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Company: Cimmarina Boats, Dakota City, NE

Title: Co-Owner

Special Role in Ambassadors: Chair

Chamber Ambassador since: 1998

WHY I CHOOSE TO VOLUNTEER MY TIME TO THE CHAMBER AMBASSADORS:

Being a Chamber Ambassador is a multi-faceted opportunity on both a professional and personal basis. Professionally it offers me unlimited networking possibilities. It helps me to fulfill that part of me that wants to give back to my community. In welcoming new business to our community or celebrating growth of an existing business, I witness the potential betterment of the region up close and personal. It is such a great feeling to represent the Chamber and to be a part of making that important opening or grand re-opening day special. It doesn't make a difference whether the business is a large corporation or a small "mom and pop" venture, to those making that commitment it is a monumental day in their life. The Chamber Ambassadors are there to see to it that the opening is done in such a way to make it memorable to all involved. Who wouldn't be proud to be a "green coat?"

FAVORITE ANNUAL SIOUXLAND CHAMBER EVENT:

I think my favorite event of the three major events the Siouxland Chamber holds each year is the Chamber Golf Outing. It certainly is the most challenging of all our events. We rotate to the various Chamber member courses so the location changes from year to year. We do a morning and afternoon shotgun start and we work from 6:00 in the morning until 8:00 that night. Everyone is having fun, including us, and it makes for a very rewarding experience.

ANYTHING ELSE?

On a personal basis, the 40 Ambassadors are much more than just "fellow ambassadors." We are a very close-knit group of people who have become good friends. This group is there to share in your good times and bad. This group bonds together to support fellow members throughout the year. They get involved outside of Chamber commitments by getting involved in other community activities such as adopting a family through Catholic Charities during the Holidays, participating in the River-Cade Parade and the Downtown for the Holidays Light Parade.