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**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

May 7 – Chapter Board Meeting - Brookings

May 8 – SDSU Network Event – Brookings

May 16 - West River Breakfast Meeting - 9 A.M.

Rapid City Marlin's Roadhouse Grill

May 30 – SDAAO Conference Banquet – Pierre

June 25-28 – Joint Range Camp (Montana / South Dakota / Wyoming)

Camp Needmore near Ekalaka, MT

July 14-18 - ASFMRA Summer Education Week – Omaha, NE

Late July - East River Breakfast Meeting –Sioux Falls Roll'N Pin

- in conjunction with Hefty Field Days – date TBD

Sept. 8-12 - Leadership Institute – Washington, DC

October 16 – SDSU Ag-Bio Career Fair

Nov. 11-15 – 84<sup>th</sup> ASFMRA Annual Meeting – Reno, NV

January 16-17–Winter Education & Joint Meeting W/PAASD - Chamberlain

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

May Day is almost here. Many of you younger ones probably never received or gave a May Day Basket and then get chased by a young maiden.....scared the heck out of me. May Day is special to me as my son was born on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

April was a month of snowy and cold weather for most of South Dakota. Rapid City set a new record for snow totals for the month and without the nice weather the last few days was also closing in on one of the coldest Apriels. The moisture received sure changed attitudes and will hopefully be the start to getting back to average moisture levels across the state. We have had a couple of nice days and our snow is gone. The one thing that popped up right away is the dandelions. I am not much of a wine maker so I plan to “eradicate” rather than “harvest”.

Next week Tuesday is our spring board meeting and Wednesday is the SDSU Network Event at McCrory Gardens in Brookings. There is an article later in the newsletter about this event and Jay emailed information to the membership last week. Plan to attend if you can fit it into your schedule. Thank you Jay Knappe for your efforts and commitment in planning this event.

The SD Chapter again selected an individual for the \$1,000 scholarship. An article follows on the next page. Thank you to Tyler Urban, Jay Knappe, and Jerry Warmann for their time to review the applications and interview several of the candidates.

I hope to see many of you next week. Have a great May.

## **SDSU SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION MADE**

This spring 13 students applied for the scholarship.

Members Tyler Urban, Jay Knuppe, and Jerry Warmann represented the chapter in April in conducting interviews for the chapter's \$1,000 scholarship. There were three individuals chosen to interview on the SDSU campus on the morning of April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sara DeClerk has been selected as the recipient of the chapter's \$1,000 scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Sara is an Agronomy major from Flandreau, SD. In addition, she already has a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. She shared the following in her scholarship application:

As a lifetime South Dakota resident, my unique service and background is thorough and has come due to the opportunities provided by being raised on a family farm. Because of such stability, I have continued to grow and learn. The valuable work I have carried out includes a well-rounded knowledge of managing a daily facility, promotion, and one-on-one interaction with individuals and groups. I am a motivated, organized, and positive person. Further, I have a special enthusiasm for education, writing, and communication skills.

Sara is currently taking the SDSU Rural Real Estate Appraisal class, became an ASFMRA student member in March, and is signed up for the Student Program at Summer Education Week in Omaha.



## **CHAPTER MEMBER VISITS RURAL REAL ESTATE APPAISAL CLASS**

Paul Reisch made another visit to the Rural Real Estate Appraisal class at South Dakota State University on April 24<sup>th</sup>. He provided the students information regarding the appraisal function within Farm Credit Services of America including:

- Farm Credit regulatory / policy requirements
- Collateral Standards & Related Production Value Concept
- Sustainable Real Estate Values For FCS America
- Benchmark System
- Appraisal Staff Structure / Positions & Processes

He also demonstrated the companies GIS system and Visual Valuation capabilities including the capability of providing customers with a land sale summary report for a given geographic area.

## **MONSANTO SPONSORED SDSU NETWORK EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 8th**

This event will give our chapter members an opportunity to interact with various SDSU extension and academic personnel that have contributed in recent years or can contribute in the future to our achieving our chapter mission through education and networking.

We have invited over 75 South Dakota State University representatives to join us for our chapter SDSU Network Event on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the McCrory Gardens Education and Visitor Center in Brookings.

The program agenda will include:

**Ron Ensz** – ASFMRA Chapter President – Welcome and ASFMRA update

**Philip Mueller** - Monsanto Farm Manager/Account Manager –

-“A New Era in Agriculture”

-Integrated Farming Systems

-What is in the trait/developing pipeline with an industry update.

