



The Award-Winning
ENQUIRER

BALDERDASH, HYPERBOLE AND OBFUSCATION

From President Larry Mitberg

*Larry, Larry, quite contrary.
How does your garden grow?
Silver bells, and and cockle shells,
But, boy-oh-boy, those pretty maids in a
row are sure giving me trouble!*

Ah, July and August! This is the time of year when it is fun to live in Minnesota. Hotter than the hubs of hades; perhaps. A lot of work; that is true. Fishing ain't quite as good as it was a few weeks ago. But, all in all, this is a great season.

I've been spending a lot of time in my garden. The corn is as high as a well-digger's eye. The cabbage worms have discovered the cabbage-type plants. And, where do all those weeds come from? I tilled the other day and all that nice, rich looking, black soil is now green.

I have had a few memorable events. I was picking strawberries and encountered the first walking stick I've seen in years. We have some choke cherry

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CAMPAIGN PROMISE.... President Mitberg reminds the Otter Risers weekly that his campaign pledge to thoroughly shake the morning drawing makes him one of the few politicians to keep a promise! Obviously, his vigorous campaign to be elected has born fruit! Lynn Wolters photo.

Wednesday Morning Programs This Month (& Invocation Volunteer)

- August 4 - OFF SITE - Wal-Mart Grand Reopening (Jerry Horgen)
- August 11 - Lisa Workman, Fergus Falls Chamber Event Recap (Bob Worner)
- August 18 - Eerdman Brothers National History Day Success (Jerry Horgen)
- August 25 - Tour of New High School! (Terry Lejcher)

Board of Directors Meeting 7/2/2010

Attending: Rod Berg, Mary Houg, Vern Johnson, Brian Malchert, Ken Salzsieder, Dave McRoberts, Larry Mitberg, Ken Salzsieder, Bob Stout, Tom Welle, Peggy Underwood, Lynn Wolters, Gerry Worner

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

Secretary's Minutes The minutes from the 6/4/2010 were approved, with correction is spelling of bus.

Treasurer's Report – Clint Halvorson no report

Club Meetings – Mary Houg
Breakfasts keep coming. Thanks to Mary for breakfast at the State Hospital; Viking & Mary provide good breakfasts.

Community Service – Tom Welle
MS Tram on July 29 – Tom asked for okay to contact group to see if Otter Risers could help with project – if so bring signup to meetings.
Concerts in the Park – each Thursday – They appreciate our work – cleaning tables and moving a few around if required.
Brian noted over 143 service hours in June by members
Summer Fest “41”
Relay for Life “82”

Contributions – Ken Salzsieder
Request from Make-a-Wish and National History day – no motion. Thank you from the Post Prom Party group.

Fertilizer – Barb Gutzmer
Nominations of organizations in August – when Barb returns from her trip.

Membership – Gerry Worner
No requests for drops, no submittal of new members - RECRUIT!!!

Newsletter – Rod Berg
Rod lead discussion on ways to get more publicity of the great service projects the Otter Risers complete each year and the dollars contributed. Many suggestions – including the Midweek, Channel 8, and Daily Journal. Lynn takes great photos – need someone willing to add a caption and send to papers or others. Gerry noted that we should include our website address to give person with interest a place to find out more about our club.

Programs – Lyle Hauck
Looking for program suggestions

Social Activities – Gail Childs
RedHawks August 21
Bike Ride / Lunch at Dalton Sept 11

Old Business / New Business
Larry will be attending the District Convention in Fargo on Aug 14.

Kiwanis International voted on a service project at the convention in Las Vegas – Larry will learn more at the District Convention.

The new World Wide Service Project for Kiwanis International, “ELIMINATE”. Kiwanis International is again teaming up with UNICEF to address another world wide health issue, the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus. This is a major health problem in over 40 third world countries, and takes the lives of thousands of newborn infants in the first week of their lives, and in many cases their mothers as well. For less than 2 dollars, health officials can provide immunization to pregnant mothers, and prevent this scourge. Kiwanis and UNICEF have a goal of raising 110 million dollars, and eliminating this health threat by 2015.

Bob Stout – looking for two more Board members – need to identify before the Sept 30 banquet.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS: Administrative Account

Lake Region Heath Care - May \$359.10
- June meals \$897.75
MN Dak Dist Convention - Larry Mitberg
registration \$110.00
Viking Café - 6/23 meal \$137.07
Service Food - 6/23 drinks \$22.47
Post Master - PO Box rental \$44.10

Service Account none

Bills approved as submitted and shown above.

Recorded by:
Brian Malchert

Someplace Safe Delivery Volunteers

AUGUST 4 - Clint H.
AUGUST 11 - Brian M.
AUGUST 18 - VJ Block
AUGUST 25 - Dave M.



Larry's Lament

(From Cover)

bushes on our property and so this morning, I decided to race the birds and pick some before they did. I was picking like crazy, when I noticed a pair of beady black eyes staring at me. They were at the front end of a very large garter snake about a foot from my face. We looked each other for a period of time. He seemed unhappy that I would be in his territory. I was concerned that he might sample my hide to see how tasty I was. Anyway, we skeptically watched each other as we slowly moved to opposite sides of the tree. The last I saw of him was when he slowly dropped from the bush and slid off to other more solitary areas.



My daughter and I even picked blueberries this year. Best picking that we have had in years. Where did we pick them, you ask? To that question, I give the same answer as you would get from the fisherman who was asked where he caught the ten pound walleye. "Gee whiz! I hear my wife calling me to dinner. Good-bye."

Have a good remainder of the summer and think Kiwanis.

Larry Mitberg



Mark Sievert, city administrator for Fergus Falls, and Jeanne Jacobs, director of Someplace Safe, presented programs in July. Interesting and educational presentations are only part of the Otter Riser experience. Know someone who might want to join? Let them experience a meeting themselves! Lynn Wolters photos.



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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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August Anniversaries



Tom Uvaas	8/2
Nathan Johnson	8/16
Leanne Meis	8/19
John Peterson	8/22
Jim Donahue	8/29

August Birthdays



Peggy Underwood	8/3
Neil Herman	8/6
Larry Mitberg	8/9
Gail Childs	8/12
Paul Freeman	8/12
Bob Gaabo	8/19
Bob Worner	8/21

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 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
FERTILIZER DRIVE			
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
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
NEWSLETTER / PUBLICITY			
Rod Berg ■	736-7073		Retired
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			
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
Leanne Meis	739-0881	736-7877	The Flower Shop
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			
Brian Malchert, Sec	736-7805	7398391	Otter Tail Power Co.
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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