



Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all Concerned? Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

### Future Editors

**October 15**

Fred Lein Jr.

**October 22**

David Looyson

**October 29**

Gerald Lumley

### Greeters

**October 19**

Jen Guidinger  
Jaime Haaland

**October 26**

Peter Hankla  
Wally Hankla

### Upcoming Programs

**October 12**

**No Regular Meeting**

**October 15**

Evening Meeting  
and Fellowship

**October 19**

Pat Smith  
Souris Valley United Way

## How Old Would This Person Be? by Dave Lehner

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. He asked what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age and things in general.

The grandfather said, "Well, let me think...I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. There were no credit cards, laser beams or ball point pens.

Man had not invented panty hose, air conditioners, dishwashers or clothes dryers. Clothes were hung out on the line to dry and man had not yet walked on the moon.

Your grandmother and I got married first and then lived together. Every family had a mother and a father and every boy over 14 had a rifle that his dad taught him how to use and respect. They went hunting and fishing together.

Until I was 25, I called every man older than me "Sir" and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir." Sundays were set aside for going to church as a family, helping those in need and visiting with our neighbors.

We were before gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, daycare centers and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the 10 Commandments, good judgment and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong; to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege. Living here was a bigger privilege.

We thought that fast food was what people ate at Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant

spending time together in the evenings or weekends, not buying condominiums.

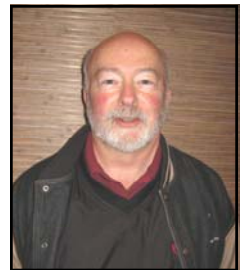
We never heard of FM radios, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt or guys wearing earrings. We listened to Jack Benny, The Shadow Knows, The Lone Ranger and the President's speeches on the radio. I don't remember any kid blowing his (or someone else's) brains out listening to Doris Day, Elvis Presley, The Drifters or The Platters.

If you saw anything with "Made in Japan" on it, it was junk. Pizza Hut, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5&10 cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice cream cones, phone calls, rides on a street car and Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail two postcards and a letter.

You could go to a Saturday matinee with a quarter, see the show, have a pop and candy and still shop at the Woolworth store on the way home. You could buy a Chevy coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was only eleven cents a gallon.

In my day, "grass" was mowed, "coke" was a cold drink, "pot" was something your grandmother cooked in, and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby. "Aids" were helpers in the principal's office, and "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store, and "software" wasn't even a word. And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

How old do you think I am? Find the answer somewhere in this newsletter.



# Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

10/5/09

**PRESENT MEMBERSHIP:** 104

**ATTENDANCE:** 61.2

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Minot High School students

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Baatyrzahn Sultanov from Krygzstan

**GUESTS:** Eugene Peterchuk, guest of Dave Lehner; Norman Graving, guest of Mike Berg.

**NEW MEMBER:** Kathy Holte

## *We Missed You!*

T. Aldrich ♦ R. Anderson ♦ J. Balentine ♦ R. Campbell ♦ B. Christianson ♦ A. Cichon ♦ L. Clute ♦ C. Coughlin ♦ F. Crist ♦ D. Davison ♦ D. Ellingson ♦ B. Fedrochak ♦ D. Davison ♦ B. DesLauriers ♦ E. DesLauriers ♦ R. Dick ♦ S. Dufner ♦ B. Fedorchak ♦ J. Feist ♦ M. Gaddie ♦ P. Hankla ♦ W. Hankla ♦ K. Harmon ♦ T. Hinzpeter ♦ D. Hodnefield ♦ T. Hoff ♦ C. Jennings ♦ J. Jensen ♦ M. Keller ♦ A. Kurth ♦ F. Lien, Jr. ♦ D. Looyesen ♦ G. Lumley ♦ B. Mattson ♦ W. McLees ♦ M. McMahon ♦ W. Magaster ♦ M. Miller ♦ O.H. Mittelberg ♦ J. Montgomery ♦ C. Olson ♦ Darrell Olson ♦ David Olson ♦ J. Olson ♦ R. Olson ♦ D. Pfau ♦ L. Pinkerton ♦ S. Podrygula ♦ C. Reiten ♦ A. Repnow ♦ M. Rolle ♦ L. Schafer ♦ R. Sommers ♦ G. Stordal ♦ B. Thomas ♦ R. Wagoner ♦ M. Watne ♦ T. Wentz Jr. ♦ R. White ♦ T. Will ♦ T. Zeltinger ♦ D. Zimmerman.

