

Rotary learns of Coyoteopoly's mission

The Vermillion Rotary Club held its weekly luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Neuharth Center on the campus of USD.

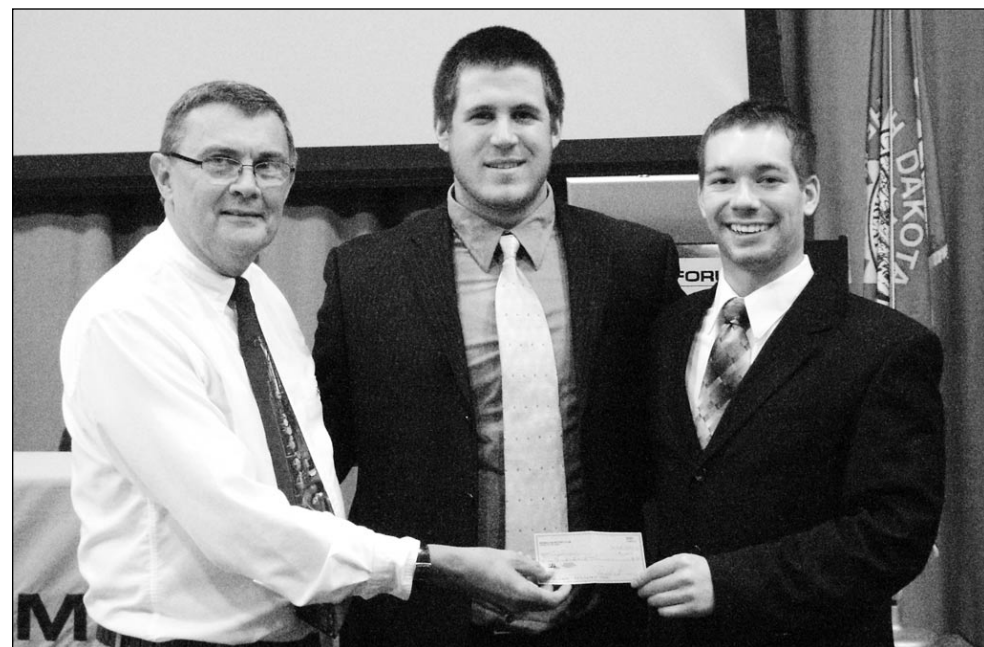
President David Lorenz opened the meeting and led us in the invocation and recitation of the Rotary 4 Way Test. This was followed by a round of singing, introduction of guests including three Vermillion High School seniors, and announcements.

President Lorenz introduced Richard Drawdy and Dustin Pratt as our speakers for the day. Mr. Drawdy is a junior at the Beacom School of Business and the CEO of Coyoteopoly. Mr. Pratt is a senior at the Beacom School of Business and the CFO of Coyoteopoly. Coyoteopoly is currently a subsidiary of Vermillion Rotary.

They began their presentation by stating the mission of Coyoteopoly, which is to provide Beacom School of Business students an opportunity to expand and develop their current business skills and knowledge needed for a successful future career.

Coyoteopoly was started in 2004 by Professor Gregory Huckabee as a means of providing students with a real world experience of starting a business, selecting a client, organizing a business structure, and working toward a successful outcome.

The selected client for this fall semester is the Vermillion Food Pantry. The task is to collect food items and funds to assist the client, the Food Pantry, in meeting its goal of providing food for those in need in our community. They have selected Saturday, Nov. 14, as Coyoteopoly Day, at which time they will canvas the Ver-



Rotary President David Lorenz presents Richard Drawdy and Dustin Pratt, representatives of Coyoteopoly, with a check totaling \$500 to help Coyoteopoly reach its fundraising goal.

million area for food items and funds. Their goal for this semester is to collect 10,000 food items and \$12,000 in cash.

They are implementing many new ideas to raise the necessary funds. Some of the ideas are: a Hot Dog stand downtown during D-Days, a Disc Golf event, approach civic organizations to solicit their involvement and support, and a 50/50 raffle through the Greek system. They will also solicit volunteers from the Greek system to help sort and deliver food items that are collected. Each student has also set a personal goal of raising \$100 each. They have also set up a Pay Pal

link on their website at Coyoteopoly.com.

