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## HATS OFF TO SOUTH DAKOTA

By Jenny Yarian-Scalpellì

When the South Dakota Chapter received the nod to host the 2009 convention, I began talking about bringing my entire family. My daughters attended the 1985 Convention in Bismark and visited Rapid City on the long trip back to Indianapolis. So, two daughters, a son-in-law, and three grandchildren have joined me (in two cars) for the trip to Rapid City. The members of the South Dakota Chapter (too numerous for me to mention even if I could remember all of their names) have made my family feel like they are officially part of the group. They have gone out of their way to see that our time in Rapid City is a pleasant memory.

As I have talked to fellow conferees, a consensus has been reached, that all of the members of the host community, whether directly affiliated with the conference or not, enthusiastically welcomed us as we visit their corner of the world. This is seen in their smiles (even in face of adversity), their voices, and their actions. Hats off to South Dakota, we are so very glad that we are here.

## THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE IS CLOSING

The executive office will be closing at about Noon on Wednesday. This is necessary for preparation of the supplies to be sent back to Frankfort. Chapters should pick up their packets before the office closes.

## RETIREES EAT

The retiree breakfast was in the Hammons room at an hour that many had forgotten still existed. There was the usual greeting of friends and acquaintances from past conferences and conversations about the "transportation malfunction" that occurred with one of the Rushmore buses on Monday night.

Toward the end of the food consuming portion of the meeting our chair, Duke Goodell (SD) managed to gain the attention of the assembled throng (about 70) in an attempt to conduct some business. There was an update on the condition of Ron Edgecomb (IL) after his tumble in the Badlands; he's broken and needs to get home for surgery. David Washburn (ID) proposed that we compile a collection of the Association's activities through the years, starting with pictures, programs, awards, etc. from previous conferences to share with the entire membership for the purpose of giving new and prospective members a glimpse of our storied past and highlight the Association's achievements. After all, this is our 96<sup>th</sup> conference and we have been around since 1913. The information could be put on the web site. At this point, Karen Karkula (MN) suggested this could work in tandem with the proposed history book. Linda Barnes (KY) (PIP) is heading a committee that is compiling a history of IAPES/IAWP as a sequel to Our First 75 Years. She asked for our help - she needs workers as well as contributors of pictures (with captions) starting with Chicago 1988 to our 100 year mark, 2013. Send material to Linda at [LDB56@msn.com](mailto:LDB56@msn.com). PIP Gary Adkins (KS) also volunteered to assist in the creation of the historical update.

Kaki Van Sickle (NC) will be the retiree chair on the next board. Ann Seifert (MN) and Duke Goodell (SD) were selected as the suggestions for retiree chair for the board that will take office in St. Louis.

The group decided to continue with the breakfast format for the Greenville (SC) conference. A card was circulated for George Strait and Chris Crawford wishing them well. President Faithful (OH) made some laudatory comments about Duke.

The meeting closed with the traditional group photo of those in attendance. Seems we're soon going to need a panoramic lens.

We adjourned and scattered to the tours that were about to leave.

And... this  
button does  
what?



## FORE!! or DUCK!! or HEADS UP!!

By Linda Belle Hubbard (KS)

The 2009 version of the IAWP golf tournament was held Tuesday on one of the local courses (not Putt-Putt). No scores were available at press time. The team of Lynn and Jean Bennett (SD), Tom Ivory (CO), and Don Kattke (SD) subdued the team consisting of Bill Schwarz (NJ), Gary Adkins (PIP) (KS), Sheryl Kulm (SD) and Linda Hubbard (KS).



## DON'T FORGET TO EVALUATE

When you picked up your registration packet there was an evaluation sheet included which gives you an opportunity to tell us what you think.

It is not required that you provide your name, chapter, membership number, or any other identification. Please look at the form, and reflect on the conference. Leave the completed form at the registration table or in the room of your last session. Thank you, this information will be used to plan future conferences.

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## THE MARATHON LIFE OF WONDER WOMAN

By Judy Johnson (WA)

Dr. Elaine Doll-Dunn proved that "life is a marathon" in her presentation on getting the best that life has to offer. Using her own life as a pattern, she teaches that we can do whatever we want to do, even run a marathon, and gave us tips on how to do it.

This 72 year old ex-school teacher and marathon runner has climbed Kilimanjaro and Devils Tower and got her doctorate while eligible for social security! This is after being widowed, raising seven children, and surviving cancer. She estimates she has 40,000 miles on her 1937 model (body). No wonder people call her Wonder Woman (and she likes it).

We are meant to live a full life. And when we take care of ourselves, life improves. We are all destined to greatness; if we decide to be a painter, we can be a Picasso. If we decide to be a soldier, we can be a general. It is our mindset to succeed that lets us succeed.

Three words to live by:

Passion - Love your work or leave your job. Have fun with what you do. Know how to play (kids do). Laugh 100 times a day. Even a smile will give you endorphins that help your health.

Self - Take care of you. Do something physical, something for mental stimulation, and something spiritual each day. Also, remind yourself that you love yourself and that you're beautiful.

