



Rotary Club of Minot

Weekly Newsletter

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

**June 24**

Robin Thompson-Gordon

**July 1**

Tim Valley

**July 8**

Bruce Walker

### Greeters

**June 21**

Roger Winkle  
Kirk Wullweber

**June 28**

Terry Zeltinger  
Dusty Zimmerman

**July 5**

**NO MEETING**

### Upcoming Programs

**June 21**

Roosevelt Zoo Visit  
**Meet at the Zoo**

**June 28**

Sunrise for Hunger  
Tom Ross & John Knecht

**July 5**

**NO MEETING**

## Spring Burials By Bryan Thomas



I am sure that many of you have heard the term ‘Spring Burial’ used within the Funeral Service industry in the past, so what does that really mean?

Spring burials take place when the burial ground in the cemetery is too frozen, or because there is too much snow to complete the burial at the same time as the funeral service during the winter months.

I often receive many questions this time of the year as to what we do when someone can’t be buried in the cemetery due to the extreme winter conditions. I will try and answer some of the most common asked questions:

**Q.** Are there any burials that take place during the winter months?

Yes, in Minot, both cemeteries (Sunset and Rosehill) bury year round. They have special equipment that allows them to dig through the frozen ground, as well as move snow if necessary. However, in the rural areas, the gravediggers are not usually equipped to handle moving large amounts of snow or tackle digging the frozen ground. Therefore, we are usually asked by the cemetery official’s to wait for the burial to take place “later in the spring”. This usually occurs sometime after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Q.** Where do you store the deceased until the burial can take place?

Rosehill Cemetery has a large storage building, located in the center of the cemetery. The family pays a small fee to the City of Minot to shelter the casketed person until we can make all of the necessary arrangements, often by the end of May.

**Q.** Who makes all of the final arrangements for the family?

The funeral home will normally contact the family once the ground has thawed and the conditions are favorable to allow for heavy equipment to gain entrance into the rural cemetery. This usually is sometime well into May or early June, especially most recently with all the rain/snow we have been having late into the spring.

**Q.** Who can be present for the spring burial?

That is left up to the family. We contact the family and secure a date for the burial. In addition, the funeral home will contact the cemetery sexton, gravedigger, vault company, and clergy.

**Q.** Isn’t it harder for the family to do the burial in the spring?

Most definitely! Most of the family members are already together for the funeral. So everyone has to make another trip to the area. Therefore, we try very hard to complete the burial during the winter months, if at all possible.

In addition, it is extremely difficult emotionally for the family to wait rather than have it cared for all the same day as the funeral.

I hope this gives you some insight into what goes on with a family that is waiting to have a burial later in the spring.

Undertakingly,  
Bryan Thomas

# Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

6/14/10

**PRESENT MEMBERSHIP:** 102

**ATTENDANCE:** 54.6%

**GUESTS:** Mo Khalifa, guest of Jo and Nevean Miller, guest of Milton.

**GUEST ROTARIAN:** Jim Thompson, Fargo

**MAKEUPS:** Om Madhok and T. Wentz Jr. (6-9), L. Clute and T. Zeltinger (6-16), SHA Park Guides; A. Krause, 5/20 Sarasota Keyes and 5/27 Minot Sunrise; CJ Craven, D. Olson, A. Reynolds, S. Podrygula, Domestic Violence Crisis Center Apartment Project (6-16).

## We Missed You!

R. Anderson	S. Dufner	K. Krohn	T. Rafferty
S. Askvig	M. Effertz-Hanson	A. Kurth	C. Sem
K. Baker	D. Ellingson	D. Lehner	R. Sommers
J. Balentine	A. Estvold	F. Lien, Jr.	R. Streyle
M. Berg	B. Fedorchak	J. MacMartin	B. Syria
R. Buchholz	J. Feist	M. McMahon	S. Tonneson
D. Bausman	M. Gaddie	W. Magaster	K. Turneau
R. Campbell	J. Haaland	J. Montgomery	M. Watne
L. Clute	K. Hegle	C. Olson	T. Wentz Jr.
J. Coughlin	T. Hoff	Darrell Olson	T. Will
D. Davison	J. Jensen	J. Olson	K. Wullweber
B. DesLauriers	S. Johnson	L. Pinkerton	

## SHA Park Volunteers

5:30-9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 23

Jeff Balentine  
Kathy Holte

### Wednesday, June 30

Kathy Holte

### Wednesday, July 7

Stacy Askvig  
Bob Horne

### Wednesday, July 14

Milton Rolle

## Birthdays

**June 23**

Richard Anderson  
Alan Estvold

**June 24**

Bruce Walker

**June 25**

Richard Campbell\*



## Anniversaries

**June 21**

Elicia & Brock DesLauriers

**June 22**

Alan & LoriMae Reynolds

**June 26**

Kit & Chris Baker  
Dan & Jerlyn Langemo

**June 27**

Mitt & Virginia Mittelberg  
Robert & Mary Dick



**SUNRISE ROTARY**

THURSDAY, 7:00 AM

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.

## Fines

Fines were waived this week by Sergeant at Arms  
Bruce Christianson

The last time fines were waived was at a meeting in April 1988

# District 5580 Projects in Rajapalayam, Guskara and Calcutta, India



A visit to Taj Mahal in Agra



Building on to a school at Rajapalayam



Bruce administering oral polio vaccine



David administering oral polio vaccine



David and Bruce present a program at a noon meeting



A sweet water well in rural India near Guskara



Bruce with Rotoact members

Bruce presented Rotary flags to Teal Myre for the following clubs:  
Rajapalayam Dist. 3212,  
Calcutta-Inner City Agra  
Taj Mahal Dist. 3110,  
Guskara-West Bengal, India  
Dist. 3240 and Israel Dist.  
2490



Receiving thanks for bus stop shelter