Karla Eisenbeisz, The Banquet, (10/2)
For nearly nine years, The Banquet at Trinity Lutheran Church has been offering a hot meal to those in need in Bismarck-Mandan. The feeding ministry, which was started in July 2005 by Tudy Fennern, has expanded to serving meals on Tuesday and Thursday evening as well as Saturday lunch. This program runs on the dedication of volunteer power.
For each meal, a different church, community group, business or friends come together to purchase and prepare the food. They also are responsible for bringing 30 volunteers to assist with preparation, serving and greeting guests. But if they’re a few short, there is a dedicated team of volunteers from Trinity who are willing to help out each week. Meals costs $500-$700 for the Tuesday and Saturday meal and $1000-$1500 for the Thursday meal. Over 200 guests show up each day and Karla expects these numbers to grow to over 400 next year. It’s not just the poor who enjoy these meals. People of all ages and income levels stop by, not only for the meal, but also for the fellowship.
Karla is always looking for sponsors to host each meal. Each sponsoring group not only pays for the meal but also plans the menu and hosts it as well. Great Plains Food Bank provides some of the food but sponsors are the primary providers. Many groups sponsor more than one meal. Cathedral Church sponsors five meals and Good Shepard four meals
Karla and staff are considering a large capital campaign to build their own building so they can provide meals seven days a week.

Tamara Uselman, Bismarck Superintendent of Schools (10/16)
Tamara is currently working on her dissertation and shared with us her facts and stats from the 70 pages of research on the “School to Prison Pipeline.”
- Incarcerations are up dramatically since the 1960’s and up 1600% in the past 20 years
- The US has 5% of the world’s population but 25% of the world’s prisoners
The US leads the world in incarceration, ahead of Russia and Rwanda
- Many of the adult prisoners were involved in the juvenile justice system and many in the juvenile justice system were suspended or expelled from school
- Most of those kids suspended from school were people of color, males, served in special education, living in poverty, suffering from PTSD or had mental health issues and / or raised by a single parent and / or a parent who had been incarcerated
- 1 in 17 white men go to prison but its 1 in 3 for black men
1 in 111 white women go to prison but its 1 in 17 for black women
So what’s going on with these disturbing numbers? Some feel part of the problem is the schools. In Bismarck, even expelled students receive an education in a “safe zone.” It’s not like that in other parts of the country. Tamara says the number of juveniles who are in detention is falling yet that might be because many of those kids are incarcerated in adult prisons. She says schools play a role but lack the resources to address what looks like it is a birth to prison pipeline. There are no clear answers to these problems so society needs to address this dilemma and find a solution to help those kids that are currently on the way to prison.

**Future Programs**
(10/23) - Tana Sukaukas and Alyssa Steiner, AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) program in Bismarck Public Schools.
(10/30) - Steve Neu, Ruth Meiers Hospitality House.

**Farwest Rotary Paul Harris Fellows**
The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of $1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.
It was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation’s only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Our club has 15 Paul Harris Fellows with Sheldon Kaulk the most recent. The following is a list of all club fellows….congratulations and thank you to all.
Bruce Burkett
Mick Cremers
Blake Crosby
Dick Dever
Paul Gurholt
Lee Kaldor
Sheldon Kauk
Wally Keller
Jim Kuznia
Gary Puppe
Murray Sagsven
Jim Skaret
Dave Spryczynatyk
Mark Thompson
John Van Middlesworth

**Rotary Foundation Dinner**
The Bismarck Rotary Club is sponsoring the annual Rotary Foundation Dinner on Thursday, November 2nd at the Heritage Center. The social will commence at 5:30 with dinner and program at 6:00. $25 per person, pay at the door or be billed on your next invoice.
This is your opportunity to enjoy fellowship with Rotarians from the area and to learn what Rotary Foundation is doing at a local and international level.
*RSVP to Molly Sullivan by October 28th at molly.j.sullivan@gmail.com or 701.202.0500

**Serving Beyond Club Level**
Are you ready to take the next step in Rotary service? District 5580 needs leaders, committee chairs and committee members.
Become part of the District 5580 Leadership Team. Think about your skills and what leadership position or committee would interest you. Then, contact Gloria at the District 5580 Office to let her know where you are interested in serving our District. Her email is: GloriaD5580@outlook.com. Many committees meet via webinar and no actual travel is involved. By serving on a District committee, you will learn more about how our District functions and how we can help our clubs achieve their goals. Personal growth, fellowship, and education about Rotary are just a few of the perks of serving beyond the club level. Embrace the opportunity! Join the District Leadership Team!

Rotary’s New Service Partners
Rotary service partners provide clubs and districts with service opportunities, as well as giving them access to resources in the avenues of service and areas of focus. Rotary’s two newest partners are Habitat for Humanity International and the International Agency for the Preservation of Blindness.

Habitat for Humanity helps families gain stability and become self-reliant by offering them safe shelter and access to clean water. Clubs work with Habitat affiliates and communities to provide long-term housing to families in need of shelter.

With more than 140 member organizations the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness provides access to resources including eye health professionals and institutes and corporations that support eye research and teaching. Clubs cooperate with IAPB to design and implement projects that improve access to quality eye care services.

Rotary gives $49.5 million to help eradicate polio
With just 11 confirmed polio cases so far in 2017, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year. To recognize this historic progress, Rotary clubs worldwide will host events in conjunction with Rotary International’s fifth annual World Polio Day celebration on Oct. 24. This year, the event will be co-hosted by Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and held at the foundation’s headquarters in Seattle. The program will feature an update on the global fight to end polio and an array of guest speakers, celebrities, and public health experts. People around the world can view the livestream of the event at endpolio.org/worldpolioday on Oct. 24 at 2:30 p.m. Pacific time.

“Rotary and its partners are closer than ever to eradicating polio,” says Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee, which leads the organization’s polio eradication efforts. “World Polio Day is the ideal opportunity to celebrate our successes, raise public awareness, and talk about what is needed to end this paralyzing disease for good.” Without full funding and political commitment to eradication, the disease could return to countries that are now
Farwest Rotary Club
The Rivertraffic
Volume XXXIV  October 16, 2017  Number 7

Polio-free and put children everywhere at risk.
Rotary is giving $49.5 million in grants to support immunization and surveillance activities led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Some of the funds will support efforts to end polio in the three countries where polio remains endemic:

- Afghanistan: $9.32 million
- Pakistan: $8.94 million
- Nigeria: $7.71 million

Further funding will support efforts to keep six vulnerable countries polio-free:

- Chad: $2.37 million
- The Democratic Republic of Congo: $4.5 million
- Guinea: $961,000
- Somalia: $1.62 million
- South Sudan: $3.77 million
- Sudan: $2.56 million

An additional $7.74 million will go toward surveillance activities in Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean region.
In a show of solidarity and to raise awareness and funds for polio eradication, Rotary clubs around the globe will host nearly 1,900 events for World Polio Day. They include:

- A soccer game in Cairo, Egypt between the street children of Hope Village Society and students from local engineering colleges
- A golf fundraiser in Yoshiwara, Japan

"To protect all children from polio, world governments and donors must see through their commitments to fund critical work and support rigorous disease surveillance in both endemic and at-risk polio-free countries," says McGovern. Rotary has committed to raising $150 million over the next three years, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, yielding $450 million for polio eradication activities, including immunization and surveillance.

Rotary started its polio eradication program PolioPlus in 1985, and in 1988 became a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation later became a partner, too. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 37 cases in 2016. Rotary has contributed a total of more than $1.7 billion — including matching funds from the Gates Foundation — and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio.