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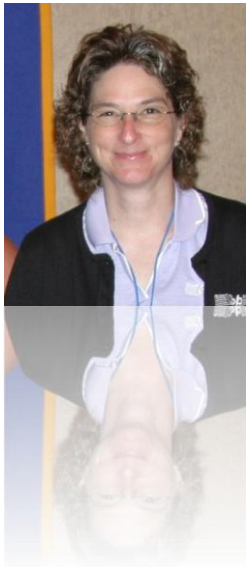
Fargo West Rotary

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Fargo West Rotary, PO Box 9237, Fargo, ND 58106

President's Message

by Heather Johnson-Kjos



This "order of business" is long overdue. I want to take this time to thank the **Ness' – Bernie, Rhonda, Dani** and the rest of their family for the wonderful things they do for Rotary and our community. They provided the wine and beer at our annual Wine/Beer Tasting event last month. This was wonderful event even though the weather was extremely cold and attendance was lower than anticipated. They sponsor the FM Symphony and Business After Hours through both Bernie's Wine and Liquors and Avis Rent-A-Car. There are many, many events and projects they sponsor. They are always there when we are planning a Rotary Social and provide the wine and beer for those occasions too. For all they do for our Club and our Community, we give a big THANK YOU.

I also want to thank all of those involved in planning the Wine and Beer Tasting event. **Carol Rogne** heads up our Social Committee and I know she is extremely instrumental in the planning of this event. Thank you, **Carol**, and all the members who worked on making this event a success. And another big Thank You to all of you who attended this event whether you attended alone or brought a guest.

A big thank you to **Ryan McManus** for getting all of the wonderful programs scheduled. Our members provide wonderful speakers and he finds a way to get them all on the schedule. He also finds programs for us though his many business contacts so we have a variety of "enlightenment" each week. Our off-site meeting on January 17th at the Fargo Billiards & Gastropub was a great success and we all learned that pool is more than just hitting the ball. Who knew that you could make the white ball jump through hoops and still knock the other balls into the "correct" pocket? It was very entertaining and well attended.

The District Conference is coming up at the end of April. Registration on line is now open so be sure to get registered and join the fun and camaraderie. www.rotary5580conference.org. This year's conference is in Grand Forks so we should have a good number of members from the four clubs of Fargo-Moorhead in attendance. I don't know how quickly the hotels are filling up but call now to make your reservations. I hope that we can have a strong attendance from our club this year since it is so close. Bring a guest!

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Banerjee 2011-12 RI President

http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/news/pages/090811_news_banerjee.aspx

Kalyan Banerjee, a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, since 1972, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12. Banerjee will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Banerjee said he would like to see Rotary "blossom from being the world's most recognized service organization to being the most important NGO [nongovernmental organization] in the world.

"Rotary, it is said, has the strength of a government and the tenderness of a parent," he added.

Banerjee has served Rotary as a director, Rotary Foundation trustee, committee and task force chair, International Assembly group discussion leader, president's representative, and district governor.

2011-12 RI Theme

From the Rotarians on the Internet:

We may not have an annual theme for every year after the COL in 2013. There's a rumor a decision will be made in the Council On Legislation to stop this yearly theme and only our Rotary theme "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" will be made permanent.

This year's Theme has a Indian Touch with Oriental Flavor. The Spiritual Teachers in India, The Land of Spirituality always say that, "Look With in". Once you start looking with in, you can "Reach with in" and Find that God is within you and you need not search outside. Once you find that God is within you, you will understand God exists in every Human being. Once you understand God exists in every human you will definitely embrace Humanity

Palestine gets 1st Rotary club

This is an interesting article about a new Rotary club. Actually, this is 2010 news, but many of our new members do not know this.

"Palestinians get first autonomous Rotary club"

With a ring of a bronze bell, in Ramallah, Palestinians usher in an historic evening as they finally receive a charter for their first Rotary club since Jordanian rule. Some 50 local businessmen and women joined the ranks of the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide as the newest chapter was established in the commercial hub of the Palestinian Authority.

"Many clubs are chartered during my year of presidency, but this is the very first club that I have come to charter. That is how important I take it, and I think that is how important Rotary International looks upon it," said John Kerry, Rotary International President.

