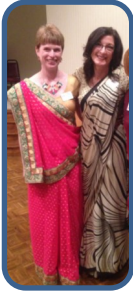




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Last Week: Travels in India



Rotarians Peggy O'Brien and Sharon Kilzer reported on their travels in India last December. Peggy traveled to visit her daughter, who works for the State Department in Delhi. Sharon attended the wedding of her friend's brother in Pune and Mumbai.

Since most of Peggy's visit was spent in the Embassy compound in New Delhi where she was not able to take pictures, she shared photos from the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort in Agra. The Taj Mahal is the tomb of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan's favorite wife. Although this is one of the most well-known tourist sites in the world, Peggy was more impressed with the Red Fort and its ornate and intricate carving in stone with jewels inlaid. Even the prison where Shah Jahan was incarcerated after his fall from power is beautiful and overlooks the Taj. Only about 10% of the fort is open to the public, as the rest continues to be used as a military installation.

Sharon spoke about the warmth and generosity of the Indian people and the vibrancy of the culture. When she and her brother, who traveled with her, visited tourist sites, many Indians stopped and asked to take a photo with them. Seeing pale, tall westerners is a rarity, particularly in Pune. The wedding ceremonies were held over four days, morning and evening, in two

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Give Thanks Today: Todd Otto

Next Week: Jim Ozbun

Today's Greeters Are:

Chris Gerving & Buck Haas

Next Meeting:

Travis Hande & Glenice Hansen

Father, before we share this meal together, may our words, thoughts and actions be centered on You. And may it be You who is first to enter our thoughts tomorrow. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Linda Steve—Dickinson Area Concert Association

Coming Up:

May 13—Armed Forces Day Luncheon, RAMADA—12 NOON

May 20—Nepal: Our Neighbors in Need, Roshu Aryal & Bibek Bhattra

Program Chair: Cooper Whitman **Next Month:** Guy Moos

Birthdays

Merry Johnston 5/8

Announcements:

- Volunteers are needed to help with tickets/concessions at the **Blue Hawk Stampede** rodeo on May 8-9. This is a major fundraiser for the club. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Chip Poland.
- Rotarians are invited to two events being held on Friday, May 8, related to the **Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library**. A bus tour of potential sites will leave from the DSU Student Center at 9 a.m., and a reception is being held at the Ramada at 5:30. To reserve tickets for either event, go to www.dickinsonstate.edu/trpl.
- The **Armed Forces Day** luncheon will be held on May 13 at the Ramada. Tickets for guests and community members are available from Kari Shea for \$15 each. Rotarians do not need to buy a ticket for themselves, since this is included in club dues. Rotarians may take tickets to give to people or to sell. For any tickets with a Rotarian's name that are presented at the door, the club will bill the Rotarian for the amount of tickets collected.
- **Highway Clean-Up** is scheduled for May 20. Dickinson Rotary is responsible for the area near the Painted Canyon interstate exit. Contact Chad Rennicker or watch for the sign-up sheet to volunteer.

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religious traditions, because the groom is Zoroastrian and the bride is Hindu. Following the wedding, Sharon and her brother visited a family in Bandra, a Catholic suburb of Mumbai which dates back 500 years—since the Portuguese colonized India. Sharon attended an outdoor Christmas Eve Mass with 5,000 Indian Catholics, just one of several such services in Bandra that evening.

Rotary in the Community



Kris Fehr accepted a \$500 check to the American Legion in support of Boys State. North Dakota Boys State is a week-long learn-by-doing government simulation where attendees run for office, form their own state government, and assume the roles of disaster managers, legislators, and state leaders.

Rotary “Flame”

The Rotary “Flame” arrived at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 14, on its journey from India to São Paulo, Brazil, site of the 2015 Rotary International Convention in June.




Last Meeting Visitors

- Herb Schmidt, visiting Rotarian from Fargo-Moorhead AM Rotary Club and District Governor nominee for Rotary District 5580
- Kelly Jo Dauwen, marketing consultant with KQCD, guest of Rob Eilts
- Karen Nelson, DSU, guest of Sharon Kilzer



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