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## OPENING CEREMONIES

By Juanita Harbort (WI)

Sunday afternoon, June 14, 2009, found the old faithful members (no pun intended George), retirees, first-timers, and guests all enjoying the opening ceremonies. Dignitaries were introduced and the state and international flags were carried in to be beautifully displayed on the stage. The Ellsworth Air Force Base Color Guard presented the U. S. flag.

Welcomes were given by George Faithful, IAWP President, Marcia Hultman, SD Deputy Secretary of Labor and Irelene Tucker lit the remembrance candle.

“Department of Labor Initiatives and Updates” was presented by Joseph Juarez, USDOL Regional Administrator. He believes our opening ceremonies are the most colorful of all the conferences he attends. He also knows that our members apply the principles of IAWP to their work and it shows. This year’s theme, “Together. . . We Can Make a Difference”, is very appropriate for our economic times.

Mr. Juarez talked about the Recovery Act. The education system and the employment systems will benefit from this act. Much of the world is in recession just like the US. All the action we do will have a world-wide affect. The full impact of the auto industry crisis is unknown at this time. There is no lack of challenge or lack of opportunity. The employment services have been doing very well with the resources they have. Many programs will be instituted to help special groups of people like youth and dislocated workers.

He also talked about the Workforce Investment Act. The public workforce system focus will be the universal access to those in need like in the one-stops. The needs of both the workers and the employers are important. There will be performance measures for success. There needs to be a balance between technology and face to face people communication.

Today was proclaimed Phyllis O’Conner Day by the SD Governor. She also received an IAWP plaque. She helped organize the IAPES conference in Rapid City in 1951 as an LTE. This led to a permanent position and she joined IAPES/IAWP in 1952. She has been a member for 57 years and is a very active lady. She is very proud of the fact that she is 97 and a quarter years old.

## MICE ON MAIN IN SC



By The M&M's

It was great to see everyone at the South Carolina Mice Scavenger Hunt on Saturday night. We were greeted by the “Green”ville shirts at the door with instructions to find the mice. There was the traditional pin trading, catching up with old friends, making new ones, along with dancing and karaoke. Music was provided by Complete Music with DJ Kenny Deuce of Rapid City at the helm.

The dance floor was a gathering spot for the selective slides, especially the ever popular Electric Slide, Cha Cha Slides and the Cupid Shuffle (that we learned last year in Virginia).

We were serenaded by Karaoke super stars, especially Chuck Alexander (SC), who sang “Endless Love” to Irelene Tucker (GA).

A good time was had by all. The winner of the Mice on Main Street basket was Michael Faircloth (ID). Remember to make plans to enjoy the real Mice on Main scavenger hunt in Greenville, SC in June 2010.

## BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

Although you will not need a ticket to the picnic, you will need one for the trip to Rushmore. The best place to carry your tickets to the events is that badge holder you were given at registration. There’s room for event tickets and money; they are also handy for displaying trading pins. Many have found it helpful to put their name on the back of their tickets.

Names badges are required for admission to workshops and general sessions. Anyone without a name badge will be escorted from the room.

## OPERATION SOAP DISH

As in the past at this conference and many chapter meetings as well, there will be a box at the registration table for you to put those extra, unused bars of soap and toiletries. These will then be donated to a local shelter.

## MEET MS KAORI NAKAMURA

By Ben Takesh'ta

This will be Ms Nakamura's first attendance as the District 17 Director representing the Japan Chapter. However, this is not her first IAWP international conference. She was one of the 12 Japanese delegates, with Mr. Koizumi as the head of that delegation, who attended the conference in Columbus, Ohio in 1997. She still has many fond memories of that conference, such as the impressive opening ceremony, the many flags that were paraded and displayed, the exchanging of pins, the Japanese origami demonstrations at the international fair we had in those days, and the many friends she met. She never dreamed that she would be returning as the District 17 Director representing the Japan Chapter.

Ms Kaori Nakamura was assigned as the First Secretary of the Economic Section of the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C. in May of 2008. However, last year, she was unable to attend the 95th Int'l conference in Richmond, Virginia because of her recent assignment so Mr. "Moto" Anai attended in her place. Ms Nakamura was graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1994 with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. She received her Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University in 2000 and is most capable in her command of English. She joined the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) in Japan in 1994 and had many assignments in that Ministry. Before being assigned to the Washington, D. C. post she was the Deputy Director of the International Affairs Division of the Ministry of MHLW's Secretariat's office from 2007 to 2008.

