

Chapter News

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Washburn Area DFS Board Holds Retreat

The Washburn Area DFS Board of Directors held a retreat on April 11 and 12 at Fort Mandan. Everyone came prepared to have fun, share ideas and fully participate. State Director Lori Sayler had the pleasure of attending this retreat.

The purpose of the retreat:

- understand history and celebrate success
- establish or reaffirm chapter's mission statement
- define key functions or goals as a chapter
- discuss an organization structure that will help attain mission
- participate in activities that help chapters function more effectively as a team

Washburn board member Judy Beaudry brought in a special group activity. Scott Prebys, Drumming for Everyone, facilitated a drumming exercise to promote team building, reduce stress and enhance interaction and communication among the participants. His presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Drumming exercise in Washburn.

the students of Jamestown and also a fabulous boost to the Dollars for Scholars program," board member Ken Dalsted said.

To help with fundraising, the board is working to increase its size, hoping to add previous JHS graduates. It is also adding annual membership dues of \$35. These additional funds, along with the Heils' donation, may give JPSF the support it has been looking for.

The decision as to how the donation will be used has not yet been made, but school superintendent and board member Bob Toso said most of it will probably go to scholarships, as that was part of the Heils' requests.

Bismarck/Mandan Chapters Team Up for Parade



Thousands of eyes were on Dollars for Scholars this past Independence Day! The Bismarck and Mandan chapters joined forces to enter this year's "Mandan Fourth of July Parade." Thanks to the creative talent of Tracy Boehm, Mandan DFS fundraising chair, the float depicted a baby growing up and moving on to college, the workplace and eventually a family. Mandan DFS sponsored the float, while Bismarck DFS organized high school students from Bismarck to toss candy. Sponsors for the entry were Ressler Chevrolet, Hometown Storage and Moving, and Student Loans of North Dakota. This is great publicity and a fun way of doing it!

Jamestown Affiliate Chapter Accepts Heil Family Donation

After a meeting to finalize plans for a membership drive, the Jamestown Public School Foundation, a member of NDDFS, will be receiving a bit more than new members — \$228,714.94 more, to be exact.

The donation came from the estate of Robert and Doris Heil, former Jamestown High School educators. "I think it's a fantastic thing that they have done for

Schedule of Events

August

- State Director visits Ashley, North Dakota for community meeting to discuss the development of a Dollars for Scholars chapter
- August 21: State Governing Board meeting by conference call

September

- September 27: Chapter Appreciation Luncheon at Bismarck's Best Western Doublewood Inn

October

- State Director visits Collegiate Partners (colleges) in North Dakota to review award process for scholarships and encourage matching partnerships

Appreciation Luncheon and Scholarship Opportunity to be Held

Your chapter is invited to attend the Chapter Appreciation Luncheon hosted by Bank of North Dakota (BND) and North Dakota State Dollars for Scholars. Chapter presidents and treasurers will be receiving a printed invitation. All DFS members whose email addresses are on file with the State chapter also will receive an email invitation.

This event will be held Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at the Best Western Doublewood Inn & Conference Center in Bismarck. Each chapter can send two representatives to this luncheon. The Chapter Appreciation Luncheon will not only recognize and honor each local DFS chapter in North Dakota for its ongoing dedication and volunteerism, but also will be an opportunity to provide a student in your community with a scholarship. Each chapter in attendance will receive a certificate of appreciation, plus BND and NDDFS will award a \$500 scholarship to a student in your community. BND and NDDFS have partnered to award \$40,000 in scholarships to 80 Dollars for Scholars chapters.

A program including Scholarship America representatives, student scholarship recipients, as well as BND and NDDFS representatives will follow the luncheon. Dr. Irving Fradkin, founder of DFS, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker if he is able to travel. Please RSVP with your two chapter representatives to lori.sayler@nddfs.org.

Reminders

Register Chapter Board Members

If you have not already done so, please register your Board Members with Scholarship America to access the Chapter Portal on Scholarship America's Web site. The process is simple:

- e-mail dfichtner@scholarshipamerica.org with your chapter's name, a board member's name and e-mail address. Deb Fichtner will get you registered.
- Scholarship America will send you a confirmation e-mail with your login and password. http://scholarshipamerica.org/dollars_for_scholars.php
<http://chapterportal.saportal.org/metadot/index.pl>

Scholarship America Requests

Please send the following forms to Scholarship America by October 1, 2008:

- Roster of chapter board members
- Scholarship recipient list

Fundraising Tips

These fundraising tips were a few that were shared at the recent workshops. There will be more in the next newsletter! For more information about these fundraisers contact Lori Sayler.

