



Prairie Rose



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July was a fantastic time for our unit to return its namesake, The International Peace Garden. The expansive botanical gardens and park straddles the border between North Dakota and Manitoba and was dedicated to commemorate the longest unprotected international border and the enduring peace between Canada and the United States. This time of year is approaching peak color in its varied displays.

Joining President Vern Zink and First Lady Bev at this summer's rally were 1st VP Don Thomson and Treasurer Lillian Thomson from Cavalier, Chris & Bev Wells from Warren, MB, Judy Koester from Cando, Jerry and Joan Larson from Hillsboro, TX, and Cathy and Larry Ruebel from Bismarck, and newly signed member, Joe Sylvestre of Estevan, Saskatchewan.

Thursday evening, the Zinks served pizza and salad to kick off the rally. Most importantly for the evening and the rest of the rally, they brought a screen tent to provide a sanctuary from the bumper crop of mosquitoes that have called North Dakota their dining room this year.

Friday morning, we were led on a guided tour of the Gardens. The floral displays were coming to peak and volunteer workers were busy planting, weeding and tending to the beds all over the park.



Looking straight down the international border, it stretches between the Peace Towers in the distance. In the United States are Jerry and Joan Larson, Judy Koester, Vern and Bev Zink, and Larry Ruebel; In Canada are Joe Sylvestre, Bev and Chris Wells, and Don and Lillian Thomson, unable to pick a side, Cathy Ruebel is standing behind the camera in both countries.

We wandered past the sections of steel girders from the World Trade Center and listened to the chimes of the Bell Tower. We had a tour of the indoor desert flora with all sorts of cacti specimens and Lunch was in the new Garden Restaurant. The Peace Garden is also home to the International Music Camp. This was the last weekend for the current class and were treated to a fantastic concert by the students, instructors and a men's a cappella group.

Saturday following the business meeting (Minutes elsewhere in

this issue), the day warmed rapidly and some of the group decided to take and air-conditioned tour of the Border Patrol Museum in the park.

Judy Koester treated everyone to a root beer float, which was a refreshing way to top off the evening meal. And then we had ice cream.

Sunday morning breakfast and reflections were curtailed by an incoming storm, and everyone worked very fast to break camp and head out before the worst of it hit the park.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

North Dakota Peace
Garden
Unit Officers

Unit President
Vern Zink #4114

1st Vice President
Bev Zink #4114

2nd Vice President
Don Thomson #4304

Treasurer
Lillian Thomson #4304

Recording Secretary
Arlene Bailey #235

Corresponding Secretary
Bev Zink #3682

Membership Chair
Larry Ruebel #10081

Nomination Chair
John Krabseth #3682

Newsletter Editor
Cathy Ruebel #10081

President's Corner . . . by Vern Zink

Expressing Gratitude: The finer art of being thankful.

My thoughts are to express my gratitude to so many of you who have helped in so many ways. . .to nearly half of the Peace Garden Unit who were able to represent all of us at the Region 7 Rally in De Pere, WI; to **Jerry Larson**, Past International Pres. for his support and guidance; to **Joan Lahr**, for a very splendid Region 7 rally -an entertaining variety; to all those who attended our July rally at the International Peace Gardens; to **Bev Wells** for keeping and writing the minutes for our business meeting; to **Chris Wells** for obtaining pertinent information from Manitoba records and getting it to us in time for the business meeting in De Pere; and to our **Vice-Pres.** for her work making all this happen. So you see everyone helps; everyone benefits!

All of you will be charmed to meet our new member, **Joe Sylvestre** from Estevan, Saskatchewan. He plans to be in Carrington for our



Installation meeting Sept. 9, 10, and 11, our final rally of the year. We have planned a shortened but full schedule with a variety of options. Elsewhere in this newsletter see some of the options available

plus the agenda for the rally. There will be hook-ups for water, and 30 -amps for nine units plus we will 'daisy' chain for additional units adjacent or provide a connection nearby (according to the city). More than nine units have indicated they will be there.

Our main 'thing' will be a bus-tour and/or caravan to the ICBM underground missal site at Coopers-town. Lunch will be at the Pizza Ranch with chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and/or 16 different pizzas by the slice all with a salad bar plus a dessert bar with fruit baked wedges and soft ice cream. If that doesn't fit your appetite there is a family restaurant down the street. Back to Carrington for the fun and festivities.

-VZ-

To Do List...and other stuff not to forget

It's **Membership Renewal** time - please return your membership dues with your renewal envelope that will be mailed soon. We need to have our renewals ready to send in by **October 1st**. Bring them with you to the Installation Rally, or mail back to Lillian Thomson. If you have questions, please call President Vern or the Unit Membership Chair, Larry Ruebel.

