

Black Hills Subchapter hosts learning lunch

Black Hills Subchapter IAWP hosted a learning luncheon July 28 in Rapid City, at the Career Learning Center of the Black Hills.

Guest Speaker Priscilla Noble presented the “Who Moved My Cheese” training program that helps individuals develop change skills that make a difference in their work – and in their lives.

Based on the number one bestselling book *Who Moved My Cheese?* by Dr. Spencer Johnson, the program brings together simple ideas, non-threatening materials, and an entertaining video that give people the skills to face change and succeed.



About 14 IAWP members and nonmembers enjoyed the “Who Moved My Cheese” presentation by Priscilla Noble, with pizza provided by Black Hills Subchapter IAWP.

IAWP District X explores theme: ‘A Voyage of Discovery; The Future of Workforce Development’

The challenges of economic development in Midwestern communities are changing. The available labor market is changing, technology is changing, and competition is changing. How will Midwestern communities, businesses, economic development agencies, and workforce systems respond?

Those were questions explored at the IAWP District X Conference in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 25-27.

Featured speakers talked about the winds of change for businesses (global market impact in competition and technology); new tools in navigation (electronic resources in labor exchange and new practices and partnerships in economic development); and changes in climate (update on the outlook with legislation).

This “Voyage of Discovery” was chartered for community leaders, busi-

nesses and employment agencies to explore new seas of economic development.

In partnership with the Employer Council of Iowa, Experience Works, Base Realignment and Closure, and Iowa Workforce Development, IAWP brought in “captains” and “navigators” from across the seas to assist attendees in mapping their course.

IAWP members honor Vietnam Vets

Several members of South Dakota IAWP helped honor the bravery and sacrifice of this state’s Vietnam War veterans by helping with the Vietnam War Memorial Dedication in Pierre Sept. 15-16.

During the weekend, a seven-foot-tall bronze statue of a combat-weary Vietnam War soldier was dedicated at the existing War Memorial site at Capitol Lake near the State Capitol. The dedication festivities included a parade, traveling Vietnam Wall, Huey helicopter rides, USO tents, displays, fireworks, concerts, and much more.

Additional information and photos of the event are available at www.SDVietnamWarMemorial.com.

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A Message from the President

By Tom Meyer
SD Chapter President



Over the next two months membership will kick off with packets going to the managers of each office, and materials being sent out. Greg Johnson, the membership chairperson this year, will be contacting you and putting out information on how to renew your membership and all of the membership incentives. Membership is the backbone to any organization. The voice that a body conveys carries weight based collectively on the numbers of that voice. While the number of members is not always the ultimate factor in the strength of a unit, it is a factor commonly noticed by others.

Iowa was very excited to host this year's District X conference Oct. 25-27 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They put together a very good conference, and made registration, lodging, and conference agenda materials available to IAWP members in our District. They offered our retired members a reduced registration fee. Conference information, as well as other information of interest to IAWP members, was linked from the IAWP Iowa Chapter site: <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/iawp/>

South Dakota's Spring 2007 IAWP Educational Conference will be held the last week of April, and all information that I have indicates this is going to be a great conference. Please stay tuned to the web page for the information as it is developed for the conference. The web page has a special button for conference information including registration and lodging.

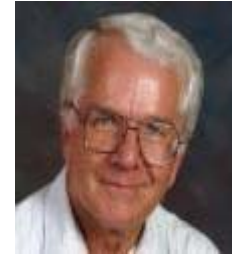
I wish you the very best fall ever and hope that you have had a great summer. As usual summer seems to slip by very quickly. Have a great September and October – remember to get your membership in as soon as possible.

Tom



Attending the IAWP District X Conference from South Dakota were, back row from left: Denis Leise, Bob Titus, Marilyn Huntley, Vi Salles, Richard Husman, and an Experience Works staff member from Sioux Falls whose name was unavailable at the time of publication. Front row, from left: Bonnie Zachman, Connie Benson, Jane Husman, Cheryl Kulm, and Nadene Bamsey. Not pictured: Jean Bennett.

