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# Fargo West Rotary

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President Deb Magnuson

## President's Message

by Deb Magnuson

Happy New Year! Sounds crazy in July doesn't it, but a new Rotary year is starting. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our out-going president, **Heather Johnson-Kjos**, for her thoughtful and committed leadership this past year.

We just had the honor of celebrating the new **Rotary District Governor, Tom Riley**. **Tom** has been a regular visitor at our club and having someone serve who is a member of one of our local clubs is very exciting. It will be a great year!

Our next focus will be on planning a successful Peach and Pear Sale. This is the second fundraising event of the year, and the proceeds make up the bulk of the funds we are able to gift to charitable organizations. Providing additional dollars to help address the needs in our community is one of the great benefits of membership in a service club.

Please mark August 1 on your calendar. Rotary International has made education on child protection mandatory for all clubs. **Heather** and **I** will be presenting the program at our first meeting in August to address this important topic. We are hoping for an exceptional attendance that day. Many of our Rotary sponsored projects have been for and about young people. We want to ensure that all members have received the information they need to participate in our youth centered programs.

As we look ahead at future dates, please note that we will not be meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy those Mondays with your families! Our meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be working the Peach and Pear Sale! It is always fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow club members better.

As we head into fall we will spend some time learning about the Rotary Foundation and the great work that is done around the world in the name of Rotary. The Paul Harris Banquet is another event that is fun and educational. Fargo West has many Paul Harris Fellows, and we can be very proud of the commitment we have made to help support the Foundation.

See you on Mondays!



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#### Mark your calendars:

- 7/8 BOD meeting at Green Mill @ noon
- 7/25 TRF golf tournament at Oxbow
- 8/1 Child protection training
- 8/22 Peach Sale @ Fraser
- 8/27 Motorcycle run for the Zoo — Rotary Fun Run
- 9/15 Visioning session in the evening

## Changeover meeting

**President Heather** turned the gavel over to **President Deb Magnuson** on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We thank **Heather** for the great job she did! We are looking forward to **Deb's** leadership to see where she takes the club. Each president puts their own stamp on the club, improving it.

One of **Heather's** goals was to recognize members who have gone above and beyond in their service. She succeeded in surprising a number of people.



**Bernie Ness** was recognized for all he has done for Rotary and the community throughout the years



**Ryan McManus** received his award for the outstanding dedication and service demonstrated as chair of the English Language Learners and Project English Programs.



**Arden Glanzer** was recognized for his continual dedication and service demonstrated as our club photographer.



**Brad Dahl** has chaired the Harley raffle for 12 years, raising over \$250,000 for the zoo! Awesome, **Brad!**



A hearty thank you to our board of directors for their leadership! We couldn't have done it without you!

## Changeover meeting cont



**Jen Dahl** stepped into the secretarial position as an emergency secretary in June 2008 to replace **Lesley Crawford** as the permanent secretary. **Jen** had only visited Rotary with her husband, **Brad**, but she took off like a rocket and hasn't looked back. Thank you, **Jen**!



Was that a look of relief on **Heather's** face when **Deb** presented her the president's plaque? Thank you, **Heather**, for serving as our president and your wry sense of humor. We had fun!

**Deb** outlined her goals for this year and listed the BOD and committee chairs. All members are encouraged to look at the various committees and choose one to join. Let **Deb** or the **committee chair** know your choice.

### Board Officers:

President **Deb Magnuson**  
 President Elect **John Trombley**  
 Vice President **Ryan McManus**  
 Past President **Heather Johnson-Kjos**  
 Secretary **Jen Dahl**  
 Treasurer **Cory Badinger**

### Board of Directors:

**Gerry Brossart**    **Randy Dailey-Ruddy**    **Sheldon Emil**  
**Joyce Linnerud Fowler**    **Arden Glanzer**    **Rick Larson**  
**Zac Paulson**    **Carol Rogne**    **Kathleen Toft**    **LeAnn Wolff**

### Committee Chairs:

Donation Chair — **Heather Johnson—Kjos**  
 Festival of Trees — **Cathy Hanson**  
 Foundation Banquet — **Rachel Clarke**  
 Foundation Chair — **Jill Berg**  
 Fun Run — **Jen & Brad Dahl**  
 Greeters — **LeAnn Wolff**  
 Harley Raffle — **Brad Dahl**  
 International Projects — **David Wrolstad**  
 Literacy — **Ryan McManus**  
 Membership/Retention — **Gerry Brossart**  
 Newsletter — **Betty Opheim**  
 Peach sale — **John Trombley**  
 Photographer — **Arden Glanzer**  
 Programs — **Ryan McManus**  
 Public Relations — **Pat Devine**  
 Scholarships — **Daphne Meyers**  
 Sergeant At Arms — **Hassan Ghazi**  
 Social Chair — **Carol Rogne**  
 R.Y.L.A. — **Penny Crowder**  
 Web Site — **Zac Paulson**



Nobody really knows for sure how long **Cory Badinger** has been our treasurer. He has been treasurer of our club, Harley raffle and peach sale for years. The earliest record of **Cory** as treasurer is 1994 and he has been doing it ever since. He joined in 1992. He holds our club record of being an officer plus board member the longest. Thank you, **Cory** — your dedication is remarkable!

We need committee members. Talk to the chairs and see how you can help. There is something for everyone!

The committees are encouraged to meet, whether in person or by group email. The work always gets done and gets done well. These chairs need help....this is your club, too.

