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Chocolate Preparedness By Al Reynolds

Are you prepared?...for your daughter's birthday?... holiday gift giving?...getting out of the doghouse with your wife?...or how about small "reward" to yourself after a particularly trying day?

So, you don't think that a preparedness kit exists that can help you with these potential disasters? *Well, think again!*

There is a business right here in Minot who can help you put together your own personal gift disaster preparedness kit! *Think Chocolatopia!* We make the best chocolate you've ever tasted!

Most of you know me as the County Emergency Manager, but in my spare time, I am the Chocolatier for Chocolatopia, the only exclusive candy business in the area that produces fresh, handmade chocolates and confections on a daily basis.

No, I didn't stay at a Holiday Inn Express, but I learned about chocolate from my parents who ran a home-based business for 10 years in Cleveland, Ohio producing molded chocolates like Easter Bunnies and basic drop chocolates like peanut, cashew and coconut clusters.

I learned about various chocolate types, tasted an unbelievable spectrum of different chocolate blends, and learned just how sensitive this complex compound really is.

You might think that I was a pretty lucky kid, but until you have stayed up until 4:00 a.m. on a school night painting colored chocolate on bunny suckers and "gluing" eyes on rabbits with a drop of chocolate, you really wouldn't think yourself too lucky.

When I reached retirement from the Air Force, my wife and I had decided to stay in North Dakota and wanted to start a small business. We tried a few things, but one day I realized that Minot didn't have a gourmet chocolate shop.

Thus began our business. As we were planning, I consulted my parents and they were excited that we would be using the best tasting chocolate available—the same chocolate blend they had used years ago.

My Dad always teases me when we don't send him some chocolate from time to time. The supplier confirmed our exclusivity when they told us that we were the only business they ship to within a five state region!

As a testament to the outstanding flavor of our chocolates, prior to the Norsk Hostfest in 2008, we were asked to produce a new truffle using Bache Gabrielson cognac which was making its U.S. debut.

After several attempts, we arrived at a recipe that we thought was "pretty good." The president of the company came from Europe to promote their cognac and tasted our truffles. It turns out that the company had asked Swiss and French Chocolatiers to produce truffles but their efforts had turned out less than desirable results.

After tasting our truffles, the company president remarked excitedly, "Perfect! These are perfect!"

In the chocolate business, there is a saying: "99% of all people love chocolate and the ones who claim they don't, are probably lying." We produce hand-made chocolates using an exclusive chocolate blend that is not available anywhere else in North Dakota.



Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

4/5/2010

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 104

ATTENDANCE: 45.8%

GUESTS: Kirk Wullweber, guest of Reed Argent; Scott Oothoudt, guest of Teal Myre; Wayne Pallett, guest of Kevin Harmon; Sandy Branhem, guest of Roger Winkle; Alyea, Gaige, and Nevean Miller, guest of Milt.

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Kirk Wullweber, President, Checkrite of Minot. *Proposed by Sue Berger* and Scott Oothoudt, Business Communication Consultant, SRT. *Proposed by Teal Myre.*

We Missed You!

Dan Albertson	Wally Hankla	David Olson
Kit Baker	Ken Hegle	Jim Olson
Jeff Balentine	Daryl Hodnefield	Doug Pfau
Wallace Berning	Terry Hoff	Louis Pinkerton
Rob Buchholz	Bob Horne	Tom Rafferty
Sue Burger	James Jensen	Chester Reiten
Don Bausman	Mary Keller	Alan Reynolds
Richard Campbell	Mike Klier	Dean Rubbekle
Bruce Christianson	Kim Krohn	Larry Schafer
Fred Crist	Alan Kurth	Pat Smith
Don Davison	Dan Langemo	Dean Somerville
Blaine DesLauriers	Linda Langmaack	Rita Sommers
Elicia DesLauriers	Fred Lien, Jr.	Bryan Thomas
Robert Dick	David Looyesen	Kelly Turneau
Sara Dufner	Jarid Lundeen	Tim Valley
Betty Fedorchak	Jay Lundeen	Bruce Walker
Joel Feist	Brent Mattson	Tom Wentz Jr
Mike Gaddie	Michael McMahan	Tom Will
Jen Guidinger	Jim Montgomery	Terry Zeltinger
Jaime Haaland	Cara Olson	Dusty Zimmerman

NO MEETINGS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
Memorial Day—May 31, 2010
Monday, July 5, 2010

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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 13
Mike Klier

April 14
Bill McLees

April 16
Mitt Mittelberg
Richard Nester



Anniversaries

April 16
Tim & Allison Valley

The coffee this week was Panama Hartman Estate. The Smithsonian conducts their migratory bird study at this estate.