- **Suitcase Raffle:** The Kindred chapter fills a jewelry sample case with fake money which you can see through a window. The case is labeled, "Win \$1,000, Kindred DFS." They sell tickets, i.e. sell 100 tickets at \$20 each for a 50/50 split.
- **Golf fundraiser:** Lianne Rockstad with the Kindred chapter put together a CD on how to organize a golf fundraiser. Please contact Lori Sayler for a copy.
- **Cookbook sale:** The West Fargo chapter put together a cookbook and sold copies.

- **Adopt a Class:** The Northern Cass chapter sponsors an "Adopt a Class" fundraiser. Volunteers donate one dollar for each dollar donated by students in a designated class. More info is available on their Web site: <http://www.northerncass.k12.nd.us/dollarsforscholars.htm>.
- **Dining for Dollars:** The Burke County chapter holds an annual dinner with a free will offering. A "Wanted" poster advertising the event features a picture of the senior class. Students bring salads and help serve.
- **Scoring for Education:** The Mandan chapter finds sponsors to donate \$100 for home sporting event games and sponsors' names are announced during the games.

NDDFS Awards Regional Scholarships

The ND State Dollars for Scholars chapter awarded eight regional scholarships based on volunteer community service. Three were named scholarships including the West Acres Community Service Award, the James A. Guy Memorial, and Northland Educators Credit Union Award.

Region 1



Jared Olson
Divide County Dollars for Scholars

Region 2



Estelle Richard
Belfield Dollars for Scholars

Region 3



Danielle Wangler
Rugby Dollars for Scholars

Region 4



Jordan Anderson
Lakota Dollars for Scholars

Region 5



Jessica Leingang
Washburn Dollars for Scholars

Region 6



Kristen Reich
Bismarck Dollars for Scholars

Region 7



Emily Stibbe
Northern Cass Dollars for Scholars

Region 8



Kristen Schulz
Edgeley Dollars for Scholars



NDDFS Board Sees Change

Nominations were approved and election of officers took place at the May Governing Board of Directors meeting held at Bank of North Dakota. Officers include:

- Chuck Stroup – Chairperson/President
• Deb Gebeke – Vice President
• Bob Neas – Secretary
• LaDawn Torgerson – Treasurer

Remaining board members include Art Thompson, Judy Beaudry, Boyd Anderson and Bernie Dardis. Bob Alin and Jerry Sheldon were nominated and elected for an emeritus status on the board.

Welcome to the following five new members of the North Dakota Dollars for Scholars board.



DENNIS BENSE

Dennis Bense graduated from Moorhead State University. He began his Scheels career in Moorhead, MN as a part-time salesperson. After graduating from college, he worked in a retail computer business for seven months and decided to go back to Scheels full-time.

He began as a salesman in Bismarck at the Arrowhead location. He transferred to Sioux Falls as an assistant manager. After training in Sioux Falls for two years, he moved to Minot to be store manager. After 13 years in Minot, Dennis moved to Bismarck to be the manager of the Kirkwood Mall store. The highlight of his career was opening the new Kirkwood location. Currently Dennis is Chairman of the Board of the North Dakota Retailers Association. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and softball.



LIANNE ROCKSTAD

Lianne Rockstad is originally from the Walcott/Kindred area and is an alum of MSU Moorhead. After student teaching on an exchange program in Winnipeg, Manitoba she decided teaching was not for her! Lianne worked 23 years as a purchasing agent & manager in the oil industry in various locations in Alaska. She retired from Alaska in 1999 and built AB Art Gallery on her farm in rural Walcott. Lianne is a Board member of the Kindred DFS and has volunteered in many ways, including chair of a very successful fundraising golf tournament.



