



Future Editors

May 6

Patricia Smith

May 13

Rita Sommers

May 20

Dean Somerville

Greeters

May 3

Buzz Syria
Bryan Thomas

May 10

Robin Gordon-Thompson
Steve Tonneson

May 17

Kelly Turneau
Tim Valley

Upcoming Programs

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

The Big Four

By Claude Sem

I woke up this morning with a ringing in my ear that seemed louder than before. If you let your mind dwell on it, the sound would drive you crazy which many might say is a short trip for me.

I blame it on the R John Deere tractor and too many hours pulling the four bottom plow. To drown out the noise of the engine, we mounted a radio to the fender and turned up the volume to about 120 decibels.

I used to enjoy that time. While farming was physically exhausting at times, sitting on the tractor for hours on end was a relaxing time. The only stress that you felt was the occasional jolt you would get when you hooked a rock.

The farming scenario of today is quite different. Gone is the noise factor as most farm machinery now has sound-proof cabs. Also gone is the seemingly stress-free life style.

Now there are lights a-blinking, buzzers a-buzzing, screens telling you to slow down and speed up, sometimes at the same time.

A map tells you where to go and auto steer will get you there. Gone is the physical stress but it is replaced by mind stress which can be just as exhausting.

A new John Deere combine can cost up to \$400,000. An air seeder will cost you another \$350,000 and don't forget the tractor to pull it which will cost

you another \$400,000 plus. With no-till you must have a good sprayer which can reach another \$300,000.



The "Big Four" as we call them will cost nearly \$1.5 million. Now that's stress!

In another 40 years when this generation of farmers retire, hopefully they have fond memories of their farming days and hopefully absent will be the ringing in their ear.

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WE ARE AT

94%

THINK 100%

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE

The Rotary Club of Minot proposes the following change effective July 1, 2010:
Jo Khalifa has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Secretary's Corner

Om Madhok

4/26/2010

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 103

ATTENDANCE: 60%

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

MAKEUPS: Ann Krause, two in Florida; Reed Argent, Stacy Askvig, Mike Berg, Alan Kurth, Bruce Christianson, Dan Langemo, Jeff Balentine, Dick White and Teal Myre—Trivia contest on 4-22-2010.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Chaya McCormack, Jerick Hedges, Caleb Caster, DesLacs/Burlington HS; Michael Steier and Amanda Thomas, Surrey HS

NEW MEMBERS: Kirk Wullweber and Scott Oothoudt

RESIGNED: Adam Cichon

We Missed You!

Dan Albertson	Ken Hegle	David Olson
Kit Baker	Daryl Hodenfield	Jim Olson
Rob Buchholz	Terry Hoff	Doug Pfau
Don Bausman	Kathy Holte	Louis Pinkerton
Rich Campbell	Jim Jensen	Tom Rafferty
CJ Craven	Sharon Johnson	Chester Reiten
Don Davison	Kim Krohn	Alan Reynolds
Robert Dick	Dan Langemo	Milton Rolle
Sara Dufner	Linda Langmaack	Dean Somerville
David Ellingson	Fred Lien Jr.	Rita Sommers
Alan Estvold	David Looysen	Steve Tonneson
Betty Fedorchak	Gerald Lumley	Kelly Turneau
Mike Gaddie	Jarid Lundeen	Tim Vallely
Jen Guidinger	Jay Lundeen	Matt Watne
Jamie Haaland	Brent Mattson	Tom Wentz Jr.
Kevin Harmon	Michael McMahon	Dusty Zimmerman

Rotary Scholarship Program

May 3, 2010 6:00 p.m. Grand International
Keynote Speaker: Chuck Kramer & MC: Alan Kurth
Please bring your spouse!

NO NOON MEETING!

Sign up sheet at Front Desk at Grand International.

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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

May 5
Doug Pfau

May 9
Steve Tonneson



Anniversaries

May 5
Kathy & Gerald Holte

May 6
Joel & Connie Feist

Program Chairmen

MAY
Buzz Syria

JUNE
Bruce Walker

JULY
Dave Ellingson

Fines

\$10.00 each
Lisa Clute

\$5.00
Jo Khalifa and Roscoe Streyle

\$2.00 each
Reed Argent, Om Madhok,
Mike Berg, Terri Aldrich.

\$1.00 each
Sue Burger's Table,
Wine Trivia and who did not
attend the trivia contest

TOTAL FINES:
\$238.00