Region 7 President Joan has provided **Ballots for the Election** of Region Officer positions for the remainder of the 2011-2012 term, and for the 2012-2013 term. Please print out Page 5 of this newsletter, fill out the ballots, and either bring with you to the Installation Rally, or mail to Secretary Arlene Bailey at the address on the ballot **no later than September 7th.**

Details for the **Installation Rally** are on Page 6 - including the week-end's schedule and direction to the rally site. You may wish to print out that page and bring it with you to the Rally.



Next Year's Region 7 Rally will be in **Spicer, MN** **Aug. 8 - 13, 2012**

R-7 Wing Rails & Endzone Rally well attended

By Roxanne & Allan Towles

This year's annual region rally brought us plenty of diversification, knowledge and camaraderie. The weather was warm and beautiful as we headed east to this year's rally in DePere, Wisconsin. After a night's stop over at the Airstream Park in Clear Lake, Minnesota, we arrived Sunday to an abundance of greetings and hugs from old friends and new acquaintances. After the opening ceremonies, we were treated to a wonderful meal which was barbecued on site and left everyone commenting on the amazing job the caterers had done.

On Monday, we headed to Oshkosh to spend a full day eyeing hundreds of different kinds, types and sizes of planes. This is a spectacular airshow that the EEA puts on each year and well worth the trip to see. In the afternoon we were treated to a spectacular display of air acrobatics and antics. The evening concluded by an REO Speedwagon concert.

On Tuesday the ND and Wisconsin units served our famous - or not so famous - egg muffins. We then headed to Lambeau Field, where we had a fact filled guided tour where we learned of the beginnings of the Green Bay Packers and the stadium. It's easy to see why the people of Green Bay love their Packers when you learn the history. We also toured their museum and gleaned more history. We finished off the morning with a luncheon at the Brett Favre Steakhouse.



Wednesday we had free time to tour the city or the surrounding countryside, take naps or catch up on visiting. In the evening we met at the Railroad Museum, where some took a ride on an old train, while others toured the museum and were enlightened about Big Boy, the iron horse that graced our prairie for many years. We were able to tour the trains first hand and get a glimpse of what it was like to travel in the first days of the railroad. We ended the evening with the evening Region 7 business meeting.



Thursday was another free day, which we used to tour Door County, thereby missing the Minnesota Units Burrito breakfast. The day concluded with an evening meal at the American Legion and

the white elephant auction which netted \$1247.00 for the Wounded Warrior Project. The auction was deemed such a success, Linda Agre announced we would be having the auction for this worthy cause at our region rally in Spicer, Minnesota in 2012.

Friday morning everyone said their goodbyes to friends old and new, packed their trailer and headed out once again. Personally, we are so thankful for WBCCI because it had caused us to go places and do things we would never would have otherwise, and met so many wonderful people that have become such dear friends. So, our hats off to another great rally, with special thanks to President Joan Lahr and Mike for all of their work. Great Job.



Unit Business Meeting Minutes

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit
Red River Fairgrounds
West Fargo, ND
June 9-12 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Vern Zink at 9: 15 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Trailers present: Zink, Bailey, Larson Coonrods, DeYoungs, Idso, Towles and Rogers. No trailer: Lindroth.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Present:

President Vern Zink
1st -Vice President Bev Zink
Recording Secretary Arlene Bailey
Corresponding Secretary Bev Zink

Absent:

2nd Vice President Don Thomson
Treasurer Lillian Thomson

A motion was made by Don Rogers to accept the Secretary's report. Seconded by Ron Larson. MOTION CARRIED.

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Vern gave the financial report showing a balance of \$933.91. There will not be any newsletters published for some time as the Ruebels are experiencing flooding in their home at Bismarck. President Vern will send information via e-mail or a letter informing the members of the upcoming events.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Vern read a card from Edna Ziegler thanking the unit for remembering her.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Terrol Rogers to accept the fee for the rally at \$28.00 and that we take \$50.00 out of the treasury to cover the use of the building for the 3 days of the rally. Seconded by Rose Larson. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ron Larson to designate Don Thomson the delegate to the International Rally in DeQuin, Illinois, June

27-July 4th. Seconded by Jack Bailey. MOTION CARRIED. Don Rogers made a motion that Lillian Thomson be the alternate to the rally and that they vote their conscience on the issues at the delegates meeting. Seconded by Ron Larson. MOTION CARRIED.

President Vern reported the consideration of the revision to the International Constitution and By-Laws has been postponed until 2013.

The July rally will be a Buddy rally at the International Peace Gardens at Dunsieith, ND on July 14-17

A decision was made to purchase LED lights to use for the installation of officers instead of lighted candles. Using lighted candles is prohibited due to fire codes.

A motion was made by Don Rogers to adjourn at 10:05 AM Seconded by Ron Larson - MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Arlene Bailey
Secretary

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit
International Peace Gardens
July 13-17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Vern Zink at 10:20 a.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Trailers present: Zink, Thomson, Larson, Ruebels, Koester, Wells and guest Sylvestre.

