

## ROTARY YEAR IN REVIEW

2006 – 2007

**PRESIDENT: CHUCK QUINN**

**CLUB: PIERRE / FT. PIERRE**

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Committee Structure strengthened and expanded
- Bingo Re-Organized -  
Collection of 2 quarters to play Bingo with winner receiving ½ of pot raised was changed. New system was to collect \$1 per member per week with the winner of Bingo drawing from a deck of cards for the queen of spades. Each week the queen was NOT drawn there was no pay out. Half of the funds raised went to the club, and half stayed in the pot each week until the queen of spades was drawn. Each week, whatever card was drawn other than the queen of spades was removed from the deck. This Attendance Committee technique saw an increase in weekly attendance and a 120% increase in funds to the club.
- Greeter position was established on a regular basis by having the person who presented the program one week become the greeter the next week.
- Members helped with the set-up of the 2006 Pierre-Fort Pierre Chautauqua production in August 2006 at Steamboat Park.
- PR Committee established a Webpage for the Club. Work progresses on the Club Projects hotlink, but the entire site still needs to be completed.
- In August 2006 – we caught up with giving pins to our past-presidents. Eight were honored and recognized. – Kristie Maher, Jim Mollison, Duane Bunkowske, Bob Miller, Don Gaarder, Bernie Duffy, Bob Hofer and Marshall Miller.
- In August, Tales Couto, our first Youth Exchange student arrived from Brazil. He stayed the first semester with Rotarian Day Breitag and the second semester with non-Rotarian Richard Coit family.
- In September 2006 our Vietnam Era Veterans were honored as part of the state dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial. We honored 10 members. – Bob Barden, Tim Bjork, Nick Brandner, Doug Evenstad, Tom Feigum, Paul Forney, David Hauschild, Ron Schreiner, John Simpson, Wally Thomsen.

- The Community Development Committee provided funds to the Vietnam War Memorial, Make-A-Wish, Pierre B-B Gun Shooters, Junior Achievement, etc. - \$3,000 was awarded in total.
- The Rotary Club participated in the first, annual District 5610 Rotary Raffle. We tried to raise \$100 per member (or \$7,800) and actually raised over \$12,820 through May 2007.
- Pierre Hosted The Miracles Workshop on January 13, 2007 for district 5610
- President Quinn introduced an idea that the Pierre Club should find a Major Project to construct locally. Throughout the remainder of the year, three Club Assemblies were held to develop the idea.
- A speaker system was purchased in February of 2007 and attached to the podium.
- In April 279 students were provided with the one-of-a-kind program at all local elementary schools.
- \$8,500 worth of scholarships were presented to Riggs and Stanley County High School students in May.
- Rotary provided the meal for the Community Banquet on May 17, 2007 and served over 300 meals.
- A display case was built in May 2007 in the lobby of the Ramkota by Jim Mollison to present educational materials about Rotary.
- Eleven new members joined Rotary this year, with four leaving. This was a net gain of seven and the membership rose from 78 to 85 current members.
- Five Paul Harris' inductees were admitted to the society this year – Rick Jorgensen, John Simpson, Kelley Van Lith, Marshall Miller and Tom Tveit. The Van Lith Paul Harris was a gift from Jim Mollison and the Miller Paul Harris was a gift from Ed Jacobson.
- Two members became double Paul Harris' and joined the Paul Harris Society (giving \$1,000 per year) – Jim Mollison and Ed Jacobson.
- \$1,000 was donated to flood relief through the Aberdeen Rotary Club to the Aberdeen Salvation Army.
- Tales Couto – Youth Exchange Student – requested to stay another two months in Pierre through July 2007. Kristie Maher will provide housing.
- New Officers and Board Members were elected and inducted –
 

Beverly Lewis – President	Scott Isburg
Todd Bernhard – President Elect	John Rohlf
Kelley VanLith – Secretary	Jim Russell
Jim Palmer – Treasurer	Roger Novotny

Overall, a good year. There is much more to do and I look forward to staying involved in the District wide raffle and to assist President Lewis to strengthen the committee structure.

Respectfully submitted – June 21, 2007