**Nathan Mueller** - SDSU Crop Variety Testing Coordinator & Extension Agronomist

-Variety selection: Information vs. Emotion

**Dennis Todey** – State Climatologist at SDSU –

-Discussing the past South Dakota drought and future weather/climate trends.

Lunch catered by SDSU will be provided after the event at about noon.

**Please respond to SDSU Relationships Chair Jay Knuppe ([Jay.Knuppe@fcsamerica.com](mailto:Jay.Knuppe@fcsamerica.com)) by Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> if you plan to attend.**

## **SD CHAPTER - KJERSTAD MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Objectives:**

1. Encourage potential members to join our chapter and help them with initial ASFMRA education.
2. Encourage members to attend and learn the benefits of the networking and education that take place at national events.
3. Broaden the experience of chapter members, which will in turn, strengthen our chapter member networking opportunities and develop future leadership for the chapter.
4. Encourage members to pursue accreditation and support them in this endeavor.
5. Recognize the member's achievement in gaining his accreditation.
6. Build member loyalty to the chapter.

Funding for this program is handled outside of the normal chapter operating / budgeting process. A separate money market account is dedicated for this program and the scholarships are paid from this account. Chapter fundraising projects and interest accrual on the account pay for the scholarships.

### **Scholarship opportunities for members under this program include:**

- **\$500 scholarship for Leadership Institute attendance** -- Priority for the scholarship - Chapter President, board member, member who has never attended, member who has attended. Interest to be communicated to Chapter President by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Pay member registration fee for first time national meeting attendance** - The member planning to attend their first national meeting would inform President and Treasurer.
- **Pay up to two \$500 scholarships annually to attend the National Meeting for members who have attended the National Meeting in the past.** Those intending to attend a National Meeting would state their intent to do so to the President and Treasurer. Then, those submitting their intent will be in a drawing for one of the two scholarships. The scholarship would be for members that are not reimbursed their costs by their employer. The scholarship would be limited to the same winner once every three years if several are entered in the drawing.
- **\$500 scholarship for first education course that is a part of accreditation track after becoming a new member.** - Member would inform President and Treasurer of intent to attend. Scholarship paid to member upon confirmation of course enrollment and adequate funds. If inadequate funding, will be reimbursed in future when adequate funding secured.
- **\$500 scholarship for accreditation education for those committed to achieving accreditation.** - Any current member can provide written intent for the upcoming calendar year by December 1<sup>st</sup> to Chapter President. The written intent will convey the member's status regarding educational requirements and his / her personal timeline to achieve completion of educational requirements, demo report, and sitting for the exam. Scholarship approval will be communicated to a member by March 31 of the calendar fiscal year. The member can be paid \$500 toward the cost of a class still needed within 3 years of scholarship approval.
- **Pay for cost of the accrediting exam** - Payable upon application as communicated by member to President and Treasurer. The cost of exam would be paid on a one time only basis.
- **Pay member registration fee when receiving accreditation at national meeting.** The member planning to attend would inform President and Treasurer.

Scholarships related to accreditation address only 1 accreditation per member. I.E. – Would not cover ARA, AFM, RPRA and / or AAC all for one member over time. The Kjerstad Member Scholarship Committee will administer the scholarship. Committee members are President, Past President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and one at large member appointed by the President. The at large member is appointed at the beginning of each president's new term.

# 2013



**Can you identify this plant? Is it a positive or negative in a domestic grazing system? What are some other values of the plant?**

If you want to learn about Montana's number one natural resource, rangeland, the answers to the above questions and many more will be discussed at the 2013 Ag Lenders Range School, June 26-28, 2013.

This year's school will be based at Camp Needmore near Ekalaka, MT. Educational activities will take place on area ranches and will feature plant ID, range site ID, a tour of the Dugan Fire, improved pasture management, and noxious weed management. We will also have an opportunity to view an antique tractor collection and visit the Ekalaka Museum.



This inexpensive learning experience (\$200 for 3 days of meals and refreshments) is filled with fun and the great outdoors. Both Farm Land Appraisers and Realtors can earn certification credits at the school.



You will have the ability to camp with us on site, or stay at a motel in town. Cabins with beds, along with restrooms and showers are all available at the camp. Send in your reservation today or contact any of the directors listed at the bottom of the page for more information.



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