

# STUDENT LEADER

## FALL 2006

### Welcome Back!

Hello everyone!  
This is the very first newsletter from the state board for the 2006-2007 school year. Well, a hot, dry summer has come to an end and the school year has been kicked into gear along with this year's plans for the SDSA State Convention. I'm sure that everyone is once again busy with his or her homework, jobs, and also planning that marvelous homecoming event for the school year. I'll try and make this a little short and give you a heads up on the region meetings that are right around the corner, and I wish all of you the best of luck for this school year!

needed hospital equipment in both Sioux Falls and Rapid City. This year in particular we raised a total of \$14,542.28 which was presented on the CMN Telethon by Skylea Paige Wright (SDSCA Vice President) in Rapid City, and by Haley Velinga (Past Spirit Falls Representative) and myself in Sioux Falls. The money raised this year went towards a \$10,000 bed which is able to measure children's weight to the nearest gram. Once again thank you for taking the time to be apart of our spring fundraiser and I hope you will be able to participate in our fall literacy project.

- Josh DeWitt  
SDSCA President

James River Region:  
Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in Mitchell  
Lakes Region:  
Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in Milbank  
Gavin's Point Region:  
Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in Lennox  
Northern Hills Region:  
Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in Webster  
Upper Missouri region:  
Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Mobridge  
Capitol Region:  
Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> in Pierre  
Spirit Falls Region:  
Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Sioux Falls  
Rushmore Region:  
Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in Sturgis

Here's a set of guidelines for everyone to enjoy a happy and safe region workshop season: (1) Register as many students as you can! This will be a fun learning experience for everyone- the more you give, the more you get. (2) If you've never attended your region's workshop and need more information on attending, the SDHSAA web site can prove invaluable. It offers region alignments, registration forms, and the names and member of the SDSA to attend our region's workshop!

### CMN Fundraising Outcome It's the Region Season

On behalf of the state board, I would like to say thank you to all of the schools who fundraised for the Children's Miracle Network. I consider this organization to be an ideal partner to support because it illustrates kids helping kids. In these past three years we have raised a total of \$39,600 to purchase

It's the (second) most wonderful time of the year-'Tis the season for region workshops! (Everyone knows that state convention is *really* the most wonderful time of the year.) The dates and locations for each region's meeting are as follows:

(3) If you know your school will be arriving late, notify our workshop's coordinator ahead of time. (4) Plan for lunch afterwards: most workshops will offer a snack during break, however, they will not be providing lunch afterwards.

The Student Council Regional Workshops are structured as a spring board to provide leadership training for all student leaders within a school. They create a foundation for younger students to build upon for future years. The workshops also serve as a forum for both students and advisors to exchange ideas and gain feedback from other schools. The registration fee this year for both students and advisors is \$4 per person. Everyone have a merry region workshop season! We all hope to see new faces attending workshops this year!

- Nathaniel Nelson  
James River Region  
Representative

## "Following the Leadership Road"

Plans for the 2007 SDSCA State Convention (March 25-27) are in the making.

"Following the Leadership Road" finds us visiting the Land of OZ to see what wisdom this story by South Dakotan L. Frank Baum has to offer. It should be a great adventure.

It will be a packed three days as we also celebrate 20 years of SDSCA. On Sunday night we have the privilege of hearing from the founder of SDSCA, Ivan Dixon, who is now a principal in Nebraska. It was he who gathered students from all over the state to begin this adventure. We know he will be pleased and proud to see how his dreams for this organization have blossomed and grown.

On Monday we will hear a keynote from the nationally known speaker Deb Erickson who will indeed inspire us to truly believe "I Can Do It!" In the afternoon she will again address the group about teamwork and what we can do to be sure our councils and schools work together. We will also elect state officers for 2007-2008. Don't forget about the banquet and dance!!

Tuesday morning will find us in our regions creating boards for the coming year. Don't forget that we will also have our CMN check presentation with a little "something" to take home for those schools contributing. We should leave tired but full of leadership promise and the feeling of pride knowing we have done something phenomenal to help kids across our state.

The State Board looks forward to seeing all of you in March. Everyone is welcome! We want this to be the biggest and best conference yet!! Don't forget to check the website for constant updates!

