

Amana Society Bulletin

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Mother's Day Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 13, 2018, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich bin ein Herr der ewig lieb" No. 447 Seite 443

Testimony: J. F. Rock, Ronneburg, Feb. 27, 1718

Scripture: Romans 12: 9-21

Psalm 147: 1-11

Closing Hymn: "Sanftmuth, die edle Gottesgabe" No. 890 Seite 876

The late (English) Mother's Day Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Lord of Eternal Love am I" No. 104

Closing Hymn: "Humility, The Noblest Virtue" No.140

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

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

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

CONGREGATE MEALS

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

Our menu for May 14: Oven Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Fiesta Corn,

Strawberry Banana Salad

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!!

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

If you are one of the few dozen who have not heard that I am dealing with bronchitis consider yourself blessed. Charlemagne is trying to figure out a means of escape so he goes outside into his garden. (I am convinced that he is trying to re-create "Central Park" in the Midwest judging by what he keeps planting.)

He says he comes in every half hour to check if I am still breathing.

First off, I want to thank those nice ladies who brought me chocolate to help my wound heal from when I fell in garage. Believe me it was much more appreciated than the cane which even lights in the dark that I got from Charlemagne.

The stitches that Sara put into my hand were interesting, but I really must say I am a better seamstress than she is although I doubt working with human tissue is something I want to challenge her with.

How was I to know that people who have carpal tunnel surgery have an incision in the palm of their hands. One nurse looked at my hand when I came in for my bronchitis and asked about it. I told her I had fallen. I guess she must have thought I was a real klutz.

Anyone who knows me knows than if you want to talk about anything scientific do not come to me. Well I got an x-ray. It seems you must hold your arms up and hang from a bar. I seriously wondered if they were going to have me "swing" from the bar. That would have been interesting.

It seems "all I had was bronchitis." Right! If that is all I had than I was doing a really good job "faking" it. By Thursday I figured that if I had not coughed out the few remaining brains I had I would soon be doing that too. Luckily there was Sara at the clinic coming to my rescue.

She gave me some meds including steroids. Charlemagne thinks I can now try out for some baseball teams, but I remember the Mayor of East telling me that I run oddly so I don't think I will try out even though I might be able to throw a good fast ball.

I was also told that these meds would make me irritable. Charlemagne of course made a remark about that so I threw him a fast ball with a pillow figuring that if I used a baseball it might do some real damage.

The cough medicine is just so "tasty." I still remember those lozenges that Onkel Doktor used to give me. They were lemon "flavored" and made you want to see a lawyer to make sure my will was in order.

The thing that Charlemagne liked the best was that for almost five days he had almost complete silence from me.

There is something about men (women, tell me if I am wrong about this) but I think that the Y chromosome that men have prevents them from answering a phone if a woman is around.

I have spent over 40 years answering the phone in this house.

This past week I just croaked into it, "wait a minute" and handed it to Charlemagne who would say that I was not available. It would come as a shock to him to realize that some of those calls were for him and he would have to answer. I especially like THOSE CALLS.

He would then go to another room to talk. I am beginning to wonder if those were "special calls" I should have heard after all? Hmmm!

My sister came in the middle of the week with a load of books.

I could finish one. That is good because, believe it or not, our television is not working correctly. When you are as much a "couch potato" as I am this is highly frustrating. Besides that, if you have a cold your eyes tend to water and you cannot read well without always wiping away tears or your nose.

You know, this year (at least for me) April was the cruelest month except for knowing that I have these special friends who not only bring chocolate, books, but will talk to me even if I am out of sorts.

B.S.H.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Maifest Just About Perfect

If you had ordered the weather online it could not have been better during Amana's Maifest celebration last weekend. Sunny skies, a light breeze and temperatures that hovered over 75 degrees made for ideal conditions.

Crowds were similar to past years and organizers were more than satisfied with the results of the spring event that kicks off our festival season. "Considering the competition of things to do this weekend in Iowa, it was a great turnout and I think everyone enjoyed the Maifest dancers who were exceptional and all of the food and entertainment. . . Die Tiefen Keller Kinder at the Festhalle on Saturday afternoon was a hit. Quite a few people were there enjoying the music and they sounded terrific," said one East Amana resident and Maifest volunteer.