Roll Call Of Officers:

Present:

President Vern Zink
1st Vice President Bev Zink
2nd Vice President Don Thomson
Treasurer Lillian Thomson
Corresponding Secretary Bev Zink

Absent:

Recording Secretary Arlene Bailey

President Vern asked Bev Wells to be Recording Secretary in the absence of Arlene Bailey.

The minutes to be revised as follows: International Rally in DeQuinn, Illinois started June 28, revision to the International Constitution and By-laws has been postponed until 2012, Bev Zink was to obtain prices for LED lights for approval at the next meeting. A motion was made by Don Thomson to accept the Secretary's report as revised. Seconded by Ron Larson. MOTION

CARRIED.

President Vern reported on the Installation of Officers in September, the Nomination Committee is made up of 3 Past Presidents. John Krabseth is no longer a member, therefore Rose Larson, Cathy & Larry Ruebel will be on the Nominating Committee. Jerry Larson noted that once you sell your airstream you are still a member until such time as you purchase another brand unit.

President Vern invited Joe Sylvestre to join the Club.

Treasurer Lillian provided a financial report with a balance of \$885.34. Michael Baron was sent a renewal for membership. A motion was made by Bev Zink to accept the Financial Report. Seconded by Larry Ruebel. MOTION CARRIED. Treasurer Lillian reported on outstanding invoice of \$26.17 for postage and Cathy Ruebel reported an estimated amount of \$200.00 for newsletter and directory. A motion was made by Chris Wells to approve the payment of account in the amount of \$26.17. Seconded by Bev Zink. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bev Zink reported on the lighting for the Installation Rally, obtained prices for LED lights for ceremony at a cost of \$5.00 for 8 lights will need 40 lights. Discussed

continuing the lighting ceremony; this is to be determined at the Installation Rally. Confirm if Manitoba and South Dakota have a listing of Past Presidents. A motion was made by Larry Ruebel to approve the purchase of the lights for use at the Installation Rally, with reimbursement of same. Seconded by Judy Koester. MOTION CARRIED.

Bev Zink reported on clothing that is worn to identify the unit the members represent. North Dakota Peace Garden Unit has blue vests, with the name of the unit on the back and personalized with individual's names on the front. There are a limited number of vests in stock for any members interested.

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL RALLY:

Don Thomson reported that there were good seminars and has information for review by members. Any revisions to the Constitution was housekeeping, Constitutional revision was removed from the table to have more work completed. The 3rd Vice President is the only new position. The 2012 rally is in Sedalia, Missouri.

NEW BUSINESS:

In 1975 the second largest International Rally was held in Brandon, out of that rally a sculpture called "Hands Across

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Region 7 Election of Officers - Ballots

Greetings,

I am very pleased to announce that Gail Harrower (North Dakota Unit) and Pete Yanke (Minnesota Unit) have declared that they will be candidates for officers in Region 7. If elected, Gail will first be installed as Second Vice President to fill the current vacancy and will later (next July) be installed as First Vice President and Pete as Second Vice President, when Linda moves up to President. Both candidates were interviewed and recommended by the Nominating Committee at the region rally in De Pere, Wisconsin. Gail and Pete have been WBCCI members for a number of years and have held various leadership roles.

Joan Lahr
Region 7 President

Candidates' resumes are posted to the website at www.nodak.wbcci.net
Please complete these ballots and bring them to the Installation Rally, or mail to Arlene Bailey no later than Sept 7.

**Unit Ballot for the
Special Region 7 Election**

Election to fill the open 2nd VP position for the remainder of the 2010-11 term that ends July 2012.

Region 7 2nd Vice President: Gail Harrower
write in _____

Please remember that you are allowed one vote per unit (trailer/motorhome) that is, one vote per couple. You must include your Name and WBCCI # in the return address on your envelope. All folded ballots will be separated from the envelopes, mixed up, then counted. This is treated as a secret ballot election.

Your ballots must be returned by _____, 2011 or bring your ballot envelope to the business meeting at the rally on _____.

Mail to: Unit Secretary Arlene Bailey
7850 Hwy 18
Wyndmere, ND 58081

**Unit Ballot for the
Region 7 Election for 2012-2013**

Candidate information can be found in Region 7 Newsletter.

