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**Rotary Trip To India Preparations**

by David Olson

My original plan was to highlight the Rotary trip to India. But as usual, I procrastinated and didn't get my week traded. I have instead decided to explain some of the preparations for our trip.

As we all know going to Regina, London or Paris is a little different than going to Honduras or third world sections of India. Yes, parts of Bombay, Calcutta and Dehli are just as modernized as anywhere here in the United States with malls and good schools.

However, it is my understanding that there are also large portions of India which are third world.

When I went to Honduras three years ago, I was very fortunate. The group I was with was very experienced and organized. Shortly after I signed up, I received a packet in the mail telling me everything I needed to know from vaccinations to types of clothing. I also had my own personal pharmacist, Mike Berg, with me in case of any problems.

Our trip to India is a little different. Keith Brokke, our leader, is a great guy but at this point I think I know as much or more about India than he does. This meant that I had to do some research.

I initially called the First District Health Unit in Minot and spoke to Penny Hamilton who quickly referred me to the Commission on Disease Control (CDC) and the nurse at the travel clinic in Bismarck. Naomi Friesz, the travel nurse in Bismarck, sent me vaccination recommendations which included hepatitis A/B, polio booster, tetanus booster, typhoid, H1N1 and malaria medications.

I asked about rabies and Japanese Encephalitis which the CDC website had suggested. She told me these were not

needed as the government puts everything down just for liability, besides I was too late for the rabies series.



Once Bruce and I had secured all the recommendations, we received an e-mail from our contact in India telling us of a major outbreak of Chickungunya Fever, a viral infection transmitted by mosquitoes. The bad news is there is no vaccine for this. The good news is that it is usually not fatal and once you develop it you have a lifetime immunity. The key is lots of mosquito repellent.

In preparing for the personal expectations of the trip, Bruce and I met with Dr. Mehta, a tennis partner of mine who is from India. He provided us with much information about India history, languages, sights to see and what to eat.

He also gave us insight as to the medicines to bring with respect to keeping our GI systems running smoothly. After listening to him, half of our luggage will be pharmaceuticals. His three most important recommendations were mosquito repellent, hand sanitizers and toilet paper.

The flight itself is also going to be a concern. We leave Minot Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 12:20 p.m. and arrive in Madurai, Friday, February 12, 2010 at 8:20 a.m.

Don, another tennis friend of mine, was bow hunting in Wyoming for antelope this last fall. While sitting motionless in his blind for 16 hours, he developed deep vein thrombosis which evolved into pulmonary embolism.

# Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

2/8/10

**PRESENT MEMBERSHIP:** 105

**ATTENDANCE:** 50.2%

**VISITORS:** Kenneth Thiel, guest of Ann Krause; Razon Bot, guest of Mac Magaster.

**MAKEUPS:** Reed Argent, Dusty Zimmerman, Jim Montgomery and Robin Gordon-Thompson, 2-3-2010 New Member Orientation; Mike Klier, Ron Merrit, Reed Argent and Mike Berg, 2-6-2010 Rotary Crop & Livestock Judging; John MacMartin, 2-2-10 Ward Co. Farm Bureau and got a check for \$1,000 for Shelter Boxes for Haiti; Ann Krause, Lakewood, FL 1-28, Sarasota, FL 1-13, 19 and 2-2-2010.

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Landon Bahl, Ryan Brown, Evan Kramer, Eric Kramer, and Drew Saari, students at Bishop Ryan.

## We Missed You!

Dan Albertson	Mike Gaddie	O.H. Mittelberg
Richard Anderson	Robin Gordon-Thompson	Cara Olson
Stacy Askvig	Jamie Haaland	David Olson
Jeff Balentine	Peter Hankla	Jim Olson
Mike Berg	Wally Hankla	Doug Panchot
Wallace Berning	Kevin Harmon	Doug Pfau
Rob Buchholz	Ken Hegle	Louis Pinkerton
Don Bausman	Daryl Hodnefield	Stephan Podrygula
Richard Campbell	Terry Hoff	Tom Rafferty
Bruce Christianson	Kathy Holte	Chester Reiten
Adam Cichon	James Jensen	Alison Repnow
John Coughlin	Jolene Khalifa	Milton Rolle
Fred Crist	Mike Klier	Buzz Syria
Donald Davison	Alan Kurth	Bryan Thomas
Blaine DesLauriers	Linda Langmaack	Steve Tonneson
Robert Dick	Fred Lien Jr.	Kelly Turneau
Sara Dufner	David Looyesen	Matt Watne
Maria Effertz-Hanson	Gerald Lumley	Tom Wentz Jr.
David Ellingson	Jay Lundeen	Tom Will
Alan Estvold	Michael McMahon	Terry Zeltinger
Betty Fedorchak	Milton Miller	

**BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
**11:30 AM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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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

**February 16**  
 Patricia Smith



## Anniversaries

NONE

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## Fines

**\$2.00 each**  
 Minot AFB has an impact of 475 million dollars on Minot's economy. Businesses doing business with Minot AFB.

