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October 26

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Kevin Harmon

November 9

Ken Hegle
Tom Hinzpeter

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October 26

Dr. JoAnn Linrud &
Dr. Frank Mosely
MSU-Energy, Economics
& Finance

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Aaron Krauter
ND Director
U.S. Farm Service Agency

November 9

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A Potential Partnership?

Growing Up on the Railroad

by David Looyson

One Friday night when I was six, a friend was staying in my home for a sleep over. About 2:00 a.m., a train passed through our little town. My friend jumped out of bed and screamed in terror.

You see, my home was a Soo Line depot, and when the train came by, it felt like it was coming through the bedroom rather than on the tracks.

I grew up in several small towns and lived in depots until I was in middle school. My dad was a depot agent, and I had a unique childhood. We did not have running water; we carried our drinking water and washed dishes and our hands in a basin.

On Saturday night we carried water upstairs from the cistern and took our baths in a five-foot metal bathtub in front of the potbelly stove that burned coal.

My mother and sister bathed first, and then my younger brother and I, then my older brother and then my dad, all in the same bath water.

Before we bathed, we had to shine our shoes to get ready for church and Sunday School.

Our summer days were filled with exploring around the depot, elevators, and lumberyard. We played with the cream cans, grain doors, empty railroad cars, and green railroad carts.

When a train came, we helped Dad put out the messages to the train crew. They were tied on a string and placed on a post the same height as the engineer's arm.

He just stuck his arm out the window of the engine and grabbed the message as he passed by. The message usually told the engineer where he had to pull over so that an east or westbound train could pass.

Wherever we happened to live at the

time, the depot was a place where the kids in town gathered. My father put a basketball hoop in the waiting room. We played basketball all year; it was handy to use the potbelly stove to set a screen for a lay-up or a jump shot.

My father was a telegrapher, and the depot was filled with the tapping of the telegraphy keys all day and night. We could be outside playing catch with Dad, and if his name were called through Morse Code on the keys, he would run in and answer his call. He also had a telegraphy key upstairs in our living quarters.

At a meal or in the middle of the night, if his name were telegraphed across the wire, he would run down to answer the call. Telegraphy is definitely a lost art. My father now has Alzheimer's; however, he can still tap messages with his fingers without missing a dot or a dash.

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Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

10/19/09

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 103

ATTENDANCE: 52.2%

(10/12/09 **ATTENDANCE:** 38.7%)

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Minot High School students

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Baatyrzahn Sultanov from Krygzstan

GUESTS: Leslie Coughlin, guest of John; Gaige Miller, guest of Milton.

MAKEUPS: Bruce Christianson, Joint Service Club meeting on 9-29-09

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Don Bausman, USAF

Proposed by Adam Cichon

We Missed You!

D. Albertson	P. Hankla	W. McLees	L. Schafer
R. Anderson	K. Hegle	W. Magaster	D. Somerville
K. Baker	D.Hodnefield	R. Merritt	R. Sommers
J. Balentine	T. Hoff	O.H. Mittelberg	B. Syria
R. Campbell	R. Horne	J. Montgomery	B. Thomas
L. Clute	C. Jennings	Darrell Olson	S. Tonneson
F. Crist	J. Jensen	David Olson	K. Turneau
D. Davison	M. Keller	J. Olson	R. Wagoner
S. Dufner	K. Krohn	D. Panchot	T. Wentz Jr.
M. Effertz-Hanson	L. Langmaack	D. Pfau	R. White
D. Ellingson	F. Lien, Jr.	C. Reiten	T. Zeltinger
A. Estvold	D. Looyesen	A. Repnow	
B. Fedorchak	Jarid Lundeen	A. Reynolds	
M. Gaddie	Jay Lundeen	M. Rolle	

ATTENDANCE: Members present at the October 19, 2009 meeting, but failed to sign in were Reed Argent, Terri Aldrich, John Coughlin, Louis Pinkerton, Milton Miller, Tim Vallely, and Matt Watne.

Please remember to check your attendance as it has a strong impact on our monthly attendance record which I report to the district each month.

Om

The Prairie Flower is the official publication of Rotary Club of Minot, Minot, North Dakota. It is published every Thursday. Annual membership dues for the year 2009-2010 in the Rotary Club of Minot, ND are \$588. 6/28/09 Om Madhok, Secretary.

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

NONE



Anniversaries

October 26

Roscoe & Kristi Streyle

October 30

Gerald & Linda Lumley

Fines

\$4.00

Reed Argent

\$1.00 each

Viking fan, MSU fans,
who are not Yankee fans,
Ken Kitzman's table.

TOTAL FINES: \$97.00



Minot Rotary Club
Fall Community Service
Project

Personal Care Drive!

Please bring 10 items
from the list below to the
October 26th meeting.

Shampoo Soap

Diapers Toothpaste

Bath Gel Toilet Paper

Toothbrushes

Laundry Detergent**

Saline Razors

Fem. Hygiene Products

Shaving Cream

October 19th contributors:
FANTASTIC!

