



The Award-Winning
ENQUIRER



The distinguished patch!



Three-fourths of the newsletter production team (Tom, where are ya?) celebrate their first place recognition by the Kiwanis Minn-Dak District for the monthly newsletter. Congrats Rod, Rick and Lynn, pictured here, and Tom, pictured in your mind! Photo by...well, it's usually Lynn, so if it's you, consider yourself recognized!

BALDERDASH, HYPERBOLE, AND OBFUSCATION

From President Larry Mitberg

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

I hope that Santa Claus was good to you and that you were able to stave off the boney finger of starvation by relentlessly feasting on the goodies that make their appearance about this time of year. I certainly did and I enjoyed every bit of it! Now I will spend the rest of the new year trying to atone for all that good eating. I gotta get back to the hole in my belt that I lost last week.

In spite of all the things that happened over the past two

weeks, I occasionally found the time to reflect on how fortunate I have been in my lifetime and how there are a lot of people out there who are not as lucky as I have been. That led me to the realization that my membership in the Otter Risers has given me a way to share my good fortune with others.

We may spend a lot of time and energy in the spring of the year to sell fertilizer, Bullsh, and coffee but it is all worth it. It allows us to donate a substantial amount of money to help the youth of our area. We certainly do

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Wednesday Morning Programs This Month (& Invocation Volunteer)

- Jan 6 - Jeff Russell, Salvation Army (Tom Welle)
- Jan 13 - Communicating for Agriculture (Nathan Johnson)
- Jan 20 - Dr. Dave Sanders, Bike Tour Across America (Bob Worner)
- Jan 27 - OFF SITE - Lakeland Mental Health New Building Tour (Paul Freeman)

Otter Risers Kiwanis Club -

December Board of Directors Meeting - 12/4/2009

Attending: Rod Berg, Bob Block, VJ Block, Barb Gutzmer, Clint Halvorson, Lyle Hauck, Mary Houg, Brian Malchert, Dave McRoberts, Larry Mitberg, Les Nokes, Erin Smith, Peggy Underwood, Gerry Worner, Bob Stout

Agenda: Larry Mitberg brought the meeting to order with the agenda adopted as submitted.

Secretary's Minutes The minutes from the 11/6/09 were approved as modified.

Treasurer's Report – Balances as of 11/30/09

Administrative Account (Bank of the West) \$ 7,747.70

Youth Services Account (Security Bank) \$ 4,009.88

Clint noted the addition of two total he will provide each month, based on the contribution policy. Special Reserve Fund is 60% of the \$4,195, which is the balance after voting shares and sales tax.

Special Reserve Fund \$2,516

Miscellaneous Contribution \$1,493

Report approved by motion.

Club Meetings – Mary Houg

LRH has increased the meal cost to \$4.00. One offsite meeting in January to tour the Lakeland Mental Health new building. Motion to raise the guest meals to \$5.00 was approved.

Community Service – Tom Welle

Wrestling Tournament and also Middle School Speech contest.

Contributions – Les Nokes

A number of thank-you notes have been received.

Fertilizer – Barb Gutzmer

Barb noted that she is waiting to have Larry delivery the ancient, collectible, antique fertilizer briefcase – to learn of all the treasures and knowledge it holds. (EDITOR's NOTE: Said presentation of the briefcase relic was captured on film...er, disc...see photo on this page!)

Human & Spiritual Values – Jerry Horgen

Belling Ringing for the Salvation Army – Lyle Hauck will ask if Boy Scouts want to help with this service project.

Membership – Gerry Worner

No applications for membership. Concern expressed about two members that are way behind in paying dues. Gerry will make contact to see if they plan to continue as

members since KI dues are paid by the club in February for each member.

Programs – Lyle Hauck

January nearly ready to go.

Social Activities – Gail Childs

Sunday, December 20 social event at the Center for the Arts.

Young Children Priority One – Erin Smith

Book club sign up to be routed at Wednesday's meeting – along with a short description of the difference between Book Club and Reading Tutoring. February – 2 Saturday Event at the Library – Erin will be looking for three-plus members to volunteer.

Old Business / New Business

MN/Dak Scholarship papers for 2010 – delivered to FFHS, Hillcrest, Battle Lake, Underwood & Elbow Lake. Larry thanked Barb for leading the meeting in November.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

Administrative Account

Lake Region Health Care - estimated Oct meals \$757.15

Bob Stout - Kiwanis of the Year award for KI \$28.84

Service Account

Victor Lundeen - Books for Book Club at Adams School \$174.42

Bills approved as submitted and shown above.

Recorded by:

Brian Malchert



Passing the torch of fertilizer sales past...

Larry's Lament

(From Cover)

give away a lot of money. Between awards to deserving youth, grants to students for various reasons, or donations to youth oriented organizations, we will give away well over seven thousand dollars this next year.



This is why I belong to the Otter Risers. It makes me think of someone besides myself. It allows me to do things for others. It allows me to give of myself. I think these are some of the things that the Holiday Season is all about.

Have a prosperous and satisfying 2010!

