



2009-2010 Awards for Community Service

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SDRTA Community Service Hero Award for 2009-2010

Presented by Marrietta Catlin

All my community service chairs are my heroes for the work they do collecting their unit volunteer service hours and preparing a yearly report of these hours. Thank you to all of you. You are very much appreciated.

Today I would like to recognize one of my heroes that is not only his unit's community service chair but also his unit's president. He has put in over 500 plus hours of volunteer service for his unit and always is one of the first chairs to get his unit's very organized report to me before the April 15 deadline. Congratulations to you **Cliff Vitters** of the Milbank RTA.

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A big thank you to the eighteen active units that completed the community service reports and got them to me. Once again our RTA members did an amazing job of giving of their time and talents. Members truly stepped up and lived up to the motto used this year of "Volunteers don't necessarily have the time but they have the heart." Total hours turned in for volunteer services for With Our Youth totaled 10,646. Other services that benefited adults totaled 35,318 making a total of 45, 964 volunteer hours of service reported for the year. The estimated amount used by charitable organizations to show the value of service per hour for 2009 is \$20.85. Even though South Dakota's average earnings are lower than many states, we can be most proud of our hours of volunteer services to our local communities.

2009-2010 Awards for Other Volunteer Services

Although all of our SDRTA Units provide volunteer services that benefit adults in a variety of ways, this unit is focusing on making life better for all adults in the areas of health, fitness, nutrition, education including computer literacy, finances and social functions that benefit seniors like the SDRTA bus trips planned by two of their members. Being active, involved, learning new things and interacting with others are stated to be good for a person's health and well-being.

Congratulations to the **Watertown Area Retired Teachers Association** for being the 2009-2010 Other Services Award Winner. (Community service chair is Ruth Olson and co-presidents are Harry and Florence Johnson)



South Dakota Retired Teachers Association

2009-2010 Honorable Mention Award for Other Volunteer Services

This year we are presenting an Honorable Mention Other Volunteer Services Award that benefits adults to a unit that provides a monthly birthday party to residents of a nursing home. This groups hosts the monthly birthday parties at the home by setting up tables, lining up entertainment, seating the birthday honorees, ordering and presenting roses to the honorees and assisting in the serving and the clean-up duties. This continuing project brings much joy and smiles to those being remembered as well as bringing much satisfaction to the big-hearted volunteers that care.

Congratulations to the **Huron Area Retired Teachers Association.**

(Community Service Chair is Sue Gose and president is Sharon Fuglsang)