

Pierre – Ft. Pierre Rotary Club
2005-06 Year-end President's Report

2005-06 Officers

Executive Director

Kristie Maher, president
Chuck Quinn, vice president
Beverly Lewis, secretary
Jim Palmer, treasurer
Jim Mollison, past president
Bob Barden, director
Kelly Van Lith, director
John Rohlf, director
Ron Schreiner, director
Al Kundert, sergeant-at-arms
Bob Hofer, historian
Marshall Miller, music director

Ed Jacobsen

Major Projects by Committee (chairperson)

Club Service (Schreiner, director)

Club Bulletin (Jacobsen) – Beautiful e-mail newsletters were published weekly.

Fellowship (Isburg) – The fellowship committee hosted two events. The Christmas Party was held at the St. Charles. The committee also hosted a diner for a Rotary Friendship Exchange group from France. Both were well attended by club members and spouses.

Club History (Hofer) – The committee provided historical tidbits for some of the weekly newsletters. Hofer hounded Maher to no end to be sure she got her year-end report done.

Winged Walleye Wingding (Durick) – This event was discontinued this year. It was determined that the expense was more than the overall benefits derived. The board and committee had informal conversations about moving to exchanges with other clubs in the district versus clubs from other states. No action has been taken to date.

Vocational/Youth Services (Van Lith, Director)

Scholarship Committee (Mehlhoff) – Scholarships totaling \$8100 were awarded to the following students:

Paul Freeberg Rotary Scholarship of \$2,500 to Robert Hopper (Riggs).

Paul Freeberg Rotary Scholarship of \$2500 to Shawn Flottmeyer (SC).

Freeberg/Wilcox Rotary Scholarship of \$500 to Jessica Pearson (SC).

Note: Tyler Wilcox was awarded the \$2500 scholarship in 2005. He then passed away from cancer. With the permission of the board of directors and Tyler's parents the scholarship committee has chosen to award five \$500 scholarships will be given (1/year for 5 years) to a Stanley County students in the name of Freeberg and Wilcox.

Bob Brancel Rotary Scholarship of \$750 to Brandon Boswell (Riggs).

Rotary Scholarship of \$500 to Karae Englehart (Riggs).

Presidential Scholarship (for volunteerism) of \$1000 to Natalie Nagle. Note: The club funds only \$500 of this scholarship. The other ½ is funded by the Presidential Scholarship program.

K.A. Manning Scholarships to CUC students. \$150 each awarded to Mike Hofmeister (Fall '05), Sarah Small (Fall '05), Robin Hinesh (Spring '06), and Elvonna Roach (Spring '06).

Leadership Central South Dakota Scholarship awarded annually to a club member. \$250 to Chuck Quinn funded ½ of the registration fee.

Discussions were held at the board and committee level in regards to changing the scholarship application forms in hopes of soliciting information that will allow the students to demonstrate their uniqueness among all applicants. Such a change may be designed around the 4-Way Test.

Youth Committee (Northrup) – After extension research into the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, this committee recommended participation by our club. The board approved and budgeted \$2500 for the program. The Pierre School Board approved participation at their level. The first YSE student will come to Pierre in the Fall of 2006.

Community Service (Barden, director)

Human Development/ "One of a Kind" (Bunkowske) – Kindergarten and new students from the Pierre and Ft. Pierre Districts participated in the One of a Kind program. This one handled in one day at Buchanan School with River City Transit providing transportation.

Community Development Committee (Lee) – At the recommendation of this committee, Pierre-Ft. Pierre Rotary made contributions to the following organizations during 2005-06:

SD Make-A-Wish Foundation, Pierre-Ft. Pierre Jr. Achievement, CHAP, Oahe Red Cross (local plus Katrina flood relief, included individual contributions), Oahe Inc. (Included individual contributions and matched by Rotary District 5610 Simplified Grant of \$2000).

The committee organized Rotary's annual hosting of The Banquet in May of 2006.

Committee recommends developing a club website and has members willing to assist in this effort.

Foundation (Evenstad) – The board requested a vote of the club to determine the membership's wishes regarding the foundation. The club was voted strongly to continue to grow the foundation to a principal of \$100,000, and to limit spending to interest earned only.

In order to show the activity within the foundation, the board has directed the Oahe Foundation to send quarterly interest checks to the Club treasurer. The treasurer will be responsible for cutting all checks including those for scholarships. Any remaining

foundation funds at the end of each year will be deposited into the foundation as principal.

Fundraising

Booth Projects (Weber) – The booth project raised _____ during 2005-06. This is slightly over budget expectations. The board has recommended additional marketing of the project to potential Ramkota convention planners and to other meeting sites such as King's Inn and any potential new site in Ft. Pierre.

Keyboard Project (Lygstad) – This project raised _____ during 2005-06. This is over budget expectations.

International Service (Rohlf, director)

International Project (Quinn) – After a presentation to the entire club on the St. Jude School in Tanzania, Africa received positive response, the committee recommended that the board approve a \$350 sponsorship for the school. The club additionally recommended that the Club seek to multiply this contribution through the Rotary International grant system. The board strongly agreed with this. As this grant requires partnership with a Rotary Club outside the country, the board voted to carry-over the \$350 to the 2006-07 budget to allow time to establish the necessary partnerships.

The committee considered a second-hand clothing contribution program, however, decided against this project.

Group Study Exchange (Schroyer) – The committee worked to recruit a participant in the District's exchange to India. The club's potential applicant found conflicts, and, in the end, decided not to apply.

The committee coordinated the hosting of a Rotary Friendship Exchange group from France.

Year-end Awards

2005-06 Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Jim Mollison. Jim is an example of a complete Rotarian. He is extremely active in local club projects. In 2006 he initiated and led the club's volunteer efforts for the Cabela's Fishing Tournament. Jim often provides significant financial contributions to local Rotary projects. Jim takes his role as a district assistant governor seriously, visiting central SD clubs and seeking to build relationships among clubs by taking other Pierre members on these visits. Jim attended the Rotary International Convention in Chicago. He and his wife are Paul Harris Fellows.

2005-06 Spirit of Community Award was presented to Ellen Lee for her leadership of the Community Development Committee, for organizing Rotary's participation in The Banquet, and for the significant leadership community development activities through her vocation and personal life such as the Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth, suicide prevention, and Healthy Community initiative.

Respectfully submitted by Kristie Maher, President 2005-06