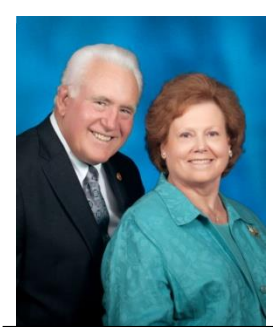




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SEPTEMBER 2016

Fall is here! The best time of the year! It's cooling off. Our Rotary Fellowship Exchange (RFE) friends from India visited and returned home in the nick of time. From all reports they had an excellent visit in North Dakota, Minnesota and Ontario. Thanks to all of you who hosted the team. Bonnie and I got to spend a very enjoyable evening with them. Our next **Rotary Friendship Exchange** (RFE) visitors in the 2017 summer will be from Southern Louisiana District 6200. A team from this District will visit D6200 next spring just before District conference 2017. This is a culture most of us have not experienced even though it is in the USA. If you are not going to District Conference, I encourage you to consider signing up for this Friendship Exchange with Southern Louisiana and experience some great hospitality and a different culture.

The new D5580 **Youth Protection** (YP) Policy has been approved by the Executive-Finance Committee and is in the process of implementation. Lynn Hunt and David Manning are leading this effort to make sure all Clubs have a YP policy in place and know what needs to be done to implement it. You will hear more about this as the implementation plan is developed. In the meantime all Club Presidents and President-elects need to sign off that they have either a YP policy of their own in place or accept the District YP policy as their default policy.

Bonnie and I have now visited 30 of the 66 Clubs in the District and by the end of this week we will have visited half the Clubs. The hospitality has been awesome and we've seen and heard about many fantastic programs and projects in the District. Some of these are: A Baudette fundraiser – a fishing bobber race on the Rainy River using the International Bridge as the goal line. From Bowman- a "POPS and PASTA" spaghetti feed and concert to raise funds for the high school music department. A great Dickinson project- an Armed Forces Luncheon for veterans on Armed Forces Day. From International Falls- a "Learning Tree" project to supply school supplies and school clothes to kids that need them. The Superior "Rotary Party Crashers" who attend other service organizations socials and projects. Fergus Falls sponsors a "Bring Your Pastor to Lunch" day. Grand Rapids Evening conducts and sponsors an ethics seminar for high school juniors. Duluth Skyline participates in "Mentors Duluth", a program where Rotarians share with high school students their experiences on becoming successful. Duluth 25 has a reading program for disadvantaged youth K-5. Wahpeton's "Fill the Bus" campaign utilizing their double-decker bus to collect food for the food pantry. And the Fergus Falls Noon Rubber Ducky race fundraiser. These are just a few of the many other great projects Clubs are doing to serve their communities.

The **October** monthly theme is "Economic and Community Development". Please think about and plan special things you can do for your community in October. **November is "Foundation month"**. This is the time to plan special events to support the Rotary Foundation and help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. **December is "Disease Prevention and Treatment" month.**

In addition to membership, **Public Image** is on a lot of Club's minds. Many Clubs feel their communities recognize "Rotary" but do not know what Rotary does. As you implement your public image programs please make sure you are not only advertising "Rotary" but are telling the community what you are supporting with your fundraisers and projects. For ideas and help with public image please contact PDG Craig Loughery.

At last count the new **Grand Forks Downtown Club** has 23 members and is getting ready to charter. October may be the month! Congratulations to charter members and to District Membership Chair, Don Cavalier!

Thank you all for all the wonderful things you do for "Rotary Serving Humanity". DG Herb

EDITOR'S NOTE

I hope you enjoy the new and more readable format. Just click the link to learn more. Warren Bender



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ASK DIANE...



SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH.

This is a great time to begin projects such as Dictionaries to 3rd grade students, reading to students, or seeking out literacy projects that can be done whether you have a large or small club. We have some clubs who are receiving District Grants for Literacy projects, too. A wonderful article on **LITERACY** has been prepared for you by District Literacy Chair, Marge McPeak, so be sure to read it.

Speaking of Grants, the next deadline for submission of Applications for District Grants and World Community Service (WCS) grants will be **October 31, 2016**. Be sure to contact District Grants Chair, **Blake Crosby**, before beginning any application process so that he can assign a Mentor to you. Visit the [Grants 2016-2017 Site Page](#) for more information.

Later this month, our District Leaders will be attending the Zone 28-29 Institute in Cleveland, OH for important training that will continue to benefit our clubs. They will have much to share with you when they return, so be watching for it.

I recently sent all clubs a [Request for Proposal to Host the 2019 District Conference](#). If you have not yet heard about this from your Club President, but feel your club might be interested in hosting, or partnering with neighboring clubs to host, please have a look at this document. It's a guideline for your

club, and provides a basic overview of the requirements needed to host a District Conference. All proposals are due in the District Office by January 2, 2017.

Please let me know whenever I can be of help to you or your club.

In Rotary Service,

Diane

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The deadline to submit applications for the **ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE** with District 6200 in Southern Louisiana is **October 1, 2016**.

The **LONG PRAIRIE ROTARY CLUB** hosted a public forum honoring their law enforcement personnel on August 16, 2016. [Read more...](#)

View the [CLUB ATTENDANCE REPORT](#) for July 2016.

BEMIDJI AND LAKE SUPERIOR DRAGON BOAT FESTIVALS

Photos of the action:

BEMIDJI:



LAKE SUPERIOR DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL:

