



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

Branding Iron

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Today!!

Your Greeters Are:

Roland Jacobs & Dale Jacobson
Next Week: Nancy Johnson & Merry Johnston

Birthdays Today:

Rick Backes (8/26)
Rich Wardner (8/26)



Give Thanks Today

Invocation by: Frank Wald
Next week: Rich Wardner

Every individual is a marvel of unknown and unrealized possibilities. Today may we celebrate our unique gifts and talents with the people that need them the most. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Financial Support

In the year ended 30 June 2007, The Rotary Foundation received contributions totaling US\$133.1 million and spent \$118.9 million in support of humanitarian and educational programs implemented by clubs and districts. Contributions from Rotarians go into one of three main funds:

- ◆ **Annual Programs Fund**, which provides grants and awards through Foundation programs.
- ◆ **Permanent Fund**, an endowment from which only a portion of the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs, ensuring the long-term viability of the Foundation.
- ◆ **PolioPlus Fund**, which supports Rotary's dream of a polio-free world Every dollar contributed by Rotarians funds the humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and program operations.

Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out many worthy projects worldwide. The Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative, designed to encourage worldwide annual per capita giving of \$100 or more, supports vital Foundation programs.

Program Chair:

Erv Bren

Next Month: Frank Wald

Your Program Today:

Ron Day
Tesoro Refinery

Coming Up

August 27: Mick Miller
Red Trail Energy

September 3: Rep. David Weiler
Measure #1 (permanent oil trust fund)

September 10: Bruce Furness
Workforce Safety & Insurance

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Campfire Memories



Special thanks: MDU and Rick Backes for printing the Branding Iron!

Announcements:

- ⇒ Kevin Thompson thanked everyone for their teamwork that made the District Convention a huge success and netted about \$3,000.
- ⇒ Richard Olson, Duluth Club, made a donation to our club in thanks to Kevin for finding and returning his coat following the convention.
- ⇒ **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. This is a multi-club project spearheaded by the Nipigon Club. Contact Kari Shea for information.
- ⇒ The Board will meet following today's meeting and the third Thursday of each month.

Last week:

Winner of the Wine: Irene Schafer

Last Week's Speaker: "Great Northern Power Development"



Great Northern Power Development is two years into the process of building a coal gasification plant near South Heart, said last week's guest speaker, Neil Messer.

The company is now in the permitting process and creating a prototype layout. Construction could start in late 2009 or early 2010 on the \$2 billion plant and mine, with operations beginning in 2013. Large machinery is being built elsewhere and will be shipped to the site by blimp. (Should be interesting to watch those being delivered!)

When the plant is fully operational, it will be responsible for 250-270 jobs, with average annual salaries of about \$75,000 each and a \$17 million payroll, Messer said. It will produce about 90 million cubic feet of carbon per day, enough to heat 300 homes. The carbon will move through either the Northern Border or Williston pipelines, he said.

Other factoids, according to Messer:

- ◇ It will mine 4.8 million tons of coal per year.
- ◇ Economic impact of 1,000 additional spin-off jobs.
- ◇ Taxes to local and state entities will amount to about \$17 million per year.
- ◇ The Dakota Resource Council has filed a lawsuit against the Stark County Commission and allowing the project to move forward.
- ◇ The carbon dioxide will be used in the oil fields or sequestered underground and the ash byproduct will be solidified and used in road beds or in concrete.

~submitted by Kris Fehr



Visiting Rotarians: Carolyn Godfread, Bismarck, left, and Lynn Miller, Vancouver, Wash., visited last week.



Joe Roths-chiller's guest was Tom Steffes.



Irene Schafer's guest was Chamber director Lexi Sebastian.

Last Week's Brags:

- ◆ Lew Moorman's son, Kevin, was married last week. He was the last of Lew's children to get married!
- ◆ Irene Schafer made it back into the United States from her trip to Winnipeg!



Gaylon Baker



Don Bares

- ◆ Gaylon Baker is a new grandpa!
- ◆ Shirley Dukart announced that Don Bares got married!

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