Courtesy of Jo Khalifa



Fines

\$2.00 each

Terri Aldrich, Reed Argent, Om Madhok, Ron Merritt, Stacey Askvig and Milt Miller's tables

\$1.00 each

Who did not play an April Fool's Day joke, did not color Easter eggs, and did not wear Rotary pin or logowear.

TOTAL FINES:
\$103.00

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?



Program Chairmen

APRIL

Gerald Lumley

MAY

Buzz Syria

JUNE

Bruce Walker

JULY

Dave Ellingson

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SUNRISE ROTARY
THURSDAY, 7:00 AM
Grand International

Chocolate Preparedness *cont'd from page 1*

We have candies in milk, dark and white chocolate. They are absolutely the best chocolates you have ever tasted. I am not a white chocolate fan but I am always impressed with our white chocolate.

Our products include several flavors of truffles, turtles, chocolate coated toffee and most recently, our own version of a peanut butter cup. (For those of you who like peanut butter and chocolate – there's nothing like a fresh, additive and wax-free peanut butter cup!).

Mass-produced chocolate cannot compete with the taste or texture of good, locally-produced artisan candy. Part of the luxurious experience of eating good chocolate is the texture.

Chocolate melts at body temperature and our chocolate will melt in your

hand, but once you taste it, you won't let much more melt there.

We introduced retro candies to our store as part of our "Fun Time Candy" section this year. Browsing the products we stock here will really take you back. Anyone remember Mallo-cups? Wax Lips? We have 'em!

The ultimate compliment that we receive is a sort of a left-handed one. It is not uncommon for our customers to come in, look across the case of our luscious candies and murmur, "I hate you." They usually go on to say, "I can't eat any other chocolate; yours is so much better!"

Come visit us in the former Skatium building. I'll understand if you wind up hating me!

Rotary Logo Wear

NEW CATALOGS AVAILABLE at the NOON MEETINGS!

Save \$5 to \$6 - The Club pays handling.

Let ohmitt@juno.com know Item#-size-color-price

Club bills quarterly. Especially for new members, as well as all members.

Rotary Logo Wear: 100% is our Goal

It shows pride in our club. It gives us esprit' de corps'

Look Sharp, Be Smart—Wear Rotary Logo Wear

Attendance January—February—March 2010

100%: Reed Argent, Mike Berg, Sue Burger, Bruce Christianson, Ken Kitzman, Dave Lehner, John MacMartin, Om Madhok, Bill McLees, Teal Myre, Dick White, Dusty Zimmerman

92%: Stacy Askvig, Tom Hinzpeter, Mary Keller, Mac Magaster, Steve Podrygula, Dean Rubbelke

85%: Alan Estvold, Peter Hankla, Kathy Holte, Kim Krohn, Dan Langemo, Ron Merritt, Darrell Olson, Pat Smith, Roscoe Streyle, Tim Valley

77%: Jeff Balentine, John Coughlin, Elicia DesLauriers, Dan Feist, Robin Gordon-Thompson, Jen Guindinger, Wally Hankla, Sharon Johnson, Jo Khalifa, Mike Klier, Jim Montgomery, Milt Rolle, Tom Will

69%: CJ Craven, Richard Olson, Alan Reynolds, Dean Somerville, Bruce Walker, Matt Watne, Roger Winkle

62%: Adam Cichon, Lisa Clute, Ann Krause, Brent Mattson, Milt Miller, David Olson, Louis Pinkerton, Bryan Thomas

54%: Rick Anderson, Fred Crist, Maria Effertz-Hanson, Joel Feist, Bob Horne, Gerald Lumley, Jarid Lundeen, Doug Pfau, Buzz Syria, Terry Zeltinger