

Sibyl Center for Life Enrichment

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Dear members, friends, and benefactors of the Sibyl Center,

2009 was another exciting year in the life of the Sibyl Center for Life Enrichment. It is because of your generous support through contributions and attendance at the events that our seventh year was one of the best yet.

Check out our website <www.sibylcenter.org> to read about the 20 events that were held during our performance season. Our goal is to bring you the best of entertainment as well as to provide learning experiences which ultimately enrich and expand our horizons. The comment that we often received this year was: "*It is hard to believe that we have such great events and entertainment right here in Stanley.*" With an ever-expanding audience from towns near and far, we have truly become a regional center for the arts.

United in Mission and Effort:

We owe a debt of gratitude to the many volunteers who have helped in the various activities necessary for maintaining of the building and grounds and to those who have helped with various activities in connection with our programs.

And again we want to thank Dr. Bob Jensen and his assistants Curt Hemstad and Lenin Dibble for the many hours they have put in to upgrade the lower level.

The Board has contracted Bob to continue the work of the lower level to its completion for use this coming summer. With the assistance of Curt and Lenin, he anticipates the lower level with the catering kitchen and multi-purpose room to be ready by June 15.

Your Gifts at Work:

In 2009 we are grateful to recognize several very generous gifts such as: the finances to complete the catering kitchen; a gift of audio/visual equipment for the lower level which will create a multi-media center to provide another valuable venue for community activities, high school reunions, receptions, art exhibits, and other gatherings; and a generous contribution to fund the carpeting of the lower level and refinishing of the floor in the upper performance level. Refinishing is scheduled to be completed in January of 2010.

Leadership and Vision:

A membership meeting was held in August. Your board officers for 2009-2010 are Marlene Hoirup, president; Derald Hoover, vice president; Curt Hemstad, treasurer. Board members are Jane Paulson, Linda Lumley, John Spitzer, Lucy Solberg and Meyer Kinnoin.

The board recognized Janinne Paulson by appointing her local coordinator and Lenin Dibble, who has been looking after the Sibyl Center, as facilities manager.

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Business and Individual Event Support:

As in any not-for-profit organization, there is always a need for monetary help to meet the costs of not only maintaining the building, but providing the means to provide quality programs. As you know, we do not charge admission for our programs but instead suggest a \$5.00 donation to help defray costs. Although the donations do not cover the costs, we feel it is important that our programs be affordable to all of our many regular attendees.

We were pleased that in 2009 several individuals and businesses did help in sponsoring programs, and we are hoping to receive such help again in 2010. In the past we have received sponsorships of programs in honor of or in memory of individuals.

Sibyl Center Needs:

We do rely on contributions to maintain and upgrade the facility and continue to rely on your generosity. I would like to remind you that all contributions are tax deductible. If you wish to contribute at this time, we have provided a self-addressed envelope.

Challenge of the Times:

Despite the challenging economic climate that we are in today, we know that the arts continue to be a source of inspiration and meaning in our lives. And we know that the Sibyl Center for Life Enrichment has provided a unique venue in our town and the surrounding area to bring enrichment to our lives and to provide a wonderful gathering place for those who return to North Dakota in the summer.

Summer Fest 2010 at the Sibyl Center will include events like Merrill Piepkorn and the 'Radio Stars' over the Fourth of July. So check the website for coming events. Yes, *there is no place like home*. Plan to join us in Stanley and at the Sibyl Center Fest 2010; we look forward to seeing you again.

Thank you for your generous support!

Marlene Jensen Hoirup
President, Sibyl Center Board