

Retirement reception is a special event

A full house (or tent) of present and former staff members attended the May 15 Retirement Reception for 14 school district Retirees at the courtyard garden tent of the Mermaid Event Center.

School board chairperson Jim Amundson offered the now traditional "a thousand thanks and a billion best wishes" sendoff to a group of dedicated, passionate, and compassionate individuals who had "served the district for a collective total of 377 years."

Right: Honorees Barb Lider, Sue Schroeder, John Lilja, Judy Lieser, Lee Howe, Darlene Hoeben, Mary Lueck, Jerilyn Frerk, Cheryl Dee, Dari Ferguson, and Janet Cook. Not pictured: Marguerite DeMatties, Carol McClaine, and Van Jordahl.



Left: Two of retiree Judy Lieser's grandsons, Mason and Zach, were present to cheer on grandma. They also took

an interest in harpist Terry Gibson (background) wife of Bob Gibson, a previous district retiree. Above, right: Over two hundred well-wishers filled the tent, including many former staff members. Right: Each retiree, including the middle school's Jerilyn Frerk, received a School Bell Award from Jim Amundson, school board chair, and Dr. Don Helmstetter, superintendent.

