care Partners in Cook County. (Submitted photo)

Care Partners of Cook County wishes to announce an important change coming to their organization. Kay Grindland, Executive Director, will be retiring this coming Spring, after guiding and leading Care Partners from a community/volunteer effort to an essential, successful provider of aging services in Cook County over the last 12 years.

Kay has shaped Care Partners in such a way that it fills a critical niche in Cook County, providing companionship and practical help to older adults and the people who care for them. She leaves a legacy of building Care Partners to be client-centered with values of respect, compassion and confidentiality while supporting community members as they navigate the journeys of aging, chronic illness and end-of life. Under Kay's leadership, a solid foundation has been built that will last for decades to come.

Kay's dedication to Care Partners continues as she supports the Board and staff in hiring a new Executive Director. Care Partners is embarking upon a search for a leader who will build upon the mission and programs, support the staff and volunteers that make up Care Partners, and meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Care Partners is seeking someone who will sustain the compassionate and vital work of supporting community members as they navigate the journey of aging. For more information call (218) 387-3788 or visit the Care Partners website: www.carepartnersofcookcounty.org.

Arrowhead Library System Library Card Design Contest

Mountain Iron, MN - Calling all artists! Arrowhead Library System (ALS) is holding an art contest for a new library card! Adults ages 18 and older who live in Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, and St. Louis counties may participate in the contest. Entries will be accepted now until November 24, 2021. The winner will be selected by ALS staff and notified by December 5, 2021. Notification will also be posted on the ALS website and Facebook page by December 5, 2021.

To participate in the contest, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2021ALSlibCardDesignContest>. Completed forms may be turned into any ALS member public library or sent via mail to Arrowhead Library System, Attn. M. Stanford, 5528 Emerald Avenue, Mountain Iron, MN 55768. Only one submission per person, please.

Christmas Tea on the Edna G

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime event in Two Harbors, Minnesota by attending the Friends of the Edna G's Fundraiser - Christmas Tea on the Edna G!

Relax and unwind while helping save an historic 125 year old Great Lakes treasure, the Edna G Tugboat.

Imagine sipping tea, enjoying finger sandwiches and cookies aboard an historic 125 year old tugboat moored on Lake Superior. Walk along Edna G's dock and take in the delights of a Great Lakes port, with the Two Harbor's Lighthouse across Agate Bay and a towering wall of ore docks to your right. Laugh and reminisce about wonderful days-of-old while sitting at a sturdy dining table bolted to the floor in the Mess, or take a peek out onto Lake Superior through one of the porthole windows decorated in Christmas finery.

Kathy Glenn, Chairperson of Friends of the Edna G, announced that, "The Friends of the Edna G decided to do something unique for a fundraiser and came up with an idea that we hope envelops our guests with holiday joy from bygone days, a Christmas Tea

on the Edna G".

Spend intimate time with friends and family while helping to preserve a Minnesota treasure docked in Two Harbors! Christmas Tea fundraisers will be held every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 26 through December 19, with varying times each day. Reservations are required, and donation costs are \$50 for adults and \$35 for children 10 and under.

The Friends of the Edna G is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in March of 2018. Their mission is the preservation of the Great Lakes tugboat, Edna G, built in 1896 and on the National Register of Historic Places; to restore, maintain, display, and interpret its historical appearance, and to educate people about its role in history. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information about the organization, the Edna G, or the Christmas Tea on the Edna G, please visit them online at www.FriendsOfEdnaG.org. You can also reach them via email at friendsoftheednag@gmail.com or by phone at 218-595-0184.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Here's a guess: if you are reading mainstream national media, you are affected by a daily dose of anxiety and despair that our world is broken on many levels. I invite you to take a break from this toxic tonic and turn instead to local happenings.

The Lake Superior School District has successfully levied the funds necessary to upgrade and expand its two most dilapidated school buildings over the next decade. Upgrades to the sports facilities and two turf fields will not be funded via this year's levy; however I am confident that citizens and School Board members will continue to search for ways to improve our facilities' condition in ways that address financial and environmental concerns.

I know many of those who voted for this levy do not have children in the school or work in the school or stand to directly benefit from the upgrades, which leads me to the welcome conclusion that our community is willing to give money so that every American child has the right to a safe education, and that our community in particular will benefit from safe and healthy places of learning.

Later in the week I attended a Planning and Zoning Meeting in the Two Harbors Chambers. It was attended by a couple dozen citizens-a triumph in itself! In it, the Planning and Zoning Commission under the leadership of Tom Koehler dealt courteously and openly with two important issues: Short Term Vacation Rentals and instituting a pause so that the City can strategically plan the use of its own property. Strong opinions were voiced from different perspectives. The meeting lasted two hours and involved much discussion between administrators and commission members as well as input from citizens. Personally I have concerns about the Short term vacation rentals, and I walked out confident that the City is going to look into this more deeply. It's none too soon, and the stories I've heard confirm my sense that we local citizens need firm and intentional representation in this area.

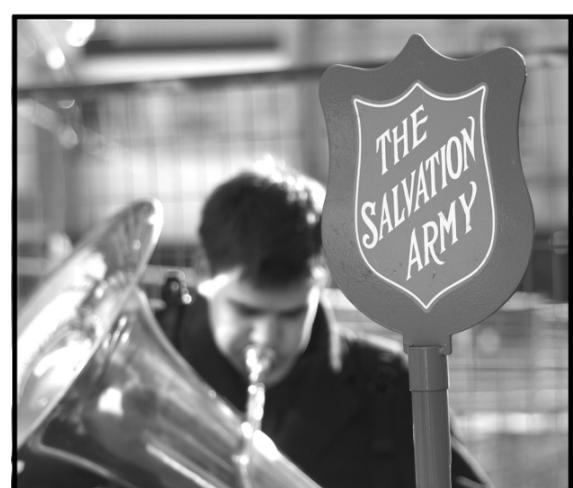
I am feeling grateful to be living here. The steps forward made sense to me; the pace makes sense, and everyone was heard. Now the challenge will be to stay engaged. When people show up, the process is elevated. Our elected officials need us! Find out your city schedule and put at least one meeting on your calendar to attend.

Sincerely,
Katya Gordon

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I find myself growing more and more concerned about the anger in this country as of late. All the fighting revolving around masks, vaccines and mandates, when here in America it must come down to personal choice and the freedoms which have been continually fought for and won because of those brave men and women who gave all in order to assure the rest of us these privileges. But we seem incredibly sidetracked from the bigger picture; the things that are tantamount to making a better/safer society for all... For instance- Bosses now make 600 times more than their highest paid employee and that employee probably hasn't had a substantial raise in years. At least 9000 people are getting evicted from their homes every week and in some states once you have an eviction on your record you can't rent elsewhere. Almost 28 million people do not have or cannot afford health insurance. One out of 50 children or 1.5 million children will be homeless this year. The prices of consumer goods: heating, taxes and food is out of control. ... and the saddest of all these facts is that 40% of those on welfare are American Veterans. Yes, those who served this country are living on welfare because, financially, they can't make it otherwise. This is how we treat our Veterans... But please... let's keep arguing over masks, vaccines and mandates because we have nothing BETTER to occupy our time with. What the hell is wrong with us?!

Bobbi Johnson



Due to the pandemic, the Cook County Salvation Army Service Unit will once again NOT have their red kettles placed in the community, BUT will be accepting donations at the Grand Marais State Bank both at the Grand Marais and Tofte locations.