

SD Beadle Club News 2012-13

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Message from the President

It is an honor to address the members of the Beadle Club, educators both active and retired. It is a great honor to serve a group that is dedicated to the memory of General Beadle and his commitment to educating the children of SD.

As a member of the Beadle Club, you are well aware that General Beadle had the foresight in the earliest days of our state to see that the 16th and 36th section of every township were dedicated to providing a financial foundation for public education in our state. He saw that the strength of any state would be based on the quality of its educational system and financial resources would be needed to assure that quality. I believe that the

mission of the Beadle Club is more important than ever and that we need our talented and dedicated education professionals to educate the public as well as our students.

From my perspective, SD has moved away from General Beadle's vision. In November the public was asked to vote whether it would support an increase in taxes to support education. The vote failed, but the need to find resources remains. Schools have made cuts in personnel and programs in response to cuts in state aid. The vote failed for a number of reasons. One was that some just didn't want to raise their taxes even to support students or senior citizens.

Other individuals stated they voted no because they did not trust the Legislature to keep the funds dedicated to education and Medicaid. Many stated that they felt the state lottery had been sold to the public to support public education only to see it disappear into the general fund. I believe a final reason was that we did not do a good enough job of educating the public on how the funds would have helped our students and how they would have helped senior citizens in our rural community nursing homes.

As Beadle Club members we must continue to educate, advocate, and hold true to the mission as well as work to increase our membership and share that responsibility.

Pres. Lynn Vlasman

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Gwen Taylor is 2012 Beadle Club Scholarship Winner

The Scholarship Committee selected Gwen Taylor from Brookings as the 2012 recipient of the \$ 500 Beadle Club Scholarship. Gwen is currently a mathematics teacher at Brookings High School. She is enrolled at SDSU working on an elementary and secondary graduate degree which she plans to achieve by the end of this school year.

Gwen is a graduate of Hamlin High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree from SDSU in 1981. She taught mathe-

tics, science and computers at the Doland School District from 1983 to 1986, taught computers and mathematics for 17 years at Estelline HS and has taught mathematics at the Brookings High School since 2004.

If the opportunity presents itself, Gwen has indicated that she would like to become an administrator in the Brookings area.

The Beadle Club awards the scholarship each year as part of its mission to insure

the continued health of public education in South Dakota.

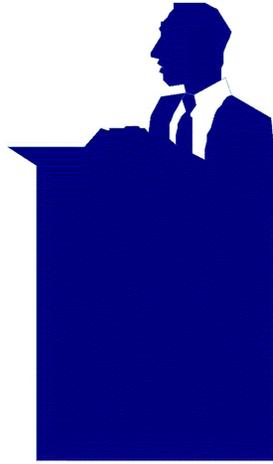
The Beadle Club thanks Jack Broome and Robert Meerdink for their contributions to the scholarship fund in 2011-12 and to the SD School Superintendents Association for its contribution in 2012-13. Please read about the history of the fund, how the fund was established and what you can do to help support its mission.

The Great Debate - How Do We Best Serve the Beadle Club Membership?



“PEOPLE WHO WORK
TOGETHER WILL WIN,
WHETHER IT BE
AGAINST COMPLEX
FOOTBALL DEFENSES
OR THE PROBLEMS OF
MODERN SOCIETY.

— VINCE LOMBARDI



The Beadle Club is unique in its mission, but similar to many other organizations in facing the challenges of communicating with its membership. In a time where it seems everyone is connected digitally, you might think this should be easy.

For our members that are still employed in working in the field of education, it is possible to reach the majority of them through e-mail. Even many of

those that have retired have e-mail. There are many members however that rely on receiving printed newsletters via mail. The breakdown with that portion of the membership comes when members change addresses and don't contact the Beadle Club so that we can update our records.

The membership list is printed on the outside of the newsletter. Members with missing addresses are in bold & italics . Call 605-935-6766 if you have an address for those members.

The other challenge is that we still believe it is important to have Beadle Club meetings where the membership can sit down face-to-face and discuss the business of the organization. These meetings have typically taken place in conjunction with the SDSSA Summer Conference and the Retired Superintendents Luncheon. The challenge has always been members having to choose between attending the

sessions provided by the SDSSA and the Beadle Club meeting. In 2012 the Board decided to try to host the Beadle Club meeting in conjunction with the ASBSD / SASD combined conference in Sioux Falls believing more members might be able to attend.

The end result is that the Board has decided to have two meetings in 2013, in Pierre and in Sioux Falls at the two conferences. The meeting in Pierre will take place at 1:00 after the Retired Superintendents Luncheon and hopefully at a time that is not slotted for a major keynote speaker. The time and room assignment at the Sioux Falls Conference are yet to be determined. We ask that our members commit to attending at least one of these meetings. The strength of any organization is dependent upon member involvement.

The Loss of Leadership, The Search for New Leaders

The health of any organization is dependent upon its ability to renew itself. Each of us has had the opportunity to learn from those that have gone before us, have the opportunity to mentor and help those that have recently entered the field, and the ability to encourage others to consider a career as an administrator. The Beadle Club needs to lean on current members to take an active role in developing that talent. Each of you know an established administrator that is a strong leader in education or a new administrator that has already exhibited that potential.

