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President's Message

by Heather Johnson-Kjos

It is unbelievable that this is my last newsletter as President of this wonderful Rotary club. I want to take the time to personally thank each and every one of you for the great works that this club has done during my term as President. I want to thank each of the committee chairs for their hard work as I know that it isn't an easy task.

We have said good bye to many of our friends who have moved onto new adventures but have said hello to many new members as well. We have a great club and I know we will continue to bring in new members.

Our Harley Raffle was a tremendous success this year selling almost 520 tickets. That is the most sold in all the years of doing this fund raising project for our own Red River Zoo. Stay tuned for the announcement of the check presentation as I'm sure that will be taking place in the month of June. Thank you to **Brad** and **Jennifer Dahl** for all of their work involved in keeping track of the sales. And thank you, **Cory**, for serving as the treasurer.

The Fun Run and the Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Miracle Field were both great successes and will become annual events to raise monies for our joint projects.

The Recital for a Cause was a wonderful fundraising event for Polio Plus that raised over \$12,000. Thank you, **Pat Devine**, for all your hard work on that Committee as I know it was a huge commitment.

Our Literacy Program chaired by **Ryan McManus** has continued to grow with the addition of the Adult ELL program. This program has brought a much needed service to the immigrant community and will continue to grow.

We have had some wonderful social events this year with the Halloween Party at **Sharon** and **Steve Hilger's** home and the four clubs' Wine and Beer Tasting. **Carol Rogne** does a wonderful job in chairing that committee and bringing us fun social activities.

The Peach Sale was another wonderful success and gave us the opportunity to help out many organizations in our community with those proceeds. We will be gearing up that project this month so stay tuned for all of the information that **John Trombley** will be passing our way as we get things underway. Again, thank you for allowing me to be your President and to learn and grow in Rotary. I look forward to the fun year ahead with our incoming President **Deb Magnuson** as I know she will be a wonderful President. I think the hardest thing about being President was writing this message each month so I gladly pass that onto **Deb** so she can continue this tradition.

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Important Rotary Info

Mark your calendars:
6/13 Red Hawks game with
ELL & Project English
members

June 23 FMAM Rotary
'changing of the gavel' and
honoring DGE Tom Riley

Harley Winner *by Brad Dahl*



Fargo West Rotary is pleased to announce the winners of the Harley Davidson 2011 FLSTC Heritage Softail motorcycle raffle on May 14. The winner of the motorcycle is **Dan Friedsom**, Perham, MN. **Renee Freemann**, Fargo, ND won the \$1000 cash prize and **Corey Haugen**, Fargo, ND won the \$500 cash prize. All the proceeds will go to the Red River Zoo.

Dan and his son met me at the Harley Store. **Del** and **Todd Hofer** (dealership owners) were both there. It turns out **Dan** is the same age as me and had bought a bike from **Del** when **Del** had his store on 1-29 frontage road East of Gate Way Chevrolet back in 1982. **Dan** stills has the bike and it sounds like it's close to a collectible. It was called a Willy G Harley. It's an ugly bike, but worth about \$18,000 now, if all the original parts are on it. **Del** went into his office and pulled out his old register and looked up **Dan's** bike and there it was — written down 1982. He paid \$7900 on April 5th. There weren't any computers at that time so everything was hand written. It was pretty cool! **Del** asked **Dan** to bring his bike in to the store and he would clean it up for **Dan** and display the bike to show customers some history.

I sold **Dan** several tickets when I was in Perham to see my printing customers. When I was no longer going to Perham he would purchase his tickets through the mail. **Dan** is a super guy and you would enjoy him. He has a shoe repair business and sells lots of different items to make a buck.

His son told me **Dan's** luck has changed. He is always buying raffle tickets and never wins, but a week ago he won an all-expense paid trip to Las Vegas and now the Harley. This is a rewarding experience!

Congrats, Bruce!



Mark Hulbert's happy dollar on May 23 was for **Bruce Karevold's** accomplishment as April Agent of the Month, all the while serving at the ND National Guard full time.

Bruce was named District 386 Agent of the Month by American Family Insurance for outstanding sales of American Family insurance products during April.

He has been an agent for American Family since 1992 and a member of Fargo West Rotary since 2003. In 2007-08 **Bruce** served as membership chair and our club had a net gain of 5 members

Our sincerest congratulations on exceling in your field and our gratitude for your service in the National Guard.

Truisms —

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

Happy Birthday!

- 6/14 Julie Kottsick
- 6/14 Sharon Mazaheri
- 6/20 Jill Berg
- 6/21 Joyce Linnerud
- 6/23 Cory Holen
- 6/24 Cory Badinger
- 6/27 Deb Magnuson
- 6/29 Sharon Miller

Ryan's World



Ryan McManus, along with Rotarians from the other Rotary clubs, has dedicated himself to the ELL program and the new Project English program. He was recently part of the Fargo Public Schools 'Adopt-A-School' Partners recognition for our ELL Assistance at Carl Ben Eielson School.