## An Evening at the Minot Country Club

You are invited to enjoy an evening of socializing and dinner followed by entertainment at the Minot Country Club on October 15th. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with a short meeting before dinner is served at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Mary Keller at [marymebridal@srt.com](mailto:marymebridal@srt.com) if you and a guest are attending and your choice of Bacon Encrusted Chicken Breasts with Hollandaise Sauce or Queen Cut Prime Rib Au Jus for your entree.

The cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per couple and includes two drink tickets each. Please RSVP as soon as possible. A final count is needed by Monday, October 12th. Thank you!

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**John Kenney** of Grangemouth Central, Scotland— President, Rotary Int'l  
**Ajoy Chatterjee** of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada—Governor District 5580

The Rotary Club of Minot meets 12:00 to 1:10 p.m. every Monday at the Grand International of Minot.

**Board of Directors:** Reed Argent, President; Teal Myre, President-Elect; Ron Merritt, Vice-President; Om Madhok, Secretary; Dave Lehner, Treasurer; William McLees, Past President.

**Directors:** 2009-Jen Guidinger and Dusty Zimmerman; 2010 –Robert Dick and Brent Mattson; 2011—Mike Berg, Ron Merritt and Tom Will

**Standing Members:** Peter Hankla, Exchange Students, Ken Kitzman, Scholarship Fund; John MacMartin, and Rotary Foundation.

## Birthdays

61

October 13  
Dave Lehner

## Anniversaries

NONE

## Makeups

9-28-2009

**International Committee Meeting**

Mike Berg, John MacMartin  
Kim Krohn, Stacy Askvig  
Roscoe Streyle, Om Madhok

9-25-2009

**Joint Service Clubs Meeting**

Tom Hinzpeter, Ken Kitzman  
Roscoe Streyle, Pat Smith  
Terry Zeltinger, Jo Khalifa  
Milt Rolle, Alan Estvold  
Dave Olson, Mike Berg  
John MacMartin

## Fines

\$2.00 each  
Yankee Fans

**\$1.00 each:** Who are not Twins fans, who did not attend the Hostfest, who did not know that women joined Rotary 20 years ago and who did not have good news to share with the club (except Kathy Holte and Dick White's tables)

**TOTAL FINES: \$149.00**



## Rotary Roses!

Minot Rotary Club  
Annual Rose Day

Thursday,  
October 22nd  
MarketPlace Foods  
West Entrance

**NEW MEMBER  
ORIENTATION  
THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 22  
5:30 P.M.  
HOLIDAY INN**

**BOARD  
MEETING**

**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 27  
11:30 A.M.**

**Minot Chamber  
of Commerce**

Monday's coffee was  
**Ethiopian Yirgacheffe**  
roasted very light.

*Courtesy of Jo Khalifa*



## Guest Speaker (10-5-09)



*Rotarian Buzz Syria arranged for Congressman Earl Pomeroy to be our guest speaker at a recent meeting. Pictured with Mr. Pomeroy is Minot Rotary Club President Reed Argent and Buzz.*

Congressman Pomeroy was born in Valley City, ND and attended Valley City State College and UND, earning his degree in 1979. After representing his hometown in the state legislature and served as State Insurance Commissioner, he was elected to the U.S. House in 1992. Earl's leadership and hard work earned him a spot on the Ways and Means Committee, which is charged with tax, trade, Social Security and Medicare issues. Earl is also a member of the House Agriculture Committee, a rare second committee appointment.

During the last Congress, Earl was instrumental in the writing of a new farm bill that provides a strong safety net for farmers and makes a substantial investment in nutrition, conservation, and renewable energy. Earl is a fierce advocate for rural health care, and as the co-chair of the bipartisan Rural Health Care Coalition, he has worked for a more equitable system for Medicare reimbursements.

