



SERVICE Above Self

# Fargo West Rotary

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David & his 'Amazing Technicolor Rotary Sports Coat'

## President's Message

by David Wrolstad

For those of you who missed 'The Presidential Address' (sounds very official) to the club on July 13<sup>th</sup> — I know how disappointed you must be. For those of you who were present — I know how much you want to hear the information again. Maybe I am my biggest fan?

The first patch included on my Rotary sports coat is "ES". I am dedicating my Rotary year to Ed Stern. Ed was one of my all-time favorite Rotarians — some of my favorite Rotary programs were Ed getting up in front of the club on short notice and simply talking about his life in business and serving our Country. Ed exemplified what it is to be a Rotarian. Thanks, Ed, for the memories!

The next patch I will touch on is the 'Rotary International Wheel'. Count yourself fortunate to be part of the first service club in the World — founded in Chicago in 1905 with the Motto: "Service Above Self" and the '4-Way Test' — "Of the things I think, say or do, is it....." (You all know the rest). Today, you are part of over 1.2 M members in 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries. Be proud!

The next patches I wish to talk about are 'The Rotary Foundation' & 'Every Rotarian Every Year'. The Foundation is what makes Rotary different and unique. If you are not already, consider becoming a 'Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow' and pledge to give at least \$100 per year to the Foundation so WE can continue to do all the good works around the World. It is as simple as having Treasurer Cory include \$25 on your quarterly bill — how much easier could it be?

The last patch I will elaborate on is the 2009-2010 Motto 'The Future of Rotary IS IN YOUR HANDS' as developed by Rotary International President John Kenny of Scotland. President John Kenny went on to say "Because there is no RI.....without the ordinary weekly meeting of Rotarians in our own clubs. In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs."

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## President’s Message Cont.

President John continues by quoting a Scottish saying: *“We must look beyond our own parish pump.”* We must look beyond our own home and our own community. That is why I encourage you to become a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow. You will find more “ownership” in Rotary and the Fargo West Rotary Club if you do.

Following President John Kenny’s lead: ***“The Future of the Fargo West Rotary Club.....IS IN YOUR HANDS.”***  
 The future of the club is not in my hands, but the hands of each member in OUR own club. What can you do to make a difference?

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 Club Family Picnic at the Zoo
7. Attend Fargo West Rotary ‘25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner’
8. Attend Fargo-Moorhead ‘Rotary Foundation Dinner’ — October 2009
9. ‘Every Rotarian Every Year’ — become a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow.
10. Last, but not least – *“Eat Chili – the rest will become history.”*

CP Money – ‘ES’ out.

Happy Birthday!

8/9	Tom Fellman
8/17	Dani Ness
8/18	Bernie Ness
8/26	Jennifer Dahl
8/29	Ryan McManus

## United Way School Supplies

By Penny Crowder

A few years ago my foster daughter and I volunteered with a group of us from Dawson Insurance to fill backpacks for the United Way school supply drive. Up until that time my foster daughter had been the recipient of those backpacks—now she brought a donation and was helping fill them. As we sat among the mountains of supplies and backpacks, I witnessed the moment when the light clicked on in her mind that in all those years of her receiving them it hadn’t occurred to her that people who care donated their money, supplies and time to put them together. It made her want to give back to others. What an awesome thing to witness! I realized then the supply drive is more than just picking up an extra box of crayons to give away.

It’s been an honor and privilege to serve as the coordinator for our Rotary Club’s school supply drive. As you know, it all started with President Dave/Gate City donating 60 backpacks and challenging us to fill them. Thomas Hill from United Way came to a meeting and told us how much further monetary donations go compared to supply donations (they can fill about 4 backpacks for the price of 1 due to some generous vendors!). Then.....you gave ... and gave....and gave!

Happy Dollars for July 20 and July 27th were donated to United Way for school supplies. It would have taken \$496.80 in cash donations to fill those 60 backpacks. Your giving spirit is inspirational. We collected \$669.28!

To say “thank you” seems inadequate. Asking you to pat yourselves on the back is great. The best reward though is seeing the hopeful children receiving their backpacks knowing it will help them move one step closer to their dreams. Thanks Fargo West Rotary Club. You’re the absolute best!

**\*\* This is another reason to belong to Fargo West Rotary and to wear your Rotary pin with pride!  
 You Rock!**

## Meet Our New Members



Zac Paulson

"I look forward to being a Rotarian. I resonate with the values and activities that they promote and can't wait to get to know everyone and join them in making the community and world a better place."

Zac, his wife, Leah, and their two children (Izabella, and Ezekiel) live in Moorhead, MN. Zac attended DSU for one year and then moved to Fargo to attend NDSU for an additional year.

Zac's experience at Best Buy and additional sales experience from Combined Insurance equipped him with the gumption to join Ignus Technologies in 2004 as a Technology Consultant. After joining Ignus Technologies, Zac and his brother, Nick started AudioGarage - a car stereo, window tinting, and remote start company in Moorhead, MN.

He keeps busy with his job, business, and a wonderful family. Zac and Leah are also teachers at their Church in West Fargo where Zac is a member of the Board of Directors. In addition to church activities, he is an Optimist Club member, Vice President of the FM Sales and Marketing Executives, and a student of the Mastermind community.

## Recognize These Members Circa Late 70's?



Look for the answer in the following pages...



Leann Wolff & Niece

"The Four Way Test resonates with my core values. As importantly, the sense of community and friendship embraced me from the very first invitation."

