



SERVICE Above Self

Fargo West Rotary

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President's Message

by Deb Magnuson

Peach and Pear sale month is here! This annual fund raiser creates the reserve we need to make charitable donations throughout the year. Helping those in need is a cornerstone for a service club. The exceptional benefit of Rotary is that we have a great time, with great people, getting things done. If you haven't worked a sale day yet, sign up. You will have a fun time!

Later this Fall we will be having an evening meeting called a "Visioning Session". Now that we are a 27 year old club, some of our needs, wants, and priorities may be changing. Have you ever had a thought like "why do we do that?" or "maybe we should be ____?". This is the perfect time to review our past and plan for our future. Over the next couple months, take the time to make a note of any questions or thoughts you may have for our Rotary club. If you would be willing to be a part of this process, please let me know.

Thank you for your support of the United Way Back Pack Drive. Our care for the community, and especially for children, is wonderful to experience. We will share the total amount contributed as soon as we can.

I enjoyed the last Rotarian magazine and want to share a synopsis of what resonated with me the most:

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service. First, developing acquaintances as an opportunity for service. Second, maintaining high ethical standards and using your occupation as an opportunity for service. Third, applying the ideal of service in each aspect of our personal, business, and community life. And fourth, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a fellowship of people united in the ideal of service.

The word service repeats over and over. No wonder our motto is "Service Above Self".

See you on Monday!

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Important Rotary Info

Mark your calendars:

8/1 Mandatory child protection training

8/5 BOD meeting at Green Mill @ noon — you're invited

8/22 Peach & pear sale

8/27 Motorcycle run for the Zoo — Rotary Fun Run

Thanks, James Badinger!



Cory Badinger's son, *James*, built the newest addition to the Red River Zoo for Endangered Domestic Chickens.

It started by asking *Paula Grimstad*, past Executive Director of the Red River Zoo, if there was a project he could do for an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. The project needed "to provide leadership to others in a project which benefits your religious institution, school or community." It was decided the Chicken Coop would be the project. Specifications were reviewed and approved by the Zoo, Troop, Northern Lights Council and Cory.

The project consisted of developing plans on how to build the exhibit, obtain donations for the materials, and learn the necessary skills from others to build it. He had to secure help from scouts, family and friends to carry out the project.

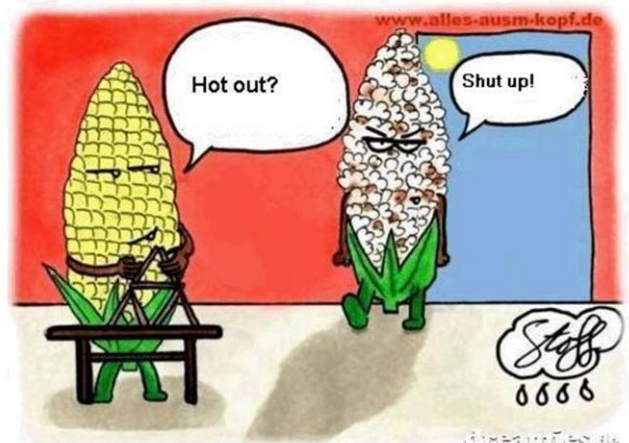
A total of over 500 man hours was spent on developing and building the Chicken Coop Exhibit along with \$4,000 in donations from Fargo West Rotary and Gate City Bank. The siding was donated by ABC Seamless.

How hot was it?

I wouldn't claim there was record heat last week, but I saw this ice cream truck in Prairiewood. We have to laugh at the weather.....after all we live in Fargo...



It was a lesson on building — from pouring concrete; framing a structure; shingling a roof; finishing inside and outside of the structure; building nesting boxes and building the fencing structure. Great job, *James!*



New baby takin at the zoo



This little calf was born June 29th and weighed 18 pounds.

She is pictured with her mother at Takin Ridge.



