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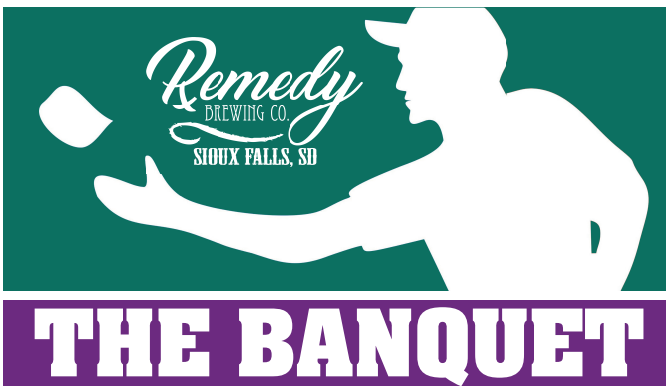
Return Service Requested

Open Summer Dates to Serve

The Banquet has open dates in August and September for small or large groups. We welcome individuals to sign up by going to <https://thebanquetsf.org/volunteer> or call Brian at 605 335 7066.



BAGS FOR



August 27th, 2021 Remedy Brewing is hosting a bean bag tournament to benefit The Banquet!

The format of this tournament will be a 16-team cap bean bag tournament, hosted by Remedy Brewing Co. at the 8th and Railroad building (401 E 8th St. #120, Sioux Falls, SD).



We will have teams check in starting at 5:30PM and 'bags fly' at 6PM. Format will be double elimination, standard scoring/rules. \$40.00 entry per team of 2. To pay registration either use Venmo (Thebanquetsf) or pay cash that day.

To register a team, use the QR code or call 605 335 7066 with your team name and contact information.

Featured Employee

As a change of pace, instead of featuring our newest employee this month, we're featuring our "oldest" one. Our Finance Manager, Shiloh Oorlog started at The Banquet in January 2007, making her our longest-employed staff member. Her favorite part of the job has always been the volunteers – she says she loves seeing their commitment to The Banquet and the compassion they show our guests. In addition to her full time job at The Banquet, Shiloh is the Music Director at Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon, teaches water aerobics for Great Life, sings about 100 shows a year in a duo called L'attitude, and last summer purchased Tropical Sno with her daughter Leah.



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Project: SOS

"Supply Our Students"

Last school year in our community, The Banquet's Project: SOS provided over 6,000 brand new backpacks and school supplies to children in need. This school year, with an increased student population, we plan to do even more backpacks. Your help will make a difference in the lives of these students.

Look for Project: SOS collection boxes at participating retail stores throughout Sioux Falls. All school supplies left in those boxes will be picked up and brought to The Banquet. Participating retail stores are Hy-Vee, Lewis Drug, Wal-Mart, and Staples.

We welcome businesses, groups, churches, families, and individuals who are willing to "adopt-a-supply" or purchase backpacks and supplies for our kids. If you can help, please contact Mary at 605 335 7066 or projects@thebanquetsf.org to inquire about our supply needs and volunteer opportunities.

How to Volunteer to Help

We are now signing up volunteers. You MUST sign up to volunteer! We will put a Sign-Up Genius link on our website. We are limited to groups of 10-18. We will have 2 shifts: 9:00 am – 11:00 am or 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. High school age and adult volunteers only.

Distribution will be the week of Aug. 16-21. We will post a sign-up link at www.thebanquetsf.org on August 4. High school age and adult volunteers as well as interpreters are needed. Please contact Mary at 605 335 7066 or projects@thebanquetsf.org with any questions.

Thank you for all you do for The Banquet!



Back to the Future

The Banquet, at its downtown and westside locations, is now fully open and welcoming all our guests to join us in the dining room. With the slight change of serving milk, water, and coffee from a beverage center, we are back to our pre-COVID kitchen and dining room procedures. Cynthia Venekamp, a Banquet Dining Room Coordinator, states that she is, "so happy to see all of my peeps – old friends and new friends – back in the dining room. The peeps just make my day better!"

Now You Know!

To successfully prepare and serve our meals and encounter our guests, The Banquet needs the support of 100 volunteers per day, 500 per week, 2,000 per month, and 24,000 volunteers per year. Thank you to the individuals and groups that make up The Banquet army of volunteers!



Shared Words

Executive Director Tamera Jerke-Liesinger

In “The Welcome Table, Reflections on THE BANQUET”, Jo Vaughn Gross remarked on the importance of music as part of the ministry of The Banquet. She stated, “One of the ways to unite a serving team both before and after the meal is through music.” We welcome musicians and singers to come to The Banquet and share their gifts with our guests and volunteers. When your organization, business, church, or school group comes to serve, please invite some of your singers and musicians to join you at The Banquet.

Dear Banquet,
Before COVID I was a volunteer at The Banquet. I did not volunteer during the past year. I am not steady on my feet anymore and it would be difficult to be part of the serving line or washing tables. Is there something I can still do for The Banquet at mealtime?

Sincerely missing The Banquet,
Martha

Dear Martha,
Thank you for your letter. Yes, there are still ways for you to serve at The Banquet. The most important way you could serve is to become a “Table Companion”. No need to sign up – just come to The Banquet whenever the spirit moves you. All we require is for you to sit down and visit with our guests. We do have other “sit down” volunteer opportunities during mealtime. We also invite friends of The Banquet to bake cookies or bars for the volunteer coffee breaks. Just call Brian at 605 335 7066. Please keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely missing you,
Brian – Community Partnership Coordinator

Our Current Special Project List

We are seeking individuals or groups to assist The Banquet with some repair and improvement projects. This is a great opportunity for a youth group to contribute to The Banquet!

- Cleaning the ceiling lights | Repair the garden shed door frame
- Drywall repair | Dining room painting | Dining room rafter cleaning
- Repaint ceiling vent covers | Weed spraying | Handrail re-painting
- Landscaping at The Banquet Downtown



This space needs your help!

The Basket of Plenty

The Banquet welcomes all vegetable and flower gardeners to share the fruit of their labors with The Banquet and our guests. We invite you to bring flowers from your garden, birthday, wedding, the celebration of life event, etc. Renee Giese, The Banquet Food Service Manager, notes that “Fresh flowers brighten up the dining room and the lives of our guests!”



Volunteer Opportunity

The Banquet’s front desk is staffed by a great group of volunteers. The front desk staff answers the phone, sorts the mail, hands out hygiene products, etc. We need several volunteers available to substitute as needed. Please call Brian at 605 335 7066 for further details.



Gifts in Honor/Memory of

Thank you to the many people who give gifts to The Banquet in honor or in memory of a friend or relative. These wonderful gifts help sustain The Banquet ministry.

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WISH LIST

The following items are on the Banquet wish list

1. Portable power washer
2. Battery powered weed whacker
3. Heavy duty metal shelving for the warehouse

Please give us a call at 335 7066 to review the donation or purchase.