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Kim Krohn
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Alan Kurth
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Dan Langemo
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David Ellingson

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Mark Lyman
Dir. of Public Information

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Downtown Minot
Amy Lisner, MSU Student

Time to Become Active Again by Mary Keller



It seems the fellowship committee and myself have found one another once again. I have to say my two year hiatus from this committee was for a good cause (two pregnancies). However, the time has come for me to become an active Rotarian again and do my part to make this the best club in the state.

This year, at Reed's request, we are planning an event each month. I realize that most of you won't make it to every event, but I am asking you now to TRULY consider each event as it arises.

Maybe it's something you wouldn't normally do, but I promise you that with each event you will get to know a few Rotarians a little better. By doing this it will make your Rotary membership that much more fulfilling.

We are going to have several events that are family friendly. Now that many Rotarians have small children we don't want to have to get a babysitter and have another night away from our kids. Family is important and we want to get to know your spouse and children.

For those of you who have grandchildren, maybe consider bringing them to these events as well. What a great way to show them off!

We kicked off our Rotary year with the annual golf outing. For those of you who attended, I want to thank you for your sportsmanship and participation.

I felt like we got to know each other a little better with Rotarian trivia and just visiting throughout the day. Who knew that Linda Langmaack's husband, Troy, was 6'9" or that Sue Burger collects swans or that Alan Kurth's favorite pastime is dancing!

Your feedback is encouraged so that we can make next year's event even better.

This month we are planning a tailgating party before the homecoming game on the 26th. I will sadly admit that I have never attended any of the previous tailgating events

that our club has put on. Shame on me!

Tim Valley is heading up this event as he is on our committee. He's got some great ideas and I PROMISE you will have a good time. MSU has a great spread of free food outdoors before the game.

We are planning on having a Rotary tent where you can sit and eat. We will provide the beverages and dessert. There will be games for the kids—so again, please bring your families. The Rotaract Club has been invited as well.

There is a lot of planning and effort being put into events like this, so again, PLEASE consider attending. Don't just brush it off and pass the signup sheet along. Who knows—you might decide that it was well worth it and want to come again next year.

There is the Country Club dinner in the works for October and we are looking for some form of entertainment. If anyone knows of an act that we can afford—please pass your suggestions to Ken Kitzman and Roscoe Streyle. We want to plan a great date night for you and your spouse.

We'll get you the dates as soon as possible, so that if you do need a sitter, you'll have plenty of time to make arrangements. This would be a great night to bring a prospective member and show them what a fun club we truly are. Consider sitting with a couple that you don't know that well—who knows, you might develop a great friendship! Some of my closest friends are people that I have met at Rotary.

The point is: Rotary is about more than Monday meetings. It's about friendship, fellowship, family and fun. If you are a new Rotarian and don't know many members yet, take advantage of these opportunities.

I'm going to ask you again, please consider each event. **Even if you didn't sign up—please come, we'd love to see you!**

Secretary's Corner Om Madhok

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 104

ATTENDANCE: 61.2%

VISITORS: Kathy Holte, guest of the club.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Baatyrzahn Sultanov from Krygzstan

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP: Kathy Holte, NDSU Extension Service
Proposed by Om Madhok

RESIGNED: The club appreciates the services of Richard Nester, Michael Rystedt and Lowell Thomas who recently resigned from the club.

We Missed You!

D. Albertson ♦ J. Balentine ♦ W. Berning ♦ R. Campbell ♦ A. Cichon ♦ L. Clute ♦ D. Davison ♦ S. Dufner ♦ M. Effertz-Hanson ♦ D. Ellingson ♦ B. Fedrochak ♦ J. Guidinger ♦ W. Hankla ♦ K. Harmon ♦ K. Hegle ♦ T. Hoff ♦ C. Jennings ♦ J. Jensen ♦ M. Klier ♦ A. Krause ♦ L. Langmaack ♦ B. Leath ♦ F. Lien Jr. ♦ D. Looyen ♦ G. Lumley ♦ J. MacMartin ♦ B. Mattson ♦ M. McMahon ♦ W. Magaster ♦ J. Olson ♦ L. Pinkerton ♦ S. Podrygula ♦ C. Reiten ♦ A. Repnow ♦ L. Schafer ♦ C. Sem ♦ P. Smith ♦ D. Somerville ♦ R. Sommers ♦ G. Stordal ♦ B. Thomas ♦ S. Tonneson ♦ K. Turneau ♦ T. Wentz Jr. ♦ D. Zimmerman.

Program Highlights (8-31-09)

North Dakota State Fair Manager, Bob Wagoner was the guest speaker at Rotary this past week. He had some interesting numbers to report on the fair and talked about the new grandstand.

Bob feels the grandstand demolition went very well and very quickly. There are hopes for a long fall and mild winter.

There will be 22,000 sq. ft. on the main concourse under the seating area of the grandstand. Seating will be 7,082 with standing room of 8,000. The pub will hold 450 people.

The stage will be built as a permanent structure infield of the race track with asphalt or concrete in front of the grandstand. This area can be covered with clay for the racing season.

Some physical changes include wider access areas and security will be able to open up earlier with a larger holding area to process thousands.

The "pub" area under the grandstand and pub restrooms will be available for year-round use for weddings, company parties and more. This area will have air conditioning and heat.

The 2009 ND State Fair was one of biggest years in sales of entertainment tickets, with an increase of 35%. Bob contributes great weather, top notch marketing and feels the economy worked in their favor.

Issues on parking and entrance to the fair will be addressed this coming fair season.