Takin Ridge is another exhibit Fargo West Rotary built. It took five years to pay for it, but it was worth every penny! The takin is an animal that was new to us. Watching it is interesting, especially knowing the temperament and power of the beast. When the takin first arrived it was in a pen made with vertical boards. A number of us were peeking through the slats when the male became agitated and started ramming the fence. It's surprising how fast we can move when we have to.

The beast, from Beauty and the Beast is fashioned after the takin. Disney put a lion's mane on him and used the basic body shape, face and movement of the takin. When the takin was first moved to Takin Ridge, he would stand on his hind legs to look at the 45th Street traffic. You could definitely see the resemblance to Beast.

To date, Fargo West Rotary has donated over \$250,000 to the Red River Zoo. It's well worth seeing what our club has done for the zoo.

Reprinted from the zoo's website <http://www.redriverzoo.org/about/news.html>

Sichuan takin (rhymes with rockin') are an endangered species found in the mountains of the Sichuan province of China. The Chinese government considers takin a national treasure along with the giant panda and the golden monkey. The Red River Zoo's pair of Sichuan takin is on permanent breeding loan from the San Diego Zoo in California. In 2004, there were only nine North American zoos that exhibited or bred takin with 35 individual animals among them. Today, there are 81 takin residing in 16 North American zoos. The first takin calf born at the Red River Zoo, a girl, arrived in 2004 and now resides at The Wilds in Ohio. A male calf was born in 2006 and is now at the Montgomery Zoo, and a female calf born in 2008 is now at the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The takin are a unique-looking animal, with horns like a wildebeest, a nose like a moose, a tail like a bear, and a body like a bison. This large, muscular, hooved mammal is sometimes referred to as a goat antelope because it shares traits with both goats and antelope. Takin have few natural predators other than bears and wolves due to their size. Takin are hunted for meat, but their main threat is habitat destruction. Their numbers in the wild are declining due to loss of habitat due to farming, mining, and logging operations. They are protected under Chinese law and have two reserves set aside for them.

Meet Lisa Tate



"My Dad was an active Rotarian and we hosted several foreign exchange students from Rotary while I was growing up. I was raised with an ethic of participation within a community and I believe Rotary is an excellent way to do that, and to make a difference."

Lisa Tate sponsored by Brad Dahl

Lisa Tate moved to the Fargo Moorhead area earlier this year to accept the position as Director at the Red River Zoo. Originally from Missoula, MT, **Lisa** has lived in Boise for the last several years.

She has over 20 years' experience in nonprofit management with over 18 years in the Zoo and Aquarium business. She worked for many years with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums on conservation programs as a studbook keeper for the West African Crowned Cranes and other programs while employed at Zoo Boise.

Lisa has also worked extensively in nonprofit business development, fund raising including management of capital and endowment campaigns, board development and long range business and strategic planning.

Hobbies for **Lisa** include 32 years as an avid hang glider pilot. She served for 5 years as President and CEO of the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association and has organized over 75 premier events in that sport. In addition to hang gliding, other forms of aviation have held a strong interest, allowing **Lisa** to serve as a Director of the National Aeronautical Association.

Lisa is also an artist, working in the medium of blown and carved glass. Her work is displayed in museum collections in the U.S. and the Middle East. She is represented by 24 galleries across the United States and in 4 galleries internationally.

Cameo glass is **Lisa's** expertise. She blows the piece of glass using many layers of color and starts with molten glass at a temperature of 2100 degrees. After each piece is blown, she designs an image then carves through each piece by hand to reveal the various colors. There are approx. 30 artists worldwide practicing this type of glass work which was originally practiced by the Romans. Her web site is www.lisatateglass.com.



Lisa created this beautiful piece that was sold in an LA gallery as a wedding gift to Prince William and Kate Middleton on April 29th. It's titled Autumn Flight. **Lisa** will present a program on glass blowing later this year.

Happy Birthday!

- 8/9 Tom Fellman
- 8/12 Tammy Jones
- 8/17 Dani Arnold
- 8/18 Bernie Ness
- 8/25 Colleen Sheehy
- 8/26 Jennifer Dahl
- 8/27 Julia Beaton
- 8/28 Ashley Bergman
- 8/29 Ryan McManus

Meet Julia Beaton



"I'm excited to get started with the Fargo West Rotary Club. It will be great to get to know each of you and it's nice to see some familiar faces already in the club."

Julia Beaton sponsored by Paul Hannaher

I currently work as a Major Gifts Officer at the Sanford Health Foundation in Fargo. I've been with the Foundation almost 5 years.

Prior to my career at the Foundation I was a Development Director for Minnesota Public Radio. I've been a Chamber Ambassador for 7 years.

My husband, **Brad**, works for Moorhead Schools doing maintenance. We have been married for almost 11 years and have 3 great kids.

Involvement in the community outside of my work day has really revolved around my kids. The kids definitely keep Brad and I very busy.

Our son, **Colby**, is 9 ½ and will be in the fourth grade. He is involved in football, baseball, and hockey. Our daughter, **Olivia**, is 8 and will be in the second grade. She wants to be in and try everything. She enjoys playing soccer and hockey. She's also involved in Girl Scouts. Our second daughter is **McKinley** and is two years old. She loves to run and is probably the most social toddler you will ever meet. All 3 kids love swimming and as a family we try to spend as much time at our lake home in the summer as possible.

There's not much time for hobbies but when I can fit it in, I enjoy going to the gym and doing outdoor activities.

Australian felicity

By Betty Opheim

You've heard me refer to Group Study Exchange (GSE) and Friendship Exchange often. I had the honor of leading a GSE team to Australia in 1998.

One of my team member's host families were **Deb & Mal Slater**. I clicked with them immediately and Mal took me to the International Flower Show in Melbourne. It was an incredible experience!

As a result of the friendship that has been built through the years, they decided to come to Fargo. Of course, they came during the worst heat & humidity we've had in decades. They have not experienced high humidity because they live on the ocean and enjoy beautiful breezes.

I took them to Scheels All Sports where we spent over 3 hours. They couldn't believe the size of the store nor the selection and prices. The same items in Australia were double what they were here. If they were impressed by that size, I thought it would be fun to take them to Happy Harry's. Again, they were comparing prices and wished they could take cases home. When we left the store, **Mal** summed it up with *"That's quite the drug store."*



Their daughter is getting married in Nov, and they wanted to buy a 'good' suit. So off to Straus we went. I felt like Dorothy following the Yellow Brick Road. **John Stern** showed them several suits, with Mal choosing one that looked

spectacular on him. As **Deb** said, *"You look delicious! I remember why I married you!"* I had a marvelous time with them and didn't want them to leave. If you have an opportunity to travel and meet fellow Rotarians, do so. These friendships last a lifetime!

Speaking of opportunities

Friendship Exchange to Australia District 9780 — Slater's district

Rotary's Friendship Exchange program for Rotarians and their families helps us experience cultures and build friendships by staying in the homes of Rotary club members in another country. The program advances international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders while developing relationships that lead to fellowship and service projects. The program is similar to the Group Study Exchange. The team will travel to different cities within the district and be hosted by the local Rotary club.

District 5580 is participating in a Friendship Exchange to District 9780 in Victoria, Australia. The Aussies are renown for their barbies. Or, as we would say, BBQ's. They take grilling and picnics to a whole new level. The team will arrive in Melbourne (Tullamarine Airport) on Saturday, March 31 and depart from there on Sunday, April 15, 2012. The Friendship Exchange team from Australia is scheduled to arrive July 21 and depart August 4, 2012.

We are accepting applications from members who have a sincere desire to learn about other parts of the world and to share international fellowship. Participants are ambassadors of goodwill, international friendship and peace. There is no better way to learn about a country and its people than going there and seeing the country through their eyes.

What is a Friendship Exchange?

