



DECEMBER
2011



*A Special Message
at this time of giving.*

Dear Women's Division Members, We lost a beloved former Miss Oshkosh, Kristen Tielens, at a way too early time in her life. The following is a thoughtful letter from her family with an important message:

Dear Friends and Family,

We are having a difficult time finding the words to express our gratitude for the generosity you have shown us during this most difficult time in our life's journey. To be honest, overwhelmed would be the best word to express our response to the love shown from everyone reaching out in friendship and support. Your collective efforts to comfort us with either your gifts of prayer, food, flowers, monetary gifts (will be given to a scholarship fund), conversation, hugs, and attention to details to assist us through this time have made us feel so loved and supported. There are not enough "Thank You's" to articulate how much this has meant to us.

We want to share with you that Kristin was an organ and tissue donor. She had been a speaker for the past 19 years on this topic and has given presentations in three states, been in an operating room when a kidney transplant was being performed, and also spoke numerous times to driver's education classes and throughout the state. When she passed, we as a family honored her wishes to give the gift of life. We let the transplant team do as they needed to better the lives of others through any gift she could give them. Kristin always said, "Why are we burying the solution to this problem? If everyone would sign the back of their driver's license, and TELL family of their wishes, there would be a surplus of organs, and no one would die from being on a waiting list, with a need unfulfilled." Within two days after her passing, we already knew of many people rejoicing for the gift she gave them. As a family, we are very comforted to know that part of Kristin continues to live on in others, and that even in death, she extended herself to others as she had in life. We would be remiss to fail to mention this, as Kristin no longer has a voice to continue this cause. We would welcome the opportunity to speak to any of you on this topic if you would like to learn more.

Finally, we cannot stat enough how much we appreciate the reaching out that everyone has done. Please accept our gratitude and thankfulness for the kindnesses you have shown to support us, and to honor the lives of Kirstin and David. We will never to able to articulate how much that has meant, but can say this very simply, you have certainly made us feel loved, and we love you for that.

*Sincerely,
The family of David and Kristin (Tielens)Novaez*

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Appearances for Miss Oshkosh Kelsey McDaniels:

December 4....Aurora Hospital Love Lights....Kelsey will be speaking about her platform and playing the violin

December 4....Miss Oshkosh Try Outs

December 6....EAA Christmas in the Air

December 8...Roosevelt School Christmas Concert

We would like to thank Kelsey for the wonderful job she is doing on her appearances!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

This year, our Adopt-a-Family committee received a family with three children, two boys ages six and nine, and a girl age 5. The committee is hard at work shopping for special gifts to make Christmas a little brighter, thanks to the contributions of Women's Division members. The gifts will be delivered by December 11. More details of what was purchased will be in a future newsletter.

STYLE SHOW THANK YOUS

Style show co-chairs, Joyce Pollnow and Mary Berger would like to thank everyone who donated their time and donations to help make this year's show the best ever!

RAFFLE WINNERS:

RING: Jane Schmiedel

\$100 CASH FROM WEST POINTE

FOOTBALL: Kelly Standke

BANK AND NTD: Clara Dorsey won

YMCA SESSIONS: Robin Robl

both \$100 prizes!

GUN: David Lange

Committee Chairpersons:

Adopt a Family: Gloria Miller 235-1914
Mary Berger 233-1411

*Collects cash donations and distributes Christmas gifts to a families in need. Program through Salvation Army

Audit: Karen Rees 235-2844 & Pat Saft 231-6128

*Performs an annual audit of all accounts

Brat Fry: Gloria Miller, 235-1914
Co-chair position open

*Organizes and schedules brat fry's with Pick 'n Save and members

Budget: Joyce Pollnow 688-2661

*Prepares annual year end budget report

Bulletin: Linda Verwiel 231-4213 or
jlverwiel@yahoo.com

*Prepares newsletter to membership

Charities Awards: Denise Griedl 426-4912 or 232-2260

Constitution: Carol Reigh 203-2494

*Gathers all changes in Constitution, Policies or Procedures and prepares an annual update to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting

Historian: Carol Krueger 582-8634

Membership: Cindy Knaggs 235-5180

Co-Chairman: Cathy Steinert 426-2167

*Maintains membership

Miss Oshkosh Pageant:

Chairman: Gert Schultz 235-5068

Co-Chairman: Gordy Lund 231-2282

Co-Chairman: Marilyn McCormick 233-0222

Nominating Committee

Chair: Open position

Publicity: Sherry Bellin 303-1462, Linda Verwiel 231-4213

*Contacts newspaper on upcoming events

Reservations: Karen Rees 235-2844

*Receives reservations/money for Quarterly Meetings

Scholarship Selection

Scholarship Co-Chair: Nancy Crha 233-4016

Scholarship Co-Chair: Jaye Roeming 233-5712

Style Show: Joyce Pollnow 688-2661

*Organizes the annual fall style show

Style Show Co-Chair: Mary Berger 233-1411

Style Show Budget: Gordy Lund 231-2282

*Prepares and maintains fund-raiser budget

Sunshine: Gert Schultz 235-5068

*Gathers information regarding members and gives report to the board for the newsletter

Sweet Sensations

Co-Chairs: Cindy Knaggs & Mary Berger

*Organizes the annual fundraiser/sweet tasting event.

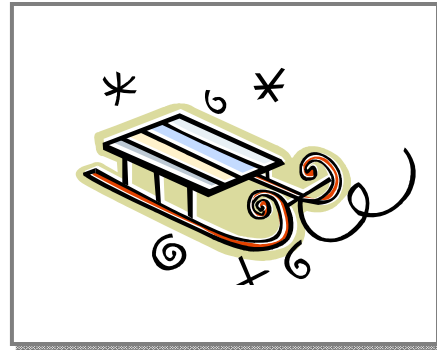
Waterfest: Linda Rhode 231-9463

*Schedules date(s) with Waterfest Committee and

Organizes sign up for volunteers at front gate and parking lot.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December: Cheryl Stepanski, Ann Jungwirth, Helen Cihlar, Carol Krueger, Marilyn Burlison, Betty Reimer, Linda Rhode, Valrie Demuth, and Joann Klinger.



FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 6, 6 P.M. : Joyce Pollnow's home. This is a potluck. Please plan on bringing a dish to pass. Call Jaye to RSVP, 233-5712

JANUARY 10: Benvenuto's

If you are a board member or committee member and cannot attend one of these meetings, please contact Joyce Pollnow at 688-2661

WANTED:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE 2012 QUARTERLY MEETINGS COMMITTEES. PLEASE CALL JAYE ROEMING AT 233-5712

SUNSHINE

Our sympathy to Nancy Crha in the passing of her brother Dennis Golbach.

Congratulations to Linda Verwiel for retiring from the Oshkosh Seniors Center. We wish Linda good luck! (Linda says thank you!)

Congratulations to Kelsey McDaniels who will be graduating from U.W.O. on December 17. We wish her the best of luck!

If anyone knows someone who should be sent a card for sympathy, get well or encouragement, or best wishes, please contact Gert at 235-5068.





Happy Holidays!

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Women's Division of Oshkosh Area, Inc. is committed to supporting our community, charities and citizens.

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