CORY FINNEMAN

Cory Finneman, a Bismarck native, graduated with a Business Administration degree from the University of Mary. He worked for the North Dakota Department of Economic Development and Finance (ED&F) during and right after college. Cory also has worked as a project manager for Kadrmars, Lee & Jackson (KLJ) within their Community Economic Development workgroup. Cory joined his wife Tracy, and her family in the ownership and operation of Papa's Pumpkin Patch just north of Bismarck in 2004. In 2007, Cory moved full-time to Papa's for its 25th Anniversary. They welcomed more than 40,000 guests and provided over \$25,000 to Bismarck-Mandan charitable organizations last year. Cory lives with Tracy, and son, Ben-Luke Metzger, in the beautiful Missouri River bottoms just next door to Papa's along with their dog and two horses.

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SUSAN HEITKAMP

Susan Heitkamp is an eight-year founding board member of the Hankinson/Mantador Dollars for Scholars and strongly supports its mission. She is Director of Nursing for LTC, Home Health, and Hospice at the St. Francis Healthcare Campus. Susan is married to Joel Heitkamp and they have two children, Ashley and Brooke. Susan is a solid supporter of North Dakota and education.

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JAMES BARNHARDT

James Barnhardt has worked at Bank of North Dakota (BND) for more than five years, the past two as Director of Communications and Marketing. James grew up in Mandan and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from North Dakota State University. He then worked in Texas for 10 years as a reporter, associate editor, public information officer and communications consultant before moving back to Bismarck in 2003. James currently oversees a range of programs from general public relations and internal communications, to College Information Service and College SAVE. He is married to Lee Ann and has two children, his son Austin, 10 and his daughter Erin, 8.

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A Letter from Lori, NDDFS State Director

Hello Dollars for Scholars members, supporters and friends! If you're like me, you may be feeling that summer flew by all too fast. Hopefully you were able to take advantage of our beautiful days, find some summer fun, and relax a bit. As you may have noticed, the State chapter hasn't taken much time to relax over the past few months – and we're thrilled about it!

I am so pleased to report that the workshops in Bismarck and Fargo were great fun and incredibly productive. I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet many of you. I hope to plan more regional workshops in the coming year so that they may be closer to your local chapters.

As you will read inside, we will be hosting a DFS Chapter Appreciation Luncheon and I would like to extend a personal invitation to all DFS chapters. This event is to honor you. We truly appreciate the hard work, dedication and support you give to our

North Dakota students by providing them with scholarship opportunities. It is my hope that all 80 chapters will be represented. It is an opportunity for your chapter to provide an extra \$500 scholarship to a student in your community on behalf of BND and NDDFS, plus it will be a terrific opportunity to network and give yourselves a big pat on the back!

During this "Back to School" season, we'll keep in mind that we have a new class of North Dakota seniors who need our help. Here at the State chapter we are here to help them, and your local chapters, succeed.

Enjoy this quarter's newsletter. It is my goal that you find all the information to be helpful. Please contact me with news from your local chapter – we love to learn about each chapter's successes and opportunities for growth!



Lori Sayler

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Workshops Deemed a Success

The Dollars for Scholars workshops held June 14 in Fargo and June 28 in Bismarck were a huge success. With several chapters in attendance, each day was fun and interactive as members shared fundraising ideas, best practices, and tips on how chapters can better help one another. NDDFS Governing Board members Bob Alin, Bob Neas, Lianne Rockstad, and Cory Finneman were in attendance to help with both workshops. Ross Almlie, RDA Financial Advisors, LLC in Fargo and Gary Preszler, State Land Commissioner in Bismarck, presented on various investment options for nonprofit organizations.

NDDFS handed out several scholarships and Bank of North Dakota, Student Loans of North Dakota and College SAVE donated many door prizes. No chapter left empty handed!

- \$500 Scholarship Recipients: Washburn, Drake, Barnes County, Northern Cass, West Fargo Area, and Kindred DFS
• \$250 Scholarship Recipients: Mandan, Belfield, Burke County, and Litchville/Marion DFS
• \$50 went to every DFS chapter to help pay for their annual Liability Bond



Fargo workshop



Bismarck workshop

New Chapter Forms in Northern North Dakota

Congratulations to Mohall, Lansford, and Sherwood (MLS) for chartering their Dollars for Scholars chapter in May 2008! An anonymous donor will contribute and match funds for the MLS chapter. This donor will pay the annual affiliation fee for five years. What an exciting time for the Mohall, Lansford and Sherwood area! The chapter is now

eligible for a matching \$2,000 grant from the State Chapter once they raise their first \$2,000. MLS DFS Board of Directors:

- Pamela Hunt
Todd Olson
Ali Bahl
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