Ms Nakamura will be participating in the International Panel to be held on Monday afternoon in the General Session. The subject the panel will be discussing is "The Effect of the Global Recession on the Workforce System" – a very timely issue for all of us. Please give Ms Nakamura a very warm welcome to our 96<sup>th</sup> International conference and support her and the other international panel members by attending their presentation on Monday afternoon.

Editor's Note: Ben Takesh'ta of the California Chapter will be attending his 42<sup>nd</sup> IAPES/IAWP International conference since he started assisting the delegates from the Japan Chapter in 1964 in San Francisco, CA. and will be assisting Ms Nakamura during her stay in Rapid City, South Dakota.

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## ALL ABOARD!!!!

By Ann Marie Seifert

Fifty six of the finest conference attendees boarded the bus at 8 a.m. for a ride to Hill City. On the way, the bus driver gave a running commentary of the local scenery and wildlife. His delivery included a Paul Harvey imitation of the "rest of the story"... and why the bridge, built of lumber from Oregon, is missing three arches. Ask a South Dakotan for the details about the surplus property.

Once we arrived at the station, there was time for shopping before we boarded and filled one whole car with IAWPers. Several of us bought bottles of a local wine and other regional gifts. It was good that we weren't restricted to one carry-on.

Although the 1880 train was originally a soot belching steam engine, this version was fueled by diesel. The beautifully restored car, complete with stained glass, provided a pleasant hour-long trip taking us the ten miles to Keystone winding through the trees. Here we had opportunities to sample several versions of buffalo meat and of course more chances to buy Black Hills gold.

## DEADWOOD IN 3 HOURS

By Kerry Coughlin (OH)

Arriving early has its own rewards and the Deadwood Tour was one of them. Local resident and South Dakota history buff, Roger Bamsy, was on hand to give tips on what to do, where to go, and to answer questions as we traveled along the Black Hills. Dead trees stand on top of the Hills as a reminder of the fire that swept through the area in 2002. The Roo Ranch is just outside Deadwood; kangaroos, wallaroos and wallabies, according to the sign.

Do you enjoy touring the area with a guide? Would you rather go walkabout soaking up history and/or shopping? Want to play the slots or sit in on a live poker game? Maybe you're just looking for a place to eat. Deadwood has it all.

I opted to eat first, then walk both sides of Main Street and check out side streets, taking pictures along the way. Look for the "Ladies of the Evening" in second story windows on lower Main. The Adams Museum and the Adams House are definitely worth a visit. Although the house was uninhabited from 1934 until sold in 1987, most of the furnishings survived intact. There are even cookies in the kitchen and mustard in the pantry!

Country Western singers can be found along Main Street and gunfights break out in the afternoon down by Saloon #10. Better plan to spend a lot more than 3 hours, because... Deadwood is definitely NOT dead!

Note: Wild Bill Hickok Days begin June 19, 2009. Sounds like a weekend to remember, but you might want to get to Deadwood before next Friday; parking could be a problem.

