



**Seminar 9 – Mellette/Aberdeen/Milbank/Veblen
December 10 – 12, 2017**

****Bring your Leadership Dashboard Sheets with you to seminar**

- **Be prepared to share Mentorship experiences/outcomes**
- **Be prepared to share Alumni Exchange (Those who participated)**

Lodging: **Ramkota Best Western Hotel**
 1400 8th Ave. NW
 Aberdeen, SD 57401
 605.229.4040

Leadership Learning Objectives: Increase Class members’ knowledge about the Grain Coop system in rural South Dakota; Best Management Practices and a look into SDARL leadership serving on local boards. Leaders will learn productivity, efficiencies, marketing and sustainability through best applications of science and technology practices whether it’s procuring grain, bioenergy or milk for processing. Class cohorts will engage in a Farm Bill 2018 discussion that will set the stage for federal farm, food, fiber, forestry and rural policies and programs.

Date:	STL’s	Reporter/Photographer
December 10	Biskeborn/Caffee	Hanson/Thuringer
December 11	Biskeborn/Caffee	Hanson/Thuringer
December 12	Biskeborn/Caffee	Hanson/Thuringer

Sunday, December 10 **Dress Code: Business Casual (No Jeans)**

Location: South Dakota Wheat Growers – 15467 Ave, Mellette, SD 57461
Check into Hotel will be after the day’s program at 8:30 p.m.

- 3:00 pm **Welcome**, Lori Cope, SDARL Executive Director – At Mellette SDWG Elevator
- “The Role & Significance Cooperatives have in Rural South Dakota Communities”**
Tour and Discussion Panel by Coop Board Members: Wally Knock (Class III), Glen Crawford (Class VI) and Joel Erickson (Class VIII) Joined by: Chris Pearson, SDWG CEO and John Husk, COO.
- 5:00 pm Dinner on sight sponsored by SDWG.
- 6:00 pm **Roundtable discussion “How to generate and/or sustain Rural Community Vitality”**
- 8:00 pm **Check Into Hotel**

Class IX Seminar Agenda

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Monday, December 11

Dress Code: Business Professional

- 6:00 a.m. Hot Breakfast Buffet in Minerva's Restaurant. Come and Go on your own.
- 8:20 a.m. Arrive Wheat Growers Headquarters Board Room, 908 Lamont Street, Aberdeen.
- 8:30 a.m. **Leadership Dashboard Part II: "Challenging the Status Quo"**
- 9:30 a.m. **International Trip Prep**
- Lori: Schedule, Flights, Health.
 - Mike Traxinger (Class VI) How to Pack for International travel.
- 10:30 a.m. **Reports from Class members who completed an alumni exchange**
- Mentorship Program Leadership activity
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. **Arrive at Glacial Lakes Ethanol – Tour and Presentation.** We will be walking outdoors and throughout plant. No opened toe shoes allowed. **Dress for the weather.**
- 2:15 p.m. Depart for Ramkota
- 3:00-4:30 p.m. **Farm Bill Panel Discussion**, Ramkota – Class IX will join Alumni for this session
Lynn Tjeerdsma, (tentative) Sr. Policy Advisor to Senator John Thune
Craig Schaunaman, Former SD State Director for USDA FSA
Corey Freudenthal, Farm Credit Services of America
Doug Sombke, President – SD Farmers Union
- 5:00 p.m. Social Hour with SDARL Alumni, Ramkota
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**, Welcome – Don Norton, SDARL CEO
- Class IX Speakers – Adam Schindler and Danielle Hanson
- Guest Speaker:** Sundance Wicks, NSU Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
- 8:00 p.m. Wrap up

Tuesday, December 12

Dress Code: Business Casual (no Jeans)

- 6:00 a.m. Hot Breakfast buffet in Minerva's Restaurant. Come and Go on your own.
DRESS for the WEATHER.
- 7:15 a.m. **Hotel Check out (we can leave cars in parking lot)**
- 7:30 a.m. Bus Departs Hotel for Milbank, SD

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- 9:00 a.m. **Arrive Valley Queen Cheese for Tour** (Bio security measures followed) No high heels or open toe shoes allowed. Tour by Jason Mischell, VP of Sales & Business Development.
- Presentation by:** Doug Wilke – CEO of Valley Queen Cheese
SD Representative Jason Kettwig: Economic Impact of value added processing in small communities. Ag related livestock developments in the 2018 legislative session. Jason is also City Administrator for Milbank, SD.
- 12:00 p.m. Board Bus for Riverview Dairy LLP. – Veblen, SD
 Box Lunch in route to Veblen, SD
- 1:30 p.m. **Tour and Presentation by Riverview Dairy – Ward Youngblom (Class VIII)**
- 3:30 p.m. Board Bus for return to Aberdeen.

Post Seminar Work Required:

- *Survey Monkey completed*
- *Thank you notes mailed within 10 days*
- *International Trip Presentations Assignments*
- *Next Seminar: January 16-18, 2018 Sioux Falls Area.*