

# You Can't Kill The President

A reader recently submitted this item, which was originally published in the Press & Dakotan in the wake of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

And so what have you killed? The President? Sorry fellow, you have not killed the President.  
You have killed a man.  
A husband, a father, a son.  
You failed, little man!  
The President is very much alive. The President of the United States of America is living.  
The nation goes on.  
The laws are still the laws of the land.  
The nation has lost a man. That's all you killed, a man.  
The President is on duty.  
Didn't anyone tell you?  
Read it to you?  
Didn't you read it yourself? You can't kill a title. You can only kill a man. Men can die in office. We know fools might kill. We all must die sometime. The elected representative can only be a man. So — we the people have provided for this emergency.  
The office of the President is never empty.  
Haven't you read the history of our Presidents who have been killed or died in that office?  
Men die and the office is filled.  
The policies continue.  
The nation does not die. The way of life continues.  
The man is in office. His name is Lyndon B. Johnson.  
So what have you proven? That a bullet will kill a man?  
That no man is safe from death? We know men have to die sometime.  
You can kill a king.  
You can kill an emperor.  
You can kill a dictator.  
These are men in power through their absolute despotic control.  
But you can't kill a President!  
We change ours pretty regularly and we continue to be this one same nation, this United States.  
You cannot kill a President.  
You can only kill a man.  
My God, how empty is the victory of a name. We don't change the Presidency, little man! We only change the man on top. We change names, little man. We change the name on top.  
We change name, little man,  
That's all, names.  
Our leader is not and never has been the individual.  
Our leader has been our President.  
We shall pause briefly for a day or two.  
We shall mourn for the passing of a husband, a father, a son.  
We shall go on. We the people will continue and we shall support the President.  
You see little man, YOU FAILED ...

## Soup Luncheon



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Students at Sacred Heart School held a soup luncheon on Oct. 24, with proceeds going to the Contact Center, and FeedingSD. The luncheon raised \$2,250, with each group receiving \$1,125. Sacred Heart School Elementary students, back row from left: Katie Schulte, Will Pavlish and Isabelle Wintz; front row: Mark Kathol, Nora Krajewski (holding a \$1,125.00 check that will be donated to the FeedingSD Sioux Falls Office) and Cole Pedersen.

## MEETINGS

### TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. President Steve Hamilton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Harry Voelzke gave the invocation. Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and introduced the Toastmaster of the Day Teresa Rentsch who conducted the meeting. John Swenson was introduced as the Master Evaluator of the meeting. Grammarian Jana Lane gave the word of the day, "joyous," which means expressing joy. A prepared speech was given by Kathy Hejna on the use of massage therapy for healing titled "Going on a Vacation." Table Topics was led by Carol Smith who asked members to comment about various words related to the holiday season. Swenson evaluated the meeting, and called on Steve Hamilton to evaluate Hejna. Presentations were given by grammarian Lane, timer Joy Winther, and joke master Doug Fickbohm. Trophies were handed out to Jana Lane and Doug Fickbohm for best table topics. Guests are welcome. For more information call 665-8448.

### TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Chelsi Hames called Toastmasters Club 6217 to order Dec. 12 at noon in the

KPI Conference Room with a warm welcome and invocation by Joyce Stevens.

Jennifer Wubben presented the word of the day, "Bliss," and tracked its use by the speakers as well as unusual and interesting phrases, like "no such thing as stupid questions, only stupid answers" and "no one got their blood pressure up." Jeff Mays evaluation team included timer Eileen O'Connor and "ah" counter Stan Sudbeck.

Speaker Jen Hovland used the Advanced Communication Manual, informing the audience how to use the club website and all the benefits of using it. She allowed questions to be asked during the entire speech which gave everyone a chance to fully understand the site.

Hovland was evaluated by Greg Stach and praised her for her knowledge of the website and how the topic was very much needed for those who didn't know much about it. It was a pertinent and timely presentation that was to say the least bit boring.

Hames awarded trophies to Stach as Best Evaluator, to Hovland for best Speaker. Hames then asked President Hovland for announcements, which were the upcoming Holiday Potluck on Dec. 19 at the Monastery at noon. Come join the fun for a relaxing, belly filling meeting!

### YANKTON COMMUNITY FORUM

December programs for the Yankton Community Forum consisted of:

Dec. 3 — Presentation by Kristi Patton on Person Centered Thinking case planning for clients and an interesting tour of Ability Building Services Inc.

Dec. 10 — Chuck Iverson, Athletic Director/Mt. Marty College, talked about the costs related to attending college.

Dec. 17 — The Forum Music Committee, Suzanne and Iro Mogen, led the group in singing many of the old favorite Christmas carols.

There will not be a meeting on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. The next scheduled meeting is Jan. 7, 2014

Yankton Community Forum meets Tuesday mornings 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 issues. Anyone over 50 years of age is welcome to come and join our friendly group.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact President Jack Lyons (665-9337) or Secretary Rose Mather (665-4615).

### YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Forty-four members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association held a holiday meeting on Dec 15 at 6 p.m. at JoDean's Restaurant. Participants came from Avon, Mission Hill, Springfield, Tripp, Tyndall, Vermillion, Yankton, Crofton, Dixon, Hartington, Norfolk, Omaha, Randolph, and Missoula and Billings, MT.