# Meet the new DG & Queen Ann



*DG Tom Riley and Queen Ann officially and lovingly dubbed on June 23, taking office July 1.*



The FM AM Rotary Club *aka* Mayhem Club had their changing of the gavel June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a gala event as they were also celebrating member **Tom Riley** as the new District Governor. **Tom's** wife, **Ann**, is an English rose, so she has been dubbed **Queen Ann**. It was a great evening filled with fun, good food, great fellowship and laughter. **District Governor Roly Turner** from Thunder Bay Port Arthur, Past District Governors **Ajoy Chatterjee** (Thunder Bay — Fort William) and **Tully Chambers** ( Wahpeton Rotary) were also there.



**Keith Brokke** was awarded the RI Foundation Meritorious Service Award for his Rotary dedication and accomplishments. It was well deserved.

**Keith** has spearheaded many grants and international service trips, as well as serving as our Assistant Governor. Congratulations, **Keith!**



A number of Fargo West members were also there. Meeting other Rotarians is very exciting and enriches our Rotary experience. Just ask any of these smiling faces!

**Heather Ranck**, Fargo Rotary who is the force behind the ELL and Adult Projects was there also. Thanks for everything, **Heather!** →



**Happy Birthday!**

- 7/1 Rick Larson
- 7/4 Gerry Brossart
- 7/8 Matt Gruchalla
- 7/19 Kari Dick

## Peach sale is underway

Fargo West Rotary has been selling *the best* peaches for 18 years. The monies raised have gone to charities and non-profit groups, plus they fund the scholarships to RYLA and for MSCTC students. These peaches sell themselves once a person has tried them. Last year, we sold pears, too, and they sold out immediately. Let your family and friends know about the awesome fruit available only in August. Tell them why you are selling the fruit and ask them to support our efforts.

The flyers went out June 20, and because of the following people volunteering their time, we were done in a little over an hour: **John Trombley, Chair; Steve Shark; Dave Wrolstad; Kathleen Toft; Randy Daily-Ruddy; Sheldon Emil; Doug Burchill; Jennifer Dahl; Ronda Ness; Daphne Meyers; Jan Simonson; Rick Larson and Betty Opheim.**

A special thanks and heartfelt appreciation go to these people for paying the expenses and giving us more profit — **Sheldon Emil** (Liberty Business Systems) — \$275 (paper, color printing of flyers, printing of addresses on flyer)

**Gerry Brossard** (Choice Financial) — \$275 (1/3 postage for flyer mailing)

**Jim Thompson** (Eide Bailly) — \$275 (1/3 postage)

**David Wrolstad** (Gate City Bank) — \$275 (1/3 postage)

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Remember to place your order soon because the grower has limited us in the number of lugs we are getting. I'm afraid there will be a lot of unhappy people this year.

## Remember Joel Meade?

Do you remember **Joel Meade**? He was president of Fargo West Rotary in 1986-87. He moved to the lake years ago. He stopped at Straus to see **John Stern**. **John** reports he is 82 years old (where did that time go?) and enjoying retirement, but has pancreatic cancer that has spread to his liver. **Joel** remains cheerful and optimistic.

Our prayers are with him.

## Club tidbits

- **Belinda Forknell** had to resign from Fargo West Rotary due to her job. She will be missed. She didn't attend many meetings, but she volunteered regularly.
- **Cory Badinger** and son, **James**, have been spending a lot of time at the Red River Zoo building the chicken exhibit to fulfill James' requirements for his Eagle Scout Award. More information to come when they are finished with the project.
- The four Rotary clubs have added one more event to their joint tasks. A four club retention committee has been added. Working together is what we do best, and hopefully, we will learn from each other and help each other retain members.
- The books we give our speakers each week will now go to Roosevelt Elementary School on North 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Fargo. We donated books to Madison Elementary for five years and the board decided it was time to help another school.
- I am saving photos from **Paula Grimestad's** going away party until August. They will be in that newsletter!
- Our thoughts and prayers go to PDG Ajoy Chatterjee as he suffered a serious stroke on June 29.
- Three Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) students have been selected. They are **James Badinger**, Fargo; **Jordan Olson** and **Nora Klingfus**, both from Hawley. They leave for the one week leadership camp on July 10. Every student who attends this camp comes back with more confidence, goals and inner happiness.

Learn more about RYLA at

<http://www.district5580ryla.org/ryla.html>

## July is Rotary Changeover Month

Rotary does not have an official theme for the month of July because it is the month the new officers are installed. This is true throughout Rotary — from the clubs to the district to the zones — all the way to the top at Rotary International. From the RI website:

RI President **Kalyan Banerjee** will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity* (the new theme) during the 2011-12 Rotary year.

He urges participants to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary.

"In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves," **Banerjee** said.

Once Rotarians find their inner strength, he continued, they can accomplish great things in their communities and around the world.

"Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity," he said.

**Banerjee** emphasized the family as a starting point in serving others. "The communities we live in are not built of individual people but of families — families living in homes together, sharing their lives and their resources and their common destinies. Good families lead to good neighborhoods, and good neighborhoods build good communities."

Rotarians can focus on projects that support families, such as those that provide safe housing or improve maternal and child health, he said.

Continuity in Rotary's work, including polio eradication, is also important, **Banerjee** said. "There are so many things we are indeed good at: working for clean, safe water; spreading literacy; working in so many ways with the New Generations, our youth, in our newest Avenue of Service and assisting them to become the leaders of tomorrow."

## Important Rotary info

### July Meetings

**Greeter: Leann Wolff, et al**

7/4 *4<sup>th</sup> of July — no meeting*

7/11 *Stacy Schaffer — Miss ND Intl: Human Trafficking*

7/18 *Fargo PD -SRO Chris Potter and Rachel Jordan — School Resource Officer*

7/2 *Rudy Martinson — Hunting Works for ND*

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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 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month at the Winery*

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