

Williams & Company PC Donates To B&G Club



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The staff members of Williams & Company PC, a full service accounting firm with offices located in Yankton and Sioux Falls, South Dakota and also offices in LeMars, Sioux City, Onawa, Sheldon, and Spencer, Iowa held their annual team building event on May 16th 2013. This year's team building event benefitted school age children in need. The staff were broken into five teams, completed several tasks to "win" school supplies for their teams, and each team filled as many backpacks as they could with the supplies they had. Although there was a time limit to complete the tasks, the point was to work together to solve each of the tasks. Each task was ranked from easy to hard, and the amount of school supplies the teams were awarded was based on the difficulty level of the task. At the end of the day, the backpacks were divided between the offices, and were donated to local children's agencies. The Yankton Williams & Company PC office donated their back packs to the Boys and Girls Club of Yankton.

FNBSD Honors Second Quarter Star Performer

First National Bank South Dakota is pleased to announce that Amie Colvin of Yankton has been named as a recipient of First National Bank South Dakota's Second Quarter 2013 Star Performer Award.

The Star Performer Program is the bank's employee recognition program. Bank employees are nominated each quarter by their fellow team members for demonstrating outstanding performance and going above and beyond their standard job requirements to ensure a superior customer experience is delivered. The award is given to individuals whose performance consistently promotes team work, help others and provide the best in customer service, and quality work.

Colvin, a Lending Associate, has been with the bank since August 2003 and was nominated for her hard work, excellent customer



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service skills, and amazing attitude. Colvin has also been active with the banks Relay for Life team and other bank functions.

Please stop by First National Bank South Dakota at 332 Broadway to congratulate Amie Colvin on her well deserved award!

Applied Engineering Recognizes Years Of Service



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Employees of Applied Engineering were recently recognized for their years of service with the company. Pictured (left) are Bridget Benson, 5 years, and (right) David Brinkman, 30 years.

Gifts From Ullrich

Trust Endows YCHS Mead Project

Otto Ullrich was a lifelong resident of Yankton County, living his early years on the family farm north of Yankton and after moving "into town", working for Wilson Farworthy Company, the Yankton Police Department and for the Manhattan Bar and Café. He was behind the counter of the café for more than 30 years; after retirement he still kept busy with his projects: apartments that he owned and managed, parking lots that he sealed and for a short time he installed fire safety equipment.

Born in 1915, Otto was the perfect age to strike out on his own in the mid-30's, see the world beyond Yankton County and join the millions of others around the country who were seeking a way to earn a living. After working at CCC camps in the Black Hills for a short while, Otto, Bernie Hunhoff and Sylvester Wagner climbed into a 1928 Chevrolet which took them west to small towns in Wyoming and Utah where they'd stop and ask for work. Otto got \$2 a day for stacking hay and the other two got \$1.50 per day for cutting, raking and working with horses. Always hungry, but never telling anyone, they worked their way to Oregon where they traded the car in on a 1928 Model A, picked up another Yankton boy or two, picked potatoes in Idaho and eventually arrived back bringing life lessons home with them.

The lessons they learned were about the importance of helping other people when you meet someone in need, and Otto kept those lessons in the front of his mind all of his life. Otto only completed school to the 8th grade, but he was educated by the work he did, the people he met, and the hardships he encountered and overcame. He was briefly married and has one son, Dr. James R. Ullrich, who lives in Missoula MT with his wife, Cathy. Otto was a devoted son, taking care of his mother until she died.

Otto cast a big shadow in more ways than one. Standing at more than 6 feet 6 inches and with a broad shoulder span, folks looked up when Otto entered the room. He was called "Slim", "Big Otto" and similar friendly names, but he earned everyone's respect with his noble principles and his dedication to giving back. He was very modest and had moderate habits, so as he accrued more of the world's wealth, Otto began showing appreciation to the community which he loved. His philosophy was that he made his money in Yankton and wanted to leave it in Yankton. During his lifetime he made donations to many Yankton organizations, but his largest was to the Yankton County Historical Society.

