



Future Editors

- December 22**
Stephen Podrygula
- December 29**
Tom Rafferty
- January 5**
Milton Rolle

Greeters

- December 19**
Sharon Johnson
Steve Kukowski
- December 26**
NO MEETING
- January 2, 2012**
NO MEETING

Upcoming Programs

- December 19, 2011**
Robyn Schmalenberger
Warden
ND State Penitentiary
- December 26, 2011**
NO MEETING
- January 2, 2012**
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Seeking Answers Instead of Blame

Written by Louis Pinkerton

The citizens of Minot, to their credit, have chosen to seek answers instead of seeking blame for this terrible flood.

Jim Olson is correct in his recent Rotary Article that Minot can be protected by enhancing the existing structure of dikes and dams: Minot does not need a massive government program from Washington, a large floodway, or a huge dike system for the local government to maintain for infinity. The days of the blank check from Washington, like Grand Forks received, may be over.

The State of North Dakota bears some responsibility. The Century Code is clear that it is the responsibility of the State of North Dakota to warn local government, and ultimately the people of the area, if the flood protection is inadequate. As to the role of the federal government, we only have to go to [US Corp of Engineers web site, St. Paul Office](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/fl_damage_reduct/default.asp?pageid=1525), and on the low left side click on Minot – the last paragraph of that statement will read as follows:

“In the mid-1970s, a series of major flood events occurred during construction. To protect the community, the Corps constructed a series of Public Law 84-99 emergency levees. These levees were not removed or upgraded by the non-federal sponsor following the flood event. The Corps then constructed a series of levees as part of the channel improvement project. The federal levees connected into the existing emergency levees to form a line of flood protection.”

“The issue is that the emergency levees are not well maintained, are not properly designed, contain structural encroachments and contain unacceptable vegetation. These emergency levees also have not been upgraded for inclusion in the non-federal

Rehabilitation and Inspection Program. As a result, the levee safety and level of confidence that the emergency levees will perform during a flood has been significantly reduced.”



US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, *Souris River, Minot and Ward County, ND.*

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Maybe Lake Darling will have to become a flood control structure; a (dry) dam in wet years. Even in dry years, Lake Darling could provide water for the refuge at Upham. That would fulfill the original premise of Lake Darlings construction.

Upon reading the 1989 International “Agreement Between The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America For Water Supply and Food Control in the Souris Basin,” much of our current flood protection plan is based on providing one in 100 year flood protection; the protection exists for 99 years out of 100.

With the wet cycle that is occurring in North Dakota, perhaps we should have one in 200, or one in 400 year protection plan, which would protect us 199 or 399 years.

Ultimately, it is the people of Minot who will bear the responsibility of, and the cost, of flood protection. The people will have to unite, much like the people of Sherwood and Mohall united many years ago to defeat the Burlington Dam flood control project.

As to what direction the people should go, I would humbly suggest listening to Jim Olson.

Secretary's Corner

12/12/2011

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 99

ATTENDANCE: 60%

GUESTS: Paul Mellum, guest of Jay Lundeen; Duane Sikitch, guest of Pete Hankla; Change of Pace Singer, guest of the club.

WE MISSED YOU!

Albertson	Grundstrom	Lien Jr.	Rolle
Aldrich	Haaland	Loos	Schobinger
Anderson	Herron	Lundeen, Jarid	Sem
Burckhard	Hinzpeter	Madhok	Smith
Christianson, B.	Holte	Magaster	Somerville
Christianson, M.	Jensen	Mattson	Sommers
Craven	Johnson	Miller, D.	Thomas, W.
Davison	Keller, M.	Montgomery	Tonneson
Dick	Kramer	Olson, C.	Walker
Estvold	Krause	Olson, David	Watne
Fedorchak	Krohn	Olson, J.	Wentz, G.
Feist, J.	Kukowski	Olson, R.	Wentz Jr., T.
Gaddie	Kurth	Pinkerton	Winkle
Guidinger	Langmaack	Rafferty	

New Member Inductions



Left to right, Terry Zeltinger and David Frantsvog; Kevin Mehrer shaking hands with John MacMartin. Welcome to the Minot Rotary Club!

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The Rotary Club of Minot meets 12:00 to 1:10 p.m. every Monday at the Grand International of Minot.

Board of Directors: Ron Merritt, President; Dusty Zimmerman, President-Elect; Gen Guidinger, Vice-President; Stacy Askvig, Secretary; Dave Lehner, Treasurer; Teal Myre, Past President.

Directors: 2012-Marie Effertz-Hanson and Peter Hankla; 2013-Jo Khalifa and Roscoe Streyle; 2014—Mike Berg and Linda Langmaack.

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

Birthdays

December 19, 1966

Linda Langmaack

December 22, 1976

Dusty Zimmerman

Anniversaries

December 19, 1981

Bruce & Diane Walker

December 20, 1963

Alan & Janet Kurth

December 22, 2001

Jen & Grant Guidinger

December 23, 1970

Bruce & Linda Christianson



Fines

\$20.00

Jay Lundeen for having the Sgt-at-Arms Committee members covering for him.

\$2.00 each

Packer fans who did not buy stock in the franchise.

\$1.00 each

Not knowing oil and gas trivia; John Coughlin - Builder of the Year.

TOTAL FINES:

\$97.00