



Teachers selected to receive \$100 gift cards as part of Walmart's Teacher Rewards program are Sarah Shaffer, Sally Stoll, Gina Zuercher, Jennifer Dibley, Roxane Olson, and Aaron Fader. Also pictured are Vermillion Middle School Principal Pat Anderson, Walmart Manager Keith Pearson, and Walmart Assistant Manager David Morfield. Gift card recipients not pictured are John Ruevers, Gretchen Scobie and John Dimock. (Photo by David Lias)

## Teacher Rewards program provides funds for classrooms

Walmart is helping 10 teachers at Vermillion Middle School purchase much-needed classroom supplies through its new Teachers Rewards program. Selected randomly, each teacher was presented with a \$100 Teacher Reward Card at an award presentation at Vermillion Middle School.

Nationally, the Teachers Rewards program will enable Walmart and Sam's Club to provide more than \$4 million to 40,000 deserving teachers across the United States.

"Walmart is committed to helping address unmet needs in the communities where we serve," said Keith Pearson, manager of the Vermillion store. "Our support for Vermil-

lion Middle School underscores this commitment, and we are hopeful that through the Teacher Rewards program, these educators will be able to purchase the materials needed for the school year."

The new Teachers Rewards program is an extension of the retailer's ongoing support of education and local community involvement. In 2008, Walmart, Sam's Club and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$66 million to fund educational programs and scholarships in communities across the country.

For more information, visit [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org).

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### Sons of Norway discuss Host Fest

President Valerie Philipp opened the meeting leading the group in the national anthems of the United States and Norway accompanied by Phyllis Neilsen and the pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

Buzz Mann, representing the Center for Tammy Matuska, presented the Lodge with information about the upcoming lutefisk supper to be held on Nov. 7. They need someone who has some experience in cooking the fish. Lillehammer Lodge is planning a bake sale to be held at this event, needing three to four tables on the north side of the room as before. Containers to be used for the bake sale were available to anyone to take and use. Postcard notes will be sent to all members as a reminder of the pricing to use on the bake sale items.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, with a thanks given to Joanne Christensen, for taking notes at the last meeting. Minutes

approved as read.

Gene Iverson presented the financial status of the Lodge, noting the donations sent to Helping Hands for Haiti and sent to the local Sack Pack program in Yankton. Report accepted.

Vi Ranney spoke of the Quilt Fest in Des Moines, Branson trip, and a possible trip to Norway in June of 2010.

Diane Reese reported on the banquet recently served by the Lodge members coordinating with Christ the King Church. The cost estimated for the Lodge was \$250. Clarice Holm and Carole Nordby prepared the stew meat and Karen Gran assisted Diane in putting the stew together for the meal.

Margo Larson has moved to Menno as advised by her doctor.

The December meeting will be a potluck and we will begin having our meetings on the third Saturday of the month in November through March 2010. Our first Saturday meeting will be Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. The December meeting will be a noon meal at 1 p.m.

on Dec. 19.

New officers will be needed for 2010 and all are asked to look through their membership books for ideas for new officers.

The program was a report from the members that had attended the HostFest recently (or in the past years). Many good comments were given and many plan to attend again. It is the largest Scandinavian festival in the United States.

The September meeting was highlighted by a program by David and Jerilyn Hansen on their trips affiliated with Helping Hands to Haiti. They told of the many schools that have been opened since they and other volunteers have helped with and also the food programs involved.

The birthday names were read and the happy birthday song was sung.

The Norwegian table prayer was prayed by the group led by John Grindvold and the meeting was adjourned. A delicious lunch was served by the October committee.

Carol Broderson, secretary

## Hy-Vee donates \$160,000 for breast cancer research, treatment

Hy-Vee marked National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a donation of \$160,000 to two organizations dedicated to the fight against breast cancer.

Hy-Vee directors from the Des Moines area presented a check for \$135,000 to representatives of Susan G. Komen for the Cure at the conclusion of the organization's annual Komen Des Moines Race for the Cure, held Oct. 24 in Des Moines. And as the title sponsor of the Kansas City Chiefs' Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, Hy-Vee will present a check for \$25,000 to the National Breast Cancer Foundation on November 22 during halftime of the game between the Chiefs and the Pittsburgh Steelers at Arrowhead Stadium.

The two donations represent proceeds from a special pink-themed ad and the sale of custom-designed pink Hy-Vee reusable shopping bags featuring a breast cancer awareness message. Hy-Vee's 227 stores in eight states also contributed to the fundraising effort by holding a series of special events throughout October to commemorate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, said Ruth Comer, assistant vice president of media relations for Hy-Vee.

"Our stores went all-out this year for the fight against breast cancer," Comer said. "It's an issue that affects many of our employees and customers on a very personal level, and that personal connection was evident in many of the displays created and events held throughout the month."

Among the special Breast Cancer Awareness activities sponsored by Hy-Vee stores:

- In Des Moines, stores

held a "Cookies for Komen" promotion, with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of pink-iced sugar cookies donated to the Susan G. Komen organization. More than 200 Hy-Vee employees from the area joined a team to walk or run in the Komen Des Moines Race for the Cure. Hy-Vee stores donated fruit for the 26,000 participants in the Des Moines race and teamed with General Mills to supply Yoplait yogurt. More than 8,000 pink Hy-Vee reusable shopping bags with breast cancer awareness messages were distributed at the Des Moines race site at the State Capitol.