An interesting observation about the above photo —these Rotarians are the 'new' faces of Rotary! They are all younger members who have so much to give. Their enthusiasm and dedication is inspiring; the future of Rotary is in good hands!



Thirty new Americans were at the grand opening of the Central Africa Union (CAU). Thank you, **Arden Glanzer**, **Kathleen Toft**, **Sharon Miller** and **Steve Shark** for also giving your time and talents to these people. See page 6 for photos of Project English.

Scholarship winners

In 1995, we decided the students at Moorhead Vo-Tech, now Minnesota State Community and Technical College, could use money to complete their education. There are many opportunities for high school and college students, but this was a 'forgotten' group.

On April 4, we awarded scholarships to these students:

Nicole Kraft —

Why I chose the Dental Hygiene Major at M-State: I was very interested in oral hygiene and thought this would be a great career choice for me.

My long range goals and plans after graduation: I would like to finish school, graduate and get a job working in a Dental Office in the area.

The scholarship would be helpful: My program is very expensive and it is very hard for me to try to get a job and go to school full time. I also have a three year old son at home.

Jamie Olson—

Why I chose Dental Hygiene Major at M-State: I was interested in the Dental Hygiene Program because I like the health care field and I enjoy working with people.

My long range goals and future plans after graduation: I plan on staying in ND and helping people obtain optimal oral health. My goals are to help underprivileged people get the help they need either by working with Public Health or going on a Medical Mission Trip.

The scholarship award would be helpful: This award would help me to reach my goal.

I am a very hard worker who spends a lot of time studying.

The financial assistance would be very much appreciated.

Michelle Schmidt—

Why I chose the Dental Hygiene Major at M-State:

I was always interested in dental as I was growing up. I view this career opportunity as a way to give back to the community.

My long range goals and future plans after graduation: I plan to be employed in the Fargo Moorhead area. I plan on volunteering my time in helping the underserved in the community to receive much needed dental care.

The scholarship award would be helpful: This award would help me reach my goal of graduating from the Dental Hygiene Program at M-State.

Meet Ashley Bergman



“The opportunity we have to make a difference in people’s lives in our community is what makes life worth living. The bonus is to be able to do this with such a warm and welcoming group. Thank you fellow Rotarians.”

Ashley Bergman sponsored by Jill Berg

I graduated from Moorhead High School and received my BS degree in Business Administration from the University of North Dakota. In 2008, I started my career as a Financial Advisor on a team here in the Fargo/Moorhead area. We focus on our clients’ overall financial needs, to provide solutions not only for the predicted events in life, but also the unforeseen.

My fiancé and I own a home in East Grand Forks. He commutes to Red Lake Falls (about 45 miles East) to his job each day. He works for his family business, Woodmaster, which makes outdoor furnaces for heating your home, wood pellet grills and commercial boilers. My daily commute (about 180 miles) is not ideal, but I highly enjoy my job so it makes the commute less painful. At this point it is our “meet in the middle” answer, but we would both eventually like to get South of Grand Forks out in the country. Needless to say we REALLY enjoy seeing gas prices pull back like they have in the past couple of weeks!

Our wedding is coming up this fall in Jackson Hole, WY. We are getting excited for the day to be here, but have lots of planning left to do before we get to relax and enjoy the time with our family and friends.

I have had the blessing of growing up in the Midwest, which to many, should be envied. The communities we live in represent honorable, honest and friendly individuals. I am really looking forward to this opportunity to be part of the Fargo West Rotary, to be able to give back to the community that has provided my family and friends a safe and friendly place to call home.

Goodbye, dear friends

How does one say goodbye to good friends and great Rotarians? June is going to be a sad month for us as we lose four very good friends.

Past president and always volunteering, **Paula Grimestad**, is moving to the Minneapolis area. She has resigned her position as director at the Red River Zoo, and is off to start a new adventure. **Paula** has improved our club in many, many ways. She will be missed by all of us.

Paula brought the new zoo director, **Lisa Tate**, to Rotary to introduce her. **Lisa** is going to be an excellent addition to the zoo. She is a remarkable woman with a ton of talent. She is an amazing glass blower. Go to www.lisatateglass.com to see some of her outstanding work. Hopefully, she will join Fargo West Rotary.

Another past president, **Paul Nelson**, and his wife **Judy Peason**, have also resigned. They, too, are ready volunteers and will leave a huge hole in our club. **Paul** says, “After June 30 we will have no home in the state of ND. The city owns our property.

“The bad news is that **Judy** and I will both have to resign from Rotary after all these years because we will be living at our lake home in MN and commuting to NDSU for our classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Fall Semester. The rest of our work—advising undergrads, writing with grad students, and writing books—we can do from our lake home. After Fall Semester we will be either in AZ or FL though we may continue to teach Fall Semesters from the MN lake home.”

