



The Award-Winning
ENQUIRER

**BALDERDASH, HYPERBOLE
AND OBFUSCATION**

From President Larry Mitberg

Can you believe it? This is my last newsletter article as President of the Otter Risers! I can hear many of you thinking to yourselves, "It's about time." Others are thinking, "Who cares." However, I suspect most of you are thinking, "Who is Larry Mitberg?"

Regardless, it has been a great time and it has been a great learning process. When I first took on the responsibilities of club president, I was terrified. Do you have any idea what a daunting task it is to get up in front of a group of community leaders who are devouring a hospital breakfast with great gusto, hotly debating the pressing issues of the day, worrying if they will be able to get to work on time and expect them to come to order for a meeting? I now know why the founding fathers of Kiwanis provided a gavel and a brass bell to each club. Hit that bell just right and everyone jumps at least six inches into the air.

A lot of things were accomplished over the past year. Every committee conducted a number of service projects. As usual, our programs were great. A number of new members were brought in to help us give service to the youth of the community. I could list many

examples of each project, program, and new member, but Rick Schara has allotted me only a limited amount of space

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THE OL' BALL GAME The Kiwanis who attended the ball game in Fargo in August had a great time! And the lady behind the camera for all the photos in our newsletter is, for once, front and center! Lynn Wolters photo...we think.

Wednesday Morning Programs This Month (& Invocation Volunteer)

- September 1 - OFF SITE - Coatings Unlimited near Radio Shack (Lyle Hauck)
- September 8 - Outgoing Police Chief Tim Brennen (Rick Schara)
- September 15 - Moriya Rufer - Lake water quality issues (VJ Block)
- September 22 - Barb Gutzmer's Australia Trip (Terry Lejcher)
- September 29 - Round table (Ken Lundburg)

Board of Directors Meeting 8/6/2010

Attending: Bob Block, VJ Block, Barb Gutzmer, Clint Halvorson, Lyle Hauck, Mary Houg, Vern Johnson, Terry Lejcher, Brian Malchert, Dave McRoberts, Leanne Meis, Larry Mitberg, Ken Salzsieder, Bob Stout, Peggy Underwood, Tom Welle, Gerry Worner

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

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes from the 7/2/2010 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Clint Halvorson

Administration Account \$ 4,667.26
Service Account \$12,269.71 (includes
reserve fund of \$2,397) Clint provided a summary of the net funds raised with during our fertilizer drive – this info is shown in the Fertilizer section of the report.

Club Meetings – Mary Houg

Off site this past week at Wal-Mart and then the last week of the month at Kennedy School.

Community Service – Tom Welle

MS Tram on July 29 – lead by Clint Larby, he even got his picture in the paper. Also included Otter Risers Kiwanis in the story line – thanks Clint. Concerts in the Park – each Thursday thru the end of August. Tom noted the fishing trip is scheduled for Sept 9 – 14. He will have signup at the next meeting.

Contributions – Ken Salzsieder

Last week the committee turned down a request for dollars for a girl to take her driver's license test. Request to donate \$1,500 the FF Flyers to help to pay for the \$27,000 needed to install light filter system for the pool, thus reducing the amount of chlorine used. Decided that we need more time to discuss and need input from the members. Some discussion on what the contribution policy states – so Brian will send this to all before the next Board meeting.

Fertilizer – Barb Gutzmer

Profit after paying sales tax was \$7,763.75. Was also noted that we have product in storage that has been paid for thus this reduced profit for 2010. Next steps to determine the total amount for voting shares and Barb will be asking for nominations the next couple weeks.

Membership – Gerry Worner

No changes. Did note the six members that are behind in paying dues by two quarters.

Programs – Lyle Hauck

Working on September is Dave McRoberts.

Social Activities – Gail Childs

Red Hawks August 21st

Bike Ride / Lunch at Dalton Sept 11th

Old Business / New Business

Annual meeting on Thursday, September 30. New board members will be Mike VanVoorhis, Leanne Meis and Terry Lejcher. Chair of the program committee and future fundraising chair and president is Nathan Johnson. Two members went to the noon club last week to hear Stuart Ross speak. He is running for KI position. Noted nice article in the KI magazine on the tetanus project. Larry will be attending the District Convention in Fargo next weekend.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

Administrative Account

Lake Region Heath Care -
Viking Café - 8/4 meal \$134
Wally Senyk - water for the meal at WalMart
\$3.48
MN Revenue - sales tax on Fertilizer /
Coffee sales \$1680.

Service Account

\$0
Bills approved as submitted and shown above.

Recorded by:

Brian Malchert

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If you have information for the next issue, please deliver it to Rick or email to schara@integraonline.com by the third 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*
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Dave McRoberts Gerry Worner Vern Johnson
Peggy Underwood Erin Smith Tom Welle

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Larry's Lament

(From Cover)

in the *Enquirer*. Oh well, I can do that at the Installation Banquet which is scheduled for September 30 at Putters. I promise to keep my remarks to less than two hours.



Next year I will be your Past President. I understand that in some organizations, the Past Exhaulted Ruler is ofter referred to as the exhausted rooster. That is a title I can appreciate. One of the duties of the Past President is to find people to fill the administrative offices of the club in the years to come. If, in the coming year, you see me coming your way, do not bolt for the door, do not hide under the table, do not pretend that you newly- immigrated to this country and cannot comprehend English. Hear me out

and say, "Yes!" when I ask you to be Vice-President. Remember, if I did it, anyone can do it! Also remember that I will ask only the best and most capable individuals to become club officers, and so when I ask you, that means that you are exceptional and will do a great job. Years from now, you will be able to look back upon those years and recall the words of C. Northcote Parkinson: "It is better to be a Has-Been than a Never-Was."

Larry Mitberg

Editor's Note: We are now taking nominations for a clever title for President Barb's column. Barb's Blog? Banter From Barb? Have fun and give Barb your ideas!



ABOVE: The Nerdmann brothers were national champions in history this spring. Their presentation brought a standing ovation! Atta boys! **RIGHT:** FF Chamber Director Lisa Workman. Lynn Wolters photos.

Someplace Safe Delivery Volunteers

SEPT 8 - Clair P.
 SEPT 15 - Leanna M.
 SEPT 21 - Your Name Here
 SEPT 29 - Dave M.

September Anniversaries



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| Bob Worner | 9/1 |
| vern Drechsel | 9/8 |
| Clair Prody | 9/10 |
| Luke Draxten | 9/17 |



September Birthdays

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| Erin Smith | 9/14 |
| Peg Kalar | 9/16 |
| Lyle Hauck | 9/17 |
| Jim Donahue | 9/24 |
| Vern Johnson | 9/25 |
| Barb Gutzmer | 9/30 |

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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