Wally Berning, Sue Burger,
Bruce Christianson,
CJ Craven, Dan Feist,
Jennifer Guidinger,
Jaime Haaland,
Wally Hankla, Kathy Holte,
Sharon Johnson,
Jolene Khalifa,
Ken Kitzman,
Ann Krause, Alan Kurth,
Cara Olson, Dough Pfau,
Pat Smith, Roscoe Streyle
Matt Watne

Special thanks to Jo Khalifa
for organizing her group, Sue
Burger, Wally Berning, &
Matt Watne for going to
Wholesale Supply! This
group alone brought 1,182
items! These four people
exceeded our total Rotary
goal of 1,000 items and
brings our total to 1,505
items.

Remember - this is the first of
four quarterly community
service projects this year.
Rotarians may choose to
participate in two or more
projects throughout the year,
OR—contribute \$25 at the
end of the year.

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My grandmother lived in Minot, and

my grandfather had Parkinson's disease.
As a result, she loved for me to come and
visit her to help with Grandpa. From the
age of four dad would put me on the
passenger train.

The conductor would hand me the
ticket puncher, and I would follow him
around and punch tickets until we
reached Minot, where my grandmother
would pick me up. If a passenger train
were not coming at a convenient time, I
would ride a freight train in the caboose.

It has been fun rambling on and
reminiscing about growing up on the
railroad, and along with that came
memories of starting my education in a
one-room school. But I don't have room
to talk about that now!

Junior Rotarians

KYLIE GAMAS is the daughter of
Dr. Warren and Cathy and is a student
at Minot High School.

School activities include National
Honor Society, Key Club, French Club,
Change of Pace, symphonic choir and
tutoring. In the community Kylie is
active with church activities, Key Club/
Kiwanis, Lions Club and volunteering.

Kylie plans to go to college for a
communications degree with a French
minor.

IAN CROSS is the son of Jim and is
a student at Minot High School.

His school activities include Spanish
Club, Honor Society, and soccer. He
attended the Governor's school this
summer and did community service
while there. He also helped with the
cleanup at Yunkers Farm Children's
Museum and collected food for the
homeless.

Ian is the captain of the soccer team
and received a scholarship to Space
Camp while in the 8th grade. He was
Vice President of the Spanish Club.

Ian plans to go into business. He
wants to major in business and minor in
Spanish. He plans to go to college on
the East Coast.

AUSTIN SORRELS is the son of
Cindy Harvey and is a student at Minot
High School.

School activities include band, jazz
band, Key Club, tennis and student
council.

Austin plans to attend medical
school.

Rotary Logo Wear

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Guest Speakers (10-19-09)

Patricia Smith, Executive Director and Kevin Harmon, board member of the Souris Valley United Way were our guest speakers this week. They explained how we can help our community to GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER. LIVE UNITED.

Both are members of the Minot Rotary Club. Pat is originally from Cooperstown, ND and graduated from Valley City State College. She has been a part of this community for 21 years and came to Souris Valley United Way on December 15, 2008 when she decided she wanted a job which would help make a difference. Kevin has been serving on the board for the past five years. He is the Dean of Admissions at Minot State University and is a Minot native, graduating from MSU.

This is Patricia's first campaign and noted a few changes this year. One change is that the thermometer is no longer visible on Broadway. To watch the progress of this year's campaign, check out the thermometers at I.Keating Furniture World and Dakota Square Mall. Also check out the website: www.svunitedway.com

The money raised stays in our community. Minot's goal of \$520,000 will benefit the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Caring Program for Children, Catholic Charities of ND, Community Action Partnership, Companions for Children, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Foster Grandparents Program, Girls Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Social Services, Minot Adult Literacy Volunteers, Minot Area Homeless Coalition, Minot Commission on Aging, Mothers or Pre-Schoolers, RSVP, SVUW Youth Board, The Salvation Army, Village Family Service Center, YMCA, YWCA, and 2-1-1 program.

The 2009 goals of other North Dakota towns include Fargo - \$4.87 million, Grand Forks - \$1 million and Bismarck/Mandan - \$1.6 million.

Kevin stated that 70% of Rotarians already give and we need to become a leadership role to make sure corporate campaigning takes place. We need to encourage new businesses to participate



Patricia Smith poses with Dewey DoMore and left is Kevin Harmon.

and ask existing business if they are participating. "We are a partner in your community," he said. "We help people."

Rotary member, Cara Olson, of ING again had another successful year for our Employee Giving (aka United Way) Campaign. We had 67% participation at our location! Here are some of the events we do to encourage participation and donations:

Many of the agencies set up booths in our cafeteria for our kick off of the campaign. To me, this gives the personal touch to show how our contributions can impact our local agencies.

Dress Down for the last quarter of the year with proof of a minimum donation, which is a printable receipt at the time of the donation on our website. Dress Down at ING means being able to wear "Friday" dress all week (T-shirts; sweatshirts; caps).

Silent Auction: Many team members go in together on donating theme baskets. Examples this year included a fishing related basket, coffee lovers basket and a wine & dine basket. The baskets go to the highest bidders.

Parking spots closest to the entrances are available for year round "rental" or the highest bidders.

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

11:30 A.M.

Minot Chamber
of Commerce

For the duration
of the flu season,
there will be
no handshakes
at the meetings.



GOAL! \$520,000



Watch their progress!
www.svunitedway.com

Monday's coffee was
French Mission
from Kenya

Courtesy of
Jo Khalifa

