



# the bridge to hope

2016 Spring Newsletter

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## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Check out the events that will be happening through out the Menomonie area:

- Displays at the Menomonie, Durand, Colfax, Boyceville, and Pepin Library, CVTC Entrance, Stout Library, and Veteran's Conference (April 2nd)
- "Be the Solution" Game at local middle schools.
- Stout Blossom Festival- April 8th
- Take Back the Night at Raw Deal on April 23rd
- Showing of "Tough Guise 2" at the Menomonie Public library on April 13th at 6:30PM. Our showing will be free to the public and will discuss the ongoing epidemic of men's violence in America that is rooted in our inability as a society to move beyond outmoded ideals of manhood. You can also find this event and more information for it on our Facebook Page.

## Legislation passed in WI to include protection of pets.

WI courts can now include family pets in protection orders as part of the restraining order process. *Studies show that up to 70 percent of domestic violence cases involve abuse to a pet.* Under this new law, the court may order the respondent in a restraining order case to refrain from removing, hiding, damaging, harming, mistreat, or disposing of a household pet. Thanks to WI legislators who recognized the link between animal and human abuse. The Bridge to Hope makes every effort to house pets with their owners in our shelter.



**Please report animal abuse. You may be saving that animal's life, as well as stopping the abuse of children and adults. Whenever animals are abused, people are also at risk. And when people are abused, animals are also at risk.**



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Find us on Facebook at The Bridge to Hope and like our page.

# Welcome to the Board!

My husband and I recently moved to Menomonie. I now am a retired educator with lots of new hobbies and interests in getting involved with the Menomonie community. As a Family Living Educator with UW-Extension, Washburn County, I have had the opportunity to teach Personal Finance and Parent Education for four years. I was also the Family and Consumer Education Teacher at Hudson High School, Hudson, WI for many years. I taught Personal Finance, Parent and Child Development, and Employability Skills. I have a Bachelors of Science Degree in Home Economics from the UW-Stout (1982) and a Masters Degree in Family and Consumer Education, UW-Stout (1997).

~Deb Meyer



## The Bridge wish list:

- Gas Cards/ gift cards
- Pillows
- Laundry detergent
- Bath towels
- Non-perishable food items
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Feminine Products
- Hygiene products
- Cleaning supplies
- Toiletries (paper towels)
- Diapers (size 3-5)

These items are in high demand and we are always accepting donations. If you want to donate stop by and drop the items off or call 715-235-9074.

We are so grateful to Dana Brunstrom for the six years he has served on the Board of Directors for The Bridge to Hope. During that time Dana served as president, vice-president, and treasurer. However, Dana did so much more than that. He and his family spent several weekends over the years improving our shelter. They worked together laying new laminate flooring in one of our shelter bedrooms. They spent another weekend transporting and erecting a large outside kennel for pets. And they spent yet another weekend working on our wooden play gym. The whole family was also part of our float for the Razzle Dazzle Christmas Parade one year, and Deb sewed elf hats for all the participants. Dana's expertise at financial matters kept us in good shape. One of the things I really admired about him was his commitment to service, and how he not only modeled that for his children, but also included them in service projects. We will always be grateful for his leadership, kindness, and commitment. He is a man with a very big heart.

*Thank you Dana!*

Naomi Cummings



If you would like to receive our newsletter via email or would no longer wish to receive our newsletter send an email to [manager@thebridgetohope.org](mailto:manager@thebridgetohope.org).

We would like to thank the Anne Marie Foundation for approving our grant so we could get 3 new doors for our shelter. We are very grateful to have new doors for our clients to have more privacy while they stay in our shelter.



## Date Rape Drugs

You may have heard the term "date rape drugs" that can aid a perpetrator in committing sexual assault. Drug-facilitated sexual assault can happen to anyone, whether the perpetrator is an acquaintance, friend, a date or a stranger. Alcohol is the most commonly used substance in drug-facilitated sexual assault. But prescription drugs like tranquilizers and muscle relaxers are also used. Street drugs like rohypnol and ecstasy can be added to drinks without changing the flavor. These substances inhibit a person's ability to resist and can prevent them from remembering the assault. Drug-facilitated sexual assault occurs in two ways: when the perpetrator takes advantage of a victim's voluntary use of drugs, alcohol, or when the perpetrator intentionally forces a victim to consume drugs without their knowledge. Some victims blame themselves for drinking too much at a party or putting themselves in a potentially dangerous situation. It's important to remember that if a sexual assault occurs under these circumstances, it is not the victims fault.

