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Other F-M Rotary Clubs
Monday: Fargo West
Noon, Holiday Inn
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: PM/FM
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Wednesday: Fargo
Noon, Radisson
Thursday: AM/FM
7 a.m., Ramada Plaza

*If you attend meetings of any
of these clubs, just check in.
We have a reciprocal
agreement.*

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Red River Dispatch links law enforcement throughout F-M area

President Kay Parries called Tuesday's meeting to order, welcoming two prospective members, Barb Elstrom of the YMCA and Ron Hagemann (guests of Dale Hetland and Bill Woods).

Field of Dreams raffle is rolling

Kay and Gary Nolte urged members to purchase and sell our remaining allotment of tickets in the all-city Rotary raffle. The project will retire the remaining debt on our joint project, the Field of Dreams in Moorhead. Tickets are \$25; half of our share of 80 remains to be sold by the end of the month. In March, daily winners win \$50, while weekend winners get prizes of \$100. Tickets are available from Gary and Kay.

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig shared Oscar moments, as well as inspiration on Rotary's work for peace. Fargo Rotarian Mark deCelle announced that the booklet "Good Works" is now available for distribution throughout the community, telling of the good things Rotary Clubs do in Fargo-Moorhead.

911 connects with Red River Dispatch

Rotarian of the Day Dave Ebinger, who is Moorhead's chief of police, introduced speaker Byron Sieger of the Red River Regional Dispatch Center. Byron has headed the program since 2009. It has linked law enforcement agencies in three cities and two states through the joint powers agreement signed in 2003.



Photos: (From upper left) Dale Hetland and prospective member Barb Elstrom of the F-M YMCA. President Kay Parries. Sergeant-at-Arms Jean Hannig. Gary Nolte shares information on the raffle to retire the debt on the Field of Dreams. Rotarian of the Day Dave Ebinger. Speaker Byron Sieber, director of Red River Regional Dispatch Center. Rotarians Tim Beaton and Paul Skatvold.

The center's headquarters at 300 NP Avenue in Fargo handle 911 calls, directing them to the appropriate agencies ... some 56 of them, including police departments, sheriffs, ambulance companies and emergency medical technicians and fire departments. In addition

Seventy-five percent of emergency calls today come from cell phones, nine percent from residential phones and 13 percent from businesses. While the last two can be identified by location, that's not always true of cell phone callers.

The peak time for emergency calls, Byron says, is 4 p.m. The most serious calls, though, tend to come after 10 p.m., diminishing to the quietest time of day at 4 a.m.

Guests

Byron Sieber, Red River
Regional Dispatch (speaker)
Citizens Academy members (2)
Ron Hagemann, potential
member, guest of Bill Woods
Barb Elstrom, YMCA, potential
member, guest of Dale
Hetland

Visiting Rotarians

Mark deCelle, Fargo Rotary

Make-Ups

Jean Hannig, Central States
Rotary Committee meeting,
2/13/13

Club Statistics, 01/2013

Attendance 67.54%
Membership 67

February Birthdays

Suomala, Paul	Feb 1
Beaton, Timothy	Feb 17
Elmer, Corey	Feb 23
Sederquist, David	Feb 23
Johnson, Eric	Feb 28

Spouse Birthdays

Uselman, David	Feb 02
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February Membership Anniversaries

Cater, Alma	25 years
Feb 02, 1988	
Elmer, Corey	10 years
Feb 11, 2003	
Luther, Jerry	11 years
Feb 12, 2002	
Schmidt, Beth	6 years
Feb 13, 2007	
Moore, Noel	14 years
Feb 23, 1999	
Richards, Roger	32 years
Feb 24, 1981	

About 87 percent of calls are directed to law enforcement agencies. Five percent involve fires, and eight percent medical emergencies.

Fargo generates 42 percent of 911 calls; Moorhead, 16%; and West Fargo, 10 percent. Of the others, 25 percent represent Cass and Clay counties and 7 percent ambulance calls.

Byron compares the public's perception of Red River Regional Dispatch Center to an iceberg: We see about 10 percent of what it accomplishes, with the rest below the surface. Last year that meant answering 198,477 calls in a "prompt, efficient, courteous manner" (according to its mission statement).

RRRDC has 32 employees, all but two of them female. The agency looks for employees with a very specific profile. First of all, Byron says, they need to be multi-taskers. He also looks for those with a desire to serve who are excellent communicators, work well under stress ... and type well. The hiring process includes a background check, physical and psychological exams, and polygraph test.

