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*The Mount Rushmore Society—through the Mount Rushmore Bookstores, the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour, Mount Rushmore Memories and other activities—is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and enhancement of Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the values it represents through a partnership with the National Park Service.*

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**Mount Rushmore Society's Annual Meeting Showcases  
Key Volunteers**

The Mount Rushmore Society (Society), the official friends group for Mount Rushmore National Memorial, celebrated 88 years of supporting Mount Rushmore at its annual meeting held last month in Rapid City. Society President Tim Raben and Executive Director Diana Nielsen Saathoff reported that the Society had contributed approximately \$384,000 to Mount Rushmore in FY 2016-2017. They presented the 2017 Friend of the Face Award to Eric Gardner of Rapid City. Society board members and officers for the upcoming year were also announced during the meeting.

**FRIEND OF THE FACES AWARD**

**Eric Gardner**, meteorologist with KOTA, was honored with a 2017 Individual Friend of the Faces Award for his volunteer contributions to the Society. His participation in improving and streamlining Society events, including the annual Presidential Dinners at Mount Rushmore, has been invaluable to the organization. A wine expert, he has given of his time and talents in donating his popular wine-tasting dinners to our live auctions. He has also emceed and was a major part of the success of the new Monumental Movie Night event held last fall and the South Dakota Symphony event held to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of Mount Rushmore in 2016.

**2018 BOARD MEMBERS**

During the annual meeting, **Tim Raben** was elected president. Other officers include Vice-President **Kay Jorgensen**, Secretary **Jeff Connolly**, Treasurer **Tony Cleberg** and Past President **Andy Knight**.

New members voted to the board include: **Brian D. Hagg**, **Lloyd Sohl** and **John Rozell**. Hagg is an attorney with Whiting Hagg Hagg Dorsey & Hagg, LLP, in Rapid City. Sohl lives in Rapid City and formerly served as president of Great Western Bank in Rapid City and Sioux Falls. A native of Rapid City, Rozell currently resides in Sioux Falls where he owns Tri-State Wholesale Flooring, Inc.

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They join current board members **Mike Diedrich, Roxann Basham, Gary Brown, Aaron Galloway, Marnie Herrmann** and **Dr. Antonette Logar**. Emeritus directors include **Phil Lampert, Judy Olson Duhamel, Gene Lebrun, Ruth Samuelson, Tom Griffith** and **Dr. Sid Goss**.

**Nancy Gowen** was thanked for completion of 15 years of board service to the Society.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Society contributed \$384,000 to Mount Rushmore National Memorial in FY 2017. Some of the ways the Society contributed to the park included:

- Donating \$236,864 in educational and interpretive funding for the park through the Mount Rushmore Bookstores and Mount Rushmore Audio Tour.
- Donating \$100,000 for sculpture preservation.

More information on the Society's contributions and activities during FY 2016-2017 are detailed in the 2017/2018 Annual Report found at [www.mountrushmoresociety.com](http://www.mountrushmoresociety.com) or may be requested by calling 605-341-8883.

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