



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

# Branding Iron

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## Today!! Your Greeters Are:

**Harvey Brock & Jon Brudvig**

Next Week: LaVonne Bullinger & Dennis Cannon

## Birthdays Today

Dennis Hulsing (4/15)  
Kevin Thompson (4/15)  
Winnie Stump-Delong (4/16)



## Give Thanks Today: Chris Gerving

Next Week: Buck Haas

**There aren't many things as therapeutic as smiles and laughter. May our meeting today be filled with smiles and laughter. Creator, bless our business today with a smile. Amen.**

*~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon*

## United States leads nations in support for ending polio

For more than 20 years, the United States has been the leading public-sector supporter of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, contributing more than \$1.6 billion -- about a quarter of all funding.

A major component of the country's support is the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), including more than \$101 million in funding for the agency in 2009. Along with the [World Health Organization](#), Rotary International, and [UNICEF](#), the CDC is one of the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, providing support such as

- More than 350 epidemiologists, virologists, and technical officers to assist WHO and polio-endemic countries,
- Funds to help UNICEF pay for oral polio vaccine and the operational costs of National Immunization Days (NIDs),
- Assistance to WHO with surveillance, technical staff, and NID operational costs, and
- Use of its Atlanta, Georgia, laboratories as a global reference and training center and strong support for the worldwide network of 145 polio laboratories.

Rotary International's commitment will reach \$1.2 billion by the time the world is certified polio-free -- a financial commitment that is second only to that of the U.S. government.

*~Dan Nixon*

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## Program Chair: Mike Kiedrowski

Next Month: Todd Otto

## Your Program Today:

**Building Green**, Jan Prchal  
Hulsing and Associates Architects

## Coming Up



**April 22: Earth Day**  
**Dickinson Recycling Program**  
Lylie Weeks, Best Friends Program

**April 29**  
**ND Stimulus Funds**, Clare Carlson  
ND Stimulus Package Coordinator/ND WSI  
Deputy Director

**May 6**  
**Brent Seaks**, Badlands Ministries

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# Campfire Memories

## Announcements:

- ✦ **Triple Crown fundraiser:** Jim Ozbun announced that Chip Poland will have the sign up sheets for the next two rodeos at the April 15 meeting. The next rodeos are the Bluehawk Stampede April 30-May 2 and the Roughrider Ropaganza on May 3. A \$20 fee for those who can't participate in the Triple Crown was approved a few years ago by a vote of the club membership.
- ✦ Thank you to **Mike Ross** and Wells Fargo Bank for printing the Branding Iron for the past 3 months.
- ✦ Thanks to **Guy Moos** and Baker Boy for printing the Branding Iron for the coming 3 months.



**Frank Pearson** accompanied us last week.

## Birthdays last week:



In the year **Paul Stremick** was born, the average yearly income was \$5,943 and it cost 5 cents to mail a letter! And, he's the youngest person sitting around the table at the Dickinson Public School Board meetings.

**Special thanks:**  
**Baker Boy**  
 &  
**Guy Moos**  
 for printing the Branding Iron!

## Last Week's Speaker:

**Kevin Cramer, Roughrider Honor Flight Program**



Kevin Cramer, center, with his traveling companions Clare Carlson of the Honor Flight Program, and his father Clarence Carlson, a World War II veteran looking forward to his first Honor Flight.

The Roughrider Honor Flight Program was conceived in 2004 by retired Air Force Captain, Earl Morse, as a way to honor our veterans. Upon partnering with Honor Air in Hendersonville, North Carolina the Honor Flight Network was formed. There are currently 72 chapters in 30 states taking up the cause to honor our WW II Veterans. The North Dakota Chapter is headquartered in Bismarck.

The program works to raise funds (tax-deductible) to transport our heroes to Washington D C where they can visit and reflect on the WW II Memorial. The first flight for our Roughrider veterans is scheduled for this spring. Anyone can participate in the Adopt-A-Vet Program. Space on the flights will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

We at Rotary were honored to have with us Clarence Carlson, the first honoree into the Roughrider Honor Flight Program. Clarence lives in Crookston, Minnesota and was accompanied to Dickinson by his son, Clare Carlson, the newly appointed Workforce Safety and Insurance Deputy Director.

~ submitted by Linda Steve

## Visitors last week:

**Guy Moos'** guest was Bryce Haugen.



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