



The Award-Winning
ENQUIRER

**BALDERDASH,
 HYPERBOLE
 AND (EVEN)
 OBFUSCATION**

From President Larry Mitberg

When I first became President of the Otter Risers, I promised that I would be the laziest president this club ever had.

My logic for uttering this seemingly silly statement goes back to my earliest days as an Otter Riser. Almost immediately after joining the club, I noticed that its members were some of the most self-motivated individuals I had ever run into. It was obvious that if there was something to be done, it would get done. That was one of the main reasons I agreed to take on the job of president. I was not disappointed!

The vice-president is responsible for finding programs for each meeting. That does sound like a very formidable

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LUCKY BOB.... The Enquirer Editor has noticed how often some people win the morning's "offering." True, half the proceeds help fund Otter Riser trips to exotic locations like Aberdeen, but the editor would be remiss to point out how often he is left with nothing...at least in prior years he used to have a half ticket stub that he collected to prove to his accountant that he deserved the tax deduction donation. With that in mind, photographer Lynn Wolters, finally caught on film...er, digits...the proof needed when Bob Block's name was recently called as the weekly winner. Lo and behold, among Lynn's random morning breakfast shots - something about a new camera - we discovered undeniable proof that there's more here than meets the eye. Obvious, isn't it?

Wednesday Morning Programs This Month (& Invocation Volunteer)

- May 5 - Barb Miller, Rehabilitation with Lake Region Healthcare (Gary Erickson)
- May 12 - US Census, What Has Changed (VJ Block)
- May 19 - Pastor Appreciation Breakfast at Bigwood Event Center! (Kate Bruns)
- May 26 - DNR Report: The Latest on Invasive Species (Bob Block)

Board of Directors Meeting Otter Risers 4/2/2010

Attending: Bob Block, VJ Block, Barb Gutzmer, Clint Halvorson, Lyle Hauck, Vern Johnson, Brian Malchert, Dave McRoberts, Larry Mitberg, Ken Salzsieder, Tom Welle, Gerry Worner

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

Secretary's Minutes The minutes from the 3/5/2010 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Clint Halvorson

Administration Account \$6,584.86
Service Account \$1,725.96

Paid \$2028 in March for Super Soil from Admin Account – which will be replaced when money is available from the fertilizer sale. Approved treasurers report as submitted.

Community Service – Tom Welle

Tom will be contacting city offices next week to discuss scheduling River Walk cleanup in mid April. Also discussed the KAH (kids against hunger) food packaging we did in 2009. This was a good service project and also includes social time with members and families. KAH requires a donation to pay for supplies / food packaged so that the next group will have product. Motion to donate \$300 to KAH and arrange a package service project at a time to be determined after the results of the fertilizer sale - motion approved. **Future projects:** Summer Fest Parade, Fall cross country, June 25/26 Relay for Life. Also discussed helping with the TRAM (bicycle group) security or help as we did a couple years ago and/or helping with a Concert in the Park on Thursday – since our donated shelter is where they are held.

Contributions – Ken Salzsieder

No new items

Fertilizer – Barb Gutzmer

Sale went off great on the 27. We have some crab, reg and W&F left so need to keep selling. Also plan to bag the BullSH on April 7.

Human & Spiritual Values – Jerry Horgen

May 19 is the Pastor Appreciation Breakfast with President Kelly from UND in Grand Forks as the speaker.

Membership – Gerry Worner

Received a letter from Brooke Barsness stating that she was resigning from the club since her work schedule did not allow attendance. Motion to accept – carried. Thanks to VJ Block we had two applications for membership !!! Kate Burns who is an Associate Pastor at

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Mary Phillipe who is the Executive Director of United Way of Otter Tail County. Motion to accept these applications – carried !! VJ will receive a silver and gold 1-2-3 key. (since she already received her bonze key by sponsoring Leanne Meis). Membership stands at 57.

Programs – Lyle Hauck

Programs for April are ready – May is very close.

Old Business / New Business

APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

Administrative Account

Lake Region Heath Care
Jan meals \$606.75 / Feb meals \$766.15
Kiwanis International - new member fee (Mary & Kate) \$82; VJ Block - new member dollars \$8

Service Account

KAH - \$300 to be provided at time of event
Bills approved as submitted and shown above.

