Gleaner Spirit

Congratulations to Andresen, Baker

Following Gleaner Life's historic June election — in which all benefit members were able to vote for the first time — members of the Board of Directors have chosen Stephanie Andresen as their new Chair. Andresen grew up as a Gleaner member with an arbor in Omaha, Nebraska. She has more than 20 years of experience in project management and strategic planning as an infrastructure product owner at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. She joined Gleaner's Board in 2020, serving since last year as Vice Chair. Andresen was one of four incumbent Board members along with Bethany Figg, Margaret Noe, and William Tuttamore who were voted new terms in the election. The Board also chose Donna Baker as Vice Chair. Baker first joined the Gleaner Board in 2016. She is the managing partner of Donna Baker & Associates CPAs, the largest accounting firm in Lenawee County, Michigan, along with other businesses. She also is Chair of the MS in Accountancy Program at Adrian College. She and her husband live on a fifth-generation dairy farm.

Andresen succeeds Margaret Noe, who served as Chair during a pivotal time in Gleaner's history, guiding the organization through significant change with steadiness and integrity. Her leadership was instrumental in advancing constitutional reforms and strengthening our governance. We're grateful that she continues to serve on the board, where her guidance and wisdom remain invaluable.

Under Gleaner Life's new, member-approved By-laws, Board applicants were interviewed and determined by an independent leadership and HR development consultancy (People Forward). As required, it determined election candidates based solely on pre-existing Board Qualifications from the Board Policy Manual and the independent process. There are no set number of candidates required; People Forward could qualify all, some, or no applicants. Voting was conducted June 1 to June 30 by independent election services provider Election Source. All the best wishes for the future to Gleaner members' Board of Directors.



Register for fall's Safari to Kalahari

Summer will soon slide into fall, but you can look forward to more water fun if you sign up for Gleaner Life's annual Safari to Kalahari. This year's event is Nov. 7-9 in Sandusky, Ohio, at the Midwest's largest indoor water park. You'll find the perfect fall water adventure no matter whether your group is looking for the thrills of FlowRider® surfing, the uphill water rollercoaster, and the new Dawn Breaker, or prefers the lazy river, family raft ride, and wave pool — or any variety of favorites! Kalahari also features African-themed signature shops and restaurants.

Each room receives four passes to the water park. The two basic Gleaner room packages are:

- The Double Queen room features two queen beds with a patio/balcony.
- The Double Queen Sofa room provides a full-size sleeper sofa in addition to the two queen beds, and the option to purchase two additional water park passes for \$50 each per day.

These water park packages are \$195 per night (two-night minimum stay) for members. Additional rooms and rates are available. See the flyer at www.gleanerlife.org/kalahari for a full list. All rooms come with modern amenities and complimentary access to Kalahari's Fitness Center. Gleaner also provides a complimentary Saturday morning buffet breakfast, with a free photo booth to help you remember your wild weekend of fun. Start your registration at www.gleanerlife.org/kalahari to reserve your summer fun this fall!



Get away to the Canadian Rockies in 2026!

The 2026 Gleaner Getaway has been announced, and Gleaner members can begin registering now. The trip will be an Aug. 23-28, 2026, exploration of Banff, Alberta, and the surrounding majesty of Canada's iconic peaks. Fly to Calgary and unpack just once as you stay in beautiful Banff, dine at Chateau Lake Louise, ride the Banff Gondola, view unforgettable lakes including Louise, Moraine, Emerald and others, visit Yoho National Park, see the Valley of the Ten Peaks, Mt. Rundle, Bow Falls and more. The package for this sixday, five-night trip includes the Columbia Icefield Ice Explorer Ride across the 1,000-foot-thick Athabasca Glacier and a drive to spot wildlife and scenery on the Icefields Parkway.

Travelers also have numerous optional side trips available including a special tour of Calgary's attractions, nature walks in Banff National Park, canoeing on the Bow River, golf at

the world-famous Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, or visiting sites of Canada's 1988 Winter Olympic Games, to name just a few. The trip is led by a tour professional and organized by Premier World Tours. For more details, email Gleaner Life's Community Engagement at events@gleanerlife.org and have updates sent to your email address. Visit www.gleanerlife.org/CanadianRockies to begin registering.



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