

2007 – 2008

PRESIDENT: BEVERLY LEWIS

CLUB: PIERRE / FORT PIERRE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Major Project. Club members voted to embark upon a major project campaign to build a community water spray park. Committees began meeting to discuss the funding, design and partnerships with the City of Pierre. The Club also voted to be responsible for at least 25% of the total cost which is estimated to be approximately \$250,000. Initial designs were received from three suppliers and three major funders agreed to contribute. The project took a hiatus during the summer because the City of Pierre and the City of Ft. Pierre have not yet decided what to do about their aging outdoor pools and those decisions will greatly influence where and when a Rotary Spray Park can be built.
- The Community Development Committee, co-chaired by Ellen Lee and Tim Bjork, awarded grants to the following organizations: Pierre Area Chamber; Oahe First Book; Capitol City Questers; Countryside Hospice; Oahe Inc. and Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center.
- President Beverly Lewis received a Paul Harris Fellowship from District Governor Dick Nolte during his July visit.
- The Club bid farewell to Tales Couto, our Rotary Exchange Student, before he returned to his home in Brazil.
- More than 250 children were provided with the One-of-a-Kind identification kits in the fall.
- The Club served over 300 people at the Community Banquet in May.
- In May \$8,000+ in scholarships were presented to Riggs High and Stanley County School student.
- Jim Mollison won Bingo and donated his \$397.50 back to Rotary.
- Our Club participated in the second District 5610 Rotary Raffle to benefit the Rotary Foundation.
- A Club first: Rotarian Roger Novotny welcomed his daughter Dr. Jill Hart as a new member and now three members of the Novotny family are Rotarians because his daughter-in-law Brittany is also a member.
- Club members rang the Salvation Army bells in December.
- Interesting, informative programs throughout the year included:
 - Police Service Dog Handler Shane Severyn and his drug dog, Cas
 - Tony Dean, outdoor writer and host/producer of "Tony Dean Outdoors"
 - Pierre School Superintendent Dr. Kelly Glodt
- Sol Birch represented our Club as a member of the Rotary District 5610 Group Study Exchange Team in Brazil.
- New Officers and Board Members were inducted in July:
 - Todd Bernhard – President
 - Scott Isburg – President Elect
 - Kelley VanLith – Secretary
 - Tim Bjorn – Treasurer
 - John Rohlf – Board
 - Jim Russell – Board
 - Roger Novotny - Board