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**Mission**

The Mount Rushmore Society—through the Mount Rushmore Bookstores, the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour, Mount Rushmore Memories, the Mount Rushmore Institute 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  
Accomplishments for Year and Honors Friends of the Faces**

The Mount Rushmore Society celebrated 84 years of supporting Mount Rushmore National Memorial at its annual meeting held January 9, 2015 in Rapid City. Society President Andy Knight opened the meeting with approximately 90 members and guests in attendance. As part of the agenda, the top 15 highlights of the year were presented. Tom Griffith was honored with the 2015 Individual Friend of the Faces Award, and Black Hills Community Bank (BHCB) was awarded the 2015 Corporate Friend of the Faces Award.

Among the Society's top 15 highlights of the calendar year were the following: hosting An Evening with Woodrow Wilson that raised \$28,000; sponsoring two naturalization ceremonies at Mount Rushmore; publishing *Four Famous Faces* and *Cooks in Parks*; completing the fundraising campaign for the Youth Exploration Area shelter to be constructed in 2015; and obtaining the concessions contract for the Rapid City Regional Airport Gift Shop.

As part of the presentation, Knight and Executive Director Diana Nielsen Saathoff announced that the Society contributed more than \$366,800 to Mount Rushmore National Memorial in FY 2014 in a variety of ways.

Some of the ways the Society contributed to the park included:

- A \$100,000 donation for continued sculpture maintenance. This is the second of five annual \$100,000 gifts that the Society will give to the park.
- \$230,798 in educational and interpretive funding for the park through the Mount Rushmore Bookstores and Mount Rushmore Audio Tour.
- Promotion of park events and services.

Griffith was honored for more than 25 years of service to the Mount Rushmore Society. He was the organization's first paid staff in 1988, helped plan Mount Rushmore's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events in 1991 and spearheaded the \$56 million fundraising campaign which resulted in the redevelopment at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in the 1990s.

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He is also the author of more than 60 books, including *America's Shrine of Democracy* that was published by the Mount Rushmore Society and has sold more than 20,000 copies.

President Jack Lynass and Compliance Officer John Brewer accepted the corporate award for Black Hills Community Bank. BHCBC was honored for their continued business partnership with the Society as well as their sponsorship of Society events and programs.

During the annual meeting, **Judy Allen** was elected president. Other officers include Past President **Andy Knight**, Vice-President **Tim Raben**; Secretary **Kay Jorgensen**; and Treasurer **Leroy Ketel**.

**Tony Cleberg** with Black Hills Corporation and **Aaron Galloway** with Lynn Jackson Schulz & Lebrun were elected as new board members. They join current board members **Roxann Basham, Gary Brown, Joe Bruch, Justin Cutler, Judy Olson Duhamel, Bill Honerkamp, Phil Lampert, Michelle Lintz, Toni Logar** and **Rollie Noem**. Emeritus directors include **Gene Lebrun, Ruth Samuelsen, Tom Griffith, Sid Goss** and **Nancy Gowen**. Outgoing emeritus directors **Mike Derby** and **Al Johnson** were recognized for their years of service to the board.

More information on the Society's contributions and activities during FY 2013-2014 are detailed in the 2014 Annual Report found on our website at [www.mountrushmoresociety.com](http://www.mountrushmoresociety.com) or may be requested by calling 605-341-8883. A powerpoint of the Society's Top 15 Highlights of 2014 is also available online.

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