Otto passed on May 8, 2006 and in August of 2008 the Otto Ullrich Memorial Trust was established, administered by Dr. James Ullrich, Richard Kulbel and Duane Frick. Each year the governing group receives requests from worthy organizations and then selects those which they feel Otto would have chosen, had he still been living. Kulbel and Frick have a long history with Otto, going back to childhood for Duane, who remembers delivering papers in downtown Yankton and going into the Manhattan Bar where Otto was behind the counter and "bargaining" with him for a nickel candy bar or gum. As both men "matured", they often played cards together at the Elks Lodge. Otto always insisting that they play "for money". The Kulbel family included Otto in their family Christmases for more than 2 decades and cared for his needs as he grew older and less well. Dick and Theresa Kulbel were with him when he died.

The Trust Administrators generously donated \$25,000 for 2013 and \$25,000 for 2014 to the Mead Building Restoration in exchange for naming rights for the 3rd floor balcony and veranda. As they stood on that balcony, facing to the south and looking at the amazing vista reaching nearly to the river, Duane and Dick agreed that Otto would say "job well done".



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Ullrich Fund Continues To Give To Mount Marty

Following an initial pledge of \$150,000, the Otto Ullrich Trust Fund recently gave a second installment to Mount Marty College which now totals \$100,000 to erect the 'Otto Ullrich Memorial Botanical Laboratory' as part of the new science center project.

Since 2006 the Otto Ullrich Trust, under the direction of trustees, Jim Ullrich, Dick Kulbel and Duane Frick, have dispersed more than \$400,000 to various education based charities and civic organizations.

Chief Advancement Officer, Barb Rezac, is excited about the Otto Ullrich Memorial Botanical Laboratory. "The botanical laboratory project was presented as an opportunity that would fit within the objectives of the trust and we feel it will publicly and prominently memorialize Otto and his tenacious spirit in the Yankton community. We were glad to see that the trustees felt the project was a good fit and are excited to work with them further in the coming phases for the project."

The Otto Ullrich Memorial Botanical Laboratory will provide a controlled atmosphere to study biological principles in living organisms. Students will have access to living specimens that illustrate the complexity of life as well as changes associated with environmental stress. This will provide unique opportunities that enhance the biological science experiences at Mount Marty

College. The laboratory will provide natural light for growing a variety of plants that will provide plant material at various stages of development for life science lab exercises. Diverse plant species will be grown in the laboratory throughout the year for biology and ecology labs to emphasize biodiversity, which is especially helpful during winter months in South Dakota.

"This gift will tremendously benefit science education in our area," continues Rezac. "With a great number of our students coming from the surrounding areas, the educational opportunities that this laboratory poses are boundless. Anytime that you improve the educational experience for students you are impacting the future. It's been exciting to see the increase in enthusiasm for the project and we're excited to work on the other gifts that are out there."

The architectural plans for the science center project are finished and the general contractor has been chosen for the project. Construction will begin in the coming months with classrooms ready by fall 2014.

For more information on the Mount Marty College science center complex and donation opportunities, please contact Chief Advancement Officer, Barb Rezac, at 605-668-1292 or barbara.rezac@mtmc.edu.

MEETINGS

YANKTON TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, July 20, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Hamilton. Janice Stone gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Toastmaster of the Day was Hamilton who conducted the meeting and inducted new member Teresa Rentsch. Hamilton also presented a Toastmasters lapel pin to Jana Lane for completing the first four speeches in the Competent Communication Manual. Grammarian John Swensen gave the word of the day, "bicker," which means to quarrel or argue. Tara Arens gave a speech from the Humorous Speech Manual titled "I'd Rather be Dead than Red in the Head" (referring to her hair color). Carol Smith gave a speech from the Specialty Speeches Advanced Manual titled "Tom Sawyer, The Cave Scene." Vernon Arens conducted Table Topics and asked members to talk about privacy of information and activities verse public safety. Lane evaluated the meeting. Angela Mann evaluated Tara Arens speech, and Mike Arens evaluated Smith's speech. Presentations were

given by ah counter Janice Krause, timer Stone, and vote counter Harry Volzke, and joke master Joy Winther. Trophies were presented to Winther for best table topics response, Mann for best evaluator, and Tara Arens for best speaker. The business meeting was led by Hamilton.

