



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

Branding Iron

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Today!! Your Greeters Are:

Don Bares & Erv Bren

Next Week: Harvey Brock & Jon Brudvig

Birthdays Today

Norbert Sickler (4/5)
Yvonne Kroll (4/6)
Paul Stremick (4/6)
Clyde Frank (4/8)



Give Thanks Today: Joe Frenzel

Next Week: Chris Gerving

It is good that we try to understand God's working in our lives and in the world, but we must not lean only on our ability to comprehend. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

RI President: April is Magazine Month

The magazine you hold in your hands is one of Rotary's oldest traditions. In January of 1911, a 12-page newsletter called *The National Rotarian* was published; it contained an essay by Paul Harris, "Rational Rotarianism," along with club news and editorials. Of the new publication, Harris wrote: "The primary purpose of *The National Rotarian* is to provide a means for the exchange of ideas between Rotarians throughout the world, not to give the national officers an opportunity to express their views. These messages are not written merely to fill space; nevertheless we look forward to the day when they will be literally crowded out by surging mobs of virile Rotarian ideas struggling to be heard."

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical areas, the mandate of its publications is more complex, and more vital, than ever. The English-language flagship magazine, [The Rotarian](#), is edited at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, and has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in 24 other languages, for a total of 32 magazines published by the Rotary World Magazine Press, and a total circulation of about 1.25 million.

The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month. It is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives – and the role that we should play in our publications. For the magazines to live up to Paul Harris' original vision, it takes more than just an editorial staff: It also takes the good work of Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired.

Program Chair: Mike Kiedrowski

Next Month: Todd Otto

Your Program Today:

Honor Flight Program
Kevin Kramer, ND PSC

Coming Up

April 15

Building Green, Jan Prchal
Hulsing and Associates Architects

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

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Campfire Memories

Announcements:

- ✦ Accolades to the city's road crew and their boss, Rotarian **Ken Kussy**:
 - * **Paul Stremick** reported that Dickinson schools were some of the few open in the region, due to the outstanding work of the road crews and schools' custodial staff!
 - * **Glenice Hansen** thanked the city crews for the fine job clearing the streets!
- ✦ **Triple Crown fundraiser: Chip Poland** thanked everyone who volunteered for the rodeo, which was cancelled. The next rodeos are the Bluehawk Stampede April 30-May 2 and the Roughrider Ropaganza on May 3. President **Glenice Hansen** explains that the \$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.
- ✦ **Kevin Thompson** reminded everyone that the registration deadline for the **District Conference** April 23-26 in Minot is approaching. Register online at www.rotarymagic.com.
- ✦ Exchange Student Bibiana Santos is selling quilt raffle tickets for the convention.
- ✦ **Chris Gerving** said the mall is collecting teddy bears to be given to children in crisis situations.

Brags & Fines:

- **Todd Otto** bragged that his son, Joel, earned a spot on Team North Dakota for hockey and has the chance to be scouted!
- **Bill Anderson** bragged that Scouting for Food last weekend brought in 5,000 pounds of food and they're still counting!
- **Chris Gerving** bragged that she made it home safely from Grand Forks after 11 hours and only twice in the ditch!

Birthdays:

In the year **Jason Hanson** was born, Wheel of Fortune debuted and Microsoft opened its first office!



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Last Week's Speaker: Lt. Dave Wallace, Dickinson Police Department



If Dickinson residents don't know all the city's police officers by name, said Lt. Dave Wallace, it should come as no surprise. Within just the past few years, nine new officers have joined the department, swelling the ranks to a total of 27 officers. That trend is likely to continue, he said, given the impending retirements of several veteran officers in the near future.

Currently, the department is making a concerted effort to reemphasize its commitment to community service. With an emphasis on being proactive, the department is placing manpower and resources in activities and programs designed to anticipate and prevent crime rather than merely react to it. The Citizens Police Academy, which educates individuals about the nature of police work, and the Crimestoppers crime prevention program are both being revitalized. Also, the department conducts a gun safety class for women and the School Resource Program that places a senior officer in the local high school and junior high school to resolve student conflicts, process status crimes occurring on school property, and have a presence at after school activities such as dances and athletic programs.

In addition to its many community outreach programs, the department also responds to some 20,000 calls for service in a year, said Lt. Wallace.

~submitted by Ron Treacy



Proposed Member: Steve Glasser is proposed for membership by **Jon Brudvig**. Classification is Education-Other. He is the executive director for the Strom Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Dickinson State University.

District 5580 Rotarians are asked to participate by April 10 in an online survey to help plan for the future.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cBQLPI2DRjDD_2b78m57Vkzq_3d_3d

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