• Hy-Vee stores in the Quad Cities support their local Race for the Cure by putting on a free breakfast for race volunteers and the more than 500 breast cancer survivors who participate.

• Eight breast cancer survivors from Kansas City-area Hy-Vee stores served as honorary captains at the Kansas City Chiefs football game October 4. The survivors wore special pink t-shirts and participated in pre-game ceremonies on the field at Arrowhead Stadium.

• Many Hy-Vee stores sponsored "Think Pink" events tailored for female customers. These evening events typically featured food, games, activities, demonstrations and prizes, with an emphasis on health, fitness and breast cancer awareness.

- The Hy-Vee store in

Marshall, MN held a series of fundraisers for the local hospital's "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" campaign, which provides financial assistance to help underinsured women afford mammograms.

• Hy-Vee at 108th and Fort in Omaha set up pink-themed displays throughout the store and sold "Believe" t-shirts, with a portion of the proceeds donated to breast cancer research. Employees who purchased the shirts were allowed to wear them to work on designated days.

• The Cedar Rapids, Marion, Iowa City and Coralville stores sponsored "Food, Fitness and Fun," a health and wellness event featuring Olympic gold medalist and "Dancing With the Stars" champion Shawn Johnson. The event attracted more than 2,000 participants, with \$1 from each admission donated to breast cancer research.

Comer said Hy-Vee's efforts on behalf of breast cancer awareness are in keeping with the company's mission of making lives easier, healthier and happier.

"Our commitment to customer service extends beyond the walls of our stores to embrace the communities in which we operate," she said. "As a company, we care about the causes that are important to our customers and employees, and we're proud to join them in the fight against a disease that has touched so many of our lives."

### Parish Steward

The United Church of Christ, Congregational in Vermillion is currently considering applicants for the position of parish steward. Reporting to the pastor, the parish steward is responsible for managing the domestic affairs of the church in a half time position. Expressions of interest should include a cover letter and resume with three references to be received by the UCC no later than November 20, 2009. More details at [www.uccvermillion.org](http://www.uccvermillion.org). The UCC is an equal opportunity employer. Offer of employment subject to satisfactory background check.

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### USD students, professor host free concert

The Washington Street Art Center will showcase classical music featuring students from The University of South Dakota and Marie-Elaine Gagnon, D.M.A., an assistant professor of music at USD, during a free concert from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8.

As part of an Interdisciplinary Education and Action (IdEA) capstone course at USD, students will perform selections by classical composers from around the world. The IdEA course, which focused on musical composers and their involvement in political history, was taught by Gagnon, an accomplished cellist who will also perform selected classical pieces, including works by Johann Sebastian Bach and Dmitri Shostakovich.

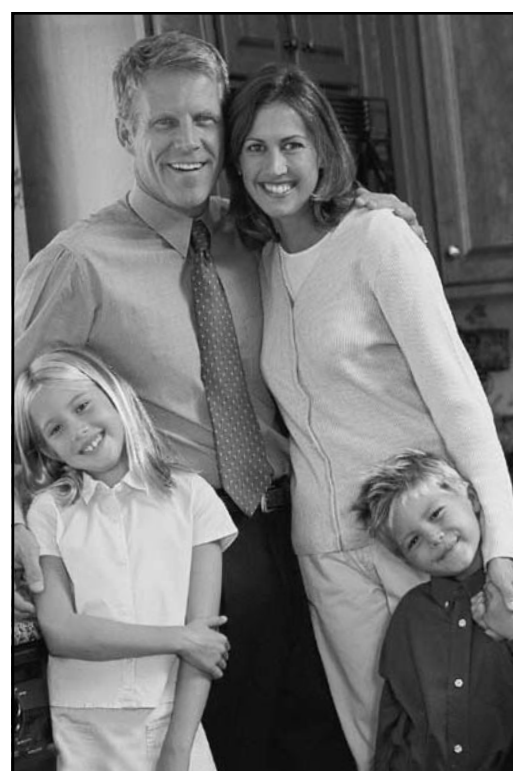
"It's a great opportunity for everyone to have fun," admitted USD student Dan'ae Hill, part of Gagnon's IdEA capstone course, "but

even more so for everyone to learn about classical composers and political issues." Added Norma Wilson, president of the Vermillion Area Arts Council, this is a rare opportunity for us to hear one of the finest classical musicians in our state up close and personal.

The event, free and open to the public, is at the Washington Street Art Center, which is located at 202 Washington St., in Vermillion.

A unique part of the USD education, the IdEA Program challenges students to explore, in an interdisciplinary manner, questions inherent in a global, modern society and to integrate their previous academic experiences in the process. Students are offered the opportunity to consider the impact the liberal arts and liberal learning have on their own lives as they attend The University of South Dakota.

For more about the upcoming event, contact Brittany VanHove at (605) 677-6338.



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