The pop up food vendors attracted positive attention too. All sorts of delicious food items were available this year at Maifest, but we can't help but mention that the Amana Heritage Society's traditional Wurst, Obstkuchen and potato pancake stand was exceptionally busy and may have dished up the best potato pancakes in the history of the pancake. Kudos to these dedicated volunteers for frying their hearts out at festivals!

Swell Start to Great South Amana Swap Meet

"I couldn't be more pleased with our first event," said Tom Johnson, South Amana. He and wife Meg Merckens are founders of the Great South Amana Swap Meet which will continue on Fridays and Saturdays through October 6.

About 300 people attended the first ever South Amana market with 14 vendors Friday and 12 vendors on Saturday. Goods for sale included antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools and "rusty metal stuff" suitable for your garden art creations, Johnson said. Admission is free to the market and music.

As the season progresses garden produce and fresh eggs may be added as Johnson said that he's gotten calls from locals hoping to bring their farm / garden produce to sell.

Located in the barn and outbuildings in northeast corner of the village (by the Post Office) the market is open Fridays 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. The area features a nice-sized stage placed in the shade with room for you to sit and enjoy the music. There are public restrooms at the market. The performances will happen on Friday evenings only, but there will be food and drink for sale on both days.

This Friday (May 11) the River Bottom Ramblers bluegrass band will be performing. The Ramblers may one of the top bluegrass bands in the state! There is entertainment lined up for almost every Friday night through August and Meg Merckens has dubbed this the "South Amana Summer of Music."

We are really looking forward to the toe-tapping, neighborly fellowship in South with upcoming performances by the Great Bluegrass Herons (May 25), Bob and Kristie Black and Banjoy (June 8), Marc and Brandi Janssen (June 22) just to name a few. Randy Sandersfeld was there Friday night and we are hoping to see him return later in the summer and pick up those TBA dates. The music will start at 5 or 6 p.m. and the performers will be play 2 hours or so.

Sandwiches, snacks, beer and soda will be available Friday evening and coffee, breakfast sandwiches, luncheon sandwiches and beverages will be sold on Saturdays.

Last week freshly grilled, hot bratwurst on a nice bun topped with a generous helping of red kraut or sauerkraut was the mouthwatering menu item and then on Saturday morning Ashley Beltz of Serena's served her tasty breakfast burritos, delicious coffee and more. Look for the menu to change as the chefs mix it up, but good food, good music, bargain shopping and neighborhood fellowship will make for pleasant weekends in scenic South Amana.

Have you got some things you want to sell? Contact Johnson and simply set up your own little table, tailgate or "trunk show," any weekend that works for you. Contact Tom Johnson for information on being a vendor, 319-551-6691.

The South Amana Summer of Music at the Market:

May 11 Riverbottom Ramblers, 6 – 8 p.m. This bluegrass band knows how to kick it up a notch performing the classic old timey-country and bluegrass tunes!

May 18: The Great Bluegrass Herons, 6 – 8 p.m. Calling Sharon, Iowa home, Paul and Julie Roberts and Janet and Mark Wilson sing bluegrass, gospel and classic folk tunes in close harmony.

May 25 South Amana Open Mic

June 1 TBA

June 8 Bob and Kristie Black and Banjoy, 6 – 8 p.m. The Blacks need no introduction.

Bob Black performed with Nashville legend Bill Monroe. Here they team up with Banjoy an awardwinning bluegrass band with Paul Roberts on bass and Mark Wilson on guitar.

June 15 TBA

June 22 Marc and Brandi Janssen, 5 – 7 p.m. Playing traditional American folk music, bluegrass, high country and gospel, this talented duo performs the best of the American songbook.

June 29 Castle Ridge, 5 – 7 p.m. A musical ensemble that features performers from your favorite ITAC and OCTC shows, this group rocks out on swing and old time country.

