



July 2017 Newsletter

Happy 4th of July to everyone. Hope you celebrate with your family and friends.

July Birthday's

Happy Birthday to the following members having a birthday in July: Jerry Ganfield, Melanie Knutson, Barb Simon, and Mary Talamantes.

GFE Scholarship

Our scholarship winner, Caitlin Anderson, sent GFE a very nice thank you letter for the \$500 she received.

Volunteers Needed

Remember if you get a new volunteer to join our organization, you will receive a \$5 gift card from HyVee as a thank you.

Appreciation Luncheon

Grandparents for Education's Appreciation Luncheon was held on June 6 at Trinity Lutheran Church from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Volunteers of the year were announced: Jim Elsbecker and Marilyn Pedersen. Congratulations to them and their work recognized by the teachers.

Thank you to Sharon Krohnberg who handled the decorations, serving, set up and clean up for the affair. She always does a great job. Sharon's daughter also helped with the decorations, setup and created novelty bags for taking home showing GFE's appreciation of our volunteers.

Thanks to LuAnn Lafky and Cory Peters for pitching in to help. Also, thanks to Tatum Walkingstick, my granddaughter, and her friend, Kaia Elstad for their help during the event.

Entertainment was provided by Gina Elstad, OHJS and Willow Creek Choir director, Cheryl Smith, flute player and Lilly Willox, singer.

A lunch was served consisting of ham and turkey sandwiches, potato salad, macaroni salad, chips, snacks, punch, coffee and condiments. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Cashwise Food Booth

This event is scheduled for July 14, Friday (11:00am to 6:00pm) and July 15, Saturday (10:00am to 5:00 pm). I need a volunteer for 3:30 to 6:00 on Saturday, please let me know if you can commit, call me at 507-390-4468 or email lindabreyer@hughes.net.

Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast at the Eagles will be held on October 15, 2017. We will be having an auction as well as a bake sale. Any items you want to donate to the auction, please get in touch with myself or anyone on the board. Bake sale items you want to donate, please give me a call. My phone# is 507-390-4468 or email me at lindabreyer@hughes.net.

English Language Learners Summer School

Summer school runs July 10 thru August 3 (8:15 to 12:15, Monday thru Thursday) at Owatonna High School. Students range in grades 6 thru 9. If you're interested, please send days and times that you are available and able to volunteer and any questions contact Heather Bea at 651-367-4664 (call or text).

"Friend of ALC Award"

The Alternative Learning Center gave their award to two GFE volunteers this year; Fred Venture and Ron Barth. We congratulate both on the award.

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Personal Notes:

Carol Raetz passed away June 20; we were deeply saddened by this loss. She was a dedicated member of GFE since 2010.

Cory Peters' husband also passed away this month after a long illness. Please remember both families in your prayers.