



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

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Today!!

Your Greeters Are:

Jim Irsfeld & Gene Jackson

Next Week: Roland Jacobs & Dale Jacobson

Birthdays Today:

Todd Tavis (8/15)



Give Thanks Today

Invocation by: Warren Vrana

Next week: Al Wald

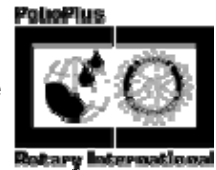
Each one of us is a marvel of unknown and unrealized possibilities. Creator, we ask for your guidance today to help us make the world a better place to live. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

PolioPlus:

A Premier Rotary International Program

The most notable current global project, PolioPlus, is contributing to the global [eradication of polio](#). Since beginning the project in 1985, Rotarians have contributed over US\$600 million and tens of thousands of volunteer-hours, leading to the inoculation of more than two billion of the world's children. Inspired by Rotary's commitment, the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) passed a resolution in 1988 to eradicate [polio](#) by 2000. Now in partnership with WHO, [UNICEF](#) and the U.S. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), Rotary is recognized by the [United Nations](#) as the key private partner in the eradication effort.



There has been some limited criticism concerning the Rotary International program for polio eradication, which is supported with the help of World Health Organization. There are some reservations regarding the adaptation capabilities of the virus in some of the oral vaccines, which have been reported to cause infection in populations with low vaccination coverage. As stated by Vaccine Alliance, however, in spite of the limited risk of polio vaccination, it would neither be prudent nor practicable to cease the vaccination program until there is strong evidence that "all wild poliovirus transmission [has been] stopped". In a recent speech at the Rotary International Convention, held at the Bella Center in [Copenhagen](#), Bruce Cohick stated that polio in all its known wild forms will be eliminated by late 2008, provided efforts in [Nigeria](#), [Afghanistan](#), [Pakistan](#), and India all proceed with their current momentum.¹

~submitted by Lyle Brudvig

Program Chair:

Erv Bren

Next Month: Frank Wald

Your Program Today:

Neil Messer

Great Northern Energy

Coming Up

August 20: Ron Day
Tesoro Refinery

August 27: Mick Miller
Red Trail Energy

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Campfire Memories



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Announcements:

- ⇒ Do you know a non-Rotarian, age 25-40, who would like to travel to Taiwan? The Club is participating in a **Group Study Exchange** and is looking for an applicant. They are also looking for a Rotarian as group leader. See Guy Moos for information.
- ⇒ If you visit another Rotary club, you can receive a dues credit for your local club lunch bill. See President Glenice Hansen for details.
- ⇒ **Nicaragua Shoe Project** is collecting clean, closed-toe running-type shoes or boots (with laces) sizes 11 or smaller. Bring to Rotary by Sept. 1 in a Ziploc™ -type bag. Contact Kari Shea for information.

Last week:

Winner of the Wine: *Lloyd Moldenhauer*
 Twins Cap winners: *Don Bares & Greg Sund*

Last Week's Speaker: "Oil Fever!"



"There truly is a fever, the Bakken fever," said last week's guest speaker, Lynn D. Helms, Director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources.

Covering 14,000 square miles and containing an estimated 150 billion barrels of oil, the Bakken Formation in

western North Dakota is attracting more companies and investors than the state has experienced in decades, Helms said. In this year alone, the state is on track to issue some 900 oil and gas permits, the second highest number on record, with 80 new oil rigs in development.

According to Helms, the state has close to 4,000 active wells that produced about 156,000 barrels of oil a day in May. "The wells are setting a new production record every month," he said.

Despite the growth, the oil industry faces challenges, Helms said. The ability to transport oil from the well to the refinery – "takeaway capacity" – has been hampered by a lack of pipelines, resulting in slowdowns by some companies. The lack of refineries has limited oil production as well.

Nevertheless, Helms said, the future of the oil patch in North Dakota looks brighter than ever.

~submitted by Ron Treacy



Dawn Pruitt is one year older than FedEx!



The Brooklyn Dodgers were ahead in the National League the day **Joe Frenzel** was born!



Greg Sund's guest was Mina Sumaadii, who is interning with the city of Dickinson. Her home country is Mongolia.



Merry Johnston's guest was Ivan Mazala, who calls Belarus his home.



Misty Staiger, of the FirstLink Volunteer Center, was **Vicky Steiner's** guest.

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