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# South Dakota Retired Teachers Association **NEWSLETTER**

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*“To Serve, Not to be Served”*

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## *Job one—Membership!*

After an amazing trip to Chicago to represent (one could never take her place!) Marietta, we are RE: REinvigorated, REinvented, and REpositioned! We were REMinded that an organization without active members is somewhat useless. We were REintroduced to ways to encourage new members and REentice those who for some reason have simply quit coming. We REalized that before any work can get done, there have to be workers! And to that end, we would REinforce the concepts of personal contact, phone calls, notes, and home visits(!) to REvitalize those who are reluctant to join, REinvite the newbies, and REfresh (have you ever stopped by a friend’s house when they haven’t offered you REfreshments? ) So, if membership is indeed job one, it’s time we all went to work and got ER (the dyslexic RE) done! REspectfully submitted, your membership chairs!

## *Zubkes Named Florence Krieger Award Winners, 2013*

Bill and Cathy Zubke of Watertown were announced as the winners of the prestigious Florence Krieger Award at the May 2 lunch during the state convention in Rapid City. This award is given to a member(s) who have served “above the call of duty” at both the local and state levels of SD Retired Teachers Association.

The Zubkes have faithfully served as Co-Chairs of Membership of South Dakota Retired Teachers for 7 or 8 years. They bring accuracy, dedication and joy in that role, as well as in their service as Co-Presidents of the Watertown Area Retired Teachers Association.

Cathy and Bill are enthusiastic members who engage others in service and loyalty to the association efforts. They provide up-to-date reports at state board meetings and the annual general meeting in May. They are innovative in their ideas of progress and efficiency. And who can deny the tastiness of fudge that Bill supplies on bus trips, unit meet-

ings and board meetings? Bill does public speaking to National Guard units and families, as well as speaking to other groups. He and Cathy enjoy bridge and hiking. They have traveled to many parts of the world on hiking adventures.



*Diana Glover, left, presenting the Florence Krieger Award to Cathy and Bill Zubke”*

(This award has been presented since 1966. Florence Krieger of Rapid City served as the first president of the SDRT Association.)

*From Volunteer Executive Director Diana Glover*

I ask you, “How many people does it take to get a great idea off the ground?” At Philip, SD, it took one, maybe two.

I don’t know if it was Mike or Marcia West who first had the idea to reach out to victims of the Moore, Oklahoma tornado, but they didn’t just sit around and think about it. They contacted a friend (originally

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**Unit Leaders - See membership renewal form - page 11**

**All Unit Officers Are Invited to Workshop in Brookings - July 16, Rapid City - July 18**

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from Philip) who is a principal of a school in Moore, then established a fund that will be a direct educator-to-educator outreach. If you have already contributed to this fund, or to another one for tornado victims, thank you for your generosity. If not, here is an opportunity. Please help pass the word. Checks may be written to Philip RTA (Memo line – Okla. Fundraiser) and mailed to: Mike and Marcia West  
Box 430  
Philip, SD 57567

Neither did Pat Zent, a member of the Black Hills unit, wait around when she saw a need. She, too, has a direct person-to-person project. Each weekend for 7 years, she has prepared and served soup to as many as 80-100 homeless people. In addition she tries to have items that the people can take with them. She depends on friends who just happen by with crackers, fruit, sleeping bags, underwear and coats. One woman, one idea . . . many people reached!

Do you see a need for a special project or to fill a leadership position? You don't have to "know the ropes" to step forward. Our "pioneer" members, who helped set up our sound SD retirement system, were not pension experts. The Wests and Pat are not "experts" in fund raising or food service, but their inspiration and leadership speak loudly to us. Thank you, Mike, Marcia and Pat for your role-modeling. We learn from heroes like you.

## *Our Volunteers are Gifts To Their Communities*

By Marrietta Catlin SDRTA Community Service Chair



Once again our South Dakota Retired Teachers' Association members gave back to their local communities with their time and tal-

ents. I am indeed proud to report that our retired teachers impacted a lot of lives this past year not only with their smiles but with their outpouring of kindness and sharing. At the May 1-2 SDRTA Convention in Rapid City, retired teachers reported 43,115 hours of volunteer services from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. 36,242 volunteer service hours benefited Adults and 6,873 hours benefited the With Our Youth Program. Just imagine what the numbers could be if all retired teachers in our local units reported their volunteer service hours. The hourly rate for the year 2012 that charitable organizations can use for volunteer services was \$22.14 which means our retired teachers gave back an estimated \$954,600 of valuable volunteer services to

our local communities.

