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**Future Editors**

**June 3**

Roscoe Streytle

**June 10**

Buzz Syria

**June 17**

Bryan Thomas

**Greeters**

**June 7**

Thomas Wentz Jr.  
Richard White

**June 14**

Tom Will  
Roger Winkle

**June 21**

Kirk Wullweber  
Terry Zeltinger

**Upcoming Programs**

**May 31**

NO MEETING

**June 7**

Bruce Christianson  
David Olson  
Trip to India

**June 14**

Kevin Ternes  
City Assessor  
Property Taxes in Minot

**Minot and the 2010 Census** By Dean A. Somerville

This being the year of our Census, and I thought it would be interesting to put some statistics together in relation to our growth, and the correlation to the actual Census number of our city.

I have compiled some city statistics involving construction from the time our last U.S. Census was conducted in 2000 through 2009—a ten year span. It reads as follows:

I received some student enrollment numbers from the Minot Public Schools. The total enrollment in 2000 was 7,068 students, and in 2009 there were 6,574 students.



Type	No.	Building Permit Valuation
Single Family Homes .....	971 .....	\$108,656,806
Townhouses.....	154 .....	14,639,000
Condos.....	407 .....	33,151,776
Apartment Units .....	559 .....	31,580,000
Assisted Living Units .....	314 .....	13,239,720
New Commercial.....	.....	179,240,000



In relation to our rental units, I was informed the vacancy rate for February was 2.8%, and March was at 1.8%. One other area of housing is motels. I understand Census workers will check in them for extended stay guests.

In visiting with Alan Walters, Minot Public Works Director, about the indications of growth he gauges, are in sanitation and the number of meters.

He told me in the last three to four years their Monday and Tuesday sanitation pickups have gone from five to six trucks which would be about a 20% increase.

The water meters they have read have grown from about 10,000 a few years ago to about 12,600 in 2008.

That's a 494 student decrease. However in visiting with Dr. Looyen, he stated if you break it up in different areas, you show increases and decreases.

For example, Minot AFB saw a decrease of 396 students, and Central Campus and Magic City Campus has a decrease of 343 students, while several of our elementary schools show increases with Washington School showing the largest increase of 138 students. This possibly could show more young families in our city.

I realize these statistics cannot forecast population growth, but I thought it interesting to see what correlation they might have with our new Census figure for the Magic City.

**PRESENT MEMBERSHIP:** 102

**ATTENDANCE:** 59%

**GUESTS:** Gary Kramlich, guest of M. Berg.

**MAKEUPS:** D. Ellingson and R. Thompson-Gordon—SHA Park 5-19-10; Blaine DesLauriers and Kevin Harmon—SHA Park 5-26-10; R. Gordon-Thompson—Arlington-Jacksonville, L 5-3-10; O. Madhok, R. Argent, T. Myre, J. MacMartin, W. McLees, P. Hankla, J. Guidinger, D. Zimmeran, K. Kitzman, D. Lehner, T Will—Board meeting 5-20-10.

## We Missed You!

D. Albertson	J. Feist	J. MacMartin
R. Anderson	M. Gaddie	B. Mattson
R. Argent	J. Haaland	M. McMahon
S. Askvig	P. Hankla	R. Merritt
K. Baker	K. Hegle	D. Olson
W. Berning	T. Hinzpeter	J. Olson
R. Buchholz	T. Hoff	L. Pinkerton
D. Bausman	J. Jensen	S. Podrygula
R. Campbell	J. Khalifa	R. Sommers
L. Clute	A. Krause	K. Turneau
J. Coughlin	K. Krohn	M. Watne
D. Davison	A. Kurth	T. Wentz Jr.
E. DesLauriers	D. Langemo	R. White
S. Dufner	F. Lien Jr.	T. Will
D. Ellingson	Jarid Lundeen	R. Winkle
B. Fedorchak	Jay Lundeen	

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## Birthdays

### June 1

Terry Zeltinger  
Louis Pinkerton\*  
Kathy Holte

### June 4

Mike Gaddie

### June 5

Milton Rolle



## Anniversaries

### June 1

Mike & Jeanette Klier

### June 2

Bill & Kim McLees  
Claude & Patricia Sem

### June 5

Ken & Donna Hegle\*

### June 6

Ron & Carla Merritt

NO MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 31st  
MEMORIAL DAY

## Fines

\$3.00 - Blaine DesLauriers

\$1.00 each

J. Guidinger, K. Harmon,  
P. Smith, B. McLees' Table,  
Who did not get up  
Sunday morning and missed  
the TajMahal story on  
CBS Morning Show,  
Who wish to re-live high  
school days and who have  
every popped a top.

**TOTAL FINES:**

**\$85.00**

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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.

# Helping the Homeless

By Max Boeckel, 2nd Place Four-Way Essay Contest Winner

What to do? What to do? I only had seconds to decide. Do I pull to the side of the road or do I continue on in my intended path? Besides, what could I really do to help out a homeless person?

I felt like I should help this guy out though; after all it's cold and snowy outside. I go against my conscious and regretfully continue on; and with some twisted logic I say to myself, "If he is still there on my way home, I'll help him."

