



AWARD CEREMONY for WOY & Community Service 2007

This year all 18 RTA active units sent in C S reports with fourteen units participating in the Grandparent Essay Contest and 16 of the 18 units recorded With Our Youth hours as well as Community Service hours.

WITH OUR YOUTH AWARDS FOR 2007

Last year in SDRTA, “we worked together to dream the same dream.” All eighteen active RTA units dreamed big and as we worked together we made an amazing impact on the lives of others in our communities. I would like to commend all units for a job well done this year as you shared your many talents with others. Many of our units have continuing projects that they do year after year that involve working with youth from working sporting and musical events, to tutoring and helping at libraries, food services for kids, after school projects and crafts and on and on. The Aberdeen RTA continues to serve third grade students from Aberdeen and surrounding area with a project called “An Afternoon in the Past.” This projects allows students to experience and learn about the early days in South Dakota. **It is my pleasure to present to the Aberdeen RTA, the WOY Outstanding Award for 2007.** (Lois Solle-C S chair)

This year we have decided that we would also give out an Honorable Mention Award to a SDRTA unit. Some units have fewer members and fewer opportunities to serve their communities but they still seem to find ways to make life better for their youth. This unit provides help with their youth in sporting and musical events, volunteering in classrooms and a variety of other valuable services. They also have a

project that is a continuing year after year one of a written spelling contest that involves hosting over 100 students from ten schools from grades 2-8. Students are awarded a ribbon for participating as well as winners receive certificates and monetary awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. **It is my pleasure to present this honorable mention WOY award to Oahe RTA (Mobridge)** (Lyle Kemnitz-chair)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2007

For Community Service benefiting adults, our units again “worked together” to give generously to their communities in the area of health care, charitable activities, boards and committee work, helping the needy and the elderly, Hospice, the Banquet, Red Cross, United Way, and so on. The Watertown Area Retired Teacher Association in cooperation with AARP and several other units is working on renovating the Redfield Roadside Park. Redfield is the NE Area Targeted Community. This project is a one time project that is currently being done. Members have been involved in the planning phase, will help prepare the park for play equipment, and be involved in the dedication of the park by serving refreshments. This park will not only benefit families in the area but welcome travelers passing through the area. **It is my pleasure to present the 2007 Community Service Award to the Watertown Area Retired Teachers Association.** (Ruth Olson, C S chair)

This year we have decided to present an Honorable Mention Community Service Award to a smaller unit that has done a variety of things in their communities. They expanded the Grandparent Essay contest to several other surrounding areas this year. They also beside doing many things WOY continue to work on a continuing project-that being the adoption and maintaining of an old rural school house located at the Historical Museum Site. This year they purchased window shades and sewed curtains for the school as well

as repaired the roof. They are also planning to develop a project that will result in a handicapped ramp for the school. Ask this unit about their "No Bake Sale" to raise funds for this project. It is my pleasure to present the Honorable Mention Community Service Award to the **Winner Area RTA. (Don Van Cleave, reporting CS chair)**