Dispatchers undergo a 19-week training program including ride-alongs. They're cross-trained between agencies and types of emergencies. Knowing languages is helpful, since communication can be a barrier in our increasingly diverse community.

Raffle kitty continues to expand

According to Treasurer Don Meidinger, the kitty for our weekly raffle is up to \$647. If you're the winner next week, you'll take home half of that amount, with the balance going into the club treasury for our projects.

Polio Eradication Update

by Donald R Cavalier, District 5580 Governor

The good news is that as of 13 February this year, there are only two new cases of polio — compared with 14 on the same date a year ago. Both cases are in Pakistan.

Rotary, along with our key partners and significant world leaders, has come out against the attacks on those health workers in Nigeria and Pakistan who were recently killed for their work in helping children to be polio free. We owe it to those workers to keep the effort up until the world is polio free.

The new strategic plan has a goal of ending polio by late 2014 or early 2015, with the hope of certifying the world as polio free by 2018. When this happens we will have become a part of history. This is the most significant undertaking ever for a service organization. This will be our defining project that will allow us to be considered a player capable of making a difference in the world.

The focus remains on The Big Three:

1. Creating awareness within our communities that polio still exists and is only a plane ride away.
2. Promoting advocacy for support to the effort among our political leaders.

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Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Moorhead Rotary Meetings

February 26

Program
Greeters

Rotarians of the Day, Gary & Cindy Nolte
"A Revisit to Haiti"
Fischer & Tunheim

March 5

Program

Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — volunteer needed
Mark Tysver & Dale Rollie, Land of the Dancing Sky
Area Agency on Aging serving Clay County
Frost & Uselman

March 12

Program
Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — volunteer needed
Daryl One, F-M Symphony guest conductor & candidate
Green & Wahlberg

District Governor's Letter (continued)

3. Continue fundraising in our District 5580 to support the effort through certification of eradication.

Awareness. In earlier communications I encouraged the clubs in our district do something to create a level of awareness in the community on Rotary's anniversary, 23 February. Lighting a building in the community was one of the ideas. David Buck, End Polio Now Chair for District 5970, sent a picture of lighting of a building during their recent District Conference. Many buildings will be lighted throughout the world on 23 February with the End Polio Now logo. We can still participate.

If something has not been planned in your communities, it is not too late. I want to encourage all Rotarians of District 5580 to go to www.EndPolioNow.org and participate in the worlds greatest commercial. Thus far over 4,500 people from 109 countries have already joined the campaign. Every photo uploaded to The World's Biggest Commercial will result in a donation from PhRMA sufficient to save two from the crippling effects of polio. It would be great if District 5580 Rotarians would take the idea to their places of business and have non-Rotarians join in participation of the commercial. Another way to get participation is for Rotarians to invite friends on their Facebook page to join in the commercial. All it takes is a computer with a camera or a cell phone to go to the website, EndPolioNow.org and follow the very simple explanation.

Advocacy. I want to encourage all Rotarians of District 5580 to contact their political representatives asking for continued support for the polio eradication effort. This is a bipartisan cause that will provide enormous savings to the world when we can declare the world polio free. It is also the right thing to do for humanity.

Fundraising. There are three important things we can do in District 5580 and in our Communities as we work through the second half of the Rotary year.

1. Work with your district leadership to encourage giving 20% of DDF to polio eradication. (We have already done this). The Trustees will continue to recognize districts that give 20% of DDF through 2018. Our District 5580 is one of the two Districts leading the way and have already given the 20%. Our leadership in support of Rotary's top priority will be recognized at the Zone 28 and 29 Institute this coming fall. Last year we were one of the 8 of our 12 districts giving 20%.

2. We need to provide followup to ensure that our clubs meet the polio fundraising goals we have established for this year. I am adding my "voice" to this effort an hope that all our Club presidents will try to do the same in helping to eradicate polio.

3. It is now time to work with next year's team to ensure that club goals include raising funds for ending polio now. Remember, the idea is to have a fund raiser in the community to create awareness that polio still exists. A nice goal for a fundraiser is a minimum \$2,000. Whether the club is small or large makes no difference — \$2,000 is doable. A fund raiser of this nature will get the word out in the community of the good work of Rotary and can serve as a vehicle for increasing membership.

In closing, my personal thanks to each of you for continuing to support this End Polio Now effort. When polio is ended, you will have been a very important cog in making it happen. Keep up the good work! Peace through service! And peace be with you and with your spirit in Rotary!