Although not officially a state, the Palestinians were allowed to join 33,000 clubs worldwide under the status of being in one of 200 "geographic areas." The ubiquitous Rotarians work to provide humanitarian service, build goodwill and avow to high ethical standards to improve their communities.

Rotary clubs were first established in Palestine under British rule some 80 years ago. They continued in East Jerusalem and Ramallah under Jordanian rule until the 1960s, but they were dissolved after Israel acquired control of the West Bank in the 1967 war.

To read the full article, go to

<http://arabnews.com/middleeast/article64008.ece>



Happy Birthday!

2/8 Leann Wolf
2/20 Hassan Ghazi
2/26 Arden Glanzer

Meet our new member



Jan Simonson

"I joined Rotary to expand my circle of friends and make a conscious effort at giving something back to the community in which I live. I feel that Rotary has a deep desire to improve themselves and the area around them."

I have lived within a 20 mile radius of Fargo my entire life. I was raised on a farm near Argusville in the horseshoe of the Sheyenne River....so I know what floods are. Many a prom was foiled by the flood. I attended college at NDSU and after graduation married and moved to Casselton.

I have 4 grown children, three of whom are working in Casselton, in part with the family farm. Scott (Stephanie) Sinner is Procurement Manager for SB&B Foods, Todd (Renee) Sinner is a Partner with SB&B and Jeremy (April) Sinner is Operations Manager for Identity Ag Processing. My youngest is a daughter in White Bear Lake, MN and is a CPA/Lead Accountant for Target.

I also have 3 beautiful grand children, Madeline (2 yrs), Brynn (15 mos) and Mason (2 mos). What a joy it is.....

I have worked in Business/Accounting/Payroll most of my career. I worked 14 years for Red River Manufacturing in West Fargo until being sold to Trail King Industries out of SD. I then took a position in 2002 with Roers Companies in a similar capacity. During that time decided to take the education required for getting my Real Estate License and have been licensed since 2006. I am an education based person and have taken several other continuing education courses and have recently completed 30 hours to achieve my Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI) designation. I am enjoying the challenge, the change and the diversity of every day's business. I try to come from contribution and knowledge in all I do.

I enjoy being involved, traveling, spending time with friends and family. I grew up taking family trips by car and still enjoy the scenic route. I have recently joined a book club and look forward to reading something with a little more depth than my grab one and go plan.

Each day is a GIFT...treat it as special!

All-American chili recipe

This recipe comes to us from our newest member, **Jan Simonson**. She said it is very good and everyone loves it. It's a recipe she clipped from Cooking Light Magazine.

All-American chili

- 6 ounces hot turkey Italian sausage
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green bell peppers
- 8 garlic cloves
- 1 pound ground sirloin
- 1 jalapeno pepper chopped
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 1/4 cup Merlot or other fruity red wine
- 2 (28 oz) cans whole tomatoes
- 2 (15 oz) cans kidney beans
- 1/2 c shredded cheddar cheese (reduced fat)

1. Brown sausage, onion, and next four ingredients stirring to crumble.
2. Add chili powder and the next 7 ingredients – cook for 1 minute
3. Stir in wine, tomatoes, and kidney beans.
4. Bring to boil
5. Discard bay leaves
6. Sprinkle cheese over chili and serve.



2013-14 DGN nominated

January 31, 2011

To: **Club Presidents of District 5580**

From: **District Governor, Roly Turner and
Past District Governor, Ajoy Chatterjee – Nominating Committee Chair**



*Roly Turner, DG
2010-11*

Subject: Selection of District Governor for 2013-14

Pursuant to Article 11.220 of the Rotary International District 5580 Bylaws, the District Nominating Committee met in Walker, MN on Saturday, January 29, 2011. We are pleased to announce the selection of Dave Smette as District Governor for the year 2013-2014. Dave is a member of the Jamestown Rotary Club.

Please take notice that unless a challenge to the Nominating Committee's selection is received from a club within 2 weeks from the date of this letter, the decision of the Nominating Committee will stand.