**Winning Community Service Awards at the convention benefiting Adults were Sioux Falls RTA, Pierre Area RTA and Yankton Area RTA. With Our Youth Community Service Awards were presented to Aberdeen Area RTA and Huron Area RTA. Innovation Community Service Awards were presented to Black Hills Area RTA and the Philip Area RTA/AARP Chapter.**

On April 1st we started another new year of volunteering in our local units. I am hopeful we will once again be a gift to our communities with our generous volunteer service projects. Rebecca Villarreal, our NRTA guest speaker at the convention, inspired all of us to find our GPS (Greater Power Source) as we focus on finding our personal energy levels as well as finding creative ways to attract new members to our organization. What is your unit's culture of service? What inspirations and innovative ideas do you have for your community outreach services? Sometimes we need to "think outside the box" to move forward. What is your unit's

purpose and mission for the new year? What were your successes last year? What are the things your unit needs to work on? These are questions that need to be addressed to get your unit moving forward. If I can help in any way, please contact me. If you have a project that is really successful and you would like to share it, I can forward it to other units or it can perhaps be put on the website. Look forward to seeing many of you at the July 16th Leadership Day in Brookings and/or the July 18th Leadership Day in Rapid City. It is always a pleasure visiting with you. Take time to recharge and energize your human batteries as you get ready for a great year ahead.

A special thank you to all the unit community service chairs for their good reports this year. A big thank you to all retired teachers that turned in their volunteer service hours. Remember you truly are a gift to your community. If your unit has a new community chair person this year, please take time to mentor that person. For we know that when we work together we can accomplish goals we cannot do alone for there is power in teamwork.

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# Message From the President



Dear South Dakota Retired Teacher Members,

It seems summer was slow to arrive, and spring weather was damaging in many areas, but here we are getting ready to celebrate the Fourth of July. Suddenly we are midway through the summer season.

Your SDRTA Board met at the Fort Pierre Perkins Restaurant June 18th, and among agenda items were 2014 Convention site and dates. In Rapid City, we were very pleased with the attendance of over 100 at some events, and hope to see the same results next year. I want to thank all those from the Black Hills Unit who helped with details and decorations. Many attendees told Diana and me that they especially enjoyed the music and the survey comments on the music were very complementary. Each musical presentation involved Black Hills RTA members either in the group or directing.

I am pleased to announce that the 2014 South Dakota Retired Teachers Association Convention will be in Sioux Falls on May 6th and 7th. Details will follow as Diana and I head east and meet with the Sioux Falls Unit and attempt to negotiate for next May. The original intent to have a "triangle" for conventions seems to be working. In 2012 we met in Pierre, followed by Rapid City in 2013. In 2014 we will be in Sioux Falls and in 2015, the convention may be back in Pierre. The idea is to offer variety and a change of scenery, and an opportunity for members to attend a convention in their area. The convention theme will be REIMAGINING. This is also a topic for our summer meetings.

July will be busy and Summer Leadership Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th, at 1:00 in Brookings at the Coffee House of the First Lutheran Church, and Thursday, July 18th, at 1:00 at the AARP Office in the Rushmore Mall in Rapid City. Issues from the board meeting will be covered and I welcome your input and suggestions.

Please check the SDRTA website ([www.sdrta.net](http://www.sdrta.net)) for information about our organization. Executive Director, Diana Glover, has worked on updating the site and you will find it quite informative. Also please send me any suggestions or ideas you might wish to discuss at the July meetings.

Happy Summer,

Nancy May

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### **The object of the South Dakota Retired Teachers Association is:**

- to promote the social, economic and professional welfare of retired teachers of the state
- to maintain affiliation with the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) Division of AARP and to cooperate with it by promoting membership, legislation, national programs and projects of NRTA
- to help retired teachers maintain identity with the teaching profession and to promote improvements in education



