

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

**March 25**  
Stephan Podrygula

**March 29**  
Guest Editorial

**April 5**  
Al Reynolds

### Greeters

**March 22**  
Louis Pinkerton  
Stephan Podrygula

**March 29**  
Chester Reiten  
Alan Reynolds

**April 5**  
Milton Rolle  
Dean Rubbelke

### Upcoming Programs

**March 22**  
Verla Hodgson  
Scandinavian  
Heritage Society

**March 29**  
Ann B. Jenks  
State Archivist  
State Historical Society

## Health Care Reform by Louis Pinkerton



The big drug companies and the health insurance companies fighting it out, whichever side wins, the loser will probably be all of the rest of us.

While President Obama and US Senators spend a lot of time making deals with drug and insurance companies instead of listening to Americans, the pending crisis in health care continues.

I don't believe you have to look further than Minot to see the problems. Trinity Health has a Level 2 Trauma Center and a helicopter ambulance - not cheap to equip and staff. Trinity Hospital's physical plant is even older than most Rotarians - again, not cheap to maintain.

While physicians only make up 11% of the cost of health care, the quality of the physician determines up to 90% of your outcome. The physician is the leader of your health care team, and that physician wants a hospital that is clean, a hospital that offers modern technologies and conveniences, and a hospital that is conducive to excellence in medical practice.

We often hear complaints about health care in general, or even with Trinity in particular. I hope no one is complaining because they want the system to fail. Why would anyone want to have our closest Level 2 Trauma Center or advanced medical service to be in Bismarck or Fargo?

Is having St. A's in Minot a good thing? Probably; fair competition is always a good tool for improvement. Competition . . . what about UniMed?

It was a great hospital, too, but it was going to be sold, regardless if Trinity bought it or not. Bismarck is barely able to support its two hospitals, and Minot proved to be too small to support two major medical centers. St. A's is not in Minot because they love Minot - they need to add market share in new ways.

So, I'm not saying you have to use Trinity Health for all your medical care; my family doesn't, but I do believe it is a good

operation. No, not perfect as it can be improved, yet in many ways it is excellent.

While Trinity's ownership is a bit complicated, Trinity is essentially like other non-profits in that it is owned by the community of Minot, but we pay no taxes towards its upkeep or modernization. Trinity Health is not controlled by President Obama or Senator McConnell in Washington, it is controlled by a local Board of Directors who are your neighbors - people you do business with or go to Church with - and they will listen to you.

As well, Trinity Health is under new leadership, John Kutch, with several new positive changes already taking place. I am optimistic of the future and of Trinity's ability to exceed the healthcare needs for northwest and north central North Dakota.

Making Trinity Health better will make St. A's and Medcenter One better. It is a win/win no matter where you go for medical care.

### How to create positive change:

- Don't just complain, make your voice heard in a positive manner, be persistent, take ownership; it is a matter of life or death, maybe yours.
- Support the Trinity It is our community's hospital and even a small donation speaks with authority.
- Support changes in North Dakota law that will give North Dakota Hospitals the same access to lower bonding rates that North Dakota currently gives to some electrical transmission companies, potentially saving Trinity millions of dollars in lowered interest costs on bonds.

Several times during the 37 years I have lived in Minot, Trinity Hospital has been there to save the life of a member of my family, and for that I will be eternally grateful.

# Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

3/15/10

**PRESENT MEMBERSHIP:** 105

**ATTENDANCE:** 59.6%

**VISITORS:** Lewis Thomas, guest of Kim Krohn.

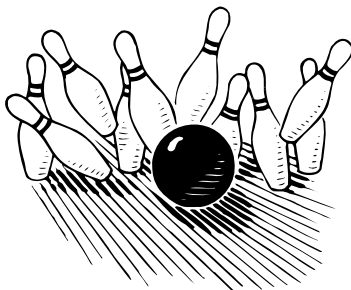
**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Diane Moline, Minot Sunrise Club.

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Sarah Rimatski, Colleen Finley, Ian Kenney, Sydnie Schell and Matt Magnuson, Bishop Ryan HS students.

**MAKEUPS:** Rick Anderson, CJ Craven and Kim Krohn, Bowling Program 3-13-2010; Kathy Holte, Online, 3-8-2010.

## We Missed You!

Daniel Albertson	Terry Hoff	Jim Olson
Kit Baker	Bob Horne	Doug Panchot
Wallace Berning	James Jensen	Doug Pfau
Rob Buchholz	Mary Keller	Tom Rafferty
Don Bausman	Ann Krause	Chester Reiten
Richard Campbell	Alan Kurth	Alan Reynolds
Adam Cichon	Linda Langmaack	Milton Rolle
Donald Davison	Fred Lien, Jr	Dean Somerville
Sara Dufner	David Looysen	Rita Sommers
Maria Effertz-Hanson	Gerald Lumley	Steve Tonneson
Alan Estvold	Jarid Lundeen	Kelly Turneau
Betty Fedorchak	Michal McMahan	Tim Valley
Joel Feist	OH Mittleberg	Bruce Walker
Mike Gaddie	Jim Montgomery	Tom Will
Jaime Haaland	Cara Olson	
Wally Hankla	David Olson	



## Souris Valley United Way Fundraiser—\$1,700!

### Rotary's Team & Scores:

Kim Krohn	79	105	117
CJ Craven	185	147	182
Richard Anderson	172	164	197
Bev Anderson	97	88	207

### Sertoma's Team & Scores

Kevin Ternes	163	157	107
Toni	138	114	146
Scot Collins	138	153	145
Wendy Howe	82	152	176

**Winner:  
Rotary Club!**

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**Ajoy Chatterjee** of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada—Governor District 5580

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**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:** 2010 –Robert Dick and Brent Mattson; 2011—Mike Berg and Tom Will; 2012-Jen Guidinger and Dusty Zimmerman

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

## Birthdays

**March 22**  
Kevin Harmon

**March 23**  
Jim Olson

**March 24**  
Ann Krause

**March 26**  
Dave Ellingson  
Kim Krohn



## Anniversaries

**March 27**  
Robert & Deanne Horne  
Jim & Kim Montgomery



**SUNRISE ROTARY**  
THURSDAY, 7:00 AM  
Grand International

Please send editorials to:  
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## Fines

**\$1.00 each**

Teal Myre, those sitting with members who had good news to share, who did not visit the Road Show, who did not know the name of President-Elect of Rotary International, who did not know the answers of Irish Beer Quiz and who did not wear Rotary lapel pins or logowear.

**TOTAL FINES:  
\$123.00**