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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: 2009-Jen Guidinger and Dusty Zimmerman; 2010—Robert Dick and Brent Mattson; 2011—Mike Berg, Ron Merritt and Tom Will

Standing Members: Peter Hankla, Exchange Students, Ken Kitzman, Scholarship Fund; John MacMartin, and Rotary Foundation.

Birthdays

September 10
Alan Reynolds
Jarid Lundeen

September 12
Milton Miller

September 13
John Dufner



Anniversaries

September 8, 1972
Richard & Bev Anderson

September 9, 2000
Dusty & Jason Zimmerman

September 11, 2000
Richard & Pamela White

Fines

\$20.00
Milt Rolle

\$2.00 each
Om Madhok, Reed Argent,
Mike Gaddie, Jim Jensen,
John Coughlin's Table
and who did not serve
in the military

\$1.00 each
Who did not attend
the golf tournament and who
knew the kinds of cars sold
by Mike Gaddie

TOTAL FINES:
\$212.00

Annual Rotary Golf Fundraiser

First place went to Reed Argent, Brent Mattson, and the Sommerville's. It was great to see Rotarians bring their families to the dinner. We had a great day on the course followed by a burger bar and prizes. Where else can you win a toilet plunger (Jen, Ellie, Alan and Bruce)! Dan Langemo passed the traveling "Donkey Head" cover to Pete Hankla.



Elicia DesLauriers, Alan Kurth, Jen Guidinger and Bruce Christianson



Brent



Peter



Pat



Reed Argent, Brent Mattson, Diana and Dean Sommerville



Jeff Balentine, Bill McLees, Alan Reynolds, and Mike Klier



Mary



Troy & Linda Langmaack
Sue & Jason Burger



Steve & Lynette Tonneson
Michael & Pat Smith



Dan Langemo, Peter Hankla, Mike Gaddie and Darrell Olson



Milton Miller, Tom Walters, Kit Baker and CJ Craven

Service Above Self

The Rotary Golf Tournament has been around for many years. However five years ago we converted it to fellowship event with a international “humanitarian” cause.

Although Mike Berg has been on many Rotary humanitarian trips to Honduras, the rest of the club had not been very involved. In 2005, our goal was to join other clubs in our District and raise enough money to buy the materials for a house in Haiti.

To our surprise we raised \$1,700 which was enough to purchase two modest houses for the poorest of poor.

More success in 2006, the club doubled what it had raised the first year, \$3,400. These funds were dedicated to Mike Berg and Dave Olson’s medical trip to Honduras to pay for basic medications and a safe drinking water project in Guatemala.

2007 was another great year as the golf tournament raised \$5,000 for the

construction of a fire & rescue center in Guatemala.

Roscoe Streyle, Mike Berg and Ken Kitzman joined other Rotarians from our District to build Phase I of this needed medical care center.

In 2008 \$5,000 was raised for phase II of the rescue center in Guatemala and a new fresh water system in Honduras.

This year, we raised \$5,075 and we are in the process of reviewing options for this year’s international humanitarian projects.

Some of the projects we are looking at is a soap making training program in Nepal for disabled people to become independent, which is sponsored by the Jamestown Rotary Club. We are also considering partnering with the FM/AM Club in Fargo to build a three-room school the Coban region of Guatemala and a water project in this same area.

In addition FM/AM also has a brick and mortar project Rajapalayam, India for a two room school addition. Our secretary Om Madhok has expressed an interest in going on this project.

If you’ve ever wanted to become involved and help others, we strongly encourage you to become involved in these projects as this is an opportunity that will literally change your life. Please contact any of the board members to get more information.

None of these great projects would be possible, if it wasn’t for the support and generosity of our members. Every business is overwhelmed with requests for money. Yet every year we manage to find sponsors for all nine holes, plus the club house.

They deserve a special thank you from all of us—they truly exemplify Rotary’s *Service Above Self*.

A special thank you to the following businesses and Rotarians who sponsored this event.

Ryan GMC/Ryan Chevrolet—Mike Gaddie & Barry Hoffer

SRT Communications—Teal Myre & Ken Hegle

Brady Martz & Associates—Linda Langmaack & Tom Will

Real Builders—Joel Feist

First Western Bank & Trust—Rick Anderson, Rich Campbell,
Dan Langemo & Nancy Wegenast

Magic City Moving & Storage—Tom Hinzpeter

Bremer Bank & Trust—Brent Mattson & John Knecht

First International Bank & Trust—Blaine DesLauriers

Ward Warehousing & Distribution—Roger Ward

United Community Bank/Pita Pit—Terry Zeltinger & Roscoe Streyle

Oral & Facial Surgery Center—Mike McMahon

Vallely Sport & Marine—Tim Vallely

Ackerman-Estvold Engineering—Alan Estvold & Veronica Meyer

Edward Jones—Dean Rubbelke

First Choice Physical Therapy—Reed Argent

Grand International

Farm Credit Services—Claude Sem

Mary Me Bridal—Mary Keller

Dr. Jaime Haaland, P.C.

Real Builders—Dan Feist

Dr. David C. Olson Dentistry

Roll ‘N Pin Restaurant

Pinkerton Animal Hospital—Louis Pinkerton

Town & Country Credit Union—Darrell Olson

Coldwell Banker—1st Minot Realty —Bruce Walker & Clyde Thorne

Sue Burger

**NO MEETING SEPT. 7TH
LABOR DAY— DRIVE SAFELY!**

Football
Tailgating
Party
MSU
Homecoming
Sept. 26th

Fun begins at 11:00 a.m.
in the southeast corner
of the dome parking lot
straight south of the
Beaver Booster tent.
Everyone welcome,
bring the family!