



The Signpost

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message Melanie Simpson



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Happy Holiday Season to all!

Hopefully everyone had something to be thankful for on Thanksgiving and was able to spend some time with family and friends.

Please plan to join us for a great combined club holiday dinner at Johnny Cascone's up north on December 7th. This will be a wonderful opportunity to network with the North Kansas City and Liberty clubs.

For those of you who have not yet bought jam, you will have another chance. Also, there will be an ornament exchange, so bring a new wrapped ornament to exchange. There will be a community service collection, so bring new underwear, hats, gloves, or scarves for reStart.

The meat raffle was fun, congratulations to our winners Tanya and Neal, but not as profitable as hoped, so the Ways and Means committee is contemplating our next fundraiser.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Holiday dinner,
President Melanie

Kay Stewart, Editor

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Wishing you all a safe, happy,
Holiday Season!



December Calendar



December Board Meeting

December Business Meeting

Instead....

**Holiday Party!
Cascone's**

Be sure to RSVP to Tanya Johannes by November 30 to secure your spot at the best Holiday Party of the season!



December Birthdays

Kay Stewart Dec. 19

Judy DuprePecoraro Dec. 21

Marcia Boutz Dec. 29



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR OUR
SOROPTIMIST HOLIDAY PARTY AT
CASCON'S**

3733 N Oak Trafficway, KC, MO 64116

**Featuring SI St. Joseph, SI Liberty,
SI KCNorthland and hosted by SI Kansas City**

December 7, 2022

6:00 p.m.

**Cost \$32.00 payable at the door
(Cash, check to SIKC or credit card)**

Menu

Tour of Italy Buffet

Dessert

Cash Bar

Put on your fanciest party attire and gear up for fun.

We will have a fabulous Italian buffet, along with holiday music.

Bring something to share with reStart.

They are one of our favorite homeless shelters
in Kansas City.

Please see the flyer on the next page for their wish list.

RSVP to Tanya Johannes
no later than Wednesday, November 30.



reStart Collection



THANK YOU SOROPTIMIST CLUB

HATS, GLOVES, UNDERWEAR, & SCARVES ...OH MY!

As the winter months are quickly approaching, we are desperately needing hats, gloves and scarves. Underwear are also always at the top of our wish list.

These simple things make such a big difference. If you've ever been without them, particularly in the cold, you know how important they are.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for meeting this critical need of our guests and those experiencing homelessness. Being cared for and inspiring hope is perhaps the greatest gift of all to someone who is without a home.

We are looking forward to your visit to reStart.

Your generosity means the world to us.



Salvation Army Angel Collection



We did it! Lots of girl type toys and tween beauty products were collected at our November meeting for The Salvation Army Christmas Angel project.

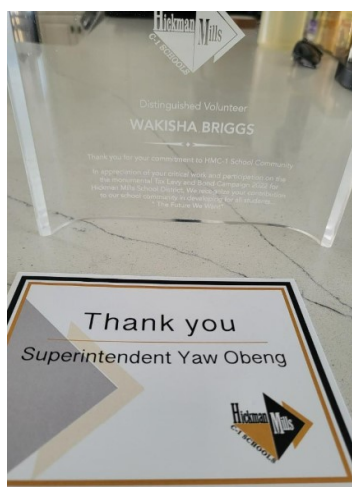
We always enjoy this event. It is such a good excuse to go play in the toy department.
Shown above is the delivery of everything we collected.

A big thank you to Grace Boswell offering relief to Grace Kim by taking over the treasurer duties for the foreseeable future. We wish Grace Kim many blessings and hope things work out for her in South Korea.



Member News

Founder and CEO of Bridge Leadership Academy, **Wakisha Briggs**, was presented with the Distinguished Volunteer Award in recognition of her unwavering commitment and contribution to the Hickman Mills school district. The award was given for her involvement in helping the Hickman Mills school district "to raise teacher salaries amid ongoing staff shortages" via a tax increase, of which more than 66% of Kansas City and Jackson County of voters approved".



Plaque Reads: Thank you for your commitment to the HMC-1 school community.

In appreciation of your critical work and participation on the monumental Tax Levy and Bond Campaign 2022 for the Hickman Mills School District. We recognize your contribution to our school community in developing for all students...



Coach Briggs working with students on their goals for the year.



Thanksgiving Pictures



Hello from warm Puerto Vallarta

Norma and Alfred McKelvy are off again to warm Mexico. She promises to be back in time for our Holiday Party.



Meat Raffle Results

A big thank you to Jane' Zelazny-Belz's Ways & Means Committee for a successful fundraiser. We collected \$2520, sold 121 tickets and received a donation of \$100 from a club member.

Congratulations to Tanya Johannes for winning the \$500 gift card from the KC Cattle Meat Company.

Neal Parker won the \$250 gift card.

It is going to a tasty Christmas.