Guests are welcome. Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 welcomes anyone interested in improving their speaking and leadership skills. For more information call 665-8448.

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY

The July 2013 meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer VFW No. 791 opened by President Joyce Stahlecker. With opening Prayer by Slowey, Patriotic Instructions by Stoddard, followed by Pledge the Flag and Star Spangled Banner.

Treasurer's report was giving by Olson and bills read by Simonsen, with correspondence by Schramm. New Members are Brandi Thuninger, Penny Hofer and Jean Fitch.

Committee Reports were giving: Hospital by Slowey, Funeral Lunch by Schramm, Membership by Olson, CA&R by Olson, the new cancer pins are available at \$3 each, would like to Thank Char

Vitek for selling cancer pins. Majestic Bluff by Mellem, Americanism by Stoddard, Relay for Life Flag Presentation. Poppies by Blaha, the Framed Picture took First place at the State Competition and will be sent to National Competition, and the other 2 displays will be taken apart, and Blaha is also working on Poppy Day sales. National Home by List, thanked everyone for the UPC Labels.

New Business: President Stahlecker gave report on the State Convention. She read the certificates received, which included a monetary award to the Hospital Committee. Slowey and Stange also received certificates. Reports were also giving by Stange on the Joint Opening Session, Stahlecker on the Banquet and the God Star Mother's luncheon. Simonson reported on the Memorial Service and motel in general.

President Stahlecker brought up the State Fair and District #1 will be helping on Friday 8/20, help is needed-call Stahlecker if you can attend. Oct 4-6 will be the Fall Council of administration and homecoming of the new State Commander and President in Oacoma near Chamberlain. Stahlecker reported 5 Auxiliary Sister including Pat

Cerny of Burke Present flag at the Relay for Life.

Holli Novak would like the Auxiliary to once again walk in the Riverboat Days Parade. The response was positive. Food will once again be served at the V.F.W. after the parade. Help will be needed, there is also be a Bloody Mary Bar. Help will also be needed for the 1st Sunday Breakfasts.

Next meeting will be Aug. 13, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, July 15, 2013, at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Frani Kieffer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gert Boyles, the American Legion Auxiliary representative was introduced. Frani announced that the Boys and Girls Club fundraiser "Rhythm and Brews" will be held at Minerva's on Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. Frani introduced today's speaker, Alliyah Greaver, one of this year's Yankton High School Girls State representatives. Ms. Greaver gave a very interesting talk about her experiences at Girl State which was held May 27 through June 1 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on July 22, 2013, at noon at Minerva's. Marcy Moser of First Dakota National Bank will be our hostess with speaker Georgina Macias-Carson, Associate Warden of the Yankton Federal Prison Camp.

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Jackie Quinn announced that the Yankton Area Arts concert will be held at the amphitheater in Riverside Park on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.; Jane Bobzin announced that the Lewis & Clark Theatre will be presenting the musical "Oklahoma" starting this week; Frani Kieffer announced that the Boys and Girls Club

fundraiser will be held on Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. at Minerva's; and Lois Varvel shared that last week's speaker, Alliyah Greaver, one of this year's Yankton High School Girl Staters, gave a great program. Marcy Moser of First Dakota National Bank was the hostess and introduced her speaker, Georgina Macias-Carson, the Associate Warden of the Yankton Federal Prison Camp. Ms. Carson gave a talk with highlights of her background working for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and spoke about the demographics and current trends with the prison camp.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on July 29, 2013, at noon at Minerva's. Deb Overseth of RSVP will be the hostess with speaker Lauren Hansen from the United Way.

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