Photo courtesy of Marilyn Huntley



Notes from Retirees

By Dennis Coull
SD Chapter Retiree Chair

From Dorothy Kaiser:

I've been busy putting a 58th class newsletter together and it's ready to mail as I write this. Takes a long time to get all the news and, of course, some don't respond. I can really appreciate what Dennis, Connie and others before them go through, or have gone through, gathering news as often as they do.

In August I drove to a family reunion on my mother's side held in Salem, that was well attended with 75 there. It had been 12 years since the last one so many changes. The major one for me is that I'm now the oldest of the group. The emcee (my brother) couldn't let that go by unnoticed! I was presented with a Bible that belonged to my great-grandmother, which is all of 145 years old.

I had grandson Andy's 22nd birthday dinner on Sept. 3 with quite a large group here. He will be leaving this fall for Arizona to live and work with his dad in the cabinetry business in Prescott. Wedding bells will be ringing next June for him and Nikki.

August 10 was when my youngest great-grandson, Taigen, turned 5 and we had his party here also. He's a kindergartener at Zion Lutheran School, Rapid City.

Have had other company including our former pastor and family who came back for a wedding, a brother and nephew were here for elk hunting (bow) and another brother and his wife came just to visit.

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From Vi Salles:

Summer was way too short; of course it always is. I always have big plans, and not enough time.

We started summer with a bang, as our Granddaughter Emily, who is 11, spent her third summer with us. She resides in Portland, Ore. She was in all the summer rec programs including swimming, golf, and whatever else came her way. We spent a lot of time camping and doing "retail therapy" ... Emily's motto for shopping.

We had a big garden again, and we participated in the "Tour of Gardens" which was a fundraiser for our new library in town. We had 212 guests, along with two other gardens. Was quite a venture; poor Sonny spent the previous four months grooming, trimming, and all there is needed to spiff up and make a yard look great. Even though it was terribly hot, the garden did well, and produced quite well. We are now into the swing of fall; canning is nearly done, but the fruit is coming on rapidly, so that means lots of pies, etc.

I had the misfortune to have my left shoulder go bad in August, so on Sept. 26 I had rotator cuff surgery, plus a misaligned ligament needed to be reseeded. Ho hum, no bowling.

P.S. from DC: To cultivate a garden takes too much time and labor. I'd rather live next door to one and cultivate my neighbor.

From Marilyn Huntley:

Roger and I attended the EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wis., July 27-30. We stayed in a dorm at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., that was about a 25-minute drive from the Air Show. We were very happy they had told us to bring a fan as it was hot and there was no air conditioning. However, with the fan in the window, and after a full day of walking, we never had a problem sleeping.

I do not know where to start, as there are thousands of airplanes, everything from the old War Birds to new sport planes. Everyday there is an air show at 3 p.m. with the world's best acrobatic pilots and these shows were incredible.

One of the things we really enjoyed were the speakers in the Eagle Hangar (and it was cool in there). A highlight for us was hearing Chuck Yeager, (he broke the sound barrier), Tex Hill, Flying Tiger Pilot, and Dick Rutan, Voyager Pilot who has recently been on the news. And we enjoyed just sitting on the flight line and watching all the planes take off and land.

We also got to see some excellent entertainment in the Theater in the Woods. For anyone who loves airplanes or is a pilot this is a "must see" at least once in your lifetime.

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From Bob Titus, Paul Rehfuss and Phyllis O'Conner:

At Yankton College's All-Class Reunion Dinner on July 22, **Bob Titus** presented **Phyllis O'Conner** of Rapid City with a Yankton College Alumni Achievement Award. Her achievements are too numerous to list. Phyllis was really proud to receive the award as she was born in Yankton and attended YC before moving to Rapid City with her family. She had a lot of stories to spin that weekend about her days in Yankton and at YC as well. Phyllis still looks and acts as youthful as ever.