Leann grew up on a farm that straddled the borders of North & South Dakota. After graduating from Hettinger, ND, high school, she attended Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, where she earned a major in English and minors in Greek and religion.

An internship launched Leann's career within IDS, soon to become American Express Financial Advisors (and now Ameriprise). After working in sales, employee and compensation communications, Leann became interested in organizational development and training. While in the marketing department, she earned a masters degree in adult education from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. A short time later, Leann became the director of the AEFA's University for new and veteran advisors.

A head hunter's call in 2000 led Leann to Irving, TX, where she headed the training department of a broker/dealer that was acquired by Wells Fargo. After six years in Texas, Leann and her husband moved to the Fargo/Moorhead area.

As a consultant, Leann is passionate about helping teams and organizations realize their missions through integrated planning and teamwork. She works with small to medium-sized companies as well as financial advisors whose practices are based on long-term relationships.

Leann's husband Bill Colbeth is a carpenter, who specializes in decks and custom cabinetry. They are remodeling a 1917 farm house in rural Glyndon.

## Ryla Students Shined

Fargo West Rotary sent three high school students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) this summer. They gave a presentation about their experiences on July 20<sup>th</sup> that was the best we've had. Each of the students was extremely impressive. The club looks forward to hearing their reports. It's one of the many ways we serve our community.

Each is sixteen years old: **Tara Brekke, Cassie Baumgartner and Andy Landburg**. They are over-achievers who have a tremendous future. **Cassie** is **Jodi's** daughter.

Thank you, **Penny Crowder**, for chairing this committee and finding three outstanding candidates to represent our club. We can always count on you — you are tireless and always committed to what you do.

## Max Is Back From Italy

Our Youth Exchange student, **Max Monda**, was our program on July 27<sup>th</sup>. We sent him to Italy for a year to study. He was in the Milan area, but Rotarians there took him to Rome, Florence and many other cities to learn about Italy.

Max went to Italy not knowing any of the language. He came back fluent in Italian.

His drew on his high school experiences and joined a football team of adult men. They let him play on their team because he had 8 years of experience playing football. That team went to the semi-finals. **Max** left before the finals, which they lost. Is this one of those times when 'their loss' is the truth?

The Youth Exchange program is a life-changing experience for the students — both inbound and outbound.

*Were you able to identify  
Cathy Hanson and Sharon  
Hilgers?*

## Important Peach Sale Update

The peach sale is almost here and we need to sell more lugs.

As of today, we have sold approx. 750 lugs of regular peaches (900 available) and 100 lugs of organic peaches (500 available). We only have a little over 2 weeks to sell approx. 550 lugs of peaches. To facilitate the process, we have scheduled a 'Peach Calling Tree' for:

**Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** at Jill Henning's State Farm Insurance office, 2511 Kirsten Lane, Suite 107 (just west of the Starbucks Coffee drive-up on the south side of the building on 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South) **at 6pm**. Bring a cell phone if possible — as there are only four outgoing lines

It would be appreciated if you could participate in this. Selling peaches is easy. You have to talk about them to family, friends and co-workers.

This is *the* only fundraiser for our donations. If we don't sell the peaches, we don't have money to donate to various organizations and charities. Fargo West Rotary has always been a forerunner in its giving. We can't stop now. So please sell the peaches to your family, friends and co-workers. They are a great summer treat!

The date for pick up is Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Rotary meeting that day. Club members volunteer to work different shifts. There are many jobs that have to be done that day. This is a fun time for all of us, so be sure to sign up when the sheet comes around at Rotary. It's a good way to get to know your fellow Rotarians.



## August Is Membership Month

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

Fargo West Rotary has done a great job of bringing in many new and exciting members. We welcome each and every one of you. It is our sincerest wish that you take advantage of all Fargo West Rotary has to offer you. We currently have 68 members, which is an all-time high for our club. \*Pat yourselves on the back for a job well-done\*

It is in giving of yourself that you receive the rewards. This has always held true in Rotary. The more you participate, the more you receive in return. It is only through participation that you begin to appreciate all Rotary has to offer you.

Ask any of the older members why they are still a member. Obviously, many people have been members in the past and many people have left. But there are plenty people who are still here. They believe in the purpose of Rotary. They also enjoy the company of fellow Rotarians. Being a member of an organization of like-minded people has its rewards.

Rotary is full of people who have the same principles and want to make a difference in this world. We can't accomplish much on our own, but together, we can move mountains.

This is the exciting part of Rotary. Involvement! You can choose to be as involved as you want. If your desire is to attend the weekly meetings for the camaraderie, then sobeit. If you want to jump in and participate as much as possible, then Fargo West Rotary is for you.

Opportunities abound for every member. It is your choice. Propose your friends or family for membership. Why keep Rotary to yourself?

There are many couples who both belong to Rotary. Bruce and I choose not to sit together too often because we both have a commitment to the club as well as the desire to get to know each of you. If we sit together, we don't cover as much ground. The fun part for us is after our Rotary meeting...we call each other to 'compare notes' as to what we learned at our individual tables. We get to know you even though we are not sitting with you. I proposed Bruce as a member because I thought you were the best people in the world and I wanted to share you with him.

Why not propose a family member or friend for membership? Share the blessings of Rotary.

## Important Rotary Info

### August Meetings

***Greeter: Jill Berg***

*8/3 Deb Daub — Green Construction Certification*

*8/10 Mark Peihl — Red River Carts*

***8/17 Peach Sale — No meeting***

*8/17 Natasha Nodsle — GSE to Taiwan*

*8/31 Diane & Royce Smith — District 5580 Guatemala Project update*

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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 Inn & Suites*

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

