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Post From Janae



September brings cooler weather, fall harvest festivals, and all highlighted by Labor Day on September 7. The official start of autumn is on September 22.

Our Indicator to fall is our seminar. Hope you all are getting your prep work done on your pieces as there is quite a bit to do. If everybody is ready we can really dig in right away at 9:00.

Another indicator of autumn is the thoughts of getting your fall decorations out. That has been on our mind lately. The trouble is always putting away all your spring and 4th of July things.

I hope this finds everyone ready to enjoy your Autumnal Equinox. I am getting ready for fall bazaars and good fall soups. Enjoy!

Janae

* **BHADA Fall Seminar September 18-20, 2026 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

* **Next BHADA Meeting is November 21, 2026 at 9:30 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

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

Reminder

Everyone who has ornaments for the Bunco raffle chest and/or table favors; Please turn them in so the committee can get an accurate count. Thanks....Nelda

Bonnie is requesting all veteran ornaments be turned in by Seminar. If you have some and can not finish painting them, bring them so someone else can finish them. Thank you.

Diane painted this month's box.

*Then Diane won the drawing AGAIN!
So we drew Again & Mary will paint a Memory box for November.*



<i>Connie M</i>	<i>Sept 7</i>
<i>Karol J.</i>	<i>Sept 19</i>
<i>Bonnie E.</i>	<i>Sept 21</i>



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Meeting Minutes



On Aug 15, 2026, BHADA meeting was called to order by Pres Janae at the Whitewood Fire Hall at 9:32 am. 15 members were present. Deb made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the NL. Luann seconded. All approved. Mary gave the financial report. It will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPRING RETREAT: Diane asked for anyone willing to teach a class to let the committee know. More to follow after Fall Seminar and Bunco.

FALL SEMINAR: Diane handed out the surfaces for Paulette's classes to members that ordered. (Thank you, Diane, for taking time to take names for the orders) The paints were received for classes with Warm White, Gray Storm missing. Members having those 2 colors may wish to bring with them. Diane has extra Warm white. Paulette's flights have been changed but Janae and Luann will be informed as to times for her arrival. Classes have filled to 22 for 2 days, 23 for 1 day. A motion was made by Rita for the club to absorb the extra cost for that one. Mary seconded. All approved.

HOSPITALITY: Treats today were furnished by Dorothy and Joyce. Everyone will help with treats at Seminar. Diane reminded members there will be veggies and fruit there.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: Today Jo Ann had the program. Sept is Seminar. Oct is Bunco.

MEMBERSHIP: 23 members, 2 Honorees

NEWSLETTER: Deadline is Fri Aug 21st

WAYS AND MEANS: Nelda reported a few things are still to be turned in for Bunco. Nelda handed out the raffle tickets to the members.

WEBMASTER: Jo Ann said the website is up to date and she will maintain updates if needed.

HOLIDAY EVENT: Nelda reported bags were distributed and members participating should have them ready for the Dec exchange.

MEMORY BOXES: Bonnie mailed 9 boxes to Kansas. Extra boxes on the table for painting. Boxes always needed, she reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Pres Janae reported all positions for officers were filled except for the VP. She asked if someone would accept the position. Janae accepted the position for VP.

NEW BUSINESS: Jo Ann received a notice from a Sioux Falls woman that has three totes of supplies she wanted to give away. Jo Ann will meet with her to pick these up. The club will have them available for members to purchase at upcoming Seminar, meetings or when space is available. The money will be donated to the Memory Box program.

SHARE AND SHINE: Nelda, Karol, Betty, Joyce, Deb

DOOR PRIZE: Mary won the drawing to paint a memory box (to relieve Diane after she was the lucky first draw).

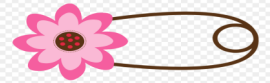
Thanks to Bonnie for the "scrubbies" she gave out at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am. Following the meeting members painted or colored penciled bookmarks that Jo Ann had available.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary,
Betty Bondeson



SHARING MEMORIES



I know this year has been hard on those who grow tomatoes--just too hot for success. But other crops have been more successful. I have been noticing how great some of the trees in our area are--so green and full. Occasionally I see a tree that just looks perfect--full and well balanced. I can imagine it as a happy place for the birds--all varieties. Picture multi-colored birds in a great tree--one of life's free bonuses for the observer with thanks to the planter and care-tender of the tree.

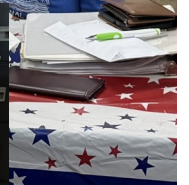
The tree of life is so symbolic. It can be just the tree or the tree filled with multi-colored birds. Among the birds could be a few black birds. These birds could symbolize our lives. Happy times--celebrations--birthdays--holidays. But along the way there have been unhappy times--death, loss, sickness.

Our memory box families might have recently celebrated their wedding--a family event, a celebration that required lots of planning. A time of shared joy. Planning for a family could be part of this new life together. Sorry to say, the pregnancy did not come to a happy result. This new life was extinguished too soon. Their tree of life has some black residents signifying sadness and perhaps a loss of any anticipated joy. Any future pregnancy will be shaded by the possibility of another sad result --a difficult burden to carry for months.

MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED



Memory Boxes & Show & Share



Cleaning your Plastic Water Basin

My water basin was very dirty with thick paint build up in the ridges. I filled the basin with distilled (white) vinegar and let stand over night. Then poured the vinegar in another container while I rinsed and scrubbed out the basin a little. Then put the vinegar back in basin and let stand again overnight. Next day cleaned the basin quite easy with a little scrubbing and a hard bristle brush.

Luann

REMINDERS

If you have projects for Bunco; please get them handed in so they can be counted.

Please finish and give to Bonnie the veteran ornaments so she can do the finishing touches.

Bonnie needs painted memory boxes



Spring Retreat

Spring retreat is fast approaching so we need to be thinking of projects that we can lead for the retreat. It can be an all day project or just a couple hours but we need teachers so we can continue this fun time together!

For a Memory Box!



Be painting memory boxes!

Plan on leading a class at Spring Retreat!

Get your prep work done for the seminar!

Being selling your raffle tickets!

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 2026 – **Diane & Sally**
 Webmaster & Facebook – **Jo Ann**
 Holiday Exchange – **Nelda**
 Newsletter – **Luann**
 Sharing Memories—**Mary**
 Memory Box ideas - **Deb**
 Publicity - **Karol J**
 Audit - **Karol J & Dorothy**

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	Ways & Means Bunco
June 20	Cindy R.
July 18	Luann & Janae
August 15	Jo Ann
September 18-20	Fall Seminar
October 17	Bunco Party
November 21	Connie M.
December 19	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

HOSPITALITY LIST 2026

January 17	Linda K. & Karol
February 21	Diane & Sally
March 21	Janae & Luann
April 18-19	Everyone Brings Treat
May 16	Mary & Deb
June 20	Connie & Janae
July 18	Everyone
August 15	Dorothy & Joyce
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

Slate of Officers for 2027

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