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Branding Iron

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Today!!

Your Greeters Are:

Nancy Johnson & Merry Johnston
Next Week: Mike Kiedrowski
& Pam Kostelecky

Birthdays Today:

Jon Hodenfield (8/30)



Give Thanks Today

Invocation by: Rich Wardner
Next week: Pat Altringer

Creator, help us to remember that we don't have to be the one to be responsible for making everything work. You have already taken care of the big things: the sun will rise in the morning, there will be a beautiful sunset, and the stars will shine tonight. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

Program Chair:

Erv Bren

Next Month: Frank Wald

Your Program Today:

Mick Miller
Red Trail Energy

Coming Up

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

September 10: Bruce Furness
Workforce Safety & Insurance

Rotary Basics: Did you know?

- ◆ **Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships** is the world's largest, privately funded scholarship program.
- ◆ The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than \$1.8 billion in program awards and operations since 1947.
- ◆ Rotarians have established a host of organizations dedicated to various humanitarian causes, including **ShelterBox, HungerPlus, Gift of Life, and Rotary Doctor Bank.**
- ◆ Providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunization Days has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 — testimony to the "plus" in **PolioPlus.**
- ◆ Rotary International representatives work with many major international organizations, including the UN and several of its agencies, the Organization of American States, the Council of Europe, and the African Union.

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Campfire Memories



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

Announcements:

- ⇒ Our youth exchange student from Brazil arrives in early September and 2 more host families are needed. See Todd Otto for details.
- ⇒ **Nicaragua Shoe Project** is collecting clean, closed-toe running-type shoes or boots (with laces) sizes 11 or smaller. Bring to Rotary in a Ziploc™ -type bag. This is a multi-club project spearheaded by the Nipigon Club. Contact Kari Shea for information.
- ⇒ The **International Service Committee** will meet following today's meeting.



Jerry Fisher's guest was his son, Brian, who has joined the Reichert Fisher CPA firm. Jerry was then fined for advertising!



Brad Fong's guest was his sister, Lona Cross.



Rich Wardner was born 8 years before Ken Kussy, during World War 2.



To find the year **Rick Backes** was born, square a lucky number.

Last Week's Speaker: Tesoro Refinery, Mandan, ND



Lack of close, growing markets and product transportation limitations are two key reasons that the refinery is slow to expand in North Dakota, according to Ron Day, Tesoro Refinery in Mandan, N.D. The biggest challenge to expansion is "How do you get the product to market?" and "Who will buy this product?" when other refineries are adding hundreds of thousands of barrels of capacity in the near term.

The refinery still refines 60,000 barrels a day of sweet, North Dakota light crude oil. Some refineries can take heavier crude but the Mandan refinery is limited to sweet crude. About half of their product is used in North Dakