



**SERVICE Above Self**

# Fargo West Rotary

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## President's Message

by David Wrolstad



### *“Magazine Month & Rotary Motto: Service Above Self”*

I received the April edition of *The Rotarian* a couple days ago and read much of it last night – April is ‘Magazine Month’ (make sure you read your copy).

As I read RI President John Kenny’s message, I reflected on some things he talked about as they relate to OUR club – Fargo West Rotary! President Kenny talked about the vital service of Rotary’s 33,000-plus clubs to their local communities and internationally. I thought about the vital service Fargo West has provided to our Fargo-Moorhead community and around the World – WE do a lot of good and WE can certainly be Proud of all our ‘good works’!

With a March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline looming, I completed the forms for the 2009/2010 District 5580 Awards last weekend. These Awards will be recognized at the upcoming Rotary District 5550/5580 Joint Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada May 13-16, 2010.

I completed the forms for the following Awards: 1) Fundraising, 2) Inter-Club Service, 3) Inter-Organizational, 4) Community Service, 5) International Service and 6) Best in District. **Betty Opheim** completed the form for: Best News Bulletin. **Ryan McManus** completed the form for: Literacy. THANK YOU to both Betty and Ryan!

I am not sure if Fargo West will win an Award or not (I hope so), but it really does not matter. What matters is that we submitted a form for each Award – ‘You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take’ (Wayne Gretzky).

As I completed the forms, I was reminded of the busy, active year that WE have had and the impact WE have made locally and internationally with our time, talent and monies! THANK YOU to all of YOU – to all Fargo West Rotary members – you are the lifeline and foundation of our Club! Each of YOU display: *Service Above Self!*

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*Be part of history —  
Join us at the District  
Conference in  
Winnipeg May 13-16<sup>th</sup>.  
Meet RI President,  
John Kenny, Scotland.  
Sign up at  
<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=777459>  
Bring your spouse!*

## Meet Our New Member



Randy Dailey-Ruddy

*“I look forward to being in Rotary for the chance to be of service in a new and different way, and also to develop new friendships, and maintain current ones. I have always heard so many good things about Rotary, and the quality of the people involved.”*

I moved to the Fargo Moorhead area in 1995, when my then-wife accepted a teaching position in the DGF school district. I am from the Mankato, MN area, and graduated from Minnesota State University at Mankato, with a BS degree in English (Creative Writing) and Mass Communications. I had never been to the Red River Valley before, and am still looking for “the Valley”! I have lived in Moorhead, except for one year in Fargo.

I am the proud father of 19 year-old twins, son Cameron and daughter Patricia. Hard to believe they are sophomores in college! Patti is a Psychology major at Hamline University in St. Paul, and Cam is a Cultural Anthropology major at Minnesota State Moorhead. Yes, I see grad school and law school in their futures! We all survived the teen years, although it was close at times, and they are pretty cool now.

I have been employed by Netrix IT in Fargo for the last 5 years, as an account manager. My realm is new account acquisition, customer retention, and marketing. We are a proactive IT solutions company, and specialize in managing computer networks. Previously I had been with Prairie Business magazine, and another IT company. I seem to keep coming back to the IT world, of course what else would I do with an English degree?

Our family enjoys spending time together, travelling, going to the lake, skiing and hiking. Since my duo is now out of the nest, I even get time to read again.

## Pres. Message *cont*

*“The Future of the Fargo West Rotary Club.....IS IN YOUR HANDS.”* How can YOU make a difference as a member?

1. Come to weekly meetings
2. Invite a friend to a meeting
3. Invite a friend to join
4. Get involved.....ASK (You only get out what you put in)
5. Read.....the monthly club newsletter (Thanks, Betty), the monthly district newsletter and The Rotarian magazine
6. Attend the first Rotary District 5550/5580 Joint Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada May 13-16, 2010.
7. **‘Every Rotarian Every Year’ – become a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow**
8. *“Eat Chili – the rest will become history.”*

CP Other People’s Money – ‘ES’ out.

## Upcoming Events Reminders

Just a quick reminder of a couple events you want to put on your calendar:

**PolioPlus Benefit Concert** April 24<sup>th</sup> — Top HS & College students will be performing at the Scheel Center for Performing Arts at Oak Grove School. John Andreasen’s daughter is a professional violinist and she is one of the performers. Tell your families and friends about this — it is going to be a phenomenal evening!

**Group Study Exchange team from Japan** will be here in May. They are scheduled to speak to our club May 13<sup>th</sup>. This is always an exciting program, so be sure to attend. GSE is one of the major programs of the Rotary Foundation — it’s your money at work!

## New Paul Harris Fellows

March 29<sup>th</sup> was a special day for our club. Two people were made new Paul Harris Fellows. **Rachel Clarke** was honored by **Jill Berg**. Jill wanted to recognize Rachel's contributions, so she made her a Paul Harris Fellow.

A person is made a Paul Harris Fellow when he/she donates \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation or a donation is made in that person's name.

**Bruce Opheim** believes so strongly in the Rotary Foundation that he decided he wanted to be there to support our new Fellows. Bruce is our club's Foundation Chair and has been for more years than we can remember. It's a job that he holds near and dear to his heart.



**President David** honored **Mayor Dennis Walaker** for all the work he has done protecting the city and surrounding area from floods the past two years.

David also surprised Mayor Walaker with a beautifully framed newspaper article from The Forum on December 31, 2009 which labeled Walaker as "The Fearless Leader." There were also Walaker Bucks in the frame. It is a beautiful commemoration of Walaker's hard work and dedication to the city of Fargo.

Well done, David!

We talk about the Rotary Foundation assuming everyone knows what it is and what it does. This is *your* Foundation and it's important you understand it. "One of the reasons Rotary can do so much is that we are a network. Our strength is in our connections, in being able to ask each other for help, and to give help, when it is needed," Quote from March 2008 Rotarian

Read this short article to learn where your money goes when you donate to the Rotary Foundation. It is a moving piece on why we need to contribute to the Foundation. Where else can you spend so little money and make such an enormous difference?

[http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/091230\\_news\\_5reasons.aspx?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+rotary%2FPBqj+%28Rotary+International%29](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/091230_news_5reasons.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rotary%2FPBqj+%28Rotary+International%29)



*Past President Jill Berg honors Rachel Clarke*



*President David, Bruce Opheim and Mayor Dennis Walaker*

*Wishing you a Happy Easter!*

## Attend the District Conference

This year’s District Conference in Winnipeg is going to be one of the most exciting conference’s you could attend. Make plans to participate in it — bring your spouse. Be part of making Rotary history!

Winnipeg is a great city and the District Conferences are filled with powerful programs and great socials. The President of Rotary International will be there, which is a first for our district.

### Conference Highlights:

- 1<sup>st</sup> joint conference for Districts 5580 & 5550
- Dynamic keynote speakers
- Interesting sessions
- Entertaining evening events
- At the Winnipeg Convention Centre
- Experience the cultural diversity of Winnipeg

This is from the Dickinson Rotary’s website:  
[http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/press\\_story.asp?ID=745](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/press_story.asp?ID=745)

“Rotary is a very important civic organization that continues to enhance both my personal and professional life,” said Kevin J. Thompson. “It has been a pleasure to work with Rotary members from across a three state region and two provinces in Canada. District 5580 is one of the most diverse regions in Rotary International since we serve members in two countries and three time zones. We look forward to celebrating the success of District 5580 and 5550 at the annual conference in Winnipeg this coming May.” Learn more about Rotary International, their worthwhile projects and how you can become involved by visiting the Rotary website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## What is Rotary?

**R**ESPONSIBILITY  
**O**PPORTUNITY  
**T**IMELESSNESS OF SERVICE  
**A**CCOMPLISHMENTS  
**R**ECOGNITION AND REWARDS  
**Y**OU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

- Past RI Director, Gerald Meigs  
 at the Opening Ceremony and First Plenary Session of District 7030  
 P.E.T.S. Assembly & Conference, Guyana, 27th April 2006

## The Real Reason Dinosaurs became extinct

Or.... The very first "senior moment."



## Harley Davidson Raffle

Just a reminder — our raffle is in full swing now and we need you to sell tickets. The Harley Davidson raffle is gearing up and the tickets have been mailed. The raffle committee is **Brad Dahl, Jennifer Dahl, Jill Henning, Paula Grimestad and Cory Badinger.**

This is our eleventh year of selling Harley raffles tickets. The monies we have raised go to the Red River Zoo. So far, we have built the Takin/Tur exhibit — which is awesome — and purchased the wolves for the wolf exhibit. This year, we will be supporting the new exhibit to built, “Wings of the Orient,” which will feature rare Asian birds, costing \$20-25,000.

The exhibit is in the center of the zoo. You will be able walk into the aviary to see the birds.

