



SERVICE Above Self

Fargo West Rotary

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President's Message

by David Wrolstad



"Service Above Self" - Canadian Style - "Eh"

As mentioned in my official 'Presidential Address', one of the patches on my "Amazing Technicolor Rotary Sports Coat" was **AJOY** – our District 5580 Governor who hails from the Fort William Rotary Club of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

DG Ajoy Chatterjee, and his wife of 40 years, Hannelore, visited our Rotary club on Monday, September 21st. When you talk about the Rotary Motto: 'Service Above Self', you must be talking about becoming a District Governor – especially in D5580! What a personal commitment for both Ajoy and Hannelore to take one year (really 2+ years) and dedicate their time, talent and effort to Rotary for the betterment of every Rotarian in our District.

Being a District Governor, Ajoy & Hannelore must visit each of the 66 clubs which make up District 5580. Our Rotary District is unique in a couple ways. First, our District is an International District comprised of Rotary clubs in both the United States and Canada – not the only International District for Rotary, but the first. Second, our District is one of the largest geographical districts in the World – stretching from Nipigon, Ontario, Canada all the way to Bowman, North Dakota. This means that D5580 Governor Ajoy must drive thousands of miles back & forth to visit each club. They have already visited 44 clubs so they are well on their way. Trying to finish before the snow flies, they have definitely had many more days sleeping in a Hotel than in their own home in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

District Governor Ajoy met with your Fargo West Board of Directors prior to his visit with our regular meeting to review our club activities & projects. I have to tell you, Ajoy was impressed with our club – that means he was impressed with each of you as members. Prior to the Board visit, with the assistance of others, I put together a 'Fargo West Rotary 2009/2010 Projects' summary. Betty forwarded this document to you in a separate email. When you review this summary sheet, you will see **WE** do good works and can be proud of our club.

District Governor Ajoy made his presentation to our regular meeting – much was emphasizing what the 2009/1010 Rotary International President, John Kenny of Scotland, motto states: *'The Future of Rotary IS IN YOUR HANDS'*. "Without the regular weekly meeting of Rotarians in our own clubs there is no RI..... In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs."

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*Reminder:
Offsite meeting at
Trollwood
Performing Arts
School Oct 5th.*

New Babies at the Zoo

By Paula Grimestad



Weida, one of the baby girls.



Brad enjoying himself....maybe not.....

The three baby Red Pandas are enjoying their new outside surroundings. Panda babies (kit) are very entertaining to watch. They are learning to climb trees, get down from trees and pounce on insects or anything else that moves on the ground, even blades of grass. The Zoo is open on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the winter from Noon to 4:00pm.

We are the only Zoo in the United States that had baby pandas this year, so you don't want to miss this incredible and very special opportunity to see one of the cutest baby animals you'll ever see.

Brad Dahl says, "We had a surprise this summer — Red Panda triplets! They usually only have one kit but, we got lucky. One of the benefits of being a zoo board member is to get a close up of our newborn. I was posing for a still shot when I found out they move fast and have claws that are very sharp. I was trying to keep my composer but you can tell I lost out.

They are loads of fun to watch when you're not holding them."

Happy Birthday!

- 10/11 Kelli Johnson
- 10/12 Cathy Hanson
- 10/13 Yvonne Hamilton
- 10/16 Cindy Magnuson
- 10/18 Pattie Middendorp
- 10/18 John Trombley
- 10/23 Dianne Mondry
- 10/28 Doug Burchill
- 10/29 Carol Rogne
- 10/31 John Stern

Pres. Message *cont*

During our meeting with DG Ajoy, we were also able to do a couple of special things:

1. Honored several Fargo West Rotarians with 'Perfect Attendance' – all the way from one year through 25 years for one of the charter members, Arden Glanzer.
2. Honored seven (7) Fargo West Rotarians with Paul Harris Fellows. We wanted to recognize them for their contributions to the club, their hard work and their financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation by being a 'Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow'. It was one of those 'use it or lose it' deals — a scenario with Foundation Recognition Points, and it was a great way to recognize their past (& future) contributions.

Members that were honored were:

- Kim Kemmer
- Jennifer Dahl
- Heather Johnson-Kjos
- Penny Crowder
- Ryan McManus
- Deb Magnuson
- Pattie Middendorp

"The Future of the Fargo West Rotary Club.....IS IN YOUR HANDS." How can YOU make a difference as a member?

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. Dictionary Project – help deliver dictionaries to 3rd & 4th graders
7. Attend Fargo-Moorhead 'Rotary Foundation Dinner' – Tuesday, November 3rd @ Fargo Country Club
8. Attend Fargo West Rotary '25th Anniversary Lunch' – Monday, December 14th @ noon
9. **'Every Rotarian Every Year' – become a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow**
10. *"Eat Chili – the rest will become history."*

CP Money – 'ES' out.



Program Reminder

Things that go on behind the scenes.... Do you ever wonder who provides the electronics at our weekly meetings?

A projector costs \$185 if we order it from the HI. Considering how often we have PowerPoint presentations, **Steve Shark** has saved our club thousands of dollars.

Thank you, Steve!!

Just a reminder when you arrange for guest speakers —

Ask them if they need any equipment — especially if they want a projector for PowerPoint programs. It is important to ask them *when you arrange for them to present* because **Steve Shark** has to reserve it. We are not able to get it at the last minute. The Holiday Inn does not have equipment for us to use. We have to provide it.

Let Jodi Baumgartner <jodi916@gmail.com> know so she can order the screen and table from the Holiday Inn. This affects the room set up and is very inconvenient to do at the last minute. Keep this important information.