# 2013 Convention Wrap-UP

Held in Rapid City May 1st and 2nd

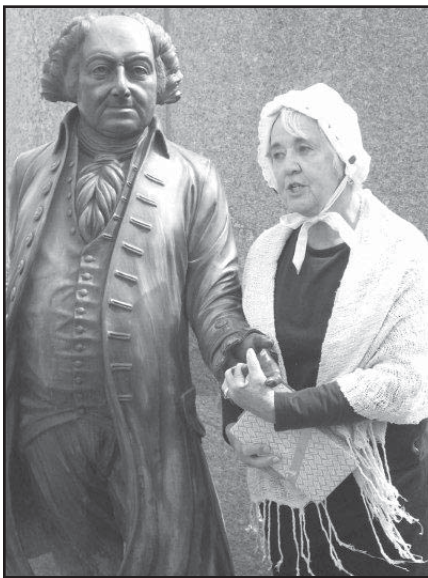
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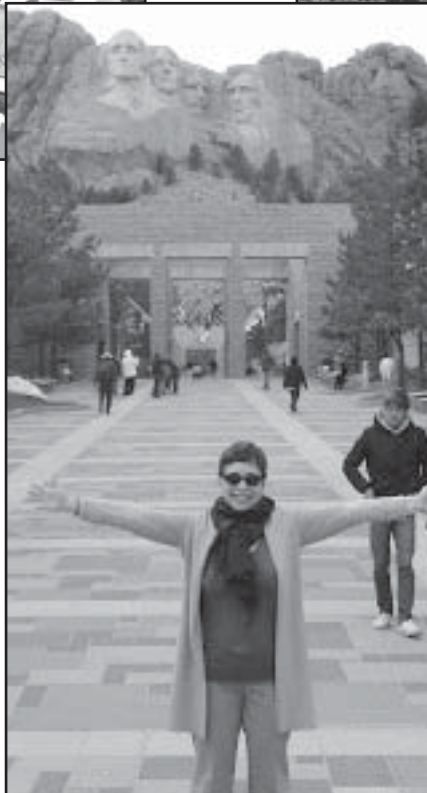
*Convention Attendees*



*“The Three R’s by the Well-Done Players Theater Group”*



*Pre-Convention included a visit from Abigail Adams (aka Diana Glover) with husband, John at her side*



*Rebecca Villarreal, NRTA leader and presenter at our Convention enjoying an “after convention” visit to Mount Rushmore.*



*Keynote Speaker - Dorothy Rosby reminiscing about “School Daze”*



*Five past presidents gathered for breakfast in Rapid City on May 2 during the convention. Back: Shirley Eisnach, Pierre; Don Kennedy, Rapid City; Wyland Borth, Pierre Front: Pat Johnson, Watertown; Charollene Coates, Rapid City*

# Convention Awards

## Grandparent Essay Winner

Logan Keszler, Hamlin School, was the state Grandparent Essay winner. Pictured with her is her Grandmother, Adeline Tracy. Many other family members also attended the Convention to support Logan.

Logan writes: "Adeline was one of the youngest in a family of sixteen children and she was born in 1933 on her family's homestead outside of Grenville, South Dakota. Her family was very poor, but very rich in love and faith. She did very well in school and graduated at the top of her class.

Grandma is full of love, hugs and good advice. She tells me to do well in school and always work hard. My Grandma Adeline is a very special person and grandparent."

## Scholarship Winners: SDRTA Scholarship (\$1000.00)

Bethany Amundson, High School Music Teacher, Pierre

Keri Tisher, Elementary School Teacher, Watertown

Shirley Eisnach and Mary Jo Johnson surprised Bethany Amundson with the news about her winning a SDRTA scholarship. This was given to her during her band class.



*Logan Keszler & Adeline Tracy*



*From left to right Bethany Amundson, Mary Jo Johnson, Shirley Eisnach*

## Grandparent Essays Due - February 1st.

(more information to come in the November newsletter and on our website [www.sdrta.net](http://www.sdrta.net))

## Reminiscent Teacher Essays' Deadline - April 1.

This is not a contest. All submissions by members are welcome

## Teacher Scholarship Applications Due Electronically - April 10th.

Check the website, [www.sdrta.net](http://www.sdrta.net) for more information on both the reminiscent essays and scholarship applications



*Keri Tisher*

"Be sure to put your feet in the right place, then stand firm." -Abraham Lincoln

"Instead of living in the shadows of yesterday, walk in the light of today and the hope of tomorrow." -Unknown



## SDRTA MEMORIAL SERVICE

May 2, 2013

Memorial for deceased  
SDRTA Members

### **New Grandparent Essay Chairperson**

Welcome, Donna

Donna Fischer has agreed to assume the Grandparent Essay Chairperson duties for the 2013-14 SDRTA Year.

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The Philip Area AARP/RTA is heading up a Fundraiser for the Oklahoma Briarwood and Plaza Towers Teachers from the SDRTA. We can only imagine what the teachers went through in such a storm and want the teachers to know of our support. The money will be sent to Mike Coyle (Graduate of Philip High School) Principal of Moore High School who personally will present the monies to the teachers from the SDRTA during August before school starts. Please give what you can and send to Marcia M. West, SDRTA, Box 430, Philip, SD 57567.