This is what the poster looks like this year. We are giving away a 2010 FLSTC Heritage Softail Classic. This is one of the most popular bikes in the Harley line. The bike is valued at \$18,000.

The drawing is May 15 at the Harley dealership’s open house on Main Avenue in West Fargo.



## Harley Ride for Charity

Do you want to support the River Zoo in a uniquely fun way? Do you own a motorcycle and want to join with other cyclists on a charity run?

August 21<sup>st</sup> is the first motorcycle run for the Zoo. It’s called the Wild Ride. If you want to register for it, contact Joe at 218-329-3358. The sponsor is Prometheus MC Group.

## Our Great Volunteers

A GREAT group of volunteers got together Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Brad Dahl’s office. They stuffed the flyers/mailers for the Harley raffle.

*Jen Dahl* said “*We had a great turnout tonight, ten members and two spouses. John lured Sherri out by taking her to dinner at Maxwell’s and Jed’s wife, DeeAnn came to help as well. We worked for one and a half hours labeling and stuffing approximately 3,000 envelopes. What’s the old saying ...many hands make light work.*”

Thank you, **Jed & DeeAnn Krieg, John & Sherri Stern, Jen & Brad Dahl, Jill Henning, Paul Hannaher, Sharon Mazaheri, Steve Shark, Erika Johnson and Heather Johnson-Kjos!!** Also, thank you, **John Stern** for agreeing to run the postage through Straus’ meter.

All of the people who worked the two shows selling tickets and those who stuffed the flyers are the backbone of the Harley Davidson Raffle.

## Happy Birthday!

- 4/6 Keith Freeland
- 4/9 Jim Thompson
- 4/13 Brenda Podetz
- 4/15 Mary Johnson
- 4/17 Zac Paulson
- 4/20 Randy Dailey-Ruddy
- 4/21 Jill Henning
- 4/21 Joyce Linnerud Fowler
- 4/25 Mark Hulbert

## April is Rotary Magazine Month

*by John Kenny  
President, Rotary International*

*Rotary International sets a theme for each month and year. April is Rotary Magazine Month.*

At any given time, every one of Rotary’s 33,000-plus clubs is carrying out some form of vital service in its local community and often internationally as well. Under Rotary’s structure, each club works autonomously within a broader network that supports and inspires our efforts. An important piece of that network is the Rotary World Magazine Press, made up of *The Rotarian* and 31 regional magazines in 25 languages.

That is why a subscription to either *The Rotarian* or one of the regional magazines is mandatory for all Rotary club members. These publications bring us news of other clubs and districts, offer ideas for our own projects, and help us feel a greater bond with our fellow Rotarians. And the RI-mandated content printed in each issue creates a direct connection between our headquarters in Evanston and every Rotarian, everywhere in the world.

Your experience at this moment – of simply reading this message in a Rotary publication – is one that is common to every one of your fellow Rotarians, wherever they may be. RI-mandated content is consistent in every publication. It is a single, shared message – a single, shared experience. That is invaluable and irreplaceable.

When I sit down to write a monthly president’s message, destined for the pages of all of Rotary’s magazines, I know that I have an opportunity that will come only once a month, for only the one year that I will be in office. It is an opportunity to speak directly, in my own words, to every one of our 1.2 million members. No matter how much I travel, or how often I speak, or how hard I work to bring my message to clubs and districts, nothing I can do will have the reach of the 400 words I am privileged to put on this page. Because I know that every Rotary magazine, everywhere in the world, carries forth that message just as I wrote it, or in its own local language.

I value that opportunity tremendously, as I value the publications that make it possible. April is Magazine Month, a good time to consider how this important member benefit can help your club’s service efforts and to share the useful information in its pages with others.

## Important Rotary Info

### April Meetings

**Greeters: Clif & Yvonne Hamilton**

4/5 David Wrolstad — India Service Project

4/12 Richard Hanson — NDSU president

4/19 Sharon Miller & Belinda Forknell — Miracle League

4/26 Judy Pearson & Paul Nelson — Kenyan Experience

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*Make up meetings at any of these local clubs:*

*Fargo West Rotary meets Monday noon at the Holiday Inn*

*Moorhead Rotary meets Tuesday noon at the Moorhead Country Club*

*Fargo Rotary meets Wednesday noon at the Radisson Hotel*

*FM/AM Rotary meets Thursday at 7:00am in the Overture Room at the Ramada Plaza Suites*

*FM/PM Make up meeting is at 5:15 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month at the Winery*