July 6 Riverbottom

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Ramblers, 6 – 8 p.m.
July 13 TBA
July 20 Marc and Brandi Janssen, 5 – 7 p.m.
July 27 Open Mic
Aug. 3 Straightback Chair, 6 – 8 p.m. With Ursula Williams and Scott Hanson, this up and coming local group is too much fun to miss and full of surprises!
Aug. 10 The Great Bluegrass Herons, 6 – 8 p.m. Calling Sharon, Iowa home, Paul and Julie Roberts and Janet and Mark Wilson sing bluegrass, old time folk tunes in close harmony.
Aug. 17 Castle Ridge, 5 – 7 p.m.
Aug. 24, South Amana Open Mic, 6 – 8 p.m.
Aug. 31 Bob and Kristie Black, 6 – 8 p.m. Close out the summer with the Blacks, icons of the Iowa musical scene

June 5 Primary Election Crowded for County Supervisor Post

A crowded field of contenders is making a run for the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. Yard signs are popping up like dandelions around the county and several candidates appeared or had floats in Saturday's Maifest parade in Amana.

The primary election is Tuesday, June 5, hence the ramp up, but you can vote now at the Iowa County Auditor's Office (located in the annex across from the Courthouse in Marengo). The Auditor's Office is open for voting Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Or you can vote early on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Auditor's office in Marengo. You can also request an absentee ballot by mail by filling out the form on the www.co.iowa.ia.us website and mailing it to the auditor's office as per instructions on the form.

The polls will be open June 5 at the normal general election polling places, 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.

There are 8 in the Republican field of potential nominees all vying for a chance to run in the fall. They will have to be tops on primary day to get onto the ballot. So the June 5 election is key for these office seekers.

There are no Democrats running in the June 5 primary.

Running for Iowa County Supervisor in the June 5 primary election: Mike Curry, Marengo Iowa; John Gahring, Homestead, Bruce Adams, Williamsburg, Vicki Pope, North English, Alisha Shafer, Ladora, Alan Schumacher, Marengo, Kevin Heitshusen, Williamsburg and Tim Holloper of Ladora.

Kevin Heitshusen, Vicki Pope and John Gahring are the incumbants.

All of the other county offices have only one name on the ballot in this primary election. They are as follows: Tim D. McMeen, Williamsburg is running for Iowa County Attorney as a Republican; Sherry Pope is seeking re-election as the Iowa County Recorder and Michelle Sims, Marengo is seeking re-election as Iowa County Treasurer. Pope and Sims are both Republicans.

Dear Amana Society Stockholders,

I am truly humbled to run for the Board of Directors this year. As a recent business manager, I've witnessed many of Amana Society's successes and challenges. Now, I ask to bring my energy and passion for our great company to the board room to help face our current and future challenges.

Growing up and raising my own family in the Amanas has been the greatest blessing. Working in tourism for much of the last thirty years, I also earned two graduate degrees as an adult. The latest is an M.B.A. from the University of Iowa in 2015. My deep commitment to the Amana Society led to over 800 volunteer hours per year managing events, as well as bringing a struggling business unit to profitability.

As the Executive Director of the Amana Heritage Society, my passion for business and continuous improvement push me each day to find new and innovative ways to sustain our organization. Please consider the following:

- Decision-Making Process** I believe decisions begin by understanding whether the challenge is typical or an exception. Tough challenges require study and time to uncover the best return for ASI and its stockholders.
- Teamwork** One of my best traits is the ability to work with a team. I've led diverse teams, while at other times, I've only played a small role. I believe I can serve our company and stockholders best by serving on the board with a humble heart and the ability to fill any need whether great or small.
- Marketing & Branding** We sometimes fail to see marketing and branding beyond the scope of an advertisement. Yet, marketing permeates every aspect of a business. Employees, management, and the board should understand ASI's vision, mission and core values—and allow these to be guiding principles in their work.
- ASI and its stockholders are worth it.** I made the decision to remain in the Amana community, and I hope that my commitment to our beloved home is evident. The Amana Society's complex nature makes it a fascinating yet challenging business to manage and grow. Yet, I am confident in ASI's future. If elected, my commitment will be to give my all in everything I do.

Therefore, I am asking for your support in the upcoming election. I am aware of how decisions impact our company, community, and on all shareholders. It will indeed be a privilege to serve you with integrity in this capacity. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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NOTICE

On Saturday May 5, 2018 (Maifest) at 1522 F Street High Amana members of my family wrongfully disposed of MY property by putting it on the side of the road with a "FREE" sign, only informing me *after* the fact.