RI Bylaws governing the challenge of the Nominating Committee's selection is as follows:
Rotary International Bylaws, Article 13.020.8

"Any club in the district which has been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year may also propose a challenging candidate for governor-nominee. A club in existence for less than one year as of the beginning of that year may propose a challenging candidate provided such candidate is a member of that club. The challenging candidate must have been duly suggested to the nominating committee. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a resolution by the club adopted at a regular meeting. The club must file the resolution with the governor by the date determined by the governor. Such date shall be at least two weeks after publication of the announcement of the selection for governor-nominee by the nominating committee."

If your club is considering challenging the nomination, please review Article 13.020.8 through 13.020.12 to make sure you comply with the procedural requirements. Should you have any questions regarding the procedure, please contact me or PDG Ajoy Chatterjee.

Again, if no challenge is received by the date specified above, the Nominating Committee's selection of Dave Smette as District Governor Nominee-Designate 2011-12, to serve as District Governor in 2013-14, will stand. Dave's name will subsequently be certified to the General Secretary of Rotary International for official election at the 2013 Rotary International Convention.

In Rotary Service,
Roland Turner
District 5580 Governor 2010-2011

cc: District Nominating Committee and Executive-Finance Committee

If you enjoy computers and history, this is an excellent video. IBM is 100 years old and this is the history of its contribution to computing. Tom Watson was a man way ahead of his time. There are many tidbits of interest. People don't realize the impact IBM had on our society as well as that of the world.

Bruce retired from IBM and always believed it was one of the best companies in the world. He was very proud to have worked for them for 31 years. IBM Centennial Film: 100 X 100 - A century of achievements that have changed the world

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39jtNUGgmd4>

Have a Program?

Ryan McManus is the new program chair. Contact Ryan at ryan.mcmanus@wellsfargo.com to check on open dates. The open dates fill in quickly. We are into April for openings. Once you secure the speaker, let Ryan know the date and name of speaker.

When you arrange a program, ask if the speaker needs any special equipment (screen, laptop, and projector). Many speakers prefer their own laptops because they know what to expect with it and their presentations are loaded to the hard drive and not run from a cd or dvd. Be sure to ask check immediately with the speaker and give Ryan the information.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars — there are some important up-coming events:

Feb 18-19, 2011 Winnipeg Goodwill Meeting: International Goodwill Meeting (also called International Goodwill Weekend) is a celebration of the historical event which transformed Rotary to Rotary International. This truly IS a celebration!

March 28 Roxana Saberi will share her experiences in Iran 2 years ago.

March 24^h Recital With A Cause at Gethsemane Cathedral

May 2 GSE team from Brazil. Combined meeting.

April 28-May 1, 2010 Rotary District 5580



February Is World Understanding Month

Rotary International sets a theme for each month and year. February is World Understanding Month.

This article is by PDG Bette Lewis of District 7620. She elaborates very well on how World Understanding actually works.

“What does this mean to Rotarians around the world? The Fourth Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. We are a fellowship of volunteers. With 1.2 million Rotarians in over 200 countries and principalities, structured in 33,000+ clubs, we have the ability to partner with each other in many ways.

First, we have worked cooperatively throughout the world to end polio, providing cash and volunteer hours. Second, we provide scholarships for college graduates to study in a foreign country, understand the culture, and share with the folks back home. We are training non-Rotarians in peace and conflict resolution studies, establishing a network that can make tremendous progress toward peace in all corners of the world. We send a Group Study Exchange Team to another country and receive that country’s team to further develop cultural and professional understanding. (This year our GSE is with Brazil and the Brazilian team will be here in May.) Third, we sponsor a Youth Exchange program where high school students may study abroad for a year and stay with a Rotarian family, living in the culture and gaining understanding of common values amongst all peoples. Fourth, every club has the ability to develop a World Community Service project (International Service) to further our object of world peace and understanding.

One of Rotary’s goals is to REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY and an International Service Project in health, hunger, water or literacy can do just that. We have many clubs participating in International service projects. Project LINK is a searchable database that lists Rotary Club and district community service projects in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods and partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.”

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
 Watch your words; they become actions.
 Watch your actions; they become habits.
 Watch your habits; they become character.
 Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Important Rotary Info

February Meetings

Greeters: Dianne Mondry & Leann Wolff

2/7 President Dean Bresciani — NDSU

2/14 Chris Mathew — The GOD’s CHILD Project

2/21 Libby Hall — Women in Business

2/28 Gary Nolte — Recital with a Cause

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



RI 2010-11 theme