

YAMWI Mental Wellness Awards Presented

Yankton Area Mental Wellness, Inc. (YAMWI) presented awards to key supporters promoting mental health services within the community and across the region. The awards were presented during the Thirteenth Annual Mental Wellness Conference, held on June 8 & 9, 2011, at Mount Marty College.

The YAMWI Board of Directors Award recognized KYNT Radio. The Conference Theme Award "Chemistry for Mental Health: Brain, Personal, Relationships, Life" was presented to Sheri Duke representing Southeast Job Link of Yankton. The Professional Leadership Award was presented to Gerry Ebel and Sharon Oien. The Mental Wellness Community Service Award was presented to ERTH (Ecumenical Religious Training for the Handicapped). The awards were presented by Pam Kettering, Executive Director of United Way and Volunteer Services of Yankton and Matt Michels, Avera Health. Kettering is a member of the Yankton Area Mental Wellness, Inc. Board of Directors.

YAMWI BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD — KYNT RADIO

The "KYNT Morning Coffee Show" (now by Tom Haukap, formerly by Brady Donavon and Troy Cowman and others) has been one of the greatest publicity tools utilized by many, many non-profit organizations. They have hosted YAMWI conference organizers each year to promote this conference. It is amazing how many people comment on having heard the topics discussed on the Morning Coffee Radio Show, which is now "reheated" for a luncheon repeat to include more listeners. KYNT radio station willingly provides Public Service Announcements for non-profits – including YAMWI. The scheduling challenges and financial costs would prohibit most groups from 'getting the word out' if Morning Coffee was not available at no charge. KYNT provided excellent coverage for YAMWI's ACT Training Program, too.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD — GERRY EBEL & SHARON OIEN

The Professional Leadership Award recognizes professional contributions in service to mental wellness. The award honors the individual's commitment to promoting high quality services or advocacy on behalf of those with mental illness. Gerry Ebel has worked in the Mental Health/Alco-



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hol & Drug Field for 31 years. He was named Outstanding Treatment Professional in South Dakota in 1997. Since 2006, Gerry has been Program Director for alcohol and drug treatment and Clinical Supervisor at Lewis Clark Behavioral Health Services, Inc. Gerry has been a presenter for YAMWI for many years. Gerry is a recognized leader across the state in co-occurring disorders.

Sharon Oien is one of Ability Building Services longest employees. Sharon has given her career to those with Development Disabilities. Sharon is a

respected leader at ABS – and within the community. She has been instrumental in placing students for human services experience – which helps foster quality services for the future. Sharon is also a dedicated community volunteer. She works especially hard for youth spirituality. Sharon is also very dedicated to her family!

CONFERENCE THEME AWARD — SOUTHEAST JOB LINK (SHERI DUKE AND STAFF)

Sheri Duke was asked a simple question – and

Southeast Job Link ran with the idea! The application Sheri presented on behalf of YAMWI was credited by Yankton High School Principal Dr. Wayne Kindle as being the best and most thorough proposal received to date – that is the caliber of excellence that YAMWI appreciates (and strives to ensure)! Sheri's work to pursue grant funding support for YAMWI's high school credit class is commendable. Her commitment and expertise is allowing YAMWI to provide high school credit to promote careers in mental health. Sheri and her staff have demonstrated strong leadership and proven commitment to serve. Sheri and SEJL embody the spirit of the class title "Mental Health Care and Careers in Our Community."

MENTAL WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD — ECUMENICAL RELIGIOUS TRAINING FOR THE HANDICAPPED

ERTH is a religious education program for adults with disabilities sponsored and supported by the Yankton Area Ministerial Association. Meeting from mid-September to April each year, this organization holds classes at Calvary Baptist, First United Methodist, Peace Presbyterian, Riverview Park Reformed, Sacred Heart and St. Benedict Catholic churches, St. John's Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and United Church of Christ Congregational. These churches also provide financial support for ERTH. Participants include persons who live in group homes, with families, with a friend in an apartment, or individually in an apartment in Yankton and Bloomfield, NE. Current leaders are Sister Margo Tschetter, JoAnne Dickinson, Linda Balfany and Jane Walser. This group does a lot to help combat stigma, too. They often include Sr. Margo's students in the ERTH picnic, so 5th graders from Sacred Heart School gain acceptance for persons with differences. This ERTH program is entirely volunteer and has served the Yankton community for decades

ABOUT YAMWI

Many people from all throughout the region have come to rely on the YAMWI conference as a means for networking, for obtaining high quality education on mental health issues and for assistance in completing professional education to support licensure and recertification requirements. For more information on the 2011 YAMWI Conference contact: www.yamwi.org or email yamwi.org@gmail.com.

NUSTAR TARGETS KIDS



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Jesse Huerta, NuStar Pipeline, presented Nancy Teachout, NFAA/Easton Yankton Archery Complex Programs Manager with a donation check in the amount of \$250.00 to be put towards the cost of the After School Archery Program (ASAP).

FIVE GENERATIONS



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Great, Great Grandmother Charlotte McManus (seated) is pictured with four generations of her family, she is holding Jade Nicole and, standing: (left to right) Marissa Kotalik (Mother), John Davis (Grandfather), and Donna Daniels (Great Grandmother).

Camp For Youth Affected By Flooding Planned For July

ST. LOUIS — Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota, in partnership with the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA and Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota is offering a special week of camp, Fort Courage for Flood Survivors July 31-Aug. 5 at Atlantic Mountain Ranch. This week is open to youth having completed grades 5-10 who have been affected by the 2011 flooding in South Dakota.

Fort Courage for Flood Survivors will be held at Atlantic Mountain Ranch, a camp of Lutherans Outdoors, near Custer, SD. Cost for this special week of camp is simply what you are able to afford (\$50, \$100, nothing, etc.). Lutherans Outdoors is accepting donations to help cover operating costs for this week.

Flooding is a major issue facing many South Dakotans right now. "One way that we can help is to reach out to our young people and show them God's hope and presence in the midst of chaos" says Rev. Layne Nelson, Executive Director of Lutherans Outdoors. "We are truly blessed to have the support and resources of SD Synod of the ELCA and Lutheran Social Services of

SD working with us to make this special week possible."

Fort Courage for Flood Survivors is designed to help young people who have been impacted by disaster cope with stressors and process their experience. Counselors trained in Disaster Response will be on-site providing consultation. In addition, camp staff will lead youth in programmatic activities such as horseback riding, hiking, outdoor cooking, games, challenge course, Bible Study, and much more.

"We want our young people to know that in the midst of all this devastation they are not alone. This is an opportunity to come to camp and just be kids, while finding joy in community with others and talking openly about the issues they are facing," says Rev. Molly Sasser-Goehner, Director of Atlantic Mountain Ranch and Outlaw Ranch.

For more information on this special week of camp visit www.LOSD.org and click on the Fort Courage for Flood Survivor's link.

To register call 800-888-1464 or look for the link at www.LOSD.org

MEETING MINUTES

FCSLA/W093

FCSLA/W093 members met May 1, 2011 in Beseda Hall, Tabor for the annual Easter party and meeting. Father Joe led the group in prayer before the noon potluck dinner. Fr. Joe was presented thirty-fifth anniversary of being a priest greetings from the branch.

Correspondence consisted of thank you cards from the Family Rosary Board, from Sally Welter, and from Thomas Tacke. Thank you cards were received from the After prom party committee and from the family of Bea Gemar.

A donation letter request was read from the Tabor chamber for Czech Days advertising. A donation letter request was read from Tabor Chamber for the Summer youth program.

Nominations were held to represent the W093 branch at the National Convention Oct. 8 through Oct. 13, 2011 in Baltimore, Md. W093 is entitled to 5 delegates. Ron Sestak is on the Court of Appeals and so is not counted as one of the W093 delegates. Those delegates nominated to attend are Dennis Povondra, Bonnita Vavruska, Daryl Mello, Anne Mello and Joyce Sestak.

Czech Days float assembly has been set for June 5th at 1:30 p.m. in Joe Sestak's machine shed. All CW members are asked to come and bring your float ideas. Volunteers are needed to take dance tickets Friday and Saturday nights of Czech Days June 17 and June 18. Shifts are 8-10 p.m. and 10-midnight both nights. Daryl and Anne Mello have volunteered Fri. 8-10 p.m. and George and Agnes Kocer have volunteered Sat. 8-10 p.m.. Need four people each shift.

It was announced that Doug Vanecek has won a FCSLA National scholarship. This is a reminder that our local scholarship's deadline is July 1. Call an officer for an application.

Aug. 7 has been set as the date of the annual pot luck picnic to be held in Sokol Park. In case of inclement weather, we will move into Beseda Hall.

Agnes Kocer made a motion to adjourn and Daryl Mello seconded the motion. Dennis Povondra led our group in prayer.

An Easter egg hunt was held for the children and door prizes were awarded.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

Toastmaster Jane Miller called Club 6217 to order and David Fiebelkorn led the invocation at the June 9 meeting. Miller introduced the General Evaluator

Sheryl Schwartz.

Kary Beltz offered "wane" as the word of the day, suggesting that the "flooding hopefully would wane soon". Beltz counted four speakers using the word during their presentations.

Tim Bohn's speech, entitled "Horse Sense", presented a picture of his youth on a NE ranch complete with boots, hat and belt. He reminisced about his favorite horses and their individual personalities. Bohn's composure and visual props were appreciated by Evaluator Eileen O'Connor. Bohn's speech was timed by Fran Kocer and his pauses were tracked by Jennifer Wubben.

Muriel Stach asked the impromptu questions called Table Topics. The best responses were from Jen Howland, Jeff May, Beltz, and Kocer.

Miller presented the awards to Bohn for Best Speaker and O'Connor for Best Evaluator before turning the meeting over to Club President Schwartz for the business portion.

Schwartz reminded members of the schedule for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters each Thursday at noon in the Benedictine Center and that guests are welcome. She told members the special induction meeting, to be held at the Patio on June 30, will be potluck. The meeting was adjourned.