**\$2.00 each**  
 Members who are not on Minot Rotary's Facebook, who did not pick the best and worst commercials during the Super Bowl and Colt Fans.

**TOTAL FINES:**  
**\$100.00**

## Rotary Trip To India *Cont'd from page 1*

Yes, he got his antelope but spent a week in the hospital and almost died. Sitting in an airplane for this extended length of time can also cause this problem if we are not cautious.

When we are in India, we will be staying at local Rotarian homes. We will have to come up with some ideas for thank you gifts.

*Anyone with any ideas for this, please contact Bruce or myself.*

This trip to India has taken a lot more preparation work than my trip to Honduras. Even with all the preparation required, I am foreseeing a fantastic trip, hopefully making this part of India a little better place to live.

## Guest Speaker 2-8-2010

This week's guest speaker was Jeff Ottosen, Director of Field Service for the Northern Lights Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Jeff just joined the council after serving in Oregon and Washington and has been a Scouting Professional for 10 years.

The Northern Lights Council is headquartered in Fargo with offices in Bismarck, Grand Forks and Minot to serve the 16,000 youth and 4,000 volunteer members of the Boy Scouts. Northern Lights Council encompasses all of North Dakota, 18 counties in Minnesota and small pieces of South Dakota and Montana and ranks as the second largest geographical council in the BSA.

The Boy Scouts programs include:

1. Cub Scouts for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys
2. Boy Scouts for young men 11 to 18 years of age
3. Venturing which is a Coed Program for young people 14 thru 20
4. Exploring is a career based program for 14 to 20 year old young people and see's unit for Fire Services, Law Enforcement, Law and Medical Services as most numerous.

This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of the Scouts and in celebration the Council is holding a Campout at the Capital June 4-6. All Scouts from the council are invited to this gala event which will be remembered as a once in a lifetime camping opportunity. Jeff shared that the public is invited to drop by that weekend and find out what's happening in Scouting.

## BONUS

Bruce Christianson, who is going to India to participate in the District 5580 International project in Rajapalyarn, South India, Aga, the city of Taj Mahal and a town near Calcutta, gave an update of the team. India's travels to India and all that is involved in participating in such International projects.



**Not all  
makeups  
are boring!**  
**Roscoe at  
Lover's Beach,  
Los Cabos!**

## Program Chairmen

### FEBRUARY

Kim Krohn

### MARCH

Alan Estvold

### APRIL

Gerald Lumley

### MAY

Buzz Syria

### JUNE

Bruce Walker

Rotary Districts  
5550 and 5580 will  
come together  
in Winnipeg for  
**Rotary's  
Gateway to the World**

May 13-16, 2010

for the first Joint District  
Conference.

You will need a passport.

If you are interested in  
attending, please email

Dusty at

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**SUNRISE  
ROTARY  
THURSDAY  
7:00 AM**

**Grand International**

# Minot Rotary Club Crops & Livestock Judging Contest –2010

*FFA members who participated in this event numbered 200 plus from Ward, Walsh, Renville, McHenry, Wells, Bottineau and Mountrail counties.*



## Our 26th Year!

The Rotary Club of Minot has sponsored the Rotary Crops and Livestock Judging Contest, Ag Sales Event and Hippology Contest ever since *Spirit Leader* Ben Hoag, former Superintendent of the Experiment Station, (North Central Research Extension Center) and former Ward County Extension Agent Dennis Egge, both former Rotary members, decided to turn their attention to the prospective young farmers.

Stacy Askvig remembers they named the winner's trophy in honor of her dad, Ben. "He loved to judge grains, vegetables and flowers. I spent a lot of time helping him when I was younger."

Volunteers included former Rotarians (and farmers) Wes Tossett and Mark Adams. Wes recalls that crops and livestock judging was a natural way to do good for the FFA-4H members. "I thought it was tremendous when the kids had to judge livestock. They would "place" them and then give their best reasons why they thought their choices were the right one. You have to believe in what you do to be successful." Sometimes these reasons can get very animated (and entertaining).

One of the goals of the Rotary Club of Minot is to offer opportunities to young men and women to help them grow up to be contributing members of our country. Each year the members of the committee take registration and help hand out awards in the early afternoon.

The Ag Sales Event is in it's third year as part of the program. The kids pick a product and try to sell that product to the judges. Hippology, the study of horses, was added this year to the program. They are judged on horse knowledge with test stations and horse judging.

The Rotary Club of Minot sponsors the contest and pays for all the awards. Tom Becker lined up the cattle for judging from Mike Sundsbak, Des Lacs and Ray Kopp, Minot. Leon Koslchefski provided the hogs and Duane Deckert provided the sheep. Four members of Rotaract also helped with registration.

The contest is the only one in the state that is funded by a service club organization—the Rotary Club of Minot.



*Ward County Extension Agent/4H Youth Development Gail Slinde and Agent-in-Training Christine Drake*



*Rotary members Ronney Merritt and club President Reed Argent*



*Minot FFA advisors Jeff Ball, Tracy Hartwig and Lance Van Berkomp*