Recorded by: Brian Malchert

Pastor Appreciation Breakfast Set for Wed May 19; UND President Kelley to Keynote

The Pastor Appreciation Breakfast is May 19, 2010 at the Bigwood Convention Center starting at 7 a.m. buffet style as last year. Our speaker is Dr. Robert Kelley, President of the University of North Dakota. Invite your local pastor and enjoy the talk!

Someplace Safe Delivery Volunteers

MAY 5 - Jerry Horgen
MAY 12 - Jerry Horgen
MAY 19 - Jerry Horgen
MAY 26 - Dave McRoberts
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)

task. Guess what! The committee did the work. In my 28 years as a member, that was the easiest Kiwanis job I ever had.

The next year, the President-Elect has the chore of running our only fund raiser, the sale of fertilizer. The prospect petrified me. Guess what! The whole club stepped forward and did all the work. I just counted the money. That was the funnest Kiwanis job I ever had.

The job of the President is to run the meetings, hand out money, and motivate the members. With the programs that we have, the meetings run themselves. With as much money as we raised through our fertilizer sale, the money practically gives itself away. Finally, how can the president motivate people who are already so far ahead of him that they have already done it before the president even thinks about it?

One of the jobs of the Past-President is to come up with a slate of officers to run the club the following year. I can't wait!



If past years are any indication, there will be so many people clamoring to be Vice-President that I will have to fight you off with a piece of limp hospital french toast.

I know that none of you are lazy. I know that all of you are some of the hardest workers alive. I know that you are filled with an insatiable desire to do things. But

next year, when I come to you to ask you to be Vice-President, say Yes! You may just sit around! You may get bored! You may have to take credit for the work everyone else does! It will be a hard job, but, remember, someone has to do it.



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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!

Larry Mitberg, *President*

Barb Gutzmer, *President-elect*

Lyle Hauck, *Vice President*

Bob Stout, *Immediate Past President*

Brian Malchert, *Secretary*

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Dave McRoberts Gerry Worner Vern Johnson

Peggy Underwood Erin Smith Tom Welle

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Don't Ask - Sometimes there are photos that are emailed to the editor that just don't have an explanation; this is one of those times. Perhaps there will be one at a future meeting? Lynn Wolters photo.

May Anniversaries



Bob Stout 5/19

Lynn Wolters 5/21

Neil Herman 5/26

Jeff Stanislawski 5/26

Les Nokes 5/29

May Birthdays



Les Nokes 5/5

Terry Lejcher 5/10

Gerry Worner 5/12

Luke Draxten 5/28

The Secrets of Kiwanis Newsletters & Conventions

Commentary by newsletter editor Rick Schara

Any month with just four weeks tends to be a challenge for newsletter editors.

When I put together our Enquirer newsletter, I usually wait until the last minute to see what the contributors (and they should be recognized for their efforts) Larry, Brian, Lyle, VJ, Lynn and Jerry have sent me. Then I sit down and type, paste, copy and finagle my way to a newsletter.

The challenge of the 4-meeting month is that I basically get a bye when we have round tables; you did notice the list of members on the back page? That kind of leaves less of a challenge as to what appears in this back-page space. Last month's 4-week edition featured fertilizer sale photos. This month I didn't have that luxury.

Another back-page "filler" I rely on is borrowing items from the Kiwanis District newsletter. Unfortunately, the newsletter download wasn't working for the latest edition and I hate putting in old news.

Luckily, I did find an article on the District website that talked about this summer's District Convention:



August 13,14,15, 2010 will be the annual District Kiwanis Convention. This gathering of Kiwanians and their families will be at the Fargo Doublewood Inn, in Fargo, ND

This convention will again give all of the Kiwanis delegates the opportunity to elect the new officers for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis year.

Conventions like this give us all an opportunity to enjoy hearing what other clubs are doing as well as attending educational sessions to learn more about the organization we all belong too.

Remember all members are welcome at the convention and we try to make it a true family type function. There will be tours and functions for the partners so there will be something for everyone.

The cutline for Bob Block's photo in this edition (thanks for being a good sport!) mentioned Aberdeen and the weekly drawing. I attended a convention in Aberdeen long ago and as Larry often states, the money from the drawing helps people attend conventions and such.

Think about going up to Fargo and being a part of the 2010 event. Your Enquirer editor would be happy to have tales of your trip for the back page!

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