

# United Way Gears Up for 2014 Campaign

Alone you can do incredible things. But TOGETHER, we can do ANYTHING!

United Way & Volunteer Services (UWVS) of Greater Yankton focuses on addressing community needs through collaboration amongst volunteers and local organizations. Part of that focus is geared toward our annual fundraising campaign.

Numerous nonprofits in the Greater Yankton area annually submit financial requests to the UWVS Board of Directors. We review the requests and then distribute the funds raised through our campaign to those organizations, to benefit thousands of people in our area.

All of us at UWVS are gearing up to kick off the 2014 Campaign where we get to share with the community the incredible works of over 35 local programs. Once again we will be hosting events to raise awareness during UNITED WAY WEEK August 26th - 31st!

The following activities are planned for UNITED WAY WEEK:

Monday, August 26th : Participating businesses with marquees will be promoting LIVE UNITED all over town.

Tuesday, August 27th : LIVE UNITED shirt day! Check us out on FACEBOOK or listen to local radio stations for a chance to win LIVE UNITED shirts.

Wednesday, August 28th : The BIG THANKS event! This is where United Way volunteers, wearing LIVE UNITED shirts, will be stand-



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ing outside establishments who are loyal supporters of United Way, holding signs, thanking them for their support! Keep your eyes peeled!

Thursday, August 29th : DINE UNITED! Participating restaurants will be sharing a portion of their proceeds that day with UWVS. Check our website - [www.yankton-unitedway.org](http://www.yankton-unitedway.org) - or listen to the local radio stations for the participating restaurants.

Friday, August 30th : A free appreciation Car Wash from 4:00 -

6:00 pm at the Boys & Girls Club, 1804 Broadway Avenue.

Saturday, August 31st : Campaign Kickoff will occur during half time of the first at home football game of the Yankton High School Bucks.

If your car needs a wash, if you want to eat out on Thursday, August 29th, or if you like to watch the Bucks play football, please join in on the activities.

Again this year, we ask that you look for the double sided mailer coming to your door September

3rd. The mailer lists our partner agencies supported via this campaign, pictures of people that live and work in the greater Yankton area, a tear-off pledge card, plus information how partner agencies and programs network with each other to address community issues.

The 2014 Campaign theme, "Alone you can do incredible things, but TOGETHER we can do ANYTHING", emphasizes that your much appreciated gift, combined with the gifts of others, will im-

prove thousands of lives each year.

Just look at the impact your dollars are making:

With a \$1 per week donation, 2 youth can attend the Boys & Girls Club through the Connecting Kids Youth Scholarship program.

With a \$3 per week donation, two weeks of hot meals can be delivered to 3 seniors through The Center's, Meals on Wheels program.

With a \$5 per week donation, the Contact Center can provide food and assistance to a family of 4 during a time of crisis.

With a \$10 per week donation, the Yankton Area Literacy Council can provide year round tutoring sessions to 5 students.

These are just a few examples of how your contribution is making a difference in our community.

Your contribution goes far, but not far away. It stays right here in the Greater Yankton area, improving the lives of our neighbors, friends, relatives, and co-workers.

When that one sheet mailer comes to your mailbox, please take a few minutes to read it, decide the donation you would like to share, and mail the pledge form and your donation to: United Way & Volunteer Services, 610 W. 23rd St., Yankton, SD.

If you would like more information, please call 665-6766 or email us at [unitedway@iw.net](mailto:unitedway@iw.net)

Please help us make this year's campaign a success. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED!

## Youthworks Strives To Enhance Community

Over the past month the Christian based program, Youthworks is committed to providing life-changing mission experiences for 12-19 year olds had made its home in Yankton. The students and their adult leaders from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Texas served the needs of numerous agencies in the community. The program was housed by Trinity Lutheran Church and reached out to The Center, Lutheran World Relief, Kolor Me Kids, Humane Society, Emmaus House, Assembly of God Food Bank, Big Friend-Little Friend, Majestic Bluffs, and the Lewis and Clark Parks and Recreation. Each week a new group of students worked with their host site.

Youthworks believes every teenager should experience a mission trip that values relationships, respects communities and connects the hands of service with the heart of Jesus. Quality mission trip experiences show students how to use their lives to love and value others better. Youthworks has been around since 1994 and is based out of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The program has 70+ sites in communities across the country, in addition to sites in Puerto Rico and Canada. When the program started one of their first sites was on the Pine Ridge Reservation and this is the first time they have been to Yankton.

"We feel very blessed to have been a part of the Youthworks program. It was really nice to have so many new faces in our building. The students and their leaders worked very hard each week to improve our facility. They deep cleaned the building top to bottom, offered free car washes to our members, served, prepared and cleaned up after lunch each day. The group started and completed a beautiful landscape project enhancing our grounds. Most importantly they took advantage of getting acquainted and interacting with our members. They line danced, played pool and table tennis, and shared stories," said executive director Christy Hauer. Youthworks Coordinators felt serving the Yankton area was very gratifying and they are looking forward to coming back next year.



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## Diede Family Reunion Held In Scotland

On Sunday, July 28, 2013, the family of Michael and Caroline Diede again gathered for their annual reunion at the VFW Post home in Scotland. Shirley Diede of Lesterville led us in prayer, after which we all enjoyed a bounteous pot luck lunch.