Member Updates

Jodi Baumgartner has a new job. She is the Physician Recruiter, Divisional Locations. Jodi will be in charge of recruitment and retention of physicians for all of the non-Fargo-Moorhead locations of Innovis Health.

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of **LaVonne Langord** from our club. LaVonne is a long-time Rotarian who hopes to return soon.

Rotary, Google join forces

This is a great Rotary service, especially to newer Rotarians who are in need of Rotary history. One can only learn to appreciate an organization such as Rotary by learning about the road we took to get to this point.

By Donna Polydoros
Rotary International News -- 31 August 2009

Rotary has teamed up with Google to make nearly 100 years of *The Rotarian* available free online via Google Books.

Full-color, searchable scans of all issues of the magazine from 1959 to 2008 are now available through Google Books, with more issues to follow. The site is accessible from [The Rotarian's page on the RI Web site](#).

Users can select from a gallery of issues organized by decade or click "Search all issues" to search the entire catalog for a word or phrase.

The collaboration is part of an initiative to make Rotary's historical resources more accessible to Rotarians worldwide.

"Google is doing all of the scanning and indexing to make the material searchable -- and at no cost to Rotary," says Stephanie Giordano, archivist for Rotary International.

More than 72,000 pages will be available once Google finishes scanning and uploading all 1,100 issues. The first issue was published in January 1911, when the magazine was called *The National Rotarian*.

Some issues of interest include December 1979, which reported on Rotary's first polio immunization project; the February 2005 centennial issue; and issues from the 1980s discussing the admission of women into Rotary.

Try it for yourself. [Browse past issues now](#).

For a history of the magazine and a preview of early issues, check out a photo gallery of [The Rotarian through time](#).

DG Ajoy's Club Visit

President David summarized DG Ajoy's visit in his President's message. Here are the photos taken that day.



DG Ajoy met with the board of directors before the noon meeting on Sept 21. He awarded Perfect Attendance tabs as part of the meeting.



2 years



9 years



3 years



16 years



1 year



5 years



17 years



1 year



5 years



22 years



2 years



8 years



25 years

DG Awards PHF's

DG Ajoy awarded new Paul Harris Fellows. Fargo West Rotary had points in its Foundation fund and decided to make seven members Paul Harris Fellows. These members have made major contributions to the club and the club Foundation committee decided to honor them. All are Paul Harris Sustaining Members and are encouraged to continue giving to the Foundation.

Deb Magnuson, Ryan McManus and Pattie Middendorp were also made PHF's but were not at the meeting.



DG Ajoy & Jen Dahl



Club members listening to DG



DG Ajoy addresses the club



Hannalore, AG Keith Brokke, DG Ajoy, President David



DG Ajoy & Penny Crowder



DG Ajoy & Kim Kemmer



DG Ajoy & Heather Johnson-Kjos

Dictionary Project is Underway!

by Ryan McManus

As most of you are aware, one of the mission goals of Rotary is Literacy. Fargo West Rotary, in conjunction with FM/AM Rotary and Fargo Rotary, have been planning a dictionary donation project. The Fargo City PTA has also donated to this project both financially and with volunteer support. We are donating dictionaries to every 3rd and 4th grader in the Fargo public school and the parochial school districts. In addition we are also donating dictionaries to 3rd graders in the West Fargo school district. In total we will donate about 2400 dictionaries in 111 classrooms.

We started the donation process on Sept 24th and that will continue thru Oct. 9th. This project requires great volunteer support which I am happy to say that once again Rotarians have stepped up to the plate and have filled all spots required to complete the project.

I would like to thank everyone that has volunteered, it has been a wonderful project and the school administrators, teachers, and students have been very grateful for this gift. If you have not had a chance to volunteer and would like to, please contact me <ryan.mcmanus@wellsfargo.com> and I will get you in front of a classroom. I have visited with many of the volunteers and the response has been one of excitement and good feelings. Thank you all for all that you do to make this a great service organization.

October Is Vocational Service Month

Rotary International sets a theme for each month and year. October is Vocational Service Month.

Vocational Service focuses on:

- ❖ Adherence to, and promotion of, the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- ❖ The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just your own or those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- ❖ The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

During October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this essential element of Rotary.

This is what Paul Harris had to say about this Avenue of Service: “The formula of procedure is indeed simple. Why Rotarians differ in many respects — in two respects they are in perfect accord. First they believe that all nations are respectable and desire to be honorable in their dealings with other nations. That it is the privilege of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. In other words Rotary stands for TOLERANCE. Second they believe, that all honorable vocations are entitled to recognition if they are used in the service of society. With these signs of agreement firmly established, disagreement is almost unknown.”

Paul P. Harris, radio address at the 1933 convention in Boston.
<http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/1933.htm>

An all-round Rotarian is interested in:

- 1st —Club Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the administration of affairs in his club.
- 2nd—Vocational Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the ethical conduct of his business or profession.
- 3rd—Community Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the welfare of the community in which he lives.
- 4th —International Service: That is, the promotion of international good-will and understanding.

Fargo West Rotary believes in Vocational Service. We recite the 4-Way Test at each meeting. This test guides us in our business practices and personal lives. We award three Minnesota State Community and Technical College students scholarships. We strive to serve our community and the world in many different ways.

Important Rotary Info

October Meetings

Greeter: Rachel Clarke

10/5 **Trollwood Performing Arts School — offsite**

10/12 Sharon Miller & Doug Burchill — Dorothy Day Pantry

10/19 Bruce Opheim — Rotary Foundation

10/26 Erin Prochnow —YWCA

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 5:15 pm on the 1st & 3rd Wed of every month at the Winery



RI 2009-2010 theme