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# Fargo West Rotary

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

## President's Message

by David Wrolstad



### Membership: "The Future of the Fargo West Rotary Club..... IS IN YOUR HANDS"

2009/1010 Rotary International President John Kenny of Scotland Motto states: 'The Future of Rotary IS IN YOUR HANDS'. President John Kenny went on to say "Because there is no RI.....without the ordinary weekly meeting of Rotarians in our own clubs. In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs."

August 2009 was 'Membership & Extension' month for Rotary International. What does that mean for you & me.....and for Fargo West Rotary?

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the start of this new Rotary Year, Fargo West Rotary had 64 members. Today, just two months later, we now have 69 members – a new all-time high! We have added four new members: **Kelli Johnson, Sharon Mazaheri, Zac Paulson and Leann Wolff**.....welcome to our club.....hope you are enjoying yourselves! Last week we welcomed back **Pat DeVine**.....Past President & member.....it's good to have you back! **We now have 34 men and 35 women in our club.**

Some items that come to mind when I think about 'Membership' and the members of Fargo West Rotary:

1. YOU.....each of you.....your unique personality & talents
2. FUN.....positive energy & fellowship at meetings, social gatherings, etc
3. GOOD WORKS.....charitable giving locally & internationally through our peach sale & Harley raffle

Membership: "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. Club Picnic at the Zoo - Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm (family welcome)
7. **District Governor Ajoy Chatterjee** Club Visit – Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ noon
8. Fargo-Moorhead 'Rotary Foundation Dinner' – Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Fargo Country Club
9. Fargo West Rotary '25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch' – Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ noon
10. 'Every Rotarian Every Year' – become a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow
11. "Eat Chili – the rest will become history."

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CP Money – 'ES' out.

## Welcome Back, Pat



*"I'm so grateful to be able to return to Fargo West Rotary."*

*"I am looking forward to renewing past friendships and meeting all the new members."*

Fargo West Rotary is excited to welcome **Pat DeVine** back to the club. Pat served as president of Fargo West in 2001-02.

Pat is originally from Aberdeen, South Dakota. She is the oldest of 10 children. She met her husband, Terry DeVine, a columnist and managing editor for the Fargo Forum when she was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

She married Terry in 1969 when he returned from Viet Nam after serving in the Marines. Pat joined Fargo West in May, 1995. She resigned in January, 2005, to care for Terry when he had esophageal cancer, then a bone-marrow disorder. Terry passed away on July 10, 2008.

She has three children and three grandsons.

She is a Senior Sales Associate at Prudential Premiere Realty. Pat is also a New Construction Sales Specialist.

**Happy Birthday!**

- 9/2 Judy Pearson
- 9/15 Rhonda Ness
- 9/16 Jodi Baumgartner
- 9/28 Chuck Perkins
- 9/30 Mark Shaul

## World's Largest Rotary Emblem

The Philippines 'Inquirer newspaper printed this story in the August 17th issue.

*In the Filipino's aim to protect and rehabilitate the vast fishing grounds fronting this town, officials, environmentalists, fisher folk and members of civic groups have banded together and built a massive artificial reef, which they sank to the bottom of Lamon Bay on Tuesday.*

*Touted to be the Philippines' biggest, the concrete, man-made reef is about 13 feet high and 69 feet in diameter, and weighs some 85 tons. It is supported by hundreds of concrete-like balusters joined together in several sections.*



*The different sections were assembled on land. The steel bars were welded and cemented together.*

*On top of the artificial reef is a two-inch concrete slab showing an exact replica of the official emblem of Rotary International, the world's first service club organization. The giant emblem—a gear wheel with six spokes and 24 cogs with the name of Rotary International written on it—was painted with the club's official royal blue and gold colors.*

Go to the website to read the rest of the story:  
<http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/inquirerheadlines/nation/view/20090817-220676/Quezon-folk-build-biggest-artificial-reef>

## Congratulations, Tom



*"Mom and Grandmother Kathy are very busy!!"*

*Looks like Grandpa Tom is saving the day.*

**Tom Fellman's** daughter, Julie and her husband Eric, had twins in August. They are Eleanore Ann (Ellie) weighing in at 6# 12 oz and Benjamin Wayne (Ben) weighing in at 6# 8 oz. They are both doing well.

As you can see by the mile wide smile, Tom's a happy, proud grandfather. Of course, our first clue was when he brought 8"x10" photos to Rotary.....

