

American Life in Poetry

A Gardener's Memories

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The ancient Chinese poets used to say that at some point in each poem the poet ought to lift his (or her) eyes, ought to look beyond the surface of the present into something deeper and more meaningful. Here is just such a poem by Linda M. Hasselstrom, who lives in South Dakota.

PLANTING PEAS

It's not spring yet, but I can't wait anymore. I get the hoe, pull back the snow from the old furrows, expose the rich dark earth. I bare my hand and dole out shriveled peas, one by one. I see my grandmother's hand, doing just this, dropping peas into gray gumbo that clings like clay. This moist earth is rich and dark as chocolate cake. Her hands cradle baby chicks; she finds kittens in the loft and hands them down to me, safe beside the ladder leading up to darkness. I miss her smile, her blue eyes, her biscuits and gravy, but mostly her hands. I push a pea into the earth, feel her hands pushing me back. She'll come in May, she says, in long straight rows, dancing in light green dresses.

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Donation To Heartland Humane Society



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Otto Ullrich Memorial Trust Donates \$25,000 To HHS

Yankton, South Dakota – July 22, 2014 – A \$25,000 donation from the Otto Ullrich Memorial Trust has put Heartland Humane Society over the halfway mark in their goal to renovate their new building on Highway 50. "This donation is a tribute to Mr. Ullrich's remarkable love of animals and generous spirit," said Kerry Hacecky, Executive Director at Heartland Humane Society. "It's a wonderful example of how someone can continue to give back to the communities that they loved." Otto Ullrich was a lifelong resident of Yankton County and his trust has supported several Yankton non-profits. The \$25,000 gift is the final donation for the foundation. "We feel fortunate to have Otto's gift and to create a

space at our new facility that will honor his name and love for animals," Hacecky said. HHS kicked off a \$750,000 campaign in November 2013 to build and renovate the former Yankton Motor Company building on east Highway 50. As of July 18, 2014 the shelter is at 58 percent goal and hopes to complete the fundraising by early 2015. When fundraising and construction are complete, the 8,500 square foot shelter will be able to house up to 21 dogs and 40 cats daily. The floor plan also includes space for veterinary services and education programs. For more information on the funding campaign or Heartland Humane Society, please call Hacecky at 605-664-4244.

ADOPTIONS

EMMA BUSBY

With long awaited joy, Jon and Kelli Busby of Belton, Missouri, proudly announce the adoption of Emma Lucille Busby on June 8, 2014. Emma was born An Xin Yu in Guangzhou, China, on June 15, 2011. Grandparents are Nancy



Busby

and Jerry Busby of Yankton and Barb and Ken Blackmore of Alma, Missouri. Great-grandmother is Lucille Wysuph of Yankton.

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

I woke up screaming the other night, as I'd dreamed I had just pumped five gallons of diesel fuel into my Prius. Back in the '50s, I heard on the radio (maybe it was your grandfather's show, "Buggy Talk"?) that adding a gallon of diesel fuel to a full tank of gas would add "top-cylinder lubrication." I tried it several times on my '53 Plymouth on trips, with no ill effect. What would happen if I did that today?

— David

TOM: Your wallet would be \$1,000 lighter.

RAY: It most likely would ruin your catalytic converter.

TOM: That's why you got away with it in your '53 Plymouth, which had absolutely no emissions equipment.

RAY: Diesel fuel is cleaner than it used to be; you no longer see sticks and rocks and dinosaur bones in it. So it mixes easily with the gasoline, and probably would pass through the fuel pump and fuel injectors without doing harm.

TOM: But it probably would kill your



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

catalyst, and you'd never pass an emissions inspection without that.

RAY: When a customer of ours accidentally puts diesel fuel in a gasoline car, we have him or her tow it in. We remove the gas tank and drain it completely. Then we refill the tank with gasoline, and run the fuel pump with all of the fuel injectors removed — we just let the fuel injectors spray into a container.

TOM: So that second tank of gasoline flushes out the fuel line and the in-

jectors without running the gasoline through the engine.

RAY: There's obviously a small amount of diesel fuel that was left on the walls of the tank. But that gets dissolved in that second tank of gasoline and diluted to the point where it's harmless.

TOM: Hope that helps, David. Now, pour yourself a cup of warm milk and go back to sleep.

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USD Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity Receives Highest International Award

VERMILLION — For the second consecutive year, the Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) Fraternity at the University of South Dakota was honored with the Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity's most prestigious award — the Robert Adger Smythe Award. Additionally, the USD PIKES were also bestowed the following top honors: Raymond L. Orians Excellence Award and Chapter Alumni Advisory Board of the Year.

The USD PIKES received the awards last month at Pi Kappa Alpha's 69th International Convention in Baltimore, Md.

The Smythe Award is the highest international honor bestowed on the top percent of Pi Kappa Alpha chapters.

There are nearly 230 chapters in the U.S. and Canada. The Smythe Award recognizes a chapter that has excelled and set the standard of excellence on their collegiate campus — a nd also internationally.

During the 2013-14 academic year, the USD PIKES produced the following accolades:

- Donated more than \$31,500 for philanthropic causes
- Dedicated more than 11,140 hours to community service
- Earned a chapter GPA of 3.023, with more than 35 men named Dean's List scholars
- 100 percent campus involvement amongst members
- Hosted more than 60 campus leadership roles
- Sent nearly 70 men to international events through PIKE University, Pi Kappa Alpha's educational arm

The Smythe Award honors the work of young men who have committed to the meaning of Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentlemen — Pi Kappa Alpha's four cornerstones — while supporting the community and each other.

"Our fraternity is filled with men who are dedicated not only to USD and the community but to our chapter," said Pi Kappa Alpha chapter president Amos Meyer, who

is a fourth year accounting major from Williams, Iowa. "It is an honor to be part of an organization of passionate, driven and dedicated men."

The award is based upon excelling in 16 areas of operations: membership recruitment, chapter programming, scholastics, philanthropy, community service, member retention, member and new member education, athletic performance, management, risk awareness, campus involvement and leadership, community involvement, consultant vision analysis scores and international involvement.

As a result of Pi Kappa Alpha's success at USD and internationally, the chapter's Alumni Advisory Board was named Alumni Advisory Board of the Year.

Chapter advisor and chairman of the Alumni Advisory Board, Dzenan Berberovic ('11 B.A.), is proud of Pi Kappa Alpha's many achievements. "PIKE enriches the college experience in many ways.

As an advisor, it's humbling to see a group of young leaders so dedicated to USD, PIKE, the community and each other," Berberovic said. "Thank you to our Alumni Advisory Board for provid-

ing a great example that Pi Kappa Alpha is truly a lifelong experience."

Additionally, the USD PIKES were also honored with the Raymond L. Orians Excellence Award, Pi Kappa Alpha's second highest international honor.

The chapter was also a finalist for several programming awards and earned Pi Kappa Alpha's Scholarship Plate, PIKE University 25 Man Commitment, Excellence in International Fraternity Involvement and International Work Day recognition, respectively.

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Monday, August 18th
4:30-6:00 p.m.
See where the action is!