



*The Award-Winning*  
**ENQUIRER**

## BALDERDASH, HYPERBOLE AND OBFUSCATION

*From President Larry Mitberg*

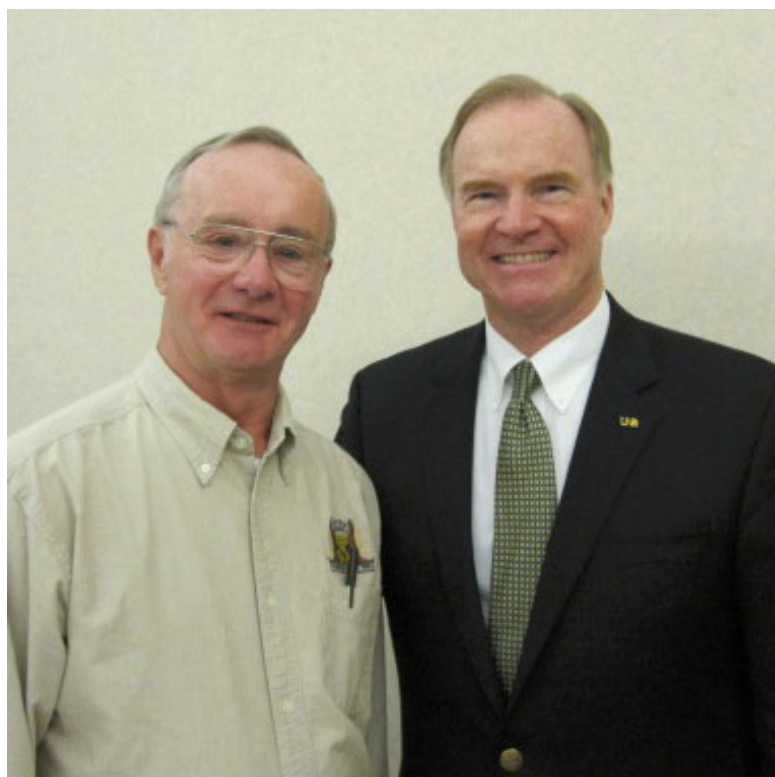
**W**hy did the goose cross Cascade Street? So it could get to the Otter Risers Wednesday morning meeting in time to give a program on laying golden eggs for fun and profit.

OK! So that is a bit of an exaggeration. I know that we have never had a program on golden eggs. But, a lot of the programs that we have had are even more interesting.

Some of the most interesting programs involve local youth. It seems that everytime we have Bill and Andy Eerdmans present their History Day Project, we have a big crowd and no one is in any rush to get to work. They have a real ability to make history seem to come alive. Believe me, I know from experience that is no easy thing to accomplish. Having Emma Childs play the cello for our group was real pleasure. The talents and abilities demonstrated by local students is truly awe inspiring.

When we are not being impressed by local people, we can visit local places of interest. Not too many clubs can brag about going to the new Cancer Research Center or the new Lakeland Mental

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**THE PRESIDENTIAL PAIR....** President Larry Mitberg and President Dr. Robert Kelley are all smiles at the annual Pastor Appreciation Dinner. Dr. Kelley, head of the University of North Dakota, spoke to the audience. It's not often two distinguished Presidents are in the same room! Lynn Wolters Photo.

### ***Wednesday Morning Programs This Month (& Invocation Volunteer)***

- June 2 - Nancy Straw, West Central Initiative (Cris Kling)
- June 9 - Matt Connor, Prairie Wetlands (Gerry Worner)
- June 16 - Wynn Roberts, My Olympics Experience 2010 (Jerry Horgen)
- June 23 - OFF-SITE Regional Treatment Center Myths & Legends (Clint Larby)
- June 30 - Roundtable (Wally Senyk)

## Board of Directors Meeting

### Otter Risers Kiwanis Club 5/7/2010

Attending: Barb Gutzmer, Clint Halvorson, Lyle Hauck, Bob Stout, Mike Van Voorhis, Vern Johnson, Dave McRoberts, Larry Mitberg, Ken Salzsieder, Gerry Worner

Agenda: Larry Mitberg brought the meeting to order, with agenda approved as provided.

Secretary's Minutes The minutes from the 4/2/2010 were approved after a correction in the Treasurer's Report made by Clint Halvorson. The line should read "paid in March for Stumbeno Coffee from Admin. Account."

#### Treasurer's Report – Clint Halvorson

Administration Account	\$7,429.96
Service Account	\$9,258.71

There was a typo in item 5300-00 Breakfast Costs Jan & Feb Meals. Current Amount should be \$1,372.90 not \$13,272.90 as listed. Clint will email a corrected statement to those interested in a corrected copy. Fertilizer will be paid today.

Approved treasurers report as submitted.

#### Community Service – Tom Welle

Dave McRoberts spoke on behalf of Tom who was not in attendance. Rebecca Peterson of the Center for the Arts is looking for 2-4 volunteers to help with the setup for the Concert in the Park series that will run on Thursdays beginning June 3 - Aug 26. She would like the volunteers to come 15 minutes early. It was suggested that the volunteers wear the yellow Otter Riser Kiwanis vests so that they could be easily identified by those attending. A sign up sheet will be passed around in our next weekly meeting. KAH (Kids Against Hunger) was discussed. We were given 2 dates to choose from...May 13 or May 20. The Board recommends May 20th. Time will be from 5:30-7:00pm. We need to bring a payment of \$300 on that night.

