

# The Park Bench

AEPNA Association Newsletter

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## President's Letter

### Who's Got Your Back (Yard)?

I'm sorry to report that there has been a rash of break-ins in the 65th and Poppleton area and elsewhere as well as some illicit activity in the 66th and Woolworth area. The break-ins have occurred in the daytime and evening and involve breaking down the front door, even in homes with dogs.

The best defense we have against crimes of opportunity and illegal behavior is to present a united front as a neighborhood. This means knowing our neighbors and watching out for each other. Please report suspicious behavior as well as actual burglaries to the police so they will be alert to such activity in the area and possibly patrol more often.

On a happier note, I'm pleased to report that Eileen Slane has submitted two grant requests (\$5,000 each) to the City of Omaha and Mutual for the Schroeder-Vogel Park Playground renovation. She's also organized a fundraiser through Schwan's Truckload Sale program. AEPNA can get between 10% - 20% of the sales from the event. Orders will be delivered to the park on Saturday, May 25. This sounds like a great time for an ice cream social, doesn't it? We can have a last hurrah at the park before renovations begin. The May newsletter will give more details on how to order and when to pick it up.

#### Dates to remember

- S/V Park Clean-up – Saturday May 4, from 10 AM – 1 PM (rain date: May 11, 10-1)
  - Next business meeting – Thursday, May 16
  - Dumpster Day – Saturday, May 18
  - Ice Cream Social (and Schwann's pick up) – Saturday, May 25 – watch for details
  - AEPNA Garage Sale – June 7 & 8 (note new date!)
  - Aksarben RibFest – August 22-24 (a fundraising event for us)
- I'll see you around the neighborhood!

Avery Schwer

#### Next Meeting ...

**Thursday,  
May 16th**

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Saint Matthew Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
1725 S. 60th Street  
3rd Thursday  
Every Other Month

Bring a friend or two  
and join us!



*AEPNA joins Field Club Neighborhood Association for Mayoral Candidate Forum*

**Garage Sale date change-** June 7 & 8. You've got a few more weeks to price your treasures and drag more out from the basement. Forms will be on website or call Eileen 402.553.5988 for a copy.

## FREE Shredding Event – May 18th

AARP is sponsoring FREE document shredding on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at the Center Mall, 42nd & Center from 9 AM to 1 PM. Limit of two boxes or grocery bags of household documents per person.



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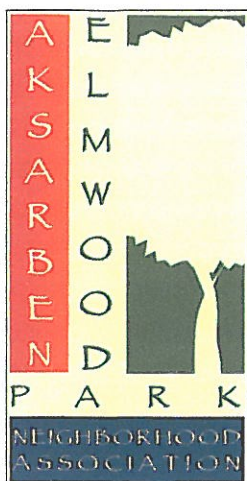
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screen and click "SUBMIT" directly below the box...it should  
display "Schroeder/Vogel Park".

Click on the type of gift card, the amounts and the quantity that you  
want to purchase.

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want to enter.

Click on "Continue" on the bottom of the page.

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Select the "Ship to" address and click on "Continue" on right side of  
the screen.

Enter your Credit Card info...Check directly below your phone  
number and email address, the fundraiser name should be listed  
there, if it is correct, then click on....

"Submit Order". If it's not correct, type in the Campaign ID # and  
click "Submit Order".

### Ordering Gift Cards via the phone:

Call 1-888-SCHWANS (724-9267) and tell them that you want to  
order gift cards for a fundraiser. They're ready to help you place  
your order...make sure you have your credit card ready!!

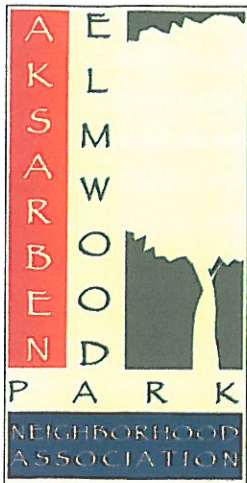
Be sure to include the **Campaign Code # 42737**. You have until  
**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013** to order.



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## Online or Phone Orders

Place an order for food or purchase Gift Cards online at  
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**Orders must be submitted with Campaign Code  
42737 and received by Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Paper Orders – Please have paper orders to a Schroeder-  
Vogel Park Rep. by Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Pick up and pay for your order

How convenient! Schwan's will be at the Schroeder-Vogel  
Park on *Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.* A  
Schwan's representative will contact you in advance as a  
reminder!! You pay for your order when you pick it up.

Orders must be picked up and paid for on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
for the Schroeder-Vogel Park to receive credit. The park will  
not receive credit for orders delivered to your home.

## Can't be there on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> ?

Can't pick up your order on May 25<sup>th</sup>? No problem! Just  
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# Small Wonders

## With A Little Help From My Friends:

### Celebrating International Women's Day on Leavenworth

By Andrea Tonniges

I'm proud to be a woman who owns her own business. My store, The Humble Home, allows me to express my creativity, interact with some truly amazing pieces of home décor (some of which leave my store all too soon, but I'm not complaining!) and perhaps most importantly, be part of something bigger than myself.

According to a 2012 study commissioned by American Express, the US has an estimated 8.3 million woman-owned businesses and they're growing at a rate of one and one-half times the national average. The growth rate in Nebraska is 34.8% over the last five years.

Omaha has many woman-owned businesses, but there's an unusual concentration on Leavenworth Street from 50th to 56th. This small stretch is home to businesses ranging from dance and yoga studios to restaurants and home décor. Gerda's, j.coco, Sharon Barnhart's Dance Studio, Spruce, Kate's Closet, Bhadra Yoga, McMillian Antiques, Legend Coffee, Weird Wild Stuff, and Tasty Pastry are all owned by women and each brings a unique style (and in some cases flavor) to the neighborhood.

We joined forces on March 8th of this year to celebrate International Women's Day, a day designated to celebrate the economic, political, and social achievements of women. The event was not conceived by just one person. It was truly a collaboration of many of the business owners on Leavenworth. We all brought ideas, time, and resources to make it happen.

Participating businesses hung balloons outside to indicate a business owned by a woman. Some stores had sales, some served special appetizers, but all of them got to meet a lot of people they hadn't met before. A lot of the visitors to the Humble Home mentioned that they'd never known there were so many businesses in the area that were owned by women.

It could not have been a better day, and I'm pleased to be one of many businesses that call Leavenworth home. If you stopped in to see me or one of my neighbors that day, thank you so much! If you haven't had a chance to fully explore the variety of shops and restaurants our neighborhood offers, there has never been a better time than now.

See you soon!



*Kate's Closet*

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