In addition to money, we give time. It years past we have rung bells for the Salvation Army, helped out at the annual youth wrestling tournament, and organized the annual summer parade. These activities, and all of the others we get involved in, directly and indirectly, aid our youth.



In recognition of the marvelous photography that helped this dubious publication take first place in the whole entire district...in its class anyway....above are the Lakeland Mental Health presentors in December and on the left are the December questionable mental health greeters!

January Anniversaries



Mary Houg	1/3
Karla Connelly	1/20
Ken Lundburg	1/23

January Birthdays



Lowell Hoekstra	1/10
Tom Welle	1/10
Lynn Wolters	1/10
Mary Houg	1/19
Tom Rasmusson	1/20
Brian Malchert	1/24

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Wednesday of each month.

The Otter Risers meet Wednesday mornings at 6:50 in the Lake Region Hospital basement conference room. Everyone welcome!

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Someplace Safe Delivery Volunteers

Jan 6 - Jerry Horgen
 Jan 13 - Gary Erickson
 Jan 20 - Bob Block
 Jan 27 - V.J.
 Feb 3 - Wally Senyk
 Feb 10 - Jerry Horgen



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

	Home	Work	
CLUB MEETINGS			
Gary Erickson	589-7450	589-7450	FEMA
Mary Houg ■	736-4918	739-9082	Houg Business Serv.
Waldemar Senyk	739-2750		District Judge
John Peterson		739-6795	FF Medical Group
Mike VanVoorhis	739-7642	739-8640	Otter Tail Power
CLUB REPRESENTATIVE			
Brian Malchert, Sec	736-7805	7398391	Otter Tail Power Co.
COMMUNITY SERVICE			
Vernon Drechsel	736-3338		Retired
Karla Connelly	739-9112	736-5681	M-R Sign Co.
Doug Koch	589-8460	739-3273	Lake Cntry Serv Coop
Paul Freeman	739-4882	320-766-4058	Self Employed
Dan Oehler	842-5345		Retired
Thomas Welle ■◆	736-6561	736-3228	FF Monument
Bob Worner	826-6998		Retired
CONTRIBUTIONS			
Lee Leverson ■	736-4975		Retired
Patrick Reissour	736-3685	739-5545	Interstate Engineering
Les Nokes ■	731-4297		Retired
Lynn Wolters	736-2849	736-6987	Lakeland Mental Health
Charlie Lindstrom	739-9152		Retired
Ken Salzsieder	736-5936		Retired
FERTILIZER DRIVE			
Barb GutzmerPrElct ■	739-9462	998-0544	ISD #544
Jim Donahue	495-2718		Retired
Bob Gaabo			Retired
Nathan Johnson	998-0806	739-7702	Pioneer Community Admin
Neil Herman	736-6895		Retired
HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES			
Cris Kling	842-5579	739-8297	Otter Tail Power Co.
Rick Drevlow	736-2049	736-5641	Wells Fargo
Jerry Horgen ■	548-6161		Retired
John Steinbrenner			ISD #544
NEWSLETTER / PUBLICITY			
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Tom Rasmusson	739-9252	739-8283	Otter Tail Power Co.
Rick Schara	739-2832	739-7560	Minnesota DEED
PRESIDENT			
Bob Stout Pst Pres	736-2706	739-3545	Biffley's
Larry Mitberg Pres	739-9425		Retired

	Home	Work	
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH & EDUCATION			
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V. J. Block	739-3441	739-5411	Community Organizer
Gerry Worner ■◆	998-8866	739-2283	Nelson Auto Center
Leanne Meis			
PROGRAMS			
Bob Block	739-3441	998-8060	Retired
Dave McRoberts ◆		736-6987	Lakeland Mental Health
Clint HalvorsonTres.	739-9611	739-1053	MN Dept of Public Safety
Vern Johnson ◆	736-3050	736-3997	Enstad Johnson Real Estat
Lyle Hauck VPres ■	998-3534	998-8878	Nelson Auto Center
Luke Draxton	205-0889	739-3377	American Federal
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES			
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Gail Childs ■	736-4991	736-6188	Edward Jones
Steve Rufer	736-6512	736-5493	Pemberton Law Firm
YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE			
Lowell Hoekstra	826-6704	736-8457	Lake Reg. Hospital
Jeff Stanislawski	736-6059		State Bank & Trust
Peg Kalar	739-3643	736-1500	M-State Fergus Falls
Ken Lundburg	998-3922		Retired
Brooke Barsness			Pioneer Home
Clair Prody	864-5375	736-6987	Lakeland Mental Health
Kitty Rund	998-2795	739-6075	State Bank & Trust
Erin Smith ■◆		739-9387	FF Public Library
Peggy Underwood ◆	739-4051	998-0544	FF School Dist
Tom Uvaas	739-5480	736-8450	Athletic Republic
HONORARY MEMBERS			
Gerald Gunderson, SS		495-3159	Retired
P. Wayne Pastir, SS		736-7285	Retired

KEY: ■ Committee Chair □ Assistant Committee Chair ◆ Director
Please let us know about changes, additions, deletions and corrections... 'cause there ARE some!

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