Life - Take a big risk. Take time to figure out what you want with your life. Dream big dreams. Set goals – you know how. Savor your world. Challenge yourself. The only regret you will have is for what you haven't done (alot like creating a "bucket list").

Each of us has a marathon to run and we have two choices. One is to whine, but if we do, half the people won't care and the other half will be glad we're 'getting what's coming to us. The second is to just do it even though it is impossible. Keep smiling.

Dr. Doll-Dunn shared quotes from the famous people in her life on their life lessons:

- Her dad - If you're looking for land, you're already thrown (he was a horse rancher).
- Her mom - Always keep your stomach in – someone is watching.
- A neighbor - Do it with all your heart.
- Her husband - Challenge your limits.
- Her PhD professor - Tell yourself "I have time and energy for what I want and need today".
- Her 1<sup>st</sup> husband - Live, love, laugh every day; it might only last 8 seconds (a rodeo cowboy, he died at age 26).
- Her son - Standing at the ocean shore at age 4 and asked where the ocean ends, he replied, "Right here" and pointed to his cowboy booted feet.

## MEMORABLE CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL

Everything about Tuesday evening's excursion to the Crazy Horse Memorial was memorable.

Some members were pleased to see early buses that got us to the event safely. Those that waited for the third and fourth buses thank Rich Vincent for keeping "spirits" up during the wait. Thank you LAC and Stagecoach Bus Lines!

The Crazy Horse sculpture by Korczak Ziolkowski will take many, many years and multiple generations of the Ziolkowski family's toil to translate into a 563 feet high, 641 feet long mountainside memorial to Crazy Horse in honor of the Lakotas and all Indian tribes. The finished sculpture is as high as a ten story tall building. Just the head of the horse Crazy Horse is riding will be 219 feet tall.

An informative 20 minute video was first on the agenda before they'd let us go eat. The facility has a really good museum that most breezed through without stopping to admire because food was more important at the moment.

There were delicious heaps of Indian tacos on Indian frybread, which were a first for many, including our International delegates. Carrot cake and chocolate desserts were a great ending to an excellent ethnic meal.

After supper, folks got a chance to look around, go for a walk, or shop before the show began. A whole bunch of tame cats that belong to the Ziolkowski family shared our space at the facility. Then the show began – what a show!

A family of three American Indian dancers danced and sang songs interspersed with tidbits on their culture.

The laser light show started just after dusk and offered the audience a truly artistic performance that paid a fitting tribute to the magnificence of this endeavor and to the philosophy that we can all work together towards a common understanding and appreciation.

Only one complaint: cell phone usage was not always an option in those hills.

The light show saved the best for last: an outline of what the finished sculpture will look like superimposed on the actual mountainside while crowds exited the amphitheatre and headed back to the buses for the ride back down the mountains to Rapid City.

## PEOPLE SEEN

By *MeU*

Well, mercy sakes, here it is the last day already!!... Where has the time gone and how did it go so fast??...Gina Heiner (UT) served bus 806 as the serving wench on the trip to Mt. Rushmore!!...She even did a seat adjustment on the bus with the expert guidance of Nancy

Jinks (NM)!!...It was good to have a chance to chat with Laurie Ilisco and her hubby Imants (NE)!!...Does Bob Mays (CO) ever sit quietly for very long??...Raymond Cabrera (CA) is currently serving as district director elect!!...Val needs a break!!...Congrats to "the Jersey Boys": Bill Schwarz, Jim Boney, and Mike Mavicihin (NJ) for the aid and comfort you provided to Ron Edgecomb (IL) after he fell and broke his heel on the Badlands tour!!...The word is that he has returned to Chicago to have surgery on his heel!!...Get well and we hope to see you in Greenville!!...Bob Pelletier (pronounced pel a shay)(MD) seemed to enjoy the Rushmore experience!!...Stephanis Stevens(OR) collects signed native American pottery and managed to purchase some while at Rushmore!!...Barbie Williams and Charlene Grafton(OR) were also helping the local economy!!...Kathy Bilanko (WA) is planning a trip to the Ukraine in the next month or so!!...Steve Ruggles is the new president of the WA chapter!!...Karen Fawbush (UT) was encouraging people to vote but not necessarily for her, since she is unopposed!!...Karen you are still a vision!!...Thanks for all you do!!...Kathy Gibson (SC) is busy working and planning for Greenville '10!!...My apologies to Corky Swain(OH) I misspelled her last name!!...Gordon Graff (ID) reminds some of Dave Berg(WA) when he speaks!!...Medra Reilly, Lee and Carolyn Stevens are some of the other Washington chapter members with us this week!!...Those of us at the awards luncheon will never forget the story of Karaoke (or empty orchestra) !!...It has been a long time since we have seen PIP Gary Adkins (KS)!!...Jay Conner (IL) is here and got a cowboy hat for Ron!!...Did you get some of those cheese grits from the SC table??...They were very good and prepared the proper way—the price was right too!!...Jamie Baiert from the Red Lion hotel in Spokane was seen enjoying them Tuesday morning!!...Tracy Hull (OH) with family and her kids have buffalo horns!!...Laura Coburn(PIP)(VA) is keeping busy with meetings trips, workshops, et al!!...Josh Lehto and Jeff Hunter are first timers from OR!!...Ann Armijo is a first timer from the Land of Enchantment (NM)!!...Glad to have you!!...Charlie Maddox(GA) appears to be enjoying the activities!!...Joseph Pusatere (NY) is planning on making the trip to Greenville in spite of the fact that their baseball stadium is a replica of Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox!!...Jimmie Jones (SC) has been at their "booth" pushing medium green tee shirts to the ladies on account they are out of the large and extra large sizes!!...Pam Nelson (IL) reports that when Ron was injured there was an EMT vacationing in the area who just happened to be from Woodstock, IL—Ron's hometown!!...Small world ain't it??...Pat Thornton (CA) is here and fighting her allergies!!...get better and enjoy yourself!!...Tom Meyer (SD) good to see you!!...Linda Austin (SC) is such a delight to talk with!!...For those who were wondering, former teen IAPES President, Kevin Coughlin (OH) is a candidate for Governor of Ohio!!...Mary Anne Washburn (ID) is here pushing David to new and greater heights!!...Had a conversation with Karen Faushnaught (PA)!!...She is doing well but is very busy—and envious of the retirees!!...I have never been to a conference where there have been so many cookies!!...It is enough to make a diabetic get high on insulin!!...Barbara Messer (FL) is

