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CONNIE'S COMMENTS



The leaves have been beautiful this fall and I'm so glad we didn't have an early snow to ruin the colors. Our Bunco fund raiser will help with costs for our future teachers (Paulette DiGesare 2026 and Sandy McTier 2027). "Thank you" to all who painted items for prizes, raffle, silent auction, memory boxes and helped with this very busy event in any way. Nelda and Linda get kudo's for our Ways and Means Committee chairs. Mary and Diane got everyone registered and Deb and Janae worked at the 50/50 table. Our MC was Luann with her sense of humor (keeping us all on task). The memory box table was busy with Bonnie at the helm. Sally was flexible. Some of our members played bunco,(while others of us got drafted). Cindy had a group of her regular bunco players come to support us. The staff at the Moose was very attentive to our needs and lunch was tasty along with the variety of cookies. Set up and tear down went quickly with all members pitching in. We did have a few suggestions: Ring the bell louder so every one can hear. Reinforce the need to save door prize tickets and not throw them away if you don't win at the first drawing. I even received a special thanks from the winner of my silent auction piece.

Next month we'll have election of officers and pass out Committee report Forms to officers and committee chairs to fill out for blue books. There will be sign-up sheets as well: Officers nominated are:

Janae Herman	President
Deb Clark	Vice President/president elect/membership
Betty Bondeson	Secretary
Mary Zill	Treasurer

It was so good to see Pat and we missed those who were unable to attend due to illness of either themselves or family members. Hi to our out of state members because we missed you too! Rita would have been proud.....

See you next month,

Connie

*** Next BHADA Meeting is Nov 16, 2025 at 9:30 at
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

Election of Officers

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

Slate Of Officers For 2026

President – Janae H.
Vice-President – Deb C.
Secretary – Betty B.
Treasurer – Mary Z.



This water basin was left at the April Retreat. If it is yours; Diane has it and would love to get it back to you.

BHADA 2026 DUES

Are due this month.

\$20.00

Five dollar late fee if after November

Please pay

V~Pres Janae H.



Pat K. Nov 4

Jackie H. Nov 23



2025 BHADA OFFICERS

President
Connie M.

Vice-President
Membership
Janae H.

Secretary
Bonnie E

Treasurer
Mary Z.

Newsletter Editor
Luann B.
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CUTE IDEAS FOR A MEMORY BOX

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Ceramic ornaments were handed out at the meeting. If you want to participate in the exchange but did not get an ornament; Nelda will have them at the seminar or contact her to



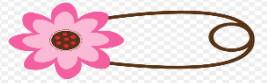
Monthly Programs For 2025

January 18	Bonnie E. Vet ornaments
February 15	Debby C.
March 15	Easter Egg Exchange
April 25-27	Spring Retreat
May 17	Jo Ann
June 21	Cindy R.
August 16	Bonnie
September 19-21	Fall Seminar
October 18	Bunco Party
November 15	Jo Ann
December 20	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats





SHARING MEMORIES



Every day should be as happy as BHADA Bunco party day! On that day there is clapping, cheering, bell ringing and lots of laughter. Our members have painted, planned and worked to guarantee a good day for our Bunco guests. Behind the scenes some were having aches and pains or had concerns over the health of loved ones. There is plenty of loss, suffering and uncertainty to go around.

The Memory Box program does not have the cheering and clapping. Its focus is on others loss. It is a heart to heart program dedicated to families who have experienced loss of an infant. As a general rule, we do not know the recipients--might have never even visited their state. But we recognize pain and loss and our hope is that we can provide a happy moment for them in the midst of their suffering with broken hearts. We want to provide a beautiful container to hold the baby's mementoes. May the box continue to provide comfort in the years to come.

Our members share their talents in choosing suitable patterns. Really, it is not the theme that counts, it is the kind-hearted caring and the willingness to paint the box. Don't forget to appreciate what we have accomplished over the years. Long ago we had decorated over 12,000 memory boxes. The current count is unknown.

We hope the hurting hearts of our recipients feel the love and hope we feel as we paint. Our hearts find peace in the importance of this project.

MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

BHADA Committee Chairs **For 2025**

Memory Box Program – Bonnie
and Mary
Membership - Janae & Deb
Hospitality – Linda K
Monthly Programs – Betty B.
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
Publicity - Karol J
Audit - Dorothy and Karol

HOSPITALITY LIST 2025

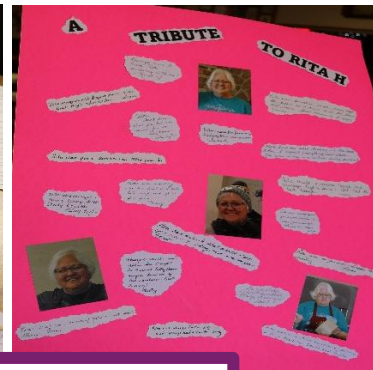
January 18	Linda K. & Karol
February 15	Connie & Sally
March 15	Deb & Dorothy
April 25-27	Everyone Brings Treat
May 17	Rita & Betty
June 21	Diane & Jackie
August 16	Dorothy & Joyce
September 19-21	Everyone Brings Treats
October 18	Everyone Brings Cookies
November 15	Mary & Deb
December 20	Christmas Exchange-- Everyone bring Treats Installation of officers



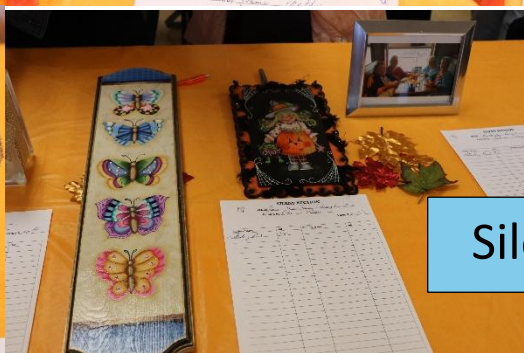
Bunco Update

Thanks to Rita H, and all of you who painted, sold raffle tickets and work during bunco; I believe it was a success. Oh, yes, a big thank you to Luann our MC. You are great Luann, everyone wanted to know where you came up with your jokes. Ours 50/50 winner was Melody Ladd, a new player. Raffle winners were Jackie Chadwick (Jackie's granddaughter) from Miles City Mt won the ironing board, Betty Bondeson won the sunflower trio and Karen Rembold won the chair. We had 13 tables of players. We had 16 attendees that were first time players or brought new players and were awarded 50/50 chances. The main dining hall of the Moose is a plus for us. Lunch served by the Moose ladies was wonderful. Negative comments were bell wasn't loud enough and some tore up their door prize tickets after the first drawing. Mary will have money total next meeting. Many thanks to you all.

Linda K. and Nelda.



The Annual Bunco Party In Memory of Rita H.



Silent Auction





Our Raffle Items



Bonnie



Mary, Diane & Raye

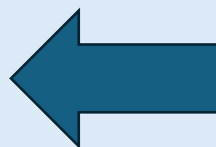


Luann, Deb & Janae



Nelda & Linda

**Committee
Chairs**



**Ladies you
did an
awesome
job!!!**



Raye, Nelda & Sally



Great Prizes



Fun Times



BUNCO!!



Roll off



Our MT who
thinks she is a
comedian

November MITI

Angels for You:

Each angel is a little different but the idea is the same. Bring any paint colors you want to use for your angel. They have faces so light medium dark skin tones, dresses in colors you want, wings to consider, and don't forget gold, silver, and glitter. They are about 3 1/2" to 4". \$1 each.