Please reach out to that individual and sponsor them as a candidate for Beadle Club membership. Candidates must have at least ten years of service in education in SD, demonstrated a commitment to public education, and shown leadership in some capacity at the local, regional or state level.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the 2013 nomination form to sponsor a candidate for Beadle Club membership. The Beadle Club can add up to ten new members per year. We ask that you be an advocate for education by nominating educators and administrators as candidates for the Beadle Club.

The membership form and process are brief. You need only provide your recommendation and some biographical information to nominate a candidate. The form and dues are to be sent Dean Christensen, Supt. of the Deuel School District.

The induction ceremony will be held in Pierre at the SDSSA Summer Conference on July 16th when the Beadle Club holds its annual meeting at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will follow the Retired Supt. luncheon. We look forward to a good turn-out of active and retired Beadle Club members to attend the luncheon and the business meeting as we welcome any new members.

Contributing to the Beadle Club Scholarship Fund

During the annual meeting of the Beadle Club in 1993, it was decided to establish a scholarship for graduate students in the field of educational administration. The money for the scholarship was to come from the interest earnings of one certificate of deposit designated as a scholarship CD. Members were encouraged to make contributions to the scholarship fund principal so that interest earnings would increase over time.

In 1995 the Executive Committee determined that there would be sufficient interest earnings to award a \$ 200 scholarship. By 1988 the contributions and interest allowed the awarding of a \$ 300 scholarship followed by a

\$ 500 scholarship in 1999.

Over the last several years the interest earnings have been almost non-existent. As a result there was no scholarship given in 2011. The funding of the scholarship was discussed during the 2011 annual meeting. At that time it was moved and passed to cash out the CD and place the funds with the SD Community Foundation based on the belief that the Foundation would be able to generate a better return resulting in more consistent funding for the scholarship. In July of 2011 the necessary paperwork was completed and a check in the amount of \$ 20,000 was placed with the Foundation to establish a perma-

nent endowment. The SDCF is a 501 C (3) organization.

To keep the fund stable and growing, we need continued contributions from the Beadle Club membership. Please consider investing in the future of education in SD by sending your contribution to Ken Pickering, Beadle Club Treasurer, 1801 Grandview, Pierre, SD 57501. Contributions can also be sent directly to the SD Community Foundation at PO Box 296, Pierre, SD 57501. When contributing directly to SDCF the contribution must clearly specify that the contribution is to be added to the "SD Beadle Club Foundation". Contributions will be acknowledged in either the

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FOR THE HEART
THAN REACHING
DOWN TO LIFT
PEOPLE UP."

JOHN HOLMES

Beadle Club newsletter or the SD Community Foundation publication dependent on where the contribution is sent.

Quality schools are dependent upon quality administrators to guide them. As college costs continue to see double digit increases, the Beadle Club Scholarship Fund needs your help to grow and help meet the need of developing the next generation of educational leaders.

Beadle Club Annual Meeting - Aug. 9, 2012 , Sioux Falls Convention

The annual meeting of the SD Beadle Club began at 9:40 a.m. on Aug. 9th, 2012 with 17 members present.

President Gary Leighton welcomed those in attendance.

Business Meeting

Copies of the minutes of the July 19th, 2011 annual meeting were available. Motion to approve by Dean Christensen, seconded by Joel Jorgenson. Carried.

Treasurer Ken Pickering reviewed the annual financial report including deposits made to all accounts, expenditures for all accounts, and the status of the Scholarship CD. Dean Christensen gave an update on the SD Community Foundation. Motion by Wayne Semmler and seconded by John Pedersen to approve the financial report. Carried.

Extensive discussion was held on the status of the scholarship fund. A motion was made by Dean Christensen, seconded by John Fathke, to cash the scholarship CD and move all but \$ 500 of it to the SD Community Foundation. The purpose of the fund will be to provide money for the scholarship as well as other Beadle Club

needs. Dean will contact Bob Sutton to work out the details.

Communication to the membership has become difficult without the newsletter going out as planned. Discussion was held on setting up an e-mail contact data base as most members have an e-mail address. Those that don't would receive information via USPS. Having a Beadle Club website was also suggested where minutes meeting information and scholarship and membership forms could be accessed. It will be investigated to obtain a domain as well as looking for someone to create and manage it.

Reports

School and Public Lands

Commissioner Justin Jarrod Johnson gave an informative report on the activities of the office.

SD Retirement System

Matt Clark of the Investment Council/SDRS reported on the system noting the status of investments.

Scholarship Committee

Gwen Taylor of Brookings was awarded the \$ 500 scholarship. She is working on her MA in administration while teaching at Brookings HS. Barry Furze and committee members, Ed McLaughlin and Jim Heinert made the selection from 4 applicants.

Two new members were inducted. They are Dr. Wade Pogany, nominated by Hank Kosters and Brian Heupel who was nominated by Joel Jorgenson.

The "Hickory Stick" was transferred to Lynn Vlasman by Gary Leighton. Lynn gave his goals as president to increase membership and help rejuvenate the organization.

Officers are:

President:	Lynn Vlasman
Vice-President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Linda Whitney
Treasurer:	Ken Pickering
Website Contact:	Gary Leighton

There was a discussion on the location and date of the 2013 annual meeting.

On a motion by Leon Swier with a second by Bob Arend, the meeting was adjourned.

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