

Kathy enjoys role as liaison between USD Foundation and its trustees

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Anyone who has ever had any dealings with the USD Foundation has likely benefited from the efforts of Kathy Chandler.

Kathy is the director administration and constituent services at the Foundation office in Vermillion – a place where she has devoted most of her working career.

“I’ve been here 38 years,” she said. “I worked at two different county auditors’ offices before we came here, but this has been the majority of my life career.”

Kathy attended the University of South Dakota, and finished her degree at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, MN.

“I first started working for Ted Muenster when I first came here, except that he was on leave with the governor’s office, so I was actually working for the vice president for university relations, which was Ted,” she said.

She eventually was given

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the opportunity to either stay at her position with university relations, or work at the Foundation after its first director was hired. She chose the Foundation

“My basic responsibility, the way that I explain it, is that I’m the HR (human resources) person, and I’m also the liaison between the Foundation and our board,” Kathy said. “Those are what I feel are my two basic responsibilities, and I do a bunch of other stuff, too.”

The main focus of work is centered on fulfilling the needs of the Foundation’s board of trustees. “Part of our board of trustees are the (university’s) president, the

vice presidents and the deans, so I work with them,” she said.

She has witnessed many changes in a career that spans nearly four decades.

“My job has changed a lot over the years. At first there were only two of us in the Foundation, and now we’ve grown to 28 people. The thing that I like most about my job is working with the trustees and getting to know them,” Kathy said. “The majority of them are alums and some of them are people who consider themselves friends of the university. I enjoy working with them, and hearing their stories, and learning about their

connections here and how they love the institution.”

The University of South Dakota Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit, South Dakota corporation organized solely for the benefit of the University of South Dakota. Private giving to the Foundation is a resource used to raise the level of excellence at USD.

The Foundation’s mission is to provide resources for the university in order to increase the excellence of the educational experience provided by the institution, with the overriding goal of creating the best small public university in the country.

“It is another favorite part of my job ... the trustees and the Foundation work to make sure that the high school students out there that really can’t afford to go to college have that opportunity through giving scholarships,” Kathy said. “The supporters of the university, by giving money to the University Foundation, in turn set up scholarships for those students.”



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Oldest South Dakota male celebrates 108th birthday

William Knuppe was born in Parker in December of 1903. Later, moving to New Underwood, and working as a farmer and rancher most of his life, William “Bill,” can now add another name to claim as “South Dakota’s Century Club’s Oldest Living Male.” Bill is planning to celebrate his 108th birthday later this month at the Good Samaritan Society in New Underwood.

In an application submitted to the Century Club, Bill was asked what he thinks contributed to his longevity. He quickly replied, “I had a wife who was a good cook!” Knuppe married Mathe Kring on July 3, 1930 and they enjoyed 79 years together.

The Century Club is a creation of the South Dakota Health Care Association and has recognized nearly 1,000 South Dakotans since its beginning in 1997. Century Club sponsors created the Club to recognize both the

contributions and the years of these special individuals.

The Century Club is open to residents of South Dakota upon the celebration of his or her 100th birthday. There are no dues and every inductee receives a specially designed certificate and membership card signed by sponsors. Once a year, the current oldest living Century Club Member is recognized as the “Centenarian of the Year.”

South Dakota Health Care Association in conjunction with

KELOLAND Television, announced this past summer that Beryl Kapaun of Salem was named the “2011 Centenarian of the Year!” According to Century Club records, Beryl Kapaun, a current resident at the Golden LivingCenter in Salem, born June 4, 1899, is the oldest living South Dakotan. Beryl celebrated her 112th birthday in June. This recognition is a three-peat for Beryl as she has remained the oldest living South Dakotan for the past three years earning the honor.

Come Help Us Celebrate Jerry’s 80th Birthday
Friday, December 30th • 3–6 p.m.
Faith Fellowship Church
Hwy 19 & 50–Bypass, Vermillion
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A special thank you to Dr. Dendinger, Dr. Garnaas, and Dr. Mikkelsen and the entire Avera Sacred Heart Hospice team. You treated him with the care and respect he deserved. Also, a big thank you to Kay and Heartland Home Care for helping us care for Hube during his final months.



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