back for another round!!...Judy Leick-Cropp (NE)!!...It has been a slice to see Karen Karkula (MN) again!!...Lets do it again in Greenville!!...Mike Fratto (MN) still doesn't appear to have changed since the last conference!!...James Horton (SC) was enjoying the Crazy Horse trip!!...Peggy Kutz (SD) like the rest of the SD folks has been simply super!!...thanks heaps!!...Didja notice that there appeared to be a replica of the Playboy bunny on the Crazy Horse monument!!...

That brings this epic to a close for yet another year!!...As you head home be careful and we will see you next year in the hills of South Carolina!!...

## FLASH FOLDS

In a mass protest move today the staff of the convention paper, lovingly known as the FLASH, stormed out of the corner room that has been their quarters for the length of the conference. The contractors, M & M Productions were complaining about sore arms and shoulders from having to staple the issues every night or early in the morning. One of the Ms even tried to file a worker's comp claim for a broken fingernail. There were complaints of unfair working conditions due to restrictions on their time to shop, tour and wander the downtown area.

The staff stated that they were not properly appreciated for their labors. Part of their complaints stemmed from their having to use laptops instead of PCs and having to try to read the small screens. There is some thought that they may be suffering from sleep deprivation due to being in the office until the wee small hours each evening putting the next issue in the hands of the readers. It did not improve the situation when someone turned off one of the power cords and allowed the battery in the main laptop to discharge completely.

The straw that broke the camel's back was the announcement by the editor that he was going to remain in the position for one more conference after being asked by the incoming communications chair and incoming president, Daniel Hays.

The FLASH is completing its 66<sup>th</sup> year of publication. If we don't find replacements for the poor souls there might not be a 67<sup>th</sup>.



## SOLUTIONS TO ECONOMIC TURBULENCE

By Judy Johnson (WA)

Dr. John Quinn brought his extensive background in finance and the world market to bear during his general session presentation on the "Turbulence, Discontinuities and Uncertainty" in today's economy. He pointed out that our economy has changed forever – and there is no looking back. Many of the occupations of our ancestors are now obsolete.

Add to that the trouble we're in. One out of eight mortgages is in jeopardy. The highest unemployment since the 1980s. A 39-month decline in manufacturing and construction. He called this "hollowing out" of the industry. Airlines are suffering too.

Consumers, who are 70% of our economy, usually help bail out the economy during a slump; but this time they are suffering negative wealth due to decreases in their investments and reduced home values.

Then there are the dichotomies: personal saving was negative for many years and experts encouraged us to save more; now that we ARE saving more, they're asking us to spend, spend, spend! But rainy days do come, and Dr. Quinn recommends putting aside a reserve: in our savings accounts; in our retirement funds; and in an investment in our education. That will protect our future.

He assures us there will be a revival. Speculation in the housing market will revive because lower prices result in higher demand. Where is it going? What's going to happen?

People are starting to spend. The government is selling bonds to help the budget. Used cars sales are up. More Spam, guns, and chocolate are being sold. Purchases in pawn shops are high. It's a great time to buy a house or take a vacation because of discounts.

Dr. Quinn predicts that in this chaos, dramatic events will happen that change the outcomes and how we look at the future. Like seeing a black swan after years of believing there were only white swans, these events will change how we look at the future because it changes what we accepted as truth in the past.

He recommends don't do what they did after the crash in 1929. Some of their ideas will work, others will not. The important thing to do is say that we won't let these things happen again!

Dr. Quinn suggests we use the theory of predictability as described in the book "Small is Beautiful". Put together a mix of predictable and unpredictable solutions and subject them to the chaos. Some small acts done in this way will result in large changes. And we may learn more from our mistakes than from the experiences of successful solutions.