Congratulations to all the Fellman's on another addition to their beautiful clan.

## Mark Your Calendar

Fargo West Rotary is having a social at the Red River Zoo on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

This is a family affair — this is a great opportunity to share what Fargo West Rotary has contributed to the Zoo.

As you know, the Zoo is privately funded. It is the number one tourist attraction in Fargo.

Our proceeds from the Harley Davidson raffle are donated to the Zoo each year. We have built a great takin-tur exhibit, plus purchased the wolves for the wolf exhibit. The Zoo will be open for tours that evening.

This is a definite RSVP event. Please let **Carol Rogne** ([carolr@dfcconsultants.com](mailto:carolr@dfcconsultants.com)) know how many are coming and how many children are under 12 years of age. There is a cost difference between menus.

## Rhonda's Thrill Ride

By Rhonda Ness



*"I won't ride fair rides (except for the merry-go-round)!"  
Hmmm, what's wrong with that statement??"*

As you know the Fargo AirSho was last weekend and it was wonderful. The best part for me was I got to take the ride of my life on Saturday after the show. One of the performers, Jim "Fang" Maroney, was one of the aerobatic pilots. I was honored to fly with him.

Before we got in his plane, a 1947 Dehavilland Super Chipmunk, I got briefed about the use of the parachute should we need to bail out. He assured me it would never happen, but, just in case he didn't want me going down with the plane, I guess.

The plane had a glass canopy, so, the view was wonderful...upside down and all. We flew out a ways to be well clear of any air traffic. The first thing he did was a very tight, quick roll and went into a steep climb and when the plane stalled we went into a steep spin straight down. When he recovered from the spin he went into a straight up arch and turned the plane nose over tail and made a complete circle. We flew upside down for a while (I've never seen the earth from that view) then did a few more rolls and leveled out to fly back to Fargo.

His comment to me was, "I never thought you'd make it!" My comment to him, was, "Flying straight and level is a little boring!"

It was awesome and every time the Fargo Air Show is here we have an agreement that he can drive my red convertible and I get to go flying with him! Besides the ride, two of the best things that came out of the experience were I didn't lose my lunch and I didn't have to use the parachute.

I am a private pilot, but, my plane is not a stunt plane, so, it is very fun for me to go up in an aerobatic plane and sometimes to be able to take the stick and do some rolls!

## Thanks From Northwood

Fargo West Rotary donated \$500 to the Northwood, North Dakota tornado fund last year. We received the following note from the City of Northwood:

*Thank you so much for your donation to aid in the recovery of our residents and community. We have made great strides in putting the pieces back after the tornado and thank you for helping us make this progress.*  
 City of Northwood  
 Relief Fund

If you receive an email from the Department of Health telling you not to eat canned pork because of swine flu.....  
 Ignore it.  
 It's just spam.

## RYLA Applications

If you know of a high school Junior (possibly even a sophomore) who may be interested in attending Camp RYLA next year, they can now go to [www.campryla.org](http://www.campryla.org) to check it out and find the RYLA camper application forms. I have a feeling I am going to have a lot more apps for next year than ever before. I already have 3 applications. The deadline for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>. There are 5 parts to the application. Camp will be July 11-17, 2010.

They can mail me the applications to my office address listed below.

Thank you!

**Penny Crowder**, CISR, CIC  
 Dawson Insurance  
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 Fargo, ND 58107-1958  
 701-237-3311



## Peach Sale A Success

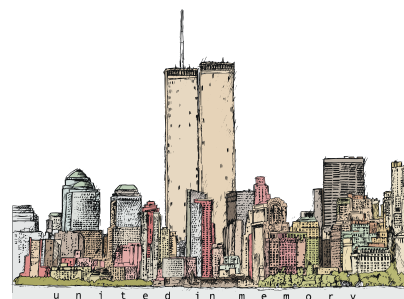
A sincere thank you to the following members for their generous donations:

Postage was donated by **David Wrolstad** (Gate City Bank), **Jim Thompson** (Eide Bailey) and **Arden Glanzer** (NW Professional Color). Flyers were printed by **David Zieske** (Marco). The recipes were printed by **Jill Berg**. By covering these costs, these donations gave our club an extra \$1200 to donate to a charity or youth groups. Thank you also Mark Hulbert from Scheels Home & Hardware, Reed Stigen from Home Heating & Plumbing, and Mary Tangen at Fraser, LTD. We could not have a peach sale without the help we receive.

