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Happy New Year



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Mark your calendars:

Jan 20 — 'Wine tasting' at
the Hjemkomst

Feb 18-19 — 'Goodwill
meeting' in Winnipeg

Mar 24 — 'Recital with a
cause' at Gethsemane
Cathedral

Happy New Year's Fargo West Rotarians. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

Many of you may know that not all countries observe New Years on January 1st. According to Wikipedia, The order of months in the Roman calendar has been January to December since King Numa Pompilius in about 700BC. However, Roman writers identified years by naming the year's consuls, who did not enter office on January 1 until 153BC Since then, January 1st has been the first day of the year, except during the Middle Ages when several other days were the first (March 1st, March 25th, Easter, September 1st and December 25th). With the expansion of Western culture to the rest of the world during the 20th century, the January 1st date became global, even in countries with their own New Year celebrations on other days (e.g., China and India). Thailand was the most recent to adopt the Roman calendar in 1941.

On Thursday January 20th the four Rotary Clubs of Fargo-Moorhead have their annual joint Wine and Beer Tasting Social. What a wonderful way to start a new year with all of our friends and Rotary family. This is the perfect time to invite friends and prospective members to join us for an evening of fellowship and the opportunity to learn how the Rotary Clubs in Fargo-Moorhead support our community and the world. We will be sending tickets to those individuals who provided their business cards at the Business After Hours as well as other opportunities for Rotarians to receive free tickets. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center on the 20th.

*A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end
Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.*

Edgar Guest

May you all have a blessed New Year!

Why switch to Firefox

The debate between Firefox and Internet Explorer continues. Why would you switch to Firefox? Firefox has many features Internet Explorer doesn't.

Firefox has more security than Internet Explorer. More people use IE, thus when virus or trojan writers create malicious codes, they target IE more often.

Firefox opens the websites faster than Internet Explorer. It gives you more web page space to view more of a web page without a lot of scrolling, and the text is clearer in Firefox. Firefox offers more add-ons and gadgets.

By now, we all know that the Internet can find out a lot about us. There are many companies that use this information to track our habits. With this information, Websites can make assumptions about who we are. They can find out where we live, our annual income, medical conditions and more. The less sinister companies use this information to provide us with those annoying ads.

Abine has made a handy Firefox extension that lets you opt out of targeted advertising. This plug-in tells you if a site is tracking you. You can then opt to block the tracking cookies.

Abine's TACO also gives you other useful information as well. You can find out if the site uses Flash cookies. And it can even tell you if a site has ever had a privacy breach.

Cost: Free

Link: www.getabine.com

I use Firefox on one computer and IE on the other. I like the security and ease of use of Firefox. IE often times frustrates me.

Cory's soup recipe

I can personally attest to how delicious this soup is! Cory brought me a sample and I promptly went out and bought the ingredients to make my own batch. I had V-8 juice on hand, so I substituted it for the 32 oz of tomato juice. It was excellent!

Betty

Stuffed Green Pepper Soup — **Cory Badinger**

2# ground beef
 ½ medium chopped onion
 1 tsp salt
 1 tsp pepper
 2 tsp beef bouillon
 ¼ cup brown sugar
 2 cups chopped green pepper
 2 cups chicken broth
 32 oz tomato juice
 28 oz diced tomato (Cory uses fresh not canned)
 1½ cup minute rice (*I used 1 cup*)

Brown beef with onion, salt and pepper.
 Add remaining ingredients except rice.
 Simmer 30-40 minutes or crock pot on low for 4-6 hours. (I simmered mine all afternoon)
 Remove from heat.
 Add rice, cover and let stand for 10 -15 minutes.
 Adding rice directly into the soup absorbs some of the juices to make the soup thick.

Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? Please send it to me. I've had some very positive comments about this addition to the newsletter. bettynd@gmail.com

Happy Birthday!

1/19 Rachel Clarke — Yup, the only one!

GSE changes

There are changes to the Group Study Exchange program that were approved by the RI Trustees in April, 2009. Starting in 2010-11, districts participating in the GSE program will be awarded one World Funded GSE for every two consecutive years. In 2013 non-pilot districts (our district is a non-pilot district) participating in the GSE program will need to allocate \$5,000 from their District Designated Funds (DDF) in order to cover a portion of the exchange. Travel expenses and approved reimbursements over the \$5,000 costs will be covered by the World Fund (WF); for neighboring country (Canada or Mexico) exchanges districts will need to allocate \$2,500 of DDF.

This decision was reached in an effort to provide access to the limited World Fund monies to all non-pilot districts in the last year of the GSE program and to allow for all districts to complete their exchange during the same program year.

An additional GSE team may be sent through the use of District Designated Funds (DDF) for a total of \$13,000 (or \$7,000 for neighboring country exchanges).