It is just that. Our district sends a team to another district and that district sends a team to us. The host club determines how it will handle Rotary Friendship Exchange and makes all arrangements accordingly. This would include housing (usually in the homes of Rotarians), meals, sightseeing — the same courtesies that would be extended your friend. Transportation to the next city is also part of hosting. This can include meeting the next club halfway, if the distance is great.

How is this trip paid for?

Rotary Friendship Exchanges are funded entirely by program participants. Guests are responsible for their own travel expenses and personal spending money. However, each team will be hosted by Rotarians and be overnight guests in their homes. There may be expenditures for transportation, passport, meals outside the host's home, admission to tourist sites, gifts for hosts, and any possible overnight stays in a hotel that may be required by the itinerary.

Who can apply?

Any District 5580 Rotarian (and immediate family member – optional) who is willing to make the commitment to **both visit and serve as a host** can apply. Applications are submitted to your respective Rotary Club for endorsement and forwarded to the selection committee.

The team is limited to 5 couples.

If you are interested, please contact Betty Opheim, RFE Chair.

Email: bettynd@gmail.com

Phone: 701-234-9931

Tidbits —

Quarterly dues have increased to \$165/month. This includes your lunch, district and RI dues.

Brad Dahl is a new BOD director

All about peaches

August 22 is our annual Peach & Pear sale. Sign up for a time to work the sale — it's a guaranteed good time and counts as a make-up.



Peach Facts:

- The peach originated in China.
- Peaches were mentioned as early as 1100 BC in literature.
- The peach was brought to India and Western Asia in ancient times. Alexander the Great introduced the fruit into Europe after he conquered the Persians. Then it was brought to the Americas by Spanish explorers in the 16th century, and eventually made it to England and France in the 17th century, where it was a prized, albeit rare, treat.
- Peaches were once known as Persian apples.
- The phrase 'you're a real peach' originated from the tradition of giving a peach to the friend you liked.
- Most peaches are cultivated by grafting different combinations of rootstocks to scions.
- There are over 700 varieties of peaches; some Chinese varieties are flat, like hockey pucks.
- In China the peach is a symbol of longevity and good luck.
- Nectarines are just peaches without the fuzz. They belong to the same species as peaches. Several genetic studies have concluded nectarines are created due to a recessive gene, whereas a fuzzy peach skin is dominant.
- Peaches are sometimes referred to as "stone fruit" because of their pits.
- A "freestone peach" refers to how the flesh of the peach separates from the pit. Canners prefer this variety.

From past member & secretary, **Lesley Crawford**:

"There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there." Indira Ghandi

Gentle thoughts for today

Birds of a feather flock together . . . and then bless your car.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

August is Membership and Extension Month

Rotary International sets a theme for each month and year. August is membership and extension month.

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. A Rotary club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community that the club serves.

It is important to know the important premise on which Rotary bases its membership and this is the Classification principle: Each active member of a Rotary club is classified according to the member's business or profession.

It should be clearly understood that classifications are determined by activities or services to society rather than by the position held by a particular individual. In other words, if a person is the president of a bank, he or she is not classified as "bank president" but under the classification "banking."

The classification principle is a necessary concept in assuring that each Rotary Club represents a cross section of the business and professional service of the community.

Remember that a service club's success is dependent on attracting new members as well as retaining present members. Nothing could be more important to prospective members than the level of energy they feel during a club visit.

Prospective members need to see and feel your enthusiasm as well as your pride for your membership in Rotary. When club members are friendly, inviting, and inclusive, a potential Rotarian receives the most important message: *You are welcome here and will have the opportunity to participate in something important.*

Fargo West Rotary has many 'new' members, so do make an effort to get to know them. This enriches and strengthens the club and while making all of us better Rotarians.

Important Rotary info

August Meetings

Greeter: Melvin Whitney

8/1 Child Protection Training

8/8 Better Business Bureau

8/15 American Crystal Sugar

8/22 Peach Sale — no meeting

8/29 RYLA students

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 Courtyard by Marriott

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 1st & 3rd Wed of every month at the Winery

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