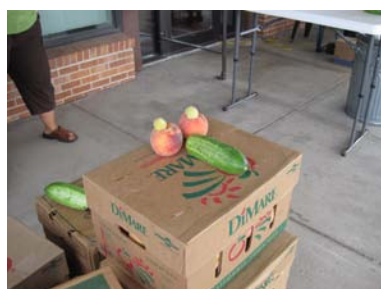
Despite a reduced number of available lugs of peaches, our peach sale was a success. There was a devastating frost this spring, killing a good share of the peach crop. We received less than 50% of our peach order from last year. To make up for the loss, the grower offered #2 lugs, which were a saving grace.

We did some fancy scrambling with orders offering #2 lugs at a reduced price to customers who were willing to give up a lug of regular peaches so everyone could have at least one lug. People were generous in their giving, and were very happy to trade. The #2 lugs were 5 pounds heavier, even though they weren't perfectly formed.

All in all, the sale was a success. We netted about \$8,920. Thanks to the following volunteers who worked under stressful conditions — without your help we would not have a peach sale: **Reed Stigen, Jed Krieg, Jim Thompson, Bruce Opheim, Mark Shaul, Jill Henning, Kim Kemmer, Bruce Karevold, Paula Grimestad, Kathleen Toft, Lavonne Langord, Doug Burchill, Deb Magnuson, Jill Berg, Rachel Clarke, Jodi Baumgartner, Mary Johnson, Paul Nelson, Ryan McManus, Jennifer Dahl, Sharon Miller, Joyce Linnerud Fowler, Carol Rogne, Heather Johnson-Kjos, Sharon Mazaheri, Dan Thomas, Tom Fellman, Rick Larson, Brad Dahl, Dave Zieske, and Betty Opheim.**



# Peach Sale Photos



*\*I apologize if I missed anyone. I realize I don't have Rick Larson's photo, and he was definitely there. I thought I had it, and can see him working in my mind's eye.\**

## September Is New Generations Month Important Rotary Info

Rotary International sets a theme for each month and year. September is New Generations Month. This is an excellent article from PDG Patrick Coleman, District 9210.

“When most Rotarians think about the “new generation” they picture children – in our case, the Interact Clubs (The Rotary International Program for high school aged children). I have come to realize, however, that for many of us the next generation is much older than 16-18.

For me, the next generation has already reached the “ripe old age” of 30+ and is looking for a place to call “home” in their society and culture. They are the doctors, lawyers, teachers and business people we see every day. They report the news on television, radio and in the newspaper. They teach in schools and they manage our town council offices. We forget, however, that they are the age of our own children. Why? Because we see them at work and not at home, in the garden, at the dinner table or in front of the television. Those young adults at home are “the kids.” That young adult in their office is “the grown up.”

One major focus of Rotary International is membership recruitment – more bodies, more hands, more ideas and (face it) more money to do more projects! When most of us think about prospective members we think about our colleagues – the 50 to 60+ year olds with whom we have business connections or long-lasting friendships. What we tend to overlook is that ‘youngster’ with whom we trust our money at the bank, our investments at the stock market and our health at the doctor’s offices.

So what can we do? Make a list of your contacts this week: Your lawyer, doctor, accountant, banker, business partner.

Now, look for the person ‘in the wings’ looking to take their place. Find that up and coming youngster with the drive and energy to fill the spot left when your lawyer, doctor, accountant, banker, etc. is ready to retire.

This may be hard to fathom, but you need to realize that those ‘kids’ you overhear talking about “the old man” or “the old woman” as they look your way are not looking over your shoulder. We do not always need to look down the street for new Rotarians. Sometimes we just need to open our eyes and look around ourselves. Look at our own children.

This week I proposed a new member to our Rotary Club. She manages an office for a multi-national organization with an office here in Luanshya. She is the age of my children and is highly regarded by both her supervisors and employees. I almost overlooked her because she looks so young... then I remembered that I am looking much older these days.

The “New Generation” for Rotary is the “Now Generation.”

“Rotary Shares so Share Rotary.”

PDG Patrick

### September Meetings

***Greeter: Penny Crowder***

9/7 ***Labor Day — No Meeting***

9/14 *Julie Kottsick and Mary Sue Ohlhauser — ALS*

9/21 *District Governor Ajoy Chatterjee*

9/2/ *Brien Krank — Porfolio Management*

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