If two Districts using World Funds partner with each other, then one district will send their team in 2010-11 and the partner district will send their team in 2011-12.

If a WF district partners with a district using DDF, then both districts can travel in the same Rotary year.

To read more about the changes, go to http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/gse_funding_scenarios_en.pdf

Vocational Service Grant

(Formerly Group Study Exchange)

Under the new Future Vision plan, the GSE program will change to Vocational Training Team (VTT). It is a program providing Rotarians and non-Rotarians of all ages the opportunity to travel abroad to experience cultures, traditions and professional practices that are different from what they encounter in their home nations. The standard VTT lasts for a full month, to provide members of the VTT team to fully immerse themselves in the pace and processes of the country they are visiting.

Vocational Service and Training Grant is also known as **Vocational Exchange**: Vocational training teams are groups of professionals traveling abroad to either learn more about their profession or teach local professionals about a particular field.

Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Pilot

Global grants support large international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in the six areas of focus that correspond to the Foundation's mission.

These are the six areas of focus:

1. Peace & conflict prevention/resolution
2. Disease prevention & treatment
3. Water & sanitation
4. Maternal & child health
5. Basic education & literacy
6. Economic & community development

For more information, go to <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/FutureVisionPilotProgram/Pages/AreasofFocus.aspx>

Christmas lunch a hit

Our club's Christmas lunch was December 13, and it was outstanding. We had a number of guests who enjoyed the program and food. Social chair, **Carol Rogne**, ordered a great meal for us. Everyone complimented it — thank you, **Carol!**

The Oak Grove Carolers sang Christmas carols. Their Victorian costumes added to the ambience. Twenty-five singers entertained us for almost half an hour. Our happy dollars were donated to them. Plus **President Heather** donated \$100 of her president's fund. Between the two offerings, we were able to give the music program at Oak Grove \$263. It was worth every penny!

Registration now open

The 2011 Rotary District 5580 Conference will be hosted at the Alerus Center on April 28 - May 1, 2011 by the Grand Forks area clubs. The Canad Inn (attached to the Alerus Center) is the 2011 Conference hotel.

Registration is now underway. To register, go to www.rotary5580conference.org. You can register on-line (highly encouraged), or you may download and print a registration form to send in by mail.

You can also visit the conference website at <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/tab3.aspx?EventID=865951> to see what is planned.

Plan to attend the conference. This is a fun time and a great way to meet Rotarians around the district. This is also open to your guests.

"Let the Forks be With You!"

Photos from our lunch





Special Rotary observances

In the annual Rotary calendar several months are designated to emphasize major programs of Rotary International.

- January is Rotary Awareness Month. This is a time to expand knowledge of Rotary and its activities among our membership and throughout the community.
- February is designated as World Understanding Month. This month was chosen because it includes the birthday of Rotary International, 23 February. During the month, Rotary clubs are urged to present programs that promote international understanding and goodwill, as well as launch World Community Service projects in other parts of the world.
- March is Literacy Month. Fargo West Rotary promotes literacy by donating a book to Madison Elementary School each week in honor of our speaker. We also donate our time to the English Language Learner at Carl Ben Eielson for immigrant children.
- April is set aside as Rotary’s Magazine Month. Throughout the month, clubs arrange programs and activities that promote the reading and use of *THE ROTARIAN* magazine and the official regional magazines of Rotary.
- June is Fellowship Month. This refers to the groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors who join together for a common cause.
- July is Literacy Month, a time for clubs to develop their own literacy projects, as well as raise awareness of Rotarians’ efforts worldwide to eradicate illiteracy.
- August is Membership and Extension Month, a time to focus on Rotary’s continuing need for growth, to seek new members and form new clubs.
- September is New Generations Month. Rotary clubs of the world give special emphasis to the many Rotary-sponsored programs that serve children and young people. During this month many clubs give increased attention to Youth Exchange activities.
- October is Vocational Service Month. During this period, clubs highlight the importance of the business and professional life of each Rotarian. Special activities promote the vocational avenue of service.
- November is selected to be Rotary Foundation Month. Clubs and districts call attention to the programs of The Rotary Foundation and frequently cultivate additional financial support for the Foundation by promoting contributions for Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members.
- December is Family Month when we celebrate Rotary’s commitment to our families and our Rotary family.

Each of these special months serves to elevate the awareness among Rotarians of some of the excellent programs of service which occur within the world of Rotary.

Important Rotary info

January Meetings

Greeter: Mary Johnson

1/3 Jim Grier – Working with eagles

1/10 Jeff Volk – Red River diversion

1/17 Offsite Meeting at Gastropub - billiards exhibition

1/24 Carol Rogne – Visit to France

1/31 Administration Day

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

www.fargowestrotary.org