## Bridge to Hope Board of Directors

**Tracy Glenz:** Chair Senior Associate, HWC  
**Mary (Mame) Gale:** Vice Chair- Personal Asset Manager  
**Kaley Walker:** Secretary-Attorney at Eiden & Hatfield, LLC  
**Mary Orfield:** Treasurer- retired from UW-Stout  
**Becky Kneer:** Parish Nurse at Our Saviors Lutheran Church  
**Gary Johnson:** Aurora Community Counseling  
**Howard Lee:** retired from UW-Stout  
**Deb Meyer:** retired educator  
**Dana Brunstrom:** Dana Brunstrom, CPA

## Meet the new staff of The Bridge.

My name is Chloe. I graduated from UW-Stout in December from the Human Development and Family Studies program. Through my education and previous experience working at The Bridge to Hope, I learned to love working and advocating for survivors of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault. I am very excited to begin my position as the Family and Youth Advocate to further educate, advocate, and support clients of The Bridge.



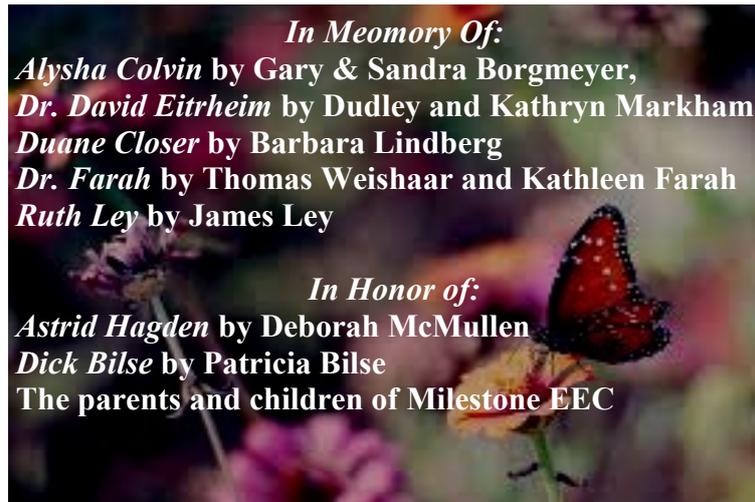
My name is Angie McIlquham. I am a mother to three amazing children ages 16, 14 and 10. I have been married to my husband, Bruce, for almost 12 years and have been doing adult foster care for almost 13. I am a recent nontraditional graduate from UWEC with a degree in Social Work. Some of my hobbies and interests include reading, photography, music and playing games/coloring with the kids. However, my true passion is in advocacy, which has led me to the Bridge to Hope. I am excited to see where this journey takes me!

### *In Meomory Of:*

*Alysha Colvin* by Gary & Sandra Borgmeyer,  
*Dr. David Eitrheim* by Dudley and Kathryn Markham  
*Duane Closer* by Barbara Lindberg  
*Dr. Farah* by Thomas Weishaar and Kathleen Farah  
*Ruth Ley* by James Ley

### *In Honor of:*

*Astrid Hagden* by Deborah McMullen  
*Dick Bilse* by Patricia Bilse  
The parents and children of Milestone EEC



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Providing a bridge to hope that creates a safer, more just and compassionate society.

## Guest Server Night at Barrel Room

***This event will benefit  
The Bridge to Hope!***

***April 20, 2016  
5:30-7:30PM***

**Guest Servers:**

**Tracy Glenz    Deb Meyer  
Kaley Walker    Howard Lee  
Becky Kneer    Mary Orfield  
Gary Johnson    Mame Gale  
Julie Furst-Bowe**



320 Main Street

**ALL TIPS THAT THE SERVERS RECEIVE WILL BENEFIT THE BRIDGE TO HOPE.**

**Cash and checks only.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**Donating Is Easy!**

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