Of that property we would very much like to have the 4 bikes returned. 1) Maroon Schwinn ATB; 2&3) Pink & Black and Red & White Schwinn Cruisers; 4) Genesis Chrome Cruiser. A reward is possible. God Bless you. Jennifer & Isaac Hartley. 319.660.0826.
Lev 19:11, Prov 6:16-19, 1 Tim 5:8, Matt 5:44

OBITUARY

Mary V. Baumgartner, age 82, passed away Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Rose Haven Nursing Home.
A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, May 8, at Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, Rev. Andrew Gray officiating. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Marengo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Rose Haven Nursing Home in her name.

Mary is survived by her children, Sheila Mason (Steve) of Palo, and William Baumgartner (Blossom) of Fairfax; three grandchildren, Travis Von Ahsen of Davenport, Dustin Mason (Danielle) of LaPorte City, and Jeffrey Mason of Palo; three great-grandchildren, August, Oliver, and Evelyn Mason of LaPorte City. Also surviving are two brothers, Joseph Weldon (Emily) of Iowa City and Jim Weldon of New York, NY.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Fred, her daughter Bonnie Von Ahsen, two sisters, Marilyn Smith and Zelda Clubb, and a brother Bruce Weldon.

Mary Viola Weldon was born May 17, 1935 in Iowa City, Iowa, the daughter of Bruce and Viola Hite Weldon. She attended the Marengo schools. Mary was united in marriage to Fred Baumgartner on March 11, 1952 in Galesburg, Illinois. She was employed over the years with various businesses in the Amana Colonies.

Mary loved to thread a needle and sew. You could find her out on the porch sewing quilts, embroidering tea towels, knitting mittens, and sewing together Amana Bonnets to sell in any Amana gift shop. Her grandchildren especially enjoyed the camping trips with Oma and Opa.

Online condolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

Amana Society Stockholders:

I respectfully seek your support in this year's Board of Directors election. In marking your ballot for me, you will be casting a vote for someone with:

- Broad Business Experience.** I have been employed in accounting, budgeting, internal audit, process improvement and government regulatory compliance roles during my 36 years with Rockwell Collins.
- Analytical Thinking Ability.** I carefully weigh the facts of every issue, taking into account the cost/benefit impact to the corporation and the people involved (employees, customers, stockholders and/or residents) in order to make a well-informed decision that is in the best interests of the greater good.
- Integrity and Ethics.** Professionalism, transparency, confidentiality, respect for every individual, doing the right thing – all are important to me.
- Passion and Commitment.** I give 100% to everything I do, and serving as a director is no exception.

Please contact me with your questions or concerns via phone or text message at 319-540-6391, or via email at sjgeiger12@gmail.com. Thank you for placing your confidence in me.

Stuart J. Geiger

NEWS FROM THE AMANA ARTS GUILD

Have you heard about the Amana Arts Guild? Based in High Amana, the AAG focuses on keeping alive the traditional Amana artisan skills, as well as bringing arts and cultural experience of all kinds to the Amanas. We offer workshops for children and adults, including painting, blacksmithing, basketry, woodworking, rug weaving and photography.

Our public events include Woodfest (at the RV park), the Festival of Arts, our spring Communal Meal Celebration, the Christmas Haus Tour, just to name a few. From May through October you can find unique gallery exhibits featuring local artists and historical content. Our gift shop is the best place to go for locally handmade items including Amana Quilts, woven rugs, tin cookie cutters, cake pans and ornaments, pottery, coopered buckets, woven baskets, and wood items galore!

Established in 1978 as a nonprofit community arts council, we rely on our membership roles for financial support and community involvement. As a member, you'll receive invitations and updates on special programs, events and activities, our newsletter, discounts in our gift shop, and our membership is tax deductible. For current members, you can renew your membership NOW. And NEW members can enroll anytime. Stop by our website at <https://amanaartsguild.com/>, email us at amanarts@southslope.net or give us a call at 319-622-3678.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda, May 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m. ACLUD Room, 4304 220th Trail, Amana

- Call Meeting To Order.
- Set Agenda.
- Discussion/Action: Review/approve the following
 - April meeting minutes
- Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
- Discussion/action: April Financial Report.
- Discussion/action: May Disbursements
- Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District.
 - 2018-011 – Shawn & Nicole Bible; 4410 F. Street - Amana; reside house with spruce color vinyl siding to match garage.
 - 2018-015 – Amana Society Inc. (Meat Shop & Smokehouse); 4513 F. Street - Amana; construct new loading dock addition.
- Other Business:
 - Discussion/action: Motel/Hotel Tax policy
- Administrator's Report
- President's Report
- Adjourn

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THE AMANA SANDLOT

The season is well underway and the boys are having fun! If you would like to join us for a game, please stop by and root on the boys!