Paul & Cathy Rehfuss were the Captain & Belle for Yankton's 23rd Riverboat Days weekend celebration Aug. 18-20. They said they really had a great time being the Captain & Belle but were really tired when it ended as they were on the go promoting the weekend since early May. They were in Washington, D.C., early in the summer to help a married daughter who lives and works there celebrate a big birthday along with visiting a granddaughter who is a senior at USD and had a nine-week internship in Senator Thune's office. Cathy & Paul were booked on a tour starting in mid-October to Central Europe.

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From **Dennis Coull**:

Shirley and I just returned from 10 days in Haiti. There were 10 people from our church who went to Haiti on a short-term mission trip. We helped build a cinder block house for a family in Haiti. The house was about 400 square feet, and will have a family of nine living in it. We also got to do some painting at an orphanage there. And, Shirley and I were able to be grandma and grandpa to about 30 kids there. Although we could not speak the language, we were able to communicate with the kids there. The temperature and humidity were both in the high 90's. I gained a new respect for water, electricity, and the temperature and humidity in South Dakota. We also learned what poverty really is. We did get to go and spend a day on the shores of the Caribbean. The water was excellent. We returned exhausted, but glad that we had the opportunity to go and help some of the people there. -DC

Lynn Bennett's father, Delbert Ray Bennett, passed away on July 24. The funeral was held July 28 in Letcher, S.D. Lynn, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. -DC

Don't forget to be thinking of your nomination for retiree of the year. Now is the time to start gathering the information that you need for that nomination. -DC

And finally, are your grand kids telling you about what they are studying in History class and you remember studying the same subjects in current events class? -DC

Retirees, let me know what you are doing. It is good to hear from each of you.

Dennis



Retirees: Remember to call, write, or e-mail me with your news, whenever the news happens.

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Jeannette Schipper shares news of recovery

Editor's note: Former Deputy Secretary of Labor Lloyd Schipper's wife, Jeannette, was involved in a serious motorcycle accident at La Crosse, Wis., in August, shortly after their retirement. They were riding their motorcycles in the afternoon when Jeannette hit a deer, breaking both femurs, fracturing ribs, and receiving many bruises. The e-mail below was written by Jeannette on Sept. 17, after they returned home to Pierre, and was forwarded to DPS and DOL staff at Jeannette's request.

Hello everyone!

I am sorry I have taken so long to write this, but I seem to be a little slower at getting things done.

Both Lloyd and I want to thank all of you for your kind thoughts, your well wishes and your prayers. I know that they helped Lloyd through the tough times he had to face, and they played a major role in my getting better. If you have not heard, we returned to Pierre on Labor Day. It was a challenging trip, but I sure was glad to be able to make it. And, I am so happy to be here – Pierre is a great place to live! I even took in some of this weekend's events, and that was great!

I am getting better every day. My head, arm and ribs are practically good as new, so now we are concentrating totally on my legs. Dr. Sanchez said to use them as much as I can tolerate it, so I am doing the Tim Conway shuffle using a walker whenever I can at home. (Not a pretty sight!) I can even stand and balance pretty well! I am getting physical therapy at St. Mary's, and they are wonderful. Each time I go, I know I am improving. Lloyd takes me to all of my appointments and takes such good care of me at home, so his life has really changed, too, but he sticks with me through it all!

We are very fortunate to know so many wonderful and caring people. I cannot begin to tell you how much your calls, prayers and cards helped both of us when I was in the hospital. They not only took our minds off what was bothering us at the moment, but they also made us smile, which was a very good thing!

For those of you who offered to bring me venison – thanks, but no thanks! I don't ever want to get that close to a deer again.

For those of you who wondered if I was some sort of a crazy woman to be riding a motorcycle at my advanced age, you were probably right and I won't be doing it any more!

For those of you who thought I chose a very strange way to start my retirement, you were also right – I should have stayed home and cleaned my closets like I said was going to do.

Actually, our trip was wonderful until that little (now deceased) deer thought I was on his road.

Thanks for caring! You are all great!

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