By the time I was heading home I had forgotten all about the helpless man, but just as I was coming up on him I barely spotted him in my peripheral. A sudden feeling of guilt and compassion came over me and I pulled over to help him.

I got out and casually walked up to him. I asked him if he needed money and he said yes; so I slipped him a \$20. As nervous as I was, I tried to keep my composure and stay cool. He told me a little about his predicament and then I prayed for him.

He said, "God bless," and I was on my way. It took just two minutes, but I felt great and proud of what I had just done. Was it the right thing to do though? I knew it was, but why? Through the test's four questions I will prove to any doubters that helping the homeless is the right thing to do.

I will start with the first question, "Is it the TRUTH?" It is incredibly true that there are homeless all over the U.S. A recent Internet statistic by PBS showed that between 2 and 3.5 million people in America are homeless. Also about 71% of all homeless live in the city areas.

It is also true that homeless men and women need help. They are in need of shelter, clothing, food and money. They are forced to live in places no human should ever have to live such as dumpsters, street corners and alley, and under bridges. They sometimes go days without food and every day on the streets makes it harder for them to get a job; so they are forced to beg. This is

extremely sad and we should be grateful for what we have.

The next question that must be asked is, "Is it FAIR to all concerned?" This is a very hard question to answer. Many people would say no. They would say no because, couldn't a homeless person go to a police station, homeless shelter, or church if they really needed help? And will the money I give really to food or shelter, or will it go to get alcohol or cigarettes?

Though it is common that homeless people are drunks or are into drugs, who are we to judge? In my mind, helping the homeless is fair to everybody. They get help and you get the satisfaction of helping.

If you want to make sure your helping isn't in vain, go buy them a meal, personally go take them to get help, give them clothing, and most importantly, pray for them. After all, helping the homeless is a selfless act, so it shouldn't be about you and how it makes you look.

To further plead my case as to why helping the homeless is the right thing to do we must ask, "Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?" This is probably the easiest one to answer.

Yes, of course it builds goodwill and better friendships. When you step out of your way to show kindness to a homeless person, it tells them that you care and are concerned about their situation.

If you get out and help someone in need rather than just talking about it, the quote, "Actions speak louder than words," really comes to life. You may never see the person you helped ever again, but at least they know they have a friend in this world and that someone is thinking and praying for them.

A situation could arise like in the movie *Pay it Forward*. After you help out a person they could take that example and go help someone else and that process would continue. When you help someone, no matter how big or

small the helping is, you show kindness and you make friends.

Lastly, the question, "Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?" must be asked. Helping the homeless greatly benefits the homeless person. Whether it is by receiving better clothing, a full stomach, or a roof over their head that they benefit; or that they realize through your actions what life is all about and that people care for them, they will ultimately come out of the situation better off than they started out.

You will also have greater confidence to do great things in life. Helping the homeless is without a question, beneficial to all concerned.

Is helping the homeless the right thing to do? I believe by answering the test's questions: Is it the Truth?; Is it Fair to all concerned?; Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?; and Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?; I prove that is is the right thing to do.

There are homeless people all across the nation. All you need to do is look. I believe as Americans, we are called to help the less fortunate. I challenge everyone who is able to get out to help and pray for those who need help.



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

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## SHA Park Volunteers

**5:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 2**

Ken Kitzman  
Roscoe Streyle

**Wednesday, June 9**

Bob Horne  
Tom Wentz

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# District 5580 and 5550 Convention Highlights

Twenty-two members and spouses from the Minot Rotary and Sunrise clubs attended the joint District 5580 and 5550 convention in Winnipeg May 13 - 16.

The conference celebrated 100 years of Rotary becoming an international organization with the inception of the first international club in Winnipeg.

Rotary International President John Kenny attended the convention and provide the keynote address at the banquet. We were honored to have the opportunity to hear from him as that is the only district convention he will be attending as RI President.

Our clubs continue to be recognized as top clubs both through the awards we earned and the perception of our active clubs and continued involvement in a variety of areas

Mark your calendars for the next convention which will be held April 28 - May 1, 2011 in Grand Forks.



*Rotarians Gen Guidinger, Dusty Zimmerman, Veronica Meyer, Brekka Kramer, Teal Myre, and Shannon Pierson.*



*Mike and Janet Berg*



*Tom and Jan Hinzpeter*

*Below: Brekka Kramer and Mike Berg*



*Rotary International President John Kenny with Teal Myre.*

*Minot Rotary Club received a few awards at the convention.*



- 2009-2010 Awards**
- Distinguished Rotarian  
Minot: Reed Argent—2nd Place
  - Area of Service Community  
Minot: Dan Feist—1st Place
  - Inter Club Service Award  
Minot: 3rd Place
  - Inter Organizational Award  
Minot: 3rd Place

- Community Service  
Greater than 60 members  
Minot: 1st Place
- Best News Bulletin  
Greater than 60 members  
Minot: 2nd Place
- Foundation Awards  
Total Annual Giving  
Minot (Noon): 2nd Place

**JUNE 22—MEETING with the BRANDON CLUB at the INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN  
SIGN UP at the JUNE 27th CLUB MEETING—SPOUSES WELCOME!**