Region 7 President: Linda Agre
write in _____

Region 7 1st Vice President: Gail Harrower
write in _____

Region 7 2nd Vice President: Pete Yanke
write in _____

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the Border" was installed at a fountain in the International Peace Gardens. Bruce McLean was the 1st Vice President. Over time the sculpture deteriorated and was removed. President Vern and Jerry Larson reported on a meeting with the CEO and Administrator of the Park. Other organizations have the inspiration to install a similar structure. The Board is having their quarterly meeting; hopefully they will be receptive to the Hands being reinstalled. The Park Staff would like the Hands installed in the fountain in the center of the Park. The concept of the structure and location

should be decided by the Unit Starting in 2012 to 2016, there will be a 4 year period commemorating peace between the two countries. The idea of creating and installing the Hands can be presented to the WBCCI Regional Board meeting at the Regional Rally. Regional approval goes to mid-winter board meeting. Chris Wells will search The Brandon Sun archives to see if there are any pictures.
A motion was made by Chris Wells that The North Dakota Peace Garden Unit authorizes Vern Zink and Jerry Larson to proceed with a motion to the Region 7 Board to replace the "Hands Across the

Board" Sculpture in a fountain at the International Peace Gardens in the original location and pattern with a material that is suitable for longevity. Seconded by Don Thomson. MOTION CARRIED.
President Vern reported on the rally fees as follows: Koester \$9.53; Sylvestre \$12.53, Wells \$19.06 and balance \$24.98.
A motion was made by Chris Wells to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Seconded by Don Thomson. MOTION CARRIED.
Respectfully submitted: Bev Wells



Fall Installation Rally ✧ September 9 - 11, 2011

Carrington City Park Rally Schedule



*Please remember to bring your plates, cups/glasses and eating utensils to all in camp meals.
Coffee, tea and lemonade or juice will be available.*

Friday, Sept. 9

Happy Hour -Please bring snacks.

6:00 pm -7:30 pm -For all arrivals -
Ham and scallop potatoes /
ham, -carrots and celery sticks ..
(you may bring salads, buns,
breads, or desserts)

Saturday, Sept. 10

8:00 AM Breakfast -Quiche, sau-
sage and toast, jelly - you may
bring fruit, breads, etc.

9:00 AM -brief business meeting -
An update on the Border
Monument project.

Car pool/caravan to Cooperstown
to the ICBM site for tours.

12:15 PM Pizza Ranch in Coopers-
town, Fried chicken, mashed
potatoes, gravy, pizza by the
slice, salad bar and desserts.

Return to Carrington

4 PM - Brief Happy hour

5:45 PM -To the Chieftain to a pri-
vate room for an "Off-the-
Menu" dinner, for fun, Installa-
tion of Officers, (maybe a brief
business meeting) and relaxa-
tion.

Sunday, Sept. 11

8:30 AM -Breakfast -Hot Oat meal!
ice cream or cold cereals, toast
You 9:00 Amay bring fruits, left-
overs, etc.

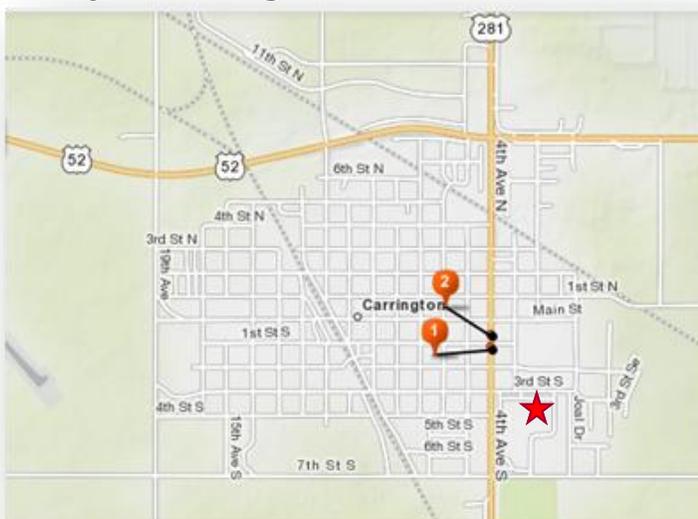
M -Brief Sunday Service -A Thinking
Challenge

9:30 AM -Return Home -with Best
Wishes.

Also around Carrington

- ✓ Saturday all day, there is a city wide rummage sale -fifty in all. City maps and listings are available at the Cenex Store.
- ✓ Tours of the Marketing & Processing Plant at the Central City National Bird Food -they distribute world wide.
- ✓ Tours of the Dakota Gardens and Winery -NE of Carrington. There is a \$10 fee which includes the wine tasting or \$ 5 for only the wine tasting. If interested, we have the driving instructions—Call or e-mail Vem Z.
- ✓ Saturday PM, there is a dedi-cation of a new headquarters and visitor center at the Arrow-wood National Wildlife Refuge 7745 11th Street SE, Pingree, Ph. 701-285-3341

City of Carrington



Rally Info

★ The Carrington City Park Campground is located along Hwy 52/281 between 3rd Street South and 7th Street South.

Camping Fee is \$20 per night.

Hotels:

① Super 8 Motel

101 4th Ave S., Carrington
(701) 652-3982

② Chieftain Conference Center

60 4th Ave S., Carrington
(701) 652-3131