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Update On Our 2017 Dakota Transit Association Membership Registrations

As of today, we have a total of 35 memberships in your Dakota Transit Association.

Last year we had a total of 50 memberships.

If you wish to rejoin, please fill out your registration form and mail it in.

We are counting on you!

Veteran Rides

Pat Hejlik, Director

Senior Meals and Services - Devils Lake, ND

Devils Lake Transit is now offering at no charge a round trip ride to veterans for medical appointments to the Devils Lake VA Clinic. This service has been made possible from donations received from the VFW post 756, CHI St Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital and the City of Devils Lake.

Since Ramsey County is not a highly rural area the Devils Lake Transit does not qualify for the veterans grant for free medical trips like Benson and Eddy County transit systems do. Seeing there is a need for veterans in our county for this service, Devils Lake Transit has arranged with the local VA Clinic to provide vouchers for those veterans who are in need of transportation for their appointments.

At his time the voucher system can only be used for rides to the VA Clinic in Devils Lake. Presently the program is going well and continues growing as the word gets out in the community.

Conference Dates

Jacque Senger, DTA Executive Director

The Dakota Transit Association's Fall Conference dates are September 9th to the 13th. Please put those dates on your calendars. The hotel is ready to book your rooms. Phone number is 701-772-8404. We will be in the beautiful City of Grand Forks, ND!

Nomination Forms

The Nomination Forms were sent out on April 11th for the 2017 Fall Conference. Please look over your staff members and associates and complete one or more of the forms. Remember, you can make someone's day.

RTAP Training Cards

Jolynn Hanson, Transit Supervisor
Palace Transit - Mitchell, SD

As a part of the driver training process, Palace Transit required all drivers to answer all the questions on the RTAP training cards and submit them to the supervisor for review.

There were 74 training cards that had a total of 209 questions about different driving topics including Distracted Driving, Customer Service and Passenger safety.

After all the RTAP Training Cards were submitted and reviewed, Patti Goudy only answered one wrong and Scott Brookbank followed by only answering two questions wrong. Both Patti and Scott received a jacket for their efforts.

Training is very important and we appreciate all of the hard work the drivers did on this testing!



Training Update - Linda Freeman, PASS Coordinator

All registration information is on our web site. Please go to the Dakota Transit Association web site to register drivers and for map information, etc.

MAY 8-9 AND MAY 10-11: BISMARCK, ND (Special sessions for Bis-Man Transit)

PASS CLASS: May 8-9 Class will begin at 9am on May 8 and 8am on May 9. Anyone needing recertification can attend on May 9.

PASS CLASS: May 10-11: Class will begin at 9am on May 10 and 8am on May 11. Anyone needing recertification can attend on May 11.

This class is being held at Bis-Man Transit for their drivers, but there is room for a maximum of 5 more people in each class session. We are not reserving a block of rooms for this session.

NOTE: Bismarck classes will not be on our web site so if you have someone you would like to send to class, please e-mail or call Linda at the contact information above.

MAY 31-JUNE 1: WATERTOWN, SD

PASS CLASS: May 31-June 1
Class will begin at 9am on May 31 and 8am on June 1.

PASS RECERTIFICATION CLASS: June 1-8am

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS: June 1 – 3pm

Registration Deadline for classes is May 19, 2017.

A block of rooms under SD Transit has been set up at Country Inn and Suites for the nights of May 30 and May 31. Deadline for registration is May 19, 2017

SPECIAL NOTE: Rooms will not be direct billed to SD DOT so agencies must pay for rooms themselves and apply for reimbursement.

All classes will be held at Watertown Area Transit.
Go to our web site to get further information.

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*Thought for the Month of
April...*

*Expect nothing and you will never
be disappointed.*

*Happy Easter
to You All!*



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Thanks to all!

- Jacque

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