## PEOPLE SEEN

By MeU

Hey, so are you inspired to go to Greenville next year??...After the reception on Saturday you should be!!...Didja notice Tom Ivory (CO) sporting that Sturgis shirt?? He sez that he just went to the Tee Shirt Shop!!...Al Rolls (KS) says that he is just trying to stay in his own lane!!...T. J. and Maddison are first timers from Greenville to promote the 2010 conference!!..."Glad to see Cartwheel Connie Bensen (SD) back at an International!!...Debbie Kleckner (OH) is back for another round and feeling better this time!!...O.J. Ripens (WI) is here again this year!!...Good to see ya again!!...Duke Goodell (SD) has done a fine job arranging for the tours and other things for the retirees and guests!!...George Faithful and Phil Hayes drove straight thru from Ohio which explains the grey in George's hair!!...Phil does not believe in speed limits!!...Bob Babcock (NC) is back for another bite of the apple and is looking well!!...Joan Powers (NC) has been sighted wandering about!!...Bev Evans and Nancy Diobilda (PA) spent Friday evening watching their Penguins subdue the Red Wings for the Stanley Cup!!...Vickie Zimmerlee has moved from PA to Maryland!!...How does Lorraine Faulds (SC) have time to campaign when she is busy running to so many committee and board meetings in addition to setting up stuff for the SC conference??...,Robin McManus and Kathy Robinson(SC) drove up in a van loaded with material for the festivities!!...Sounds like a fun trip!!...I was good to see that Corky Swaim (OH) could take time from her shopping and travels long enough to join us!!...President elect Daniel Hays (DC) has been runnin around like a chicken *sans head*!!...Kudos to Twila Ferguson (SD) for your labor to make this conference an event to remember!!...She ironed all of the flags that were used in the opening ceremonies!!...How does Verna Wade (NC) stay so energetic!!...Al and Kathy Snyder (ID) have decided to stop traveling long enough to participate in three events of the conference—glad ya could!!...What a pleasure it was to see Linda Hubbard (KS) she was the FLASH editor in Omaha (86) we've missed ya girl!!...Word has it that the NC chairman, Moses Carey will be joining us on Monday!!...Welcome aboard!!...He is a new member of the chapter. Other first timers from NC are Stephanie Workman and Chip Wood!!...Henry Perez (NM) seems to be picking up where he left off in Richmond!!...Freddie Jacobs (AR)(PIP) says he is the only one here from that chapter!!...Nancy Upchurch(ID) is keeping a low profile this year or so it seems!!...Glenda Owen (OK) reported that they were in Deadwood on Saturday and had to resort to AAA to get back to Rapid City!!...Ask Dave Slimp (OK) about dead batteries—Cars and new cameras have the same characteristics when their batteries get dead!!...I was surprised to see that Freyda Hyman (FL) was back!!...What happened to the hat Freddy??...Gina Mee (OH) has been busy flitting around the conference and learning the origins of Karoke!!...Congratulations to Troy McMillan (IL) for being named to the Foundation board!!...Welcome back Chuck Zirkle (SC)!!...Deborah Yoakum (OH) has now learned about left handed chop sticks from our very own Ben Takesh'ta (CA)!!...ya hadda be there!!...Phyllis Patterson (KY) was one of the recipients of a massage in the Ohio Suite!!...Good to see

you back Phyllis!!...Good Job on the web site Brenda Luedtke (SD)!!...Welcome Maria Irwinski (OH) we hope you enjoy your first International!!... Gwen Harton (OK) was also caught by the dead battery gremlin in Deadwood!!...Cheryl Brown is the incoming president of the WA chapter!!...Glad to see you again Regina Ford (NC)!!...Linda Lightner is one of those helpful and friendly SD chapter members!!...Melissa Allison (SC) has taken to wearing a pheasant feather in her hair to solve her identity crisis caused by her moderator assignments!!...Jean Scott and Deborah Warf are here from Virginia!!...Seems like just last year we were in their state!!...Tracy Hull (OH) did a fine job of carrying their banner in the opening ceremonies!!...Congrats on being the new chapter president!!...Suzanne Guibert (PIP) (NJ) is still active in the affairs of the association..and a welcome participant!!...Juanita Harbort (WI) is once again contributing to the production of the FLASH!!...We appreciate the help!!...Did you notice that Byron Coburn (VA) helped out with the flag toting duties on Sunday??... That about does it for this one!!

## WHAT'S A HI-5?

The South Dakota folks are seeking your opinion and this time they want you to write it down for them. At the registration tables there is a box marked 'HI 5' and near it is a stack of forms.

They want to know what you liked about the conference and what you didn't. Of course they would rather hear the positives than the negatives, but being the fearless souls they are they encourage you to let 'em have it.

## VOTING

Exercise your right of franchise. If you did not vote on-line, you have until 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, to cast your ballot at the Executive Office Annex in the hall outside the ballroom.

Don't lose that yellow ballot you got at registration. You'll need it Wednesday to cast your vote for the 2012 conference site.

## EXHIBIT AREA

Remember to visit the exhibit area, check out the booths and stock up on raffle tickets. It's also fun to watch PC users fiddling with the iBooks (snicker).

Go up a few steps to the Silent Auction, Executive Office Annex, and Book Sale.

Flower Creations by Linda are also on sale in the hallway. As with the Silent Auction, all proceeds go to IAWP for International Development and Education.