During a question and answer period they were asked if they knew what percentage of the Vermillion Food Pantry budget their contribution represented. Their answer surprised most people in the audience when they said that the contribution amounted to approximately 50 percent of the annual budget. This is an admirable contribution on the part of university students in our community.

At the end of the presentation, President Lorenz presented them with a Rotary check in the amount of \$500 toward the achievement of their goal.



Pictured are Mylynn Hanson, CNO, Tammy Austad, October PRIDE Employee of the Month and Timothy J. Tracy, chief executive officer at Sanford Vermillion.

Austad is PRIDE Employee of the Month

Tammy Austad, RN/education coordinator, Sanford Hospital Vermillion, was selected as the Sanford Vermillion Medical Center (SVMC) October 2009 PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed at Sanford Vermillion since June 1990.

"Tammy demonstrates PRIDE in her work every day at SVMC. She wears a lot of hats and juggles them all well. She is very kind and caring to patients and we often get positive feedback from patients who've been cared for by Tammy in the hospital, ER or OB."

"She's been working extremely hard recently with annual competencies and getting staff the education they need. Tammy also has been doing a lot of extra infection control work these past months with the flu and H1N1

planning."

"Tammy is an excellent educator providing many in-services for staff at the hospital. She provides in-service opportunities in cooperation with the clinical departments at USD for their students as well. Every month she does a great job educating our new staff on infection control practices."

These comments were shared in nominations for Austad.

"Tammy is a great asset to SVMC. Her many years of experience and knowledge benefit each patient that comes to our facility. We are fortunate to have her," said Mylynn Hanson, chief nursing officer, Sanford Hospital Vermillion.

Tammy is a native of Elk Point. She and her two sons reside in Elk Point.

Assistance program awarded grant funding

Nearly \$54,000 of additional new funding is being distributed to the South Dakota State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to help Medicare beneficiaries in South Dakota get more information about their health care choices. \$30,436 of this amount is a performance award for the South Dakota SHIP, which is called the Senior Health Information & Insurance Education (SHIINE) program. Performance awards are provided to SHIPs that have met certain targets in providing services to Medicare beneficiaries. These funds are part of \$6.3 million in grant funding awarded to SHIPs nationwide by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS expects the SHIPs to use the increased 2009 funding to conduct community-based programs targeted at reaching more beneficiaries who are unable to access other sources of information such as the CMS online tools at www.medicare.gov. In addition to continuing their outreach and assistance to current and newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers, the SHIPs are expected to make a special effort to reach out to beneficiaries with limited incomes who may be eligible for the "extra help" subsidy for Medicare prescription drug coverage. To accomplish this, funds may be used to recruit new volunteers to provide SHIP counseling, and provide them with training.

"The SHIINE program serves an important role in providing information and support to people with Medicare in South Dakota, and to their families and caregivers," said CMS Acting Administrator Charlene Frizzera. "This new funding will help to ensure that SHIINE can continue to work effectively with local governments, community-based organizations and other partners in South Dakota to help

meet the needs of people with Medicare."

This final installment of SHIP fiscal year 2009 funding was distributed September 30, 2009, following the \$35.8 million distributed nationwide in April of this year for basic grant awards. This \$6.3 million includes \$4.8 million in supplemental funding to the basic grant funding appropriated by Congress for fiscal year 2009, as well as \$1.5 million for performance-based awards to SHIPs. Combined with \$7.5 million in funding made available to SHIPs under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008, grants to States for SHIPs in FY2009 totaled \$49.6 million.

CMS will continue to support the SHIPs in 54 States and territories with training and technical assistance. This will help to ensure that the community networks remain fully capable of accessing and using CMS' 1-800-MEDICARE customer service operations, regional office resources, the online tools at www.medicare.gov and www.SHIPtalk.org to provide assistance to beneficiaries.

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Kristina Johnson, primary community supports instructor, center, receives employee of the month award from her supervisor, Chandel Stewart-Bultsma, right, and Gerald Tracy, left, SESDAC, Inc. executive director.

Johnson selected as SESDAC, Inc. employee of the month

Kristina Johnson, primary community supports instructor, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. October, 2009 Employee of the Month. Kristina has been employed at SESDAC, Inc. since November, 2004.

Kristina was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Kristina, "Tina always goes

the extra mile to make sure things are done and done right."

Kristina currently resides in Vermillion with her family.

SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 75 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.

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