During the meal Francis Serr showed photos taken at the AirVenture Convention at Oshkosh, WI. President John Lillevold welcomed everyone to the meeting. Lillevold presented Certificates of Appreciation to the officers of Yankton EAA Chapter 1029: President Lillevold, Vice President Jim Eisenmenger, Treasurer Jacob Hoffner, and Secretary, Young Eagles Coordinator, Eagles Flight Coordinator, and Newsletter Editor Steve Hamilton. Hamilton presented Certificates of Appreciation to Ground Volunteers who worked at the one or more of the Young Eagle Rallies this year. The rallies were held on June 11 for the Big Friend/Little Friend group — 27 Young Eagles flown; June 15 International Young Eagle Rally — 23 Young Eagles flown (limited by bad weather), and October 27 for the 6th Grade Reading Program at Yankton Middle

School and Sacred Heart School organized by Lillevold — 95 Young Eagles flown. Ground Volunteers included Butch Becker, Pam Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Jacob Hoffner, Sandy Hoffner, Marilyn Huntley, Ed Lammers, Lou Ella Machin, Kim Olson, Scott Olson, Rich Prochut, Mike Roinstad, Jim Smith, and Judy VanDerhule. Jim Smith made a surprise announcement that he was giving his Mini-Coupe aircraft to the YRAA. Steve Hamilton presented the program for the meeting, which was "1929 Ford Tri-Motor Tour Stop — Yankton." Steve showed a PowerPoint of 69 photos including the Tri-Motor crew, visitors to see and ride in the plane, loading, taxiing, take-off, and aerial views from the Tri-Motor, volunteers helping with the tour, safety briefings, Tri-Motor history, media group, photo "ops" with visitors, antique cars & airplanes, sequence of moving the plane into the corporate hangar for overnight storage (74-foot 8-inch wingspan inside a 70-foot door), close-up of plane parts (seats, cockpit, wing strut gauges, engines), lots of "co-pilots," and presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the two main sponsors of the tour stop: First National Bank South Dakota, and Country Ford of Tyndall. Several people spoke up about the tour

stop photos, and several "co-pilots" had comments about handling the controls in flight. Photos were provided by Steve, Peter Hauff (Sioux Falls/Tea EAA Chapter 289), Roger & Marilyn Huntley, Francis Serr and Skip VanDerhule.

For more information about the YRAA, contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.

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Members of First Dakota National Bank pose with members of The World Bank.

# The World Bank Visits First Dakota

Nate Franzen, President of First Dakota National Bank's Ag Division announced First Dakota recently hosted members of the World Bank as well as other foreign country Ag Bankers. Countries represented included: Kenya, Rwanda, Pakistan, Honduras and Mexico. The World Bank ownership consists of various countries with the US being the largest share holder. According to its website, World Bank is a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. It is not a bank in the ordinary sense, but a unique partnership designed to reduce poverty and support development.

After Nate Franzen attended the Global Agriculture Financing Forum in Colombo, Sri Lanka earlier this summer, the invitation was extended to the foreign bankers to visit the US and attend the American Bankers Association's National Ag Bankers Conference in Minneapolis, MN. Nineteen bankers

accepted the invitation. Fourteen of the nineteen bankers extended their stay to come visit First Dakota and Midwest Agriculture.

During their stay at First Dakota, they had the opportunity to tour a US community Ag bank and spend time visiting with the First Dakota Ag finance team about the nuts and bolts of Ag banking in the US. In addition, they were able to tour a Hutterite colony, 14,000 head cattle feed yard, livestock auction sale barn, two typical family farm operations, and an ethanol plant.

"I took away many, many things from the experience in Sri Lanka and wanted to extend the offer back", said Franzen. "Many of the developing countries represented have the same challenges we do serving agriculture in America. They have significant other challenges as well", stated Franzen. "These challenges are political, legal system stability, and infrastructure. Some countries do not have private ownership of land.

Some have relatively current farming practices, and some have peasant farmers farming one to two hectares (2.4 acres) of land by hand."

In conclusion, Franzen said, "I think this experience has helped broaden my knowledge and understanding of agriculture around the globe. I do not worry as much about having the resources to feed our growing global population. There is a tremendous amount of untapped Ag resources around the globe. The question is, can we develop to a point of utilizing those resources at maximum production efficiency while at the same time assuring long term sustainability?"

First Dakota was founded in 1872 and holds the first bank charter issued in all of the Dakota Territory. It has 16 full-service banking locations in twelve South Dakota cities. It also has six loan production offices throughout South Dakota and Nebraska.

## Kiwanis/4H Ice Rink Donation



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The skating programs at the Kiwanis/4H Ice Rink are growing every year providing incredible and affordable opportunities for youth of all ages and skill levels. This growth is possible only through the generous support of organizations like the Press & Dakotan and the Kids and Yankton Area Ice Association really appreciate your interest, care and support! Pictured receiving the donation to the Yankton Area Ice Association from P&D owner/publisher Gary Wood (right) is hockey coach and founding member Terry Pederson, along with the energetic and playful Mite and MiniMite squad (boys and girls aged 5-8) and their volunteer coaches. YAIA is an all-volunteer non-profit organization with coaches, family members, rink, registration and concession managers donating countless valuable hours of their time and care so that area youth have the opportunity to enjoy, grow and develop in both Hockey and figure-skating. It is directly because of the generous support of organizations like the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan that we are able to achieve this goal. The kids, member families and Board of Directors greatly appreciate this contribution. For more information on our program, game schedules and opportunities for support, please visit our website at [www.yanktonice.org/](http://www.yanktonice.org/).