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*Enhancing Our Members' Ability to Succeed
in Their Rural & Agriculturally Related Professions!*

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2006

- Nov. 7-8 - Chapter Board Meeting - -- Rapid City
- Nov. 8 - Member Lunch With Board of Directors- Rapid City
- Nov. 18 - Jerry Kjerstad Memorial Pheasant Hunt – Huron

2007

- January 17-19 – Winter Education & Joint Meeting W/PAASD – Mitchell
- Feb. 14-17 - ASFMRA Annual Meeting w/ ASAC & NAICC in Atlanta, GA

July 18-25, 2009 – International Farm Management Conference in
Bloomington, Illinois co-hosted by national ASFMRA and Illinois ASFMRA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

He always had a smile for you. He always made me feel welcome. Even with all his talent and experience he treated me like an equal. He was one of those people you wanted to be around.

These were just some of the statements I heard over the past couple weeks and at Jerry Kjerstad's funeral. All of these go to support what a well liked and respected man Jerry was.

It is with heartfelt sorrow my sympathy goes out to Margy and her family. While I can't say I understand how the family feels or pretend to know how this has impacted their lives, I can say as friend of Jerry's, I understand Jerry will be missed. He will be missed by the family, business associates, friends, students and the community of which he was a vital part.

For many of us, our community involvement is primarily local, fairly immediate, and tends to have an easily defined boundary. Based on my knowledge of Jerry and more so, on the comments by those who knew him best, Jerry's community didn't fall into that defined boundary. Whether it was spending time with family and friends, working, or traveling, Jerry touched people.

Jerry certainly touched this chapter. He played an active role in the early development of the chapter as well as the ongoing success of the chapter. Jerry mentored many, and was willing to give of his time and talents.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

The South Dakota Chapter sent a flower arrangement to the funeral as well as a donation of \$250 in Jerry's name to ASFMRA Foundation Education Trust. This will go to provide education offerings for those attending ASFMRA courses in the future

My son Cody said it very well, while saying a prayer for Jerry, when he said "God Bless Jerry, he's a really nice guy."

At this time I want to also ask for your thoughts and prayers for the father of Tom Jass. Tom is with his Dad in Iowa. Tom's Dad had a leak in his aorta and is undergoing medical care. Tom we're thinking of you, and please keep us updated on your Dads' condition.

Coming up next week is the fall chapter board meeting in Rapid City. The board will be meeting to plan for the upcoming year. Please let one of the board members know of any items you may want discussed. This is your chapter and we need input from all to make this a reflection of who you are and what is important to the South Dakota Chapter members.

UPCOMING CHAPTER BOARD MEETING AND MEMBER LUNCH

The South Dakota Chapter Board of Directors will be meeting in Rapid City on November 7th and 8th. The meeting will be at the Farm Credit Services of America building. The meeting will run from 12:00 noon on Tuesday to 6:00 PM and then 8:00 AM on Wednesday to 11:30 am.

At the end of the meeting on Wednesday all members are invited to the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, Downtown, for lunch. The chapter will be buying lunch for the membership. This will be the same as last year, where we will order off the Express Menu. The meeting room will be posted as Farm Credit Services of America.

So please join us for lunch on November 8th. If possible, let Wade Buck (buckw@fcsamerica.com or 342-0678) know if you will be able to attend. Please be at the room by 11:45 – 12:00. Thanks and we hope to see you there!

WEBSITE FOR FOREST SERVICE CONTRACTS

Kathy Colyer, RPRA, with the Forest Service has shared this website address to be passed on to the membership. This website, WWW.FEDBIZOPPS.GOV, helps to explain some of the different types of contracts with the Forest Service. Kathy asks that for those interested and if they have questions, please contact Tim Hansen at 303-275-5378, or Sharon Moore at 970-874-6684.

NOVEMBER EAST RIVER BREAKFAST MEETING CANCELLED – SEE NEXT ARTICLE.

MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND KJERSTAD MEMORIAL PHEASANT HUNT

The South Dakota Chapter of ASFMRA is holding a memorial pheasant hunt and social on Saturday November 18th in the Huron area. Chapter members John Widdoss and Jorge Vicuna are organizing the hunt. Jorge is lining up land owned by Mac Haskell and others.

This is a benefit hunt with those hunting contributing **\$50**. Proceeds will be split equally between the **ASFMRA Foundation Education Trust and the chapter's SDSU Acorn Scholarship Fund.**

Those hunting (spouses welcome) will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Jorge Vicuna's home (1030 Ohio) located a few blocks west of Dakota Street (highway 37 and the main north – south street through Huron) on the south end of town.

After the hunt, a supper social is planned for **5:00 p.m. at Fowl Play Restaurant located on Byron Lake on the west shore. This is 16 miles north of Huron. Take highway 37 north; there will be a sign for Byron Lake turning east.** Chapter members (**spouses welcome**) that are not hunters are encouraged to attend the supper social and make a free will contribution for the benefit recipients.

We encourage all members throughout the state to participate in this event.

Please e-mail Jorge Vicuna at jvicuna@basec.net if you will be participating in the hunt and / or supper by November 14th . Also communicate if spouse will be in attendance for either.

SDSU SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE / FUTURE DIRECTIONS **– By Committee Chair Brian Gatzke**

Greetings from the home town of South Dakota State University.

First, I want to thank all our members and friends who have supported our SD ASFMRA scholarship for Juniors and Seniors at SDSU. We were able to reach our first goal and have a perpetual scholarship at SDSU. Thanks again for assisting us in reaching the goal.

The following will provide you a summary of the first phase of fund raising:

- Total gifts to SDSU as of October 16, 2006 is \$12,376.
- Total Market value as of October 2006 of gift is \$12,645.30
- Based upon this gain, we will be able to offer at least a \$600 scholarship to the applying students for school year 2007-2008 within the College of Ag & Bio Sciences.

Our past scholarship winners were:

1. 2005-06 school year, Mr.. Seth Zilverberg of Holabird, SD.
2. 2006-07 school year, Ms. Becky Lambert, Frankfurt, SD.

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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE CONTINUED

2007-08 scholarship participants should contact the College of Ag & Bio Sciences. You can apply on line at SDSU Foundation scholarship site this fall. To gain recognition, it is important for the applicant to apply and write or print on the scholarship application their area of interest to be: Appraisal / Ag Management / Ag Consultant / Farm Manager.

The scholarship candidates are selected by a committee of administration staff. If a preference is noted, then the three or four selected are interviewed by our SD Chapter committee in February. This helps build our chapter and the profession's awareness.

If you know of any student that is interested in the Farm Manager, Appraiser, and Consultant career path, please have them apply at SDSU. The more students that write in the name of our chapter and interest in one of the three fields, the more interest SDSU will take in our group. If you need a copy of our scholarship criteria, please drop an email to Paul Reisch.

Third and last item is our next goal. To continue a strong scholarship program we have our second phase goal of \$20,000. By reaching that goal, we will be able to offer two or three scholarships a year.

Please consider a scholarship donation with our program in one of the following ways:

- a one time donation
- annual contributions pledging so many dollars per year
- an estate planning tool for scholarship programs.

If you are already donating to SDSU, you may notify the SDSU Foundation staff your funds can be attributed towards the SD ASFRMA scholarship program.

In the future, we plan to have some fundraisers (e.g. upcoming pheasant hunt) and door prizes to contribute to the scholarship event. If you know of anyone who wishes to donate (a game hunt, software, books, jewelry, guns, vacation packages, fishing events, and general free items to raffle off), please have them notify us. You may contact either Brian Gatzke or Paul Reisch.

If you would like to serve on the committee, please notify President Wade Buck, President Elect Ron Rucker or Board Liaison Paul Reisch. Thank you for your support and success into the future.