#### Contributions – Ken Salzsieder

The Contributions Committee recommends that a donation of \$100 be made to the "Stuff the Bus" campaign. This charity supplies backpacks for school kids in need. The Board approved this recommendation.

#### Fertilizer – Barb Gutzmer

We are on track to meet or exceed last year's sales amount. All left over inventory has been moved from the hangar to Les Nokes residence. We discussed compensation for Les for his generosity in help making this event a successful. Ideas are similar to what was done last year and was recommended to be presented to Les at the next installation banquet.

#### Human & Spiritual Values – Jerry Horgen

May 19 is the Pastor Appreciation Breakfast with President Kelly from UND in Grand Forks as the speaker. It will take place at the Bigwood Center at 7 a.m. Asked to arrive 20 min early. It was discussed to invite all clergy in Fergus Falls to this event. It may be too late to RSVP, but a list of clergy could be created and phone calls inviting them to the breakfast could still be made by members.

#### Membership – Gerry Worner

Membership stands at 57. Bob Worner submitted a letter to demit for April, May & June perhaps returning as a senior member. New member orientation took place. May is "Active Membership Month".

#### Programs – Lyle Hauck

##### Upcoming Programs:

- The Census; - Pastor Appreciation Breakfast
- DNR - Invasive Species; - West Central Initiative
- Prairie Wetlands; Wynn Roberts—Battle Lake and his Olympic Experience; - Regional Treatment Center

#### Social Activities – Gail Childs

Bike ride to Dalton and back still scheduled for Saturday May 8, weather permitting.

#### APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

##### Administrative Account

Lake Region -March Meals	\$951.29
-April Meals	\$951.29

Kiwanis International -Dues (to be paid out of the Admin. Acct.)	\$660.00
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##### Service Account

KAH -\$300.00 to be provided at the time of event
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Bills approved as submitted and shown above.

Recorded by:

Mike Van Voorhis

### **Someplace Safe Delivery Volunteers**

JUNE 2 - Wally Senyk  
JUNE 9 - Peggy Underwood  
JUNE 16 - Peggy Underwood  
JUNE 23 - Mary Houg  
JUNE 30 - Mary Houg



## Larry's Lament

(From Cover)

Health Center. I fully expect to have tour the new Kennedy School Building before the end of the current Kiwanis year.

In the years that I have been a member of the Otter Risers, I have come face to face with Siberian Tigers, men who have landed on the moon, and people who were running for public office.

Come to think of it, we have had great programs when the scheduled program didn't even show up. Who can forget Neil Herman's film on some of the frustrations



faced by people in this modern world. As recently as May 12, we had someone who could not make it to the hospital. What did we do? We had a discussion about Oats LeGrand and his paddle. You wouldn't believe some of the stories. They were all positive, too.

So, what is the point of all this? Very simply, if you are trying to convince someone to join the Otter Risers and they appear skeptical about the prospect, start talking about our great programs. You will have them eating out of your hand within in minutes.

OK! So that may be another exaggeration but I do think programs are a great selling point for the Otter Risers.



**Snaps- Random meeting snapshots by the esteemed photographer, Lynn Wolters..**

### The ENQUIRER

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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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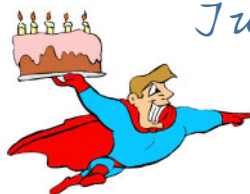
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### June Anniversaries



Gail Childs	6/6
Terry Lejcher	6/6
Rod Berg	6/11
Doug Koch	6/14
Mike VanVoorhis	6/15
Gerry Worner	6/17
Ken Salzsieder	6/21
Steve Rufer	6/25
Tom Welle	6/27
Rick Schara	6/28

### June Birthdays



Lee Leverson	6/10
Mike VanVoorhis	6/11
VJ Block	6/19
Doug Koch	6/27
Rob Bigwood	6/30

# COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS      MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

	Home	Work	
<b>CLUB MEETINGS</b>			
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
<b>CLUB REPRESENTATIVE</b>			
Brian Malchert, Sec	736-7805	7398391	Otter Tail Power Co.
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>			
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
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Lee Levenson ■	736-4975		Retired
Patrick Reinsour	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
<b>FERTILIZER DRIVE</b>			
Barb GutzmerPrElet ■	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
<b>HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES</b>			
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
<b>NEWSLETTER / PUBLICITY</b>			
Rod Berg ■	736-7073		Retired
Tom Rasmusson	739-9252	739-8283	Otter Tail Power Co.
Rick Schara	739-2832	739-7560	Minnesota DEED
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Bob Stout Pst Pres	736-2706	739-3545	Biffley's
Larry Mitberg Pres	739-9425		Retired

	Home	Work	
<b>MEMBERSHIP GROWTH &amp; EDUCATION</b>			
Rob Bigwood	739-2079	736-5493	Pemberton Law Firm
Tim Carr	998-4464	739-0208	Bank of the West
V. J. Block	739-3441	739-5411	Community Organizer
Gerry Worner ■♦	998-8866	739-2283	Nelson Auto Center
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<b>PROGRAMS</b>			
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
<b>SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>			
Brian Malchert, Sec	736-7805	7398391	Otter Tail Power Co.
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Steve Rufer	736-6512	736-5493	Pemberton Law Firm
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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
<b>HONORARY MEMBERS</b>			
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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