Erika Johnson, who joined in 2010, is also moving. She says, “I will be working as a Business Analyst in IT. Basically working to identify the needs from the business units (i.e. tools, reports, etc) and translate them back to the IT group. I will be working in LOLs Shoreview office. I will be living in St Paul MN in an area known as Lilydale; basically the intersection of 35E and Highway 13. It’s not necessarily the heart of St Paul but its close enough to all the action including bike trails, Xcel Center, farmers market, shopping on Grand Avenue, etc.”

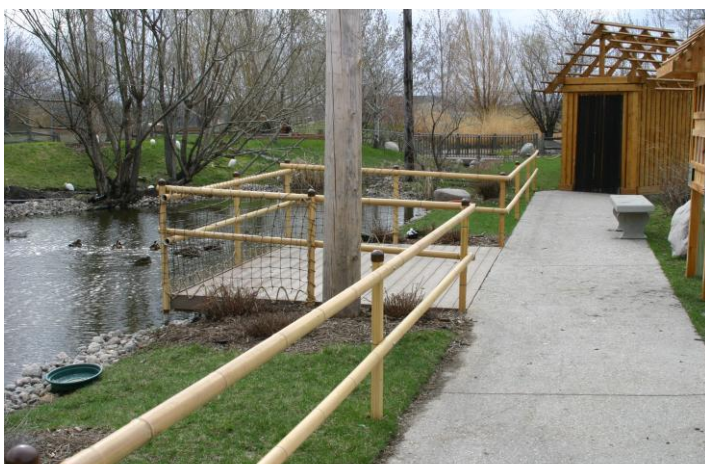
Wings of the Orient

The grand opening for Wings of the Orient at the Red River Zoo was April 3. Thanks to **Arden Glanzer**, we have a beautiful record of it.

This is another project at the zoo that our club has funded. The aviary is a free-flight exhibit allows visitors to walk inside the exhibit as birds fly overhead. It features five different species of birds and will also be home to the Reeves' muntjac.

The new birds are the Cattle Egret, Mandarin Duck, Bar-headed Goose, Indian Spot-billed Duck and the Black East Indies Bantam Duck.

Be sure to take your family and friends to the zoo. It's one of Fargo's hidden treasures.



Project English Photos

The much needed adult English language course is a reality. The Rotarians who volunteered their time were the recipients of much gratitude. It only takes the smile to see how these new citizens appreciate the opportunity to learn and be mentored by such giving people.



English is not easy to learn, especially if you are an adult. Can you imagine trying to learn all the slang words we have?

Thank you, again, **Ryan**, for spearheading this and thank you, **Arden**, for taking the photos.

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

I've taken the liberty of copying <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dg1011Rotary3080/message/282>:
 Rotary Fellowships Month in June is an ideal time to explore the rewards of Rotary Fellowships. Many Rotarians join these groups because they are interested in making new, international friends who share common interests or vocations. Most Rotarians also find that sharing interests generates ideas for service.

That is exactly what happened when several members of the Rotarians-on-the-Internet (ROTI) Fellowship were chatting in cyberspace in 2004. Troubled by armed conflicts in Iraq and elsewhere, several ROTI members were determined to take positive action. Ideas began flying back and forth as the fellowship considered the potential of modern information technology for exploring the Avenues of Service.

Deciding that they wanted to do something for children, they began working with the Gift of Life program, which provides lifesaving surgeries to needy children. As ROTI Chair Chris Wilks of New Zealand commented, "Comfort is found in helping to heal the ill heart of a child, symbolically healing the heart of the world."

Harnessing the communication power of the Internet, ROTI quickly raised enough money to sponsor children from India and Ukraine. The Internet also proved valuable for handling the logistics of bringing the children to the United States for their surgeries.

A note from **BettyO**:

"I am proud to say I am a charter member of ROTI. ROTI members followed my posts about the 1997 flood and they responded by sending two semis loaded with necessary items to Fargo. Some of you older members may remember unloading the trucks at the temporary Red Cross outlet. I've gained many international friends, most of whom I haven't met. Remember when I went to Australia as a GSE team leader? One of the members of ROTI arranged a banquet in my honor and ROTI members from around Australia flew in. When Bruce and I went to New Zealand, we met a member of ROTI who took vacation and toured the South Island with us, showing us things and places we would not see as tourists. I have standing invitations from Rotarians around the world to visit them."

Rotary Fellowships are a unique opportunity to make friends and share a common interest. For more information about the many Fellowships, go to <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GlobalNetworkingGroups/Pages/ridefault.aspx> There is a fellowship for every interest you could possibly have. The cost is free; the rewards are many.

Important Rotary info

June Meetings

Greeter: Leann Wolff, et al

6/6 Randall Sidener — Williston Oil Basin

6/13 Sue Wiger — Blue Stem Group/Trollwood

6/20 Dr. Jeffrey Schatz — Fargo Davies High School

6/27 — Changeover meeting

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