*Marcie West (left)  
Kay Ainslie (Right)*

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|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Richard Anderson     | Allene R. Foglesong  | Gordon Walker         |
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Donations to Scholarship Fund of SD Retired Teachers Association  
June 1, 2012 - May, 2013

~ Thank You for All the Donations ~

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Past Executive Director

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Rapid City Teacher

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- Shirley Eisnach  
In memory of:
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  - Margaret Gelhaus
  - Ruby Koster
  - Betty Johnson
  - Jean Keeler

- Pierre Area Retired  
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  - Betty Johnson

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  - Yankton Area
  - Pierre Area

# Unit News From Across The State

## NORTHERN HILLS

The Northern Hills Retired Teachers Unit focused on volunteerism. Some of the many activities of the members were: helping with roadside cleanup projects, taking hospice training, working at the Mining Museum in Lead, helping at the community food pantries, judging contests, helping with 4-H events, teaching Sunday school, working in the nursery, helping with Vacation Bible School, assisting with activities at the Senior Center, publishing newsletters, helping with the Easter Egg Hunt, listening to children read, and helping with the accelerated math and reading programs. While only

1636 hours valued at \$36,221.04 were recorded, the unit member's goal for next year is to double the reported volunteer hours.

In the fall, the unit will share with the communities in the northern hills area the excitement of the Festival of Books that will be held in Deadwood, SD, on September 20-22, 2013. Authors will present information about their books at the first meeting. Members have volunteered to help with events during the weekend Festival.

Joanna Jones

## WATERTOWN AREA

It was an assembly line. It was tedious work. 33 members participated in the two day event. Fold the paper. Cut the paper. Fold the paper into boxes. Apply the label. Print the name of one of 480 educational employees in the public school system. Place it in the appropriate storage box. Repeat. Go home.

Reconvene on National Teachers' Day. Cut the fudge. Place an individual piece of fudge into a mini-muffin liner. Place four pieces of fudge into a folded bottom. Place the thank you note on top of the fudge. Cover with the box top and place back into the appropriate storage boxes. Load the storage boxes into the cars and deliver each box to its appropriate school (and one to the transportation center.) Go home. Bask in the glory of a job well accomplished, and from all reports,

well appreciated!

We can never do too much for our future members! We wanted them to know how much they were appreciated and loved. Perhaps it doesn't hurt to "Pay it Backward!"

Enjoy the newsletter and know you too are loved!

Watertown Retired Teachers Association

Bill Zubke



I'VE BEEN ATTENDING LOTS OF SEMINARS IN MY RETIREMENT. THEY ARE CALLED NAPS. ♣ Merri Brownsorth

## PIERRE AREA

The Pierre Area Retired Teachers Unit had an informative May meeting when we toured the Global Harvest Foods Birdseed Plant in Harrold, SD. It was fun seeing all the technology being used in this tiny town on the prairie. Officers were installed at the Stables Restaurant in Harrold following a noon meal. We also heard Reminiscent Teacher Essays by Shirley Eisnach and Vonnie Shields and enjoyed listening to our local Grandparent Essay winner, Lainey Aasby, read her entry. Lainey attends school at Highmore-Harrold Elementary. We had a 50-50 raffle at each meeting this year to send to the scholarship fund.

Also, our past officers met with incoming officers to brainstorm ideas for next year's programs.

Connie Palmer/Mary Jo Johnson, Co-Presidents

The following is a very short report on the June 5 & 6 meeting of the SDRS Board.

### SUMMARY OF SDRS BOARD ACTION--6/5&6

1. The July 2013 COLA for SDRS members will be 2.1%.
2. In fiscal 2013 the market value of investments grew by \$9.1 Billion.
3. The SDRS system now has a fiscal cushion of \$1.0 billion.
4. The SDRS is in a position to "get by" on a 5.2% average annual return for the next 5 years.
5. In the elections all incumbent board members were re-elected.

The voter turnout was pathetic.

Hank Kusters,  
Legislation Chairman



## MILBANK AREA

Milbank Area Retired Teachers Association  
Summer News – Cliff Vitters

\*Milbank Unit awarded Traveling Trophy at the SDRTA Convention May 2

\*Taylor Hartman, local winner, reads her winning essay on June 20 at our local meeting.

