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CONNIE'S COMMENTS



Welcome December as yet another year has nearly come to a close. Be working on your ornament for the exchange and bring a treat to share at our winter meeting. Remember also, holidays are tough times for infant loss. Bring your painted memory boxes to our gathering. You might be a winner in next month's raffle drawing to paint at least one box. The blue books will need to be turned over to the new committee chairs with your helpful hints for 2026.

Thank you all for working together and sharing your talents. It's been fun to learn new things (old dog, new tricks).

The installation of officers is on the agenda and be thinking about serving on the audit committee. Please save your receipts for reimbursement to make it easier on those reviewing the books.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. See you next month!

Connie

*** Next BHADA Meeting is Dec 20, 2025 at 9:30 at
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

Installation of Officers

Christmas Ornament Exchange

BHADA Pictures that you have taken and would like on the website, please send to Jo Ann our webmaster.

OFFICERS FOR 2026

President – Janae H.

Vice-Pres- Deb C.

Secretary – Betty B.

Treasurer – Mary Z.



Memory Box painted by Deb C.

Jackie won raffle to paint memory box for Dec meeting



Mary Z. Dec 25

Deb C. Dec28

2025 BHADA OFFICERS

President
Connie M.

Vice-President
Membership
Janae H.

Secretary
Bonnie E

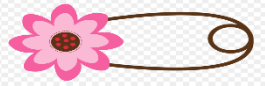
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SHARING MEMORIES



Ah, Thanksgiving!! Time for big sales and, of course, also giving thanks. God and family usually are mentioned first but I want to name some additions to your list. These may seem like small items but they are important. A couple of the ones that come to my mind right away are spandex and toilet paper. Don't forget indoor plumbing. Another favorite is the comb and hair curling devices. Though that first look in the mirror in the morning is either laughable or scary, I am glad someone invented a way to make one presentable to leave the house and take part in normal society. Add to the above list, elbow length sleeves. Sleeveless or long sleeve shirts are best in certain seasons but elbow-length is great all year. One can wave in comfort without all the flapping of that wrinkly, not-so-taut skin on the upper arm. While I'm mentioning skin, let's hear it for the scalp. Thinning hair exposes the scalp and I am glad it is there so the inner workings of the head aren't visible.

Then there are times for which we are grateful--like all the times we found our lost keys and glasses. That time we didn't buy that sweater that was 80% off---80% off!!! It was a horrid color--made one look seasick--still, 80% off!!

Thanks for letting me have control when bargains lure me. Thanks for the inventors who have made life better. That is a wonderful talent to have. And Black Hills Decorative Artists have lots of that talent. We have been able and willing to make life better for thousands of people over the years. We have the compassion to know what losing a child must feel like--the devastation and retreat into a solitary loneliness. We paint from the heart so that when this family is presented with a beautiful memory box, they smile from the heart. Thank you to all those who pioneered this program and those who brought it to BHADA. We are blessed to know your caring.

MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED



MINUTES



On Nov 15, 2025, the BHADA meeting was called to order by Pres. Connie at the Whitewood Fire Hall at 9:30 am. 14 members were present. Linda K. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Luann B seconded. All approved. Mary Z gave the financial report and it was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

SPRING RETREAT: Diane had nothing new to report at this time.

FALL SEMINAR: Diane reported she had talked with Paulette D. Pictures will be sent soon to choose classes for the upcoming seminar.

HOSPITALITY: Treats today were furnished by Deb and Mary. Everyone bring treats for Dec.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS: Jo Ann gave Diane, angel ornaments for those wanting to paint after the meeting today. Next month will be an ornament exchange.

MEMBERSHIP: Janae reported November was the deadline for dues of \$20. to be paid for membership. It will go up \$5 more after Dec 1. 20 members paid today. Total of 25 members at this time.

NEWSLETTER: Deadline is Nov 21.

WAYS AND MEANS: Linda K reported that she reserved the Moose Lodge in Rapid City for Oct 17, 2026 for Bunco. There were 16 new attendees this year. There were a few small glitches to think about for changes next year. (more room between tables, louder bell, don't tear up tickets)

WEBMASTER: No report

HOLIDAY EVENT: Nelda said ornaments were passed out earlier. Contact her if you want to receive one to paint for Dec.

MEMORY BOXES: Connie said there were boxes to take if anyone wanted one

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Diane had ornaments ready for the firemen. Karol delivered ornaments for the Veterans.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of officers took place with Janae-President, Deb-Vice President, Betty-Secretary, Mary-Treasurer. Nominations were opened to the floor and were ceased and seconded. All approved. Connie passed out the sign up sheet for new 2026 committees to be signed up by any members at the meeting.

SHARE AND SHINE: Those sharing projects were Jackie, Karol, Betty, Rita, Janae, Luann, Linda K and Connie.

DOOR PRIZE: Deb painted (oop's, forgot to bring today. Next month) Jackie gets to paint "prize" memory box for Dec.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Acting Secretary, Betty Bondeson for BJE

BHADA Committee Chairs **For 2026**

Memory Box Program – **Bonnie and Mary**
 Membership - **Deb**
 Hospitality – **Jackie**
 Monthly Programs – **Rita**
 Ways & Means – **Linda K & Nelda**
 Fall Seminar – **Diane & Sally**
 Spring Retreat 2025 – **Diane & Sally**
 Webmaster & Facebook – **Jo Ann**
 Holiday Exchange – **Nelda**
 Newsletter – **Luann**
 Sharing Memories—**Mary**
 Memory Box ideas - **Deb**
 Publicity - **Karol J**
 Audit -

Monthly Programs For 2026

January 17	Bonnie E. Vet ornaments
February 21	Debby C.
March 21	Easter Egg Exchange
April 18-19	Spring Retreat
May 16	
June 20	
August 15	
September 18-20	Fall Seminar
October 17	Bunco Party
November 21	
December 19	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

HOSPITALITY LIST 2026

January 17	Linda K. & Karol
February 21	Diane & Sally
March 21	
April 25-27	Everyone Brings Treat
May 16	Mary & Deb
June 20	Connie & Janae
August 15	
September 18-20	Everyone Brings Treats
October 17	Everyone Brings Cookies
November 21	Betty & Rita
December 20	Christmas Exchange-- Everyone bring Treats Installation of officers

Here is Joyce's angel from November meeting.



WHAT IS THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER?

Ten little members standing in a line. One disliked the president, then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late. One forgot her promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven. One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix. They quarreled over programs and then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and drive. One move away, then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more. One became indifferent, then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree, 'Til one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager members! What do they do? One got discouraged, then there were two.

Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done. One joined a bridge club, then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue. Met a neighbor, then there were two.

Two earnest members, each enrolled one more. Doubling their number, then there were four.

Four determined members just couldn't wait, 'Til each won another, then there were eight.

Eight excited members signed up sixteen more.

In another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four!!

Yes, each member makes a difference!

*Merry
Christmas* 

Show and Share

