

Convention Entertainment

Thursday noon:

"Living Our Grandparents' Dreams: Voices from the Past"

The Black Hills Chapter of GRHS presents your German-Russian heritage in the form of first person experiences taken from our ancestors' writings or created from interesting tales extracted from Centennial Book family histories. You will get a lump in your throat and will fill with pride as these readings are given by moderator Ken Voegel, male reader Del Beck and female reader Christal Krein.

Thursday at dinner:

"Creating the Presidents: A Sculptor's View", Patriotic Day Address by James Van Nuys

Realist painter and sculptor James Van Nuys is a descendent of the famous musical Bower family of the Black Hills. He has a double major in art and music. His works in all media have won awards in many national competitions. Known regionally as one of the finest interpreters of South Dakota landscapes, Van Nuys' finely detailed paintings capture the most subtle nuances of prairie and forest light. You are invited to visit the James Van Nuys Gallery on 7th Street and to go on Rapid City's downtown City of Presidents Walking Tour to see James' renderings of Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce and Andrew Johnson. James has been chosen to produce the statue of Barack Obama.

Thursday after dinner:

The Mylo Hatzenbuhler Show with Clyde Bauman

This is the story of Mylo Hatzenbuhler, the humble farmboy who has become known as the "Strasburg Superstar", a fourth-generation GR fictional farmboy who lives with his fictional wife and family on a fictional farm. Mylo was born on a hot day in August to Alma and Reinie Hatzenbuhler, the second of five children. He grew up in Strasburg, ND, and was just a normal, humble farmboy until that fateful day: *"The news came over the school loudspeaker that Elvis Parsley had died. I was only 15 at the time, but I remember like it was yesterday; I turned to my 5th-grade teacher and said, 'The world needs me.'" Since that day, Mylo has gone on to extinguish himself in the musical world. He does concerts throughout the year (except during calving season) and is now known everywhere as North Dakota's biggest rock & roll artist, "The Strasburg Superstar!"*

Friday noon:

Inspirational Song Program by Clyde Bauman (See biography in Program Booklet)

Friday at dinner:

"Musical Memories" by Wade and Cindy Hoff

Delight in songs of a memorable romance, a romantic waltz and a nostalgic evening prayer. Also enjoy a reflective rendition of "Over the Rainbow," a treasured Song of Heirlooms, and finally, the homeland favorite, "Edelweiss". Wade and Cindy live in Gilbert, AZ where Cindy teaches singing at the Community College and in her private Gilbert Studio and Wade is a successful business owner in the alarm and security field. They have been active singers in church, community and cultural events throughout the 28 years they have been married.

Saturday at dinner:

Barbershop Harmonies by Shrine of Democracy Chorus

This chorus is a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society International. Singing barbershop harmony is a hobby enjoyed by males with ages ranging from early teens into the 80s. The group performs at community functions, enjoys Christmas caroling for retirement centers and nursing homes and produces an annual show for the public.

Saturday evening Variety Show:

"Incidental Music" by five members of the Rapid City New Horizons Band

Listen or dance to songs from the '30s, '40s and '50s played before, between and after Variety Show performances. Leigh Fried, Burt Theissen, John Rose and Butch and Karen

Kruse are experienced members of the New Horizons Band which was organized ten years ago to give people over 50 an opportunity to continue or to resume musical activities of their younger days or to fulfill a desire to learn to play a musical instrument. The full 50 piece concert band is self supporting and welcomes new members.

"Art Song" by Karen Psiaki and Mila Belakova

art song (ärt söng) n. Music composed in a classical tradition and intended as serious art, especially as distinguished from popular or folk music.

Karen's voice teacher, Alma Vajas, in Paterson, NJ, introduced her to Art Song. From her, she learned many of these songs in both German and Russian. Mila has a degree in music theory and performance from the Institute in Orenburg, Russia, a town that is on the cusp between European Russia and Siberia. Vera Hoff recently played one of Mila's CDs to a family gathering and heard this comment, "This lady is a *world class pianist*." Karen and Mila met here in Rapid City and have introduced "Art Song" to the local music scene.

Unicycle Magic by the Black Hills Unicycle Club

How do they do it? These nationally ranked performers will amaze you with tricks and dance routines that demonstrate the magic of unicycling. Coach Shawn Hayford, Lucus Clegg (GR) and Cody TeRemer have all competed at the world level.

Lakota Hoop Dancing by World Champion Jasmine Pickner

Jasmine is a member of the Crow Creek Lakota tribe. She was encouraged to dance from an early age by her grandmother, Theresa Red Bear. Red Bear brought her family to Mitchell's Corn Palace during the 1950s and 60s to perform. At about age 7, Pickner began hoop dancing and she has become a leading proponent of the form. She is a member of the reigning world champion hoop dancing team. Pickner credits the dancers she saw growing up with enhancing her interest in dancing, as well as the family tradition.

Old Fashioned Gospel Music by the Voices of Faith Temple Choir

Let your spirit soar to the sounds of the adult choir of Rapid City's Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. The Church and Choir consist of a multicultural group of Christian Believers that love to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. The Choir sings a variety of Christian Music but specializes in good old fashioned Gospel Music. The Choir sings not only for enjoyment but also as a form of ministry and encouragement and in hopes that the music will touch your heart.

Sunday before Memorial Service:

Contemporary Gospel Music with Joyful Noise

This energetic singing group features both the instrumental and vocal talents of a group from South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City. They lead worship at three services each month September through May. The group will present a wide range of praise music at 8:30 on Sunday, September 13 in the Sheridan room.

Additional Biographies:

Sharon Becker Beck (Convention Pianist) started her career as a church organist at the age of 13 in her home town of Eureka, SD. She is currently in her 35th year as organist at South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City and has served at the Stavkirke (Chapel in the Hills) for 31 years. She is retired from careers in banking and public school office management.

Del Beck (Emcee) is a native of Eureka, SD and has resided in Rapid City since 1961. He retired from the Rapid City Area Schools after serving as a teacher and principal for 38 years. He has been active in GRHS over the past 15 years as a member of the Society Board of Directors and the Black Hills Chapter Board.

Jim Schuh (alias Gym Shoe, Emcee) Jim is a native Hazen, ND who moved to South Dakota in 1970. He was employed by the Rapid City Schools for 29 years and retired in 2003 after serving as an Elementary Principal for 28 years. Jim and his wife, Arletta (Wolf) have been members of the GRHS for the past five years. Jim is presently serving on the Board of the the Black Hills Chapter of GRHS. He and Arletta served as the keepers of the Chapter Scrapbook for the past four years.

