

## Noon Meeting – Tuesday, September 1, 2009



Member Jana Samek and our speaker, Rob Swiers, Public Relations Officer for Hospice of the Red River Valley.



Our speaker giving us an update of the services provided by Hospice of the Red River Valley.



Member Arland Rasmussen was recognized for his recent award – the Lone Eagle Award as the top Peace Officer of the year in ND.



Yesterday, Secretary Larry Lubben presented a set of DVD's to WFHS Principal Gary Clark for Constitution Day on September 17.

Today's meeting was lead by President Kevin Skoog. Kevin recognized Arland Rasmussen for his recent Lone Eagle Award as the top Peace Officer in ND given by the ND Peace Officers Association. Congratulations, Arland! Kevin also noted that our club donated 10 DVD's (A More Perfect Union program) to the WFHS. Jana Samek introduced our speaker Rob Sweirs from Hospice of the Red River Valley. Hospice is 'comfort care' and not 'treatment care'. They have seven offices in the Red River Valley. They provide care for about 120 people each day in the Fargo metropolitan area – 1,323 people in the RRV during 2008. They have a budget of \$21.5M with 90% of their expenses reimbursed by Medicare and Insurance. The remaining 10% are people with no insurance and their care is covered by donations. 50% of their patients are cared for in Nursing Homes and Independent Living facilities. 40% of the patients are cancer patients while the other 60% suffer from other diseases such as lung disease, Alzheimer's, or waiting for transplants. The guideline for qualifying for Hospice is a prognosis of 6 months or less and needing comfort care. They provide grief support for families as well. Thanks, Jana, for the program.

**Attendance – 23 Members and 1 Guest**

**Meal – Stuffed Shells, Italian Cutlets Parmesan,  
Fresh Dinner Salad & Garlic Toast**

**Dessert – Bread Pudding with Ice Cream**

**Program – Jana Samek**

**Meeting Leader – Kevin Skoog**



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