

South Dakota



Honoring South Dakota's Leaders

2012 Annual Report

As issued on January 2, 2013, by the South Dakota Trail of Governors Foundation members: Patricia Adam, Leroy Foster, Rick Jensen, Patricia Miller, Charles Schroyer, Tina Van Camp, and Patricia Van Gerpen, all from the Pierre and Fort Pierre area; and advisory members: Marshall Damgaard of Sioux Falls, Bradley Johnson of Rapid City, and Jacquelyn Dice Johnson of Mitchell.

The Trail of Governors finished up 2012 with a long list of accomplishments. The first life-sized statues were commissioned, created and cast in bronze. The trail was inaugurated with the completion of the first three statues, honoring Governor Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor Arthur C. Mellette and Governor Walter Dale Miller. Two statues were erected along the trail with the third to be placed in early 2013.

A ceremony was held on Flag Day, June 14, 2012, in the Capitol Rotunda to unveil the statues for Governor Mellette, Governor Bushfield and Governor Miller. Governor Miller witnessed the ceremony, along with Governors Daugaard, Rounds and Farrar. Governor Bushfield and Governor Miller family members also attended the event.

The statues' artists participated in the unveiling: John Lopez of Lemmon, James Michael Maher of Belle Fourche, and Lee Leuning and Sherri Treeby of Aberdeen. The statues were featured during the weekend following when the community celebrated Oahe Days with a parade, exhibits and activities throughout the town and along the Missouri River. It was a special Oahe Days as the community celebrated recovery from the historic 2011 flood. The state's current leader, Governor Dennis Daugaard, and First Lady Linda Daugaard hosted the former governors, their family members and dignitaries at the Governor's Residence following the unveiling.

The second round of statues was commissioned by the Trail of Governors Foundation in 2012, with plans to unveil and erect these tributes on public land in the city of Pierre during 2013. These bronzes will honor Governor Frank Farrar, Governor William J. Janklow, and Governor Harvey L. Wollman.

The remainder of the proposed timeline for the Trail of Governors' statues follows:

2014: Charles Sheldon, George S. Mickelson, and M. Michael Rounds;

2015: Charles Herreid, George T. Mickelson, and Richard Kneip;

2016: Andrew Lee, Nils Boe, and Tom Berry;

2017: Coe Crawford, Sigurd Anderson, and Leslie Jensen;

2018: Robert Vessey, Warren Green, and Samuel Elrod;

2019: Frank Byrne, Joe Foss, and Archie Gubbrud;

2020: Peter Norbeck, William Bulow, and Ralph Herseth;

2021: William McMaster, Carl Gunderson, and Merrill Sharpe; and

2022: Dennis Daugaard.

The Trail of Governors planning stalled during the flood of 2011, temporarily taking the focus of foundation members. However, the project has shown strong recovery since, and the future looks even brighter than the early days of 2011 when the tributes to South Dakota's leaders were mere words and sketches on paper. There were lofty dreams, but no funds.

Donations for the project now total \$236,865 from individuals and businesses. A sum of \$460,000 has been pledged of the \$2,176,000 statue expense. Funds will be needed beyond the base cost of \$68,000 per statue for ongoing maintenance and related expenses. Eleven of 32 governors have received pledges, with five having received full-funding in donations or pledges.

Of the first six statues in the project's timeline, all but two are fully funded. Donations to the project are tax-exempt and funds are managed by the South Dakota Community Foundation. Donors funding one-quarter (\$17,000) or more of a statue receive acknowledgement of their gift on that statue's plaque. All donors receive acknowledgement on the foundation's Web site and are included in the following list.

\$34,000+

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\$17,000+

American Bank & Trust, Miller, SD

Thomas and Patricia Adam, Pierre, SD

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South Dakota Community Foundation, Pierre, SD

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\$10,000+

Foster Hospitality, Inc./Governor's Inn, Pierre, SD

\$5,000+

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\$1,000+

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Thomas and Sherry Assmus, Littleton, CO

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Marcee Bushfield Kahan, Peoria, AZ
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Bill and Tina Van Camp, Pierre, SD
Charles and Patricia Van Gerpen, Pierre, SD
Alan and Deb Vedvei, Lake Preston, SD
Toni Liedtke Wilson, Sturgis, SD

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