\*Applying for Midcontinent Grant Funds \$3000 to help the New Hospital Project  
Earlier TC awarded Milbank Unit \$3000.00 for the above project



\*Possible entry in Farley Fest Parade on June 30th, 2013

\*At the June meeting, we plan to finalize details on our packing food for Kids Against Hunger project for August 15th. Midcontinent awarded our unit \$216 for packing 10 boxes on that day. We thank Midcontinent for their generous donation. We will have a meal or end of the year picnic on August 15th.

\*Tuesday, July 16, 2013 Leadership Workshop in Brookings, SD  
1st Lutheran Church: 1 pm

## BLACK HILLS

Black Hills Retired Teachers held their annual Spring Tea in April despite the Spring Storms that occurred that caused us to cancel the tea two different times. Our April meeting was also canceled due to a Spring Snow Storm. Our May meeting was our Spring Dinner where we had our Memorial Service honoring the four members who had passed this year. We also had the 2nd place 5th grade essay winner present who was from Rapid City. She read her Grandparent essay. We had 91 members attend the State Convention which was held in Rapid City this year for the first time. The

following members were recognized at the Convention for their contributions to BHRTA: Kay and Wayne Lang, Barb Culey, Lila Sharp, Gladys Storm, Cheryl Zimiga, and Maneul Penaloza for his work on setting up the website ([bharta.weebly.com](http://bharta.weebly.com)) In June, 19 members participated in a "Walk in the Park." After a short morning walk, everyone enjoyed breakfast and conversation at Old Storybook Island Park. Don Kennedy and the Scholarship Committee planned the fundraiser for Scholarships.

Our summer picnic will be in August to honor and welcome the new retirees.

Gerri Larson



## REDFIELD

Redfield Area Retired Teachers Association held their annual spelling contest for grades 1-8 at the end of April with seven area schools (Doland, Miller, Hillside Colony from Doland, Redfield, Northwestern, Hutterville Colony from Stratrod, and Clark) participating. There were a total of 96 spellers. Certificates were presented to all participants and pins were given to first place winners and ribbons for second and third places.

Two members of the Redfield Area Retired Teacher Association attended the Hitchcock-Tulare Awards Assembly in May and presented our local 1st place AARP Grandparent Essay winner with her medal.

At our May meeting officers were elected for two year terms. Installation of officers will be held in September.

We will break for the summer and resume meeting again in September. We wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Arlie Rodman



*First place, front: Tristen Rose, Redfield; Charley Nuhsbaumer, Redfield; Sara Jessen, Miller. Second row: Elizabeth Fixsen, Redfield; Saylor Hallstrom, Clark; Micaiah Utecht, Redfield. Back row: Emily Waldner, Hutterville School; Jacey Williams, Redfield.*



Yes, I want to join the South Dakota Retired Teachers Association

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the online newsletter

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Gloria Riherd  
3945 Corral Dr.  
Rapid City, SD 57702

*Join Today!*

## From A School Principal's speech at a graduation.

He said "Doctor wants his child to become a doctor.....  
 Engineer wants his child to become engineer.,....  
 Businessman wants his ward to become CEO,....,  
 BUT a teacher also wants his child to become one of them..!!!!  
 Nobody wants to become a teacher BY CHOICE" ....  
 Very sad but that's the truth....!!!  
 The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life.  
 One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"  
 To stress his point he said to another guest;  
 "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"  
 Teacher Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied,  
**"You want to know what I make?"**  
 (She paused for a second, then began...)  
 "Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could.  
 I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor winner.  
 f make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 minutes without an I Pod,  
 Game Cube or movie rental.  
**You want to know what I make?**  
 (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table)  
 I make kids wonder.  
 I make them question.  
 I make them apologize and mean it.  
 I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions.  
 I teach them how to write and then I make them write.  
 Keyboarding isn't everything.  
 I make them read, read, read.  
 I make them show all their work in math.  
 They use their God given brain, not the man-made calculator.  
 I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about English while preserving their unique cultural identity.  
 I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe.  
 Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life  
 ( Bonnie paused one last time and then continued)  
 Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant.  
 You want to know what I make?\_  
 I MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ALL YOUR LIVES, EDUCATING KIDS AND PREPARING THEM TO BECOME CEO's, AND DOCTORS AND ENGINEERS....  
 What do you make Mr. CEO?  
 His jaw dropped; he went silent.  
 From Yvonne Wilson of Lee County - Used with permission from the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association





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*It is important for all unit officers to check with each member for their correct address. Not having correct addresses costs the organization a great deal of money. Send all address changes, as well as names and dates of deaths, to*

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