He has Norwegian lineage as his great grandparents were from Norway. They had a fishing boat, and it sunk in a storm. They came to the United States and settled in Minnesota to make sure they never lost another fishing boat.

We received an update on what's going on in Washington, DC. There are four major topics: the economy, health care, Afghanistan and the future of our defense structure. These are tough issues.

It is becoming relatively clear that we are beginning to see signs of economic growth although unemployment numbers have doubled with 250,000 jobs lost. So far it's been 21 months in a row - worst recorded in 70 years. North Dakota and Minot are in a good situation and there is Job Service to assist those who need it. Jobs are available in North Dakota, but nationally there is debate on whether additional funds should be given to help. There is also discussion on whether or not we should expand the \$8,000 tax credit for first time home buyers.

Healthcare Debate: This cannot be done simply and cheap. Families need to be able to afford healthcare and we need to get coverage for everyone.

He also commended Eugene Peterchuk, a student and President of the Student Body at Burdick Job Corps in Minot. Burdick Job Corps ranks in the top 10 in safety. Eugene had the opportunity to visit the Congressman in his office in Washington D.C. on September 22-24, 2009. Eugene said of his trip, "It's a whole new world out there. It was amazing!"

## Committee Comments by Teal Myre & CJ Craven

The Community Service Committee has four great projects planned:

### **Fall: Personal Care Products Drive**

Members purchase and bring 10 personal care products to the last two meetings in October.

### **Winter: Salvation Army Blitz**

Includes bell ringing and sponsoring families with gifts and meal.

### **Spring: Happy Home Makeover**

DVCC Apartment with fix up and new items.

### **Summer: Still finalizing plans**

As a Rotarian, you have a choice to contribute with your time by participating in two or more projects, or contribute at the end of the year with your checkbook by donating \$25.

Linda Langmaack will be keeping track of who participates in the projects. If you participate in two projects, you are done! At the end of the year, she will add \$25 to the bills of those who have decided to contribute with their checkbook. If you participate in all four projects, you will also get a bonus meeting makeup.

## Junior Rotarians

HANNAH RUTH PATTERSON is the daughter of Manda and is a student at Minot High School.



School activities include National Honor Society, Key Club, Spanish Club, choir/Change of Pace and theater. In the community she is active with the Mouse River Players. She also lettered two years in choir.

Hannah plans to major in Music Education.

UND for a teaching degree in History. He plans to get his Masters and Doctorate degrees and be an American History teacher at a college

ALYSSA PABELICO is the daughter of Jason and Eileen and is a student at Minot High School.

School activities include National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Key Club and choir. She was a volunteer at Midlands Hospital in Nebraska and she teaches Sunday School classes. She lettered in Academics for two years and choir.

Alyssa plans to attend medical school and UCSD.



AUSTIN OLSON is the son of Paul and Lisa and is a student at Minot High School.

He plays the drums for the musical and will

be on the Debate Team. He is also on a Robotics Team and will be joining the Drum Line. He has maintained a 4.0 for his Freshman and Sophomore years.

Austin plans to go to the Minot State for two years and then go to

**REMINDER:** No Noon Meeting on Monday, October 12th. Instead there will be an evening dinner and fellowship meeting at the Minot Country Club on Thursday, October 15th. All members are requested to attend. However, if you cannot attend, a make-up Sheet will be available at noon on October 12 at the Front Desk at the Grand International.

## Minot Rotary Club Fall Community Service Project Personal Care Drive!

Please bring 10 items from the list below to the October 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Shampoo

Soap

Diapers

Toothpaste

Toilet Paper

Toothbrushes

Laundry Detergent\*\*

Saline

Feminine Hygiene Products

Shaving Cream

Razors

Bath Gel

Proceeds benefit our neighbors through the Salvation Army. The Minot Rotary Club will also be making a monetary donation!

Remember: By donating items to the Personal Care Drive, you are fulfilling one of your two Rotary Community Service commitments!

