

Friday, Nov. 11, 2005

Forum Guest Speakers



V.J. Smith currently serves as the Director of Alumni at South Dakota State University. He has held that position since November 1996. Prior to that he worked as the assistant to the athletic director of the SDSU athletic program for six years.

During the decade of the 80's he worked in various capacities for the Allied Signal Aerospace Company in Kansas City, Missouri. That "Fortune 500" company employed 8,500 under one roof and was under contract by the United States Department of Energy.

Smith graduated from SDSU in 1978 and holds degrees in Political Science and History. He has been a member of Toastmasters International for 15 years. Smith has been a two-time finalist in that organization's "World's Championship of Public Speaking." He is the co-author of a book titled 'The College on the Hill' which was published in October 2003.

Smith has been a professional speaker for ten years.

"The Richest Man in Town"

This talk is based on the life of 'Marty', a wonderful man who ran a cash register at Wal-Mart. He was considered rich because he was loved and respected, but most of all, he was content with every aspect of his life, no regrets. Marty's simple philosophies show what happens when you take the time to be kind and compassionate. All that you give, you get back, and more. Audience members will go on an emotional roller coaster ride... guaranteed.

Wanda Blair, her husband Ed, their son Chad and his wife Mary, and their daughter Stacy and her husband Troy, all ranch in western South Dakota. They have a cow-calf operation and sell commercial bulls. Their background is in yearlings in a feedlot and raising alfalfa hay and irrigated corn.



Wanda has been a 4-H leader for 29 years and she and Ed dedicated 30 years as volunteers for the Western Junior Livestock show. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Order of Easter Star, serves on the Meade 46-1 School board, is Vice President of the South Dakota Farm Bureau and is Vice president of the Sturgis Hospital Advisor Board. Wanda enjoys spending time with her grandson, Tiegen, and being outdoors when it's not 20 degrees below zero.

For many years Wanda has been adding a little bit of humor to ordinary ranch life because she believes that laughter is a very important part of life and that many of us do not laugh often enough.

Theater is not limited to a velvet-curtained stage, and drama has many faces. **Duane Reichert** presents a performance genre unique to the culture of the American West – the rodeo clown. Reichert opens a dramatic, colorful, world to students with the use of stylized make-up, traditional clown garb, comedy skits and animals. He can comfortably perform for an audience of up to 200 in an outdoor setting. A one-day engagement will include three to five sessions.



Reichert has performed before an estimated six million rodeo fans throughout North America in 42 states and Canada in 40 years of experience as a rodeo clown. He has worked as Barrelman Clown at the Dodge National Finals Rodeo in Pocatello, ID, the Barrelman Specialty Act at the First Frontier Circuit Finals Rodeo and was one of the opening acts at the national Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Reichert has toured over 1,000 locations in twenty states and three Canadian provinces.

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A professional communicator, **Gloria G. Schaefer** inspires you to more fulfilling and productive living. Gloria offers an enthusiastic and interactive approach integrating life experiences, audience background and humor to deliver tailored presentations for any organization or business.



As owner of DYNAMICS FOR EXCELLENCE, she provides motivational keynotes and seminars on topics ranging from team building to customer service for businesses and organizations throughout the Midwest. Gloria is also co-owner of the Schaefer Ranch near Kennebec, South Dakota, where she and her husband Jim manage the finances, market agricultural products, and perform the day-to-day work of the ranching enterprise.

Gloria's gift for audience interaction, solid Midwestern values, and commitment to customer satisfaction guarantees the success of your event.

ATTITUDES FOR EXCELLENCE **Bob Prentice** is an entrepreneur, a motivational speaker, a corporate trainer, a business and marketing consultant, an author, and a publisher. He plays much more than he works, and when he works he goes to fun! Bob has been sharing practical and life changing ideas for over 20 years with thousands and thousands of people in workshops, seminars and conferences all over the United States.

Bob encourages people to wake up in the morning and go to fun. The stories, the principles, and the attitudes shared will cause the participants to look at life differently. It will "WAKE UP THE SLEEPING GIANT" in each attendee.