11U Home Schedule :

May 18th, Friday, vs Solon 5:30 PM
May 24th, Thursday, vs Lisbon 5:30 PM
June 6th, Wednesday, vs Regina 5:30 PM
June 11th, Monday, vs West Liberty 5:30 PM
June 18th, Monday, vs West Branch 5:30 PM

12U Home Schedule

May 16th, Wednesday, vs Lisbon 5:30 PM
May 21st, Monday, vs West Branch 5:30 PM
June 3rd, Sunday vs West Branch 2:00 PM
June 4th, Monday, vs Mount Vernon 5:30 PM
(some games may change to 6pm)

Amana Society Stockholders

Thank you for your support in these challenging times. I do my best to represent both Old Class A and New Class A stockholders on the Board of Directors.

Your company finds itself in a rapidly changing environment in many aspects of its various businesses. Hard decisions will have to be made to position ourselves so that we may move forward. Enhancing value to Shareholders is essential.

I think that I can help in this process and would appreciate your support in the upcoming election. If you have questions or comments please contact me at any time at 622-3916 or e-mail: jimr@southslope.net

Thank you,
Jim Roemig



Hello Amana Society Stockholders,

You graciously elected me to serve on the Amana Society board of directors in the past, and I thank you. I've done my best in acting on your behalf and looking out for the best interests of the Amana Society. My term is up this year, and I ask for your continuing support and for your vote. Here are some points for your consideration:

1. I am optimistic about the Amana Society. Yes, we have our challenges as all companies do, and some of our challenges are unique to us reflecting our unique history and origin. However, my optimism derives from the rich resources and opportunities of the Amana Society which we are blessed to have. These include our land, our "Amana" brand, our talented and loyal employees, and our management team. All of these need to be sustained and nurtured, and in doing so, we have a potential limited only by our creativity and ability to execute.

2. One of the most important tasks of a board of directors is to select the leader of the company, and that task is before the Amana Society board of directors this year with John Peterson's announced plan to retire no later than this coming October. I believe my business background and my experience with hiring people can be of real benefit.

3. I've been a businessman for many years, including 25 years as CEO of Stamats, a national media and marketing company. Like John Peterson, I am planning to retire this year. I've still got some good energy in me, and I think I can apply that to the benefit of the Amana Society as a director for the next three years.

And finally, even though I no longer live in Amana, it's still my old home, and I care about it. Thanks for your consideration.

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AMANA LIBRARY NEWS
New Books

The Amana Library added the following new books to their collection:

Red Alert, Fifty Fifty, All American Murder, all by James Patterson;
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman;
Everything Here is Beautiful by Mira Lee;
The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah;
Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann;
Only Child by Rhiannon Navin; *The Power* by Naomi Alderman;
Raspberry Danish Murder by Joanne Fluke;
The Recipe Box by Viola Shipman;
Still Me by Jojo Moyes; *White Houses* by Amy Bloom;
Year One by Nora Roberts; *Disappeared* by CJ Box;
My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman; *Fire & Fury* by Michael Wolff
Fallen by David Baldacci; *After Anna* by Lisa Scottoline

Donors Wanted!

The Amana Library is hosting a Mississippi Valley Blood Drive on Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 2:00-6:00 at the Amana Library; 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana. Daycare will be provided. There will be activities and snacks. Help the Elementary qualify for the Lifesaving Grant worth \$250.00, with 20 successful donors. Every donor will receive a Give to Live t-shirt. To schedule an appointment contact the Amana Library at amanalibrary@ccaschools.org or call 319-622-3192. Walk-ins are welcome!

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