YOUNG EAGLES EVENT IN YANKTON A SUCCESS

Forty-five kids received free airplane rides on June 11 at Chan Gurney Airport. The event was sponsored by the Yankton Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1029 and the Yankton Regional Aviation Association. Thirty-eight kids were from Yankton, two from Fordyce, two from Utica, two from Mission Hill, and one from Gayville.

The EAA Young Eagles program has the goal of giving 100,000 kids ages 8 to 17 a free airplane ride in 2011. The Yankton EAA Chapter 1029 has flown over 2,300 kids over the past 18 years in the Yankton regional area.

Making the event a success were ground volunteers Jim Smith, Ed Lambers, Pam & Steve Hamilton, Marilyn Huntley, Hanna Eide, Butch Becker, Alan Fenner, Gary Carlson, and Judy

VanDerhule, and pilots Roger Huntley in his Cessna 172, Tessa Clark in her Cessna 182, Dave Howard in his Cessna 172, John Lillevoid in his Cessna 172, Joe Pihl in his Cessna 140, Pete Kramer in his Cessna 172, Gene Ebner in his Bonanza, Don Irish in his Cessna 172, Skip VanDerhule in his Mooney, and Harold Schramm in his Grumman Tiger.

Thank you ground volunteers and pilots for making the event a success and putting smiles on the faces of 45 Young Eagles.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant on Saturday June 11, 2011. Acting Club President John Swensen called the meeting to order. Toastmaster of the Day Kevin Buhl gave the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked grammarian Woody Sanders to present the word of the day "Lure." Carol Hale gave a manual speech entitled "A Summer Fish Story" and Angela Mann gave a presentation from the High Performance Leadership Program entitled "Mentoring."

After the speeches, table topics were led by Joy Winther who called on members at large to comment on various questions related to Father's day. After voting for best table topics response, jokes were given by Doug Fickbohm and Kevin Buhl. The evaluation portion of the meeting was led by Master Evaluator Woody Sanders who called on Doug Fickbohm to evaluate Carol Hale and Jeremy Skrenes to evaluate Angela Mann and then presented his evaluation of the meeting in general. John Swensen served as timer and vote counter and Doug Fickbohm was the ah counter. Trophies were awarded to Carol Hale for best table topic's response, Jeremy Skrenes for best evaluator, and Angela Mann for best speech. Club 1294 will be holding its annual picnic to install new officers on Sunday, June 19, from 5-7 p.m. at Riverside Park.

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 meets each Saturday (except on June 18, 2011) from 7:30-8:40 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant and guests are always welcome to attend a meeting. For information about Toastmasters,

call 665-1523 or 660-3904.

ROY ANDERSON POST #12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its monthly meeting on June 6th, 2011 at the V.F.W. Post home all saluted the flag and recited the Preamble, Chaplain Tienken gave the Invocation.

Commander Ausbourne then declared the meeting open with ten members present The Financial report was read and approved by the members.

Area 2 Vice Commander Wes Rye was at the meeting and talked about some of the resolutions that will be brought up at the State Convention, the main one is a \$5.00 increase in dues, if passed this will take effect in 2013.

Children and youth Director reported that we are having trouble lining up military trucks for transporting the sporting equipment do to the flooding.

Americanism Officer reported that 1 boy did not go to Boys State due to illness and he will be sitting on the Americanism Committee at the Convention. Membership we signed up 2 more PULF'S in the last month, the Post lost 9 members in the last year due to death.

Post POW/MIA representative reported that 5 pow/mia's had been identified and or returned to their families in

the last month. Two from WW2, 2 from Korea and 1 from Vietnam welcome home.

Sick Call Bud Conrad.

Chaplain Tienken gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be July 14th, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Home.

INTERCHANGE

President Paula Tacke called the meeting to order. Guest Jamie Schaefer, CFO and VP of Finance Avera Sacred Heart Hospital was introduced by Frani Kieffer.

Hostess for the meeting was Gloria Pearson of Ability Building Services. She introduced the guest speaker, Gert Boyles, who is a member and serves as historian for Christ Episcopal Church. Christ Episcopal is celebrating its 150th anniversary this month and was the first church established in

Yankton. Gert gave us a presentation on the long and rich history Christ Episcopal Church has in Yankton and the Dakota Territory including those who established, built, and attended services. We were invited to attend special events taking place beginning June 23rd. Next meeting will be held June 20, 2011 at Minerva's. Deb Oversteth will be hostess with Rev. Joe Schulte speaking on the Sack Pack program.

GET UP & GO 4-H CLUB

The Get Up & Go 4-H club served ice cream at Sunday in the Park in Irene. Thanks to Hunter Hinseth, Caitlin Hinseth, Katrina Hauger, Peter Hauger, Heather Hauger, Stephanie Hauger, Erin Hansen, Macaulay McDonald for helping serve ice cream. Also thanks to Schwan's, who donated the ice cream. Our next meeting will be July 10th at the Irene Legion Hall.

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