

## February Programs

### February 3 Classification Talks

February 10 Boy Scout Report to the Governor

February 17 Assistant District Governor Dave Smette, Jamestown Rotary's Nepal Project

February 24 Classification Talks



### February Junior Rotarians

Kelly Walker Bismarck High  
Parents are Carol and Joseph Walker

Adam Swigost St. Mary's  
Son of Mary Ann Swigost

Jacob Adducci Shiloh  
Parents are Chris and Helen Adducci

Tiffany Shiu Century  
Parents are Genie and Wayne Shiu

Alexandria Cadotte  
South Central  
Daughter of Janice Cadotte

# Buffalo Horn



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## Rick Clayburgh President and CEO North Dakota Bankers' Association

**Mission: Extraordinary Leadership for N. D. Banks**

Rick Clayburgh presented an informative and at times humorous account of the current state and national financial situation. Dismayed at the animosity directed toward the entire banking industry following last year's meltdown, he explained that the banks responsible for irresponsible and dangerous practices are only 4% of the entire banking industry. Yet the other 96% get blamed.

Talks such as this will be very helpful in clarifying this fact for the general public, which often seems unaware of the difference between local lending banks which keep communities solvent and huge investment banks that work for Wall Street.

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Rick Clayburgh served as Tax Commissioner from 1996 to 2005 when he resigned to head the state Bankers' Association. He narrowly lost a congressional race against Earl Pomeroy in 2002.

## Recent Visitors

Stephanie Radenz guest of Dale Sandstrom

Jane Watrel guest of Al Watrel



Our thoughts and prayers are with Kermit during this sad time.

## February Birthdays

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Please Note:  
Your editor will be spending her birthday in San Diego.  
The club will receive her \$48.00 birthday check upon her return February 24.





Bismarck Rotary meets Wednesday noon at the Bismarck Elks' Club.



President Dale Sandstrom



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Christine Hogan, Ann Perry  
Second Year:  
Marci Conmy, Brandi Pelham  
Third Year:  
Dave Clark, Carolyn Godfreed  
Past-President: Barb Murry



Is it the TRUTH?

*Baka's Adventures*  
*Rotary Exchange student Cholpon Ramizova*  
*and her travels in France*



...it is amazing what kind of relationships you make in four months. Perhaps it's because we live the same story, we can talk about our experiences, our ups and downs, tell a random story about meeting a guy on the metro and they will understand and laugh with you.

At one point we were cursing Rotary. They bring us to a foreign country and make us meet people from all over the world, only to have us say good bye at the end. It is hard to cope with. There are so many memories, inside jokes, awesome conversations. You learn so much from these kids.

Exchange is truly something special. I could say that it is too hard to see everyone go (Southern Hemisphere kids left at Christmas), but I would not give up this experience for anything. I do not know if I have changed or not in the past four months, but if I would have to make a guess, I would say I have—and I'm thinking for the better, whatever that change may turn out to be. I do have better street smarts now. I do know that. (It comes from) living in Europe and figuring stuff out on your own, living with different host families, dealing with a different culture. Perhaps I am more mature, more spontaneous, more crazy, more tolerant. I do not know.



**But I do know that every kid out there who has a chance to do the exchange should do it, no matter where you choose to go.** You may have those days when you just want to go home, but in the end, you won't remember the bad things. You'll just remember all the awesome things you did and, above all, the people you met and the impact they made on you. And I still have five months left!

I have been thinking about how it is going to be in June and I can already tell that leaving will be one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. But I am going to make the best of the time I have left. Before I give my usual update, I would like to say thanks to the Rotary Exchange program. **You have given me the best year of my life and I hope the program keeps growing.**

Editor's Note: *uncensored* Baka continued...

North Dakotans, young an old, but kids in general—get out. Just get out. There is no use in being holed up. I have known so many people who have the money and resources to travel, but they have no desire to do so. I have never understood this. Perhaps you are content where you are? Just like the famous quote from Mr. Moore: "A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it." Perhaps you'll be one of those people. But traveling suits everyone, I tell you. It doesn't matter who you are. It makes you a better person. A more tolerant person, and a less whine one, to add, to see the troubles outside your own little world, to have appreciation for what you have—and this goes for American especially.



I do not know if I could go back to listen to teens complain because they didn't get what they wanted for Christmas. In the end, it doesn't matter. The world is changing. And since we are still the 'world power' at least for now, we need to know more about what is going on out there.

How sad it is that people don't know more about the world. People think Americans are dumb, and when I look at people like Miss South Carolina, I believe it. It is true that the American education system fails when it comes to geography in schools. Just look at a map once in awhile. Watch the news. Oh, and here is a superb ideas: travel.

About December—it was a great month with lots of snow, which I loved and had missed. I remember one occasion at 5 o'clock in the morning. The snow had settled and it was peaceful, no cars, no sound, and we had so much fun. Making snow angels in the middle of the street, having a massive snow fight. The government attempts at passing yet another reform, and the students do a "blocus," letting no one into the school. The French are always striking. It's great.



Christmas was not the same without the family, but fun just the same. I went to Paris for five whole days and saw the Louvre, Sacre Coeur, Montmartre, Moulin Rouge, Notre Dame, Champs Elysees, the Mona Lisa and the Arc de Triomphe.

**Bon jour and Bonne Annee!**  
**Cholpon**



Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it bring GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?