The afternoon was spent visiting and catching up with family happenings.

We sang Happy Birthday to Don Diede of Springfield, who celebrated his 85th birthday, and enjoyed birthday cake provided and cut by his daughter, Connie Oringeroff of Ft. Meyers, Fl.

The oldest person attending was Florence Diede of Redfield, S.D. and the youngest was 2 yr. old Kamdyn Puetz of Canistota, S.D.

Others attending were: Tom Oringerff, Ft. Meyers, Fl.; Steve Diede, White Bear Lake, Minn.; Jerold & Lea Bender, Redfield, S.D.; Darold Diede and Aiden Kocer, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Ashley, Casey & Jaxon Puetz, Canistota, S.D.; Dale & Brigitta Diede, Mission Hill, S.D.; Grace Diede, Springfield, S.D.; Bob Diede, Lois Anderson, Carol Ackerman, Ron & Marge Crosley, DeWane & Betty Froreich, Tami Johnson, Collett, Vernon & Minnie Schenkel, Yankton, S.D.; Alan & Lillian Schenkel, Utica, S.D.; Dick Diede, Ferne Diede, Fillmore & Darlene Mutschelknaus, Lesterville, S.D.; June Diede, Menno, S.D.; Barb Cisar, Jim & Jan Kocer, Lester & Shirley Muehlbeier, Scotland, S.D.

It was decided to meet again next year on July 27, 2014. Same time, same place. Hope to see you then.



Pictured are Deb Specht, JA Yankton Board Member, and Dr. Wayne Kindle from the Yankton Community Foundation.

## Junior Achievement Receives \$550 Gift From Yankton Community Foundation

Junior Achievement of Yankton received a \$550 donation from the Yankton Community Foundation to support JA Yankton Programs during the 2013-14 school year.

Junior Achievement of Yankton has been offering programs since 1998. During the 2012-2013 school year, community volunteers impacted over 1,000 students in grades 2, 3, 5, and high school with financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work-readiness education. The Yankton JA Board is responsible for

fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness.

Junior Achievement has been operating in South Dakota since 1968 and serves over 47,000 students with over 2,200 South Dakota classroom volunteers. Junior Achievement of South Dakota has volunteer-delivered programs for students in kindergarten through high school, which introduce work-readiness concepts in an experiential learning format. Visit <http://www.jasd.org/> to learn more.

### MEETINGS

#### TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Club 1294 meets each Saturday at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant, 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 3, 2013. This morning's meeting was called to order by President, Steve Hamilton. The invocation was given by John Swensen followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. New member, Teresa Rentsch, introduced her guest/husband, Walter Rentsch. Mike Arens was introduced as the meeting's Toastmaster. Arens called on the Master Evaluator, Matt Stone, who announced the evaluation team. The team included: Grammarian, Steve Hamilton. Hamilton introduced the

word of the day, "Prattle." The Ah counter: Carol Smith. Vernon Arens was timer.

Table Topics were led by Tara Arens. The theme of table topics was "Random questions."

Two members presented speeches. The first speaker was Jana Lane. The title of Lane's speech was "Healthy Reasons to Eat Chili." The objectives of Jana's speech were; Persuade listeners to adopt your viewpoint or ideas or to take some action, appeal to the audience's interest, and use logic and emotion to support your position. The second speaker was Janice Kruse. The title of Kruse's speech was "Two Techniques of Prose and

Poetry." The objectives of Janice's speech were: Use vocal variety smoothly and naturally, keep the audience interested, and use pauses to enhance your message.

Master Evaluator, Matt Stone called on Doug Fickbohm to evaluate Jana Lane's speech. Joy Winther evaluated Janice Kruse's speech. Presentations were also given by grammarian, Joy Winther, the Ah Counter, Carol Smith, and three Joke Masters, Carol Smith, John Swensen and Vernon Arens. The Vote Counter was John Swensen.

The winner of the Best Speaker was Jana Lane. The Best Evaluator award was a tie between Doug

Fickbohm and Joy Winther. The winner of the Table Topics contest was Walter Rentsch.

Guests are welcome to attend meetings held on Saturday morning at 7:30 in the Fry'n Pan Restaurant, Yankton.

#### YANKTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Yankton Community Forum meets every Tuesday morning at the Hillcrest Country Club. Coffee, rolls, and socializing begins at 8:30 a.m. Then at 9 a.m., there is a speaker presenting an informative topic regarding local or regional is-

sues. Anyone over 50 years of age is welcome to come and join our friendly group.

Our July programs provided a wide variety of topics and interesting speakers.

- There was no meeting on July 2.
- On July 9, Lars Aanning spoke about his childhood and family experiences in occupied Norway during WWII;
- July 16 - Michael Stevens, S.D. State Representative, told the group about what it was like working in the Legislature and committees in Pierre as well as all the myriad of issues that are dealt with;
- July 23 - Jill Wermers talked

about all the types of services provided by Ability Building Services and how they have helped many individuals become productive and independent over the years;

July 30 - Alliyah Greaver shared her entertaining and learning experiences at South Dakota Girls State and was followed by her Mother, Dani Jo Ninke, telling the group about the Missouri Valley Christian School.

If you would like to join our group or would like more information, please contact President Jim Filips (665-0923) or Secretary Rose Mather (665-4615).