



# HHH NEWS

HORMEL HISTORIC HOME...where the past inspires the present



Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

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## The new face of autism at the Hormel Historic Home



**Beth Tobak**

Autism programming has been a part of the Hormel Historic Home since 2009. It all started with a generous donation from Gary and Pat Ray. Their ongoing financial support allowed this program to grow and become one of the Hormel Home's greatest accomplishments. Leading the way, in the beginning, was Mary Barinka. Her passion and dedication to this program, which falls under our education mission, paved the way to our future success. With Mary's retirement she moves on to a new chapter in her life. We are thrilled to introduce Beth Tobak as our new Community Autism Resource Specialist, the new face of our autism programming. Beth's impressive background working with children who have behavioral and social disabilities along with her dedication to providing guidance and nurturing support not only to children but to their families as well makes her the ideal person to lead the Hormel Home's autism programming into the future. Beth comes to us with fresh ideas and is eager to get to know and support our families and advocate for them throughout the community. As the Executive Director, I am excited about all that Beth will bring to the program and to the Hormel Historic Home as a whole.

Early intervention affords the best opportunity to support healthy development and deliver benefits across the lifespan. If you know anyone struggling with autism or know a family in need, please have them contact us so we can offer support and guidance.



*Cindy Meany*  
HHH Executive Director

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Field trips are right around the corner. We cant wait to welcome our kids back again this year to help them learn about Austin's history! If you are interested in volunteering during this fun but busy time for us, please let us know.

### HORMEL RETIREES

I am in search of Hormel Retirees! We would like to honor all of those who have worked for George throughout the years. In order to do this I must first compile a list and need your help. If you are, or know someone who is, a retiree please email me at [cindy@hormelhistorichome.org](mailto:cindy@hormelhistorichome.org) with contact information.

### Test Your Knowledge (answer key on page 2)

- George was born in Buffalo and died in Los Angeles      T      F
- George's Grandfather operated a meat business in Germany      T      F
- When George was young he worked as a forest ranger      T      F
- In 1927 George produced the nation's first canned ham      T      F
- George and Lillian met at a street dance      T      F
- George was the son of German immigrants      T      F
- George had a grandson who was US Ambassador to Luxembourg      T      F
- Lillian Hormel was born and raised in Austin      T      F



# The difference a membership can make

Your generous support allows us to continue serving our mission to maintain and continue preserving the home and to honor the Hormel family legacy of Hospitality, Music, Education and Community Service through various programming. Your gift provides us with so many opportunities to serve and support our community and the people who live among us. Thank you for your generosity in the past and in the future! People like you make a difference. If you know anyone who would like to join the HHH and help us continue to support our community, please have them get in touch with us.

## Junior Volunteer Program at the Hormel Historic Home



Emmitt is a first grader at Southgate Elementary. Emmitt has helped us with our Christmas set up and most recently spent time in our office over his holiday break from school helping us fold and staple brochures. Thank you

Emmitt for being an important part of the Hormel Historic Home!



Kallie is a 5th grader at Southland Public Schools. Kallie has helped us with gardening, Christmas decorating, setting tables and vacuuming. Thank

you Kallie for being an important part of the Hormel Historic Home!

Younger generations have always inspired the rest of us to create a better world. That kind of idealism can be infectious, and when paired with a desire to help others, real change can occur. Our Junior Volunteer Program is the intersection of aspiration and inspiration.

There are numerous benefits to involving our youth in volunteer opportunities. Volunteering at the Hormel Historic Home provides our youth with lifelong skills to:

- ⇒ Connect with and work with those who are different than they are, including other volunteers.
- ⇒ Understanding the needs of others.
- ⇒ Be involved in the strengthening of our neighborhoods and communities.
- ⇒ Participating in meaningful work resulting in a sense of accomplishment.
- ⇒ Learning new skills and gaining confidence.
- ⇒ Improving their own life and the lives of others.
- ⇒ Having fun in a way they may not have thought possible.

If you have a child between the ages of 6 and 14 who would appreciate learning the value of volunteering, please contact Cindy at the HHH. [cindy@hormelhistorichome.org](mailto:cindy@hormelhistorichome.org).

### ANSWER KEY

1. True      2. True      3. False– he worked on the railroad      4. True      5. False– they met at church  
6. True      7. T (James Hormel, son of Jay)      8. F– she was from Blooming Prairie



When you choose us as your event venue, you are choosing to support our community. Proceeds from events support our missions and helps us give back in so many ways through music, education, community service and hospitality.

Call to find out how we can make your next event spectacular.



## Upcoming Events

January 28th– Friends of the Library Murder Mystery Fundraiser– Tickets and details on our website

February 11th– More Than Pink Ball– Tickets available through the Community Learning Center

February 25th– Bag Battle for Autism Fundraiser– walk ins welcome on the day of

March 8th– Red Cross Blood Drive at the HHH– register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or 1-800-RED-CROSS

March 11th– Austin Rotary Trivia Fun Night (benefiting children's dental health) Fundraiser- Tickets and details on our website

## Save The Dates (more details will be in the next newsletter)

April 23rd– Stepping Out For Autism Walk– Fundraiser for our autism programming

May 4th– Card party and luncheon, evening polka concert in memory of Anita Ulwelling– Fundraiser for the HHH

June 5th– Music At The Mansion begins (we will serve food again this year)

## Harris Music Contest to be held March 4th

It's that time of year when we all look forward to our area music students competing in our Harris Music Contest. This competition is named for Hormel family member, MarySue Hormel Harris, who so generously donates annually to our music programming. Thank you MarySue for helping to inspire these students in their music journey! Please visit our website to get your entry turned in. Deadline is February 15th.

## Upcoming member only events

It's always a treat to see our members and have a chance to chat at our members only social events.

Please always feel free to bring a friend with you as we love to show off our home and have an opportunity to talk to more people about supporting us through a membership. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming member only happy hour events!

**Tuesday, February 14th (Valentines Day) from 3pm to 5pm.**



Oh how we love thee, let us count the ways..... 1, sweetheart desserts. 2, free wine, beer and a special sweetheart drink. 3, great company and conversation.

**Monday, March 20th (first day of spring) 3pm to 5pm**

Join us for delicious appetizers and drinks as we welcome the season of Spring!



## George Hormel's favorite dessert

### Mrs. Hormel's Sour Cream Cake

2 c. Sugar + 3 Eggs      1 ½ c. Sour Cream

2 ½ c. Flour              1 t. Baking Soda  
½ t. Nutmeg              1/2 t. salt

Beat the eggs and sugar until they are light and fluffy. Add sour cream and sifted dry ingredients. Pour into lightly greased pan.

Baking Instructions: Loaf Pan- 45 minutes; 8x8 in.- 25 min.  
Or until center springs back when touched.

Mr. Hormel preferred his cake unfrosted but a lemon or orange glaze would be a nice addition.

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The Hormel family valued education and music and exuded a spirit of hospitality. Those values carried on through the work of the Y.W.C.A. and continue today as the mission of the Hormel Historic Home.

### Contact Us:

**208 4th Ave. NW ~ Austin, MN 55912 ~ 507-433-4243**

**Office & Tour Hours: Monday—Friday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Self-guided tours are free for members; \$5 per person for non-members**

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### Hormel Historic Home

208 4th Ave. NW  
Austin, MN 55912

**Open for walk in tours  
Tuesday—Friday  
10 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

### Calendar

Jan 28	Library fundraiser
Feb 11	More than Pink Ball
Feb 14	Member Happy Hour 3-5
Feb 23	Bag Battle for Autism
Mar 4	Harris Music Contest
Mar 8	Red Cross Blood Drive
Mar 11	Austin Rotary Trivia
Mar 20	Member Happy Hour 3-5
April 13	Autism Walk
May 4	Card party luncheon/ Polka Band in the evening
June 5	Music At The Mansion Begins

Money collected from tours and events helps support our missions.

If you know anyone looking for a fun part time job, send them our way. Since the introduction of our in house catering we keep getting busier and busier. We are looking for servers, kitchen help and bartenders.

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