

Future Editors

April 29
 Claude Sem

May 6
 Patricia Smith

May 13
 Rita Sommers

Greeters

April 26
 Gerald Stordal
 Roscoe Streyle

May 3
 Buzz Syria
 Bryan Thomas

May 10
 Robin Gordon-Thompson
 Steve Tonneson

Upcoming Programs

April 26
 Free Wheelchair Mission
 Norval Semchenko

May 3
 Rotary Scholarship
 Program **6:00 p.m.**

May 10
 Paul von Ebers, CEO
 BCBS of ND

May 17
 John Kutch, CEO
 Trinity Health

Re-distribution of Wealth Can be a Good Thing!

By Dean Rubbelke



Last week a friend whom I deeply admire and respect stated that he supported the concept of redistribution of wealth. I was somewhat taken back and began to wonder if I had heard him correctly.

He continued, “Redistribution of wealth is a good thing, as long as I get to say how it will be redistributed!”

We usually think about redistribution of wealth in terms of being *forced*, but not all redistribution of wealth is mandated by the government.

As we are called to share from our time, talents, and treasures, we find that choosing to redistribute our own wealth can actually be a powerful force for good in our world.

Now you don’t need to take my friend’s word or even my word for it: other people have shown us how redistribution of wealth can change the world.

Apparently Bill and Melinda Gates must also support this kind of redistribution, as their foundation has awarded two grants totaling \$355 million to Rotary in support of its work in eradicating polio in the world.

Mike Dolan might have also supported this line of thinking as he wrote the check for \$250,000 to prime the Rotary Scholarship fund.

Two weeks ago, I watched as three of our members were honored with

Paul Harris Fellowships, two for the second time. I wonder if Paul Harris himself might have subscribed to this way of thinking.

The countless members of our Rotary club who have given of themselves must also believe in this redistribution of wealth. Whether it is with their time given to a project, their talent shared with folks in foreign countries or their contributions to our causes, their gifts are changing the world.

One of our members once made the comment, “No other contribution gets you a better bang for your buck than a contribution to Rotary International.” He believed in this so much that he wrote the full check for \$4,000 and his wife and three children became PHFs.

This type of redistribution of wealth eradicates polio, educates children, builds homes, schools, hospitals, and fire stations in foreign countries, helps earthquake victims in Haiti, and makes this world a better place.

As we are asked to support projects and programs in our club or to just sustain our Paul Harris Fellowships, please remember: it might be redistribution of wealth, but you get to say where it goes! **AND THAT IS GOOD!**

Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

4/12/2010

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 102

ATTENDANCE: 68%

GUESTS: Kelsey Myhre, guest of Teal Myre; Cookie Berning, guest of Wally.

MAKEUPS: Ann Kraue, two in Florida.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: McCormack, Jerick Hedges and Caleb Kester, DesLacs/Burlington HS .

NEW MEMBERS: Kirk Wullweber, President, Checkrite of Minot and Scott Oothoudt, Business Communication Consultant, SRT.

RESIGNED: Susan Burger and Larry Schafer

We Missed You!

Stacy Askvig	Jaime Haaland	Jim Olson
Kit Baker	Kevin Harmon	Doug Panchot
Don Bausman	Ken Hegle	Doug Pfau
Richard Campbell	Terry Hoff	Stephan Podrygula
Donald Davison	James Jensen	Chester Reiten
Blaine DesLauriers	Ken Kitzman	Milton Rolle
Robert Dick	Kim Krohn	Rita Sommers
Sara Dufner	Linda Langmaack	Buzz Syria
David Ellingson	Fred Lien, Jr	Bryan Thomas
Alan Estvold	Jarid Lundeen	Kelly Turneau
Betty Fedorchak	Jay Lundeen	Bruce Walker
Joel Feist	Michael McMahan	Matt Watne
Mike Gaddie	Cara Olson	Tom Wentz Jr.
Robin Gordon-Thompson	David Olson	

Rotary Scholarship Program

May 3, 2010 6:00 p.m. Grand International

Keynote Speaker: Chuck Kramer & MC: Alan Kurth

Please bring your spouse!

35—\$1,000 Scholarships will be presented.

NO NOON MEETING!

100% Attendance is requested.

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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: 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

April 29
Brent Mattson

May 1
Om Madhok



Anniversaries

NONE

The coffee this week was Maluawee.

Courtesy of Jo Khalifa



Fines

\$5.00 each

Mary Keller, John Coughlin,
Dave Lehner and
Dan Lengemo

\$3.00

Reed Argent

\$2.00 each

Dean Rubbelke, Rick
Anderson, Terry Zeltinger,
Rich Campbell, Daryl
Hodnefield, Teal Myre,
Ann Krause's table and
who use golf carts while
playing golf.

\$1.00 each

Lisa Clute's table, who are not
UND alumni, who are getting
federal and state income tax
refunds

TOTAL FINES:

\$169.00

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Todd Berning, Jerry Iverson and Brian Berg

Program Chairmen

APRIL

Gerald Lumley

MAY

Buzz Syria

JUNE

Bruce Walker

JULY

Dave Ellingson

Our guest speakers this week were former Rotarian and State Fair Manager Jerry Iverson, Todd Berning, M & S Concessions and Brian Berg, Architect, of Zerr Berg Architects of Fargo. We received an update on the new grandstand at the ND State Fairgrounds which will be ready to use on July 1, 2010.

Jerry stated that the grandstand activities are not competing with 4-H during the fair, but in fact helping to pay for the judges and other expenses evolving around 4-H during this period. 4-H kids and their moms were very instrumental in convincing the Legislators to "give up the money" for the grandstand.

Zerr Berg Architects were chosen after extensive interviews. We needed big facilities in a short period of time and within a \$15 million budget.

The new grandstand will have seating for 7,000 people and will hold 20,000 plus with a standing room option during concerts. There will be 5 independent concessions area and two pubs. Although there will be bleacher type seating, there will be more room to sit.

Jerry said that this will also be the finest auto race track in the United States when completed. The stage in the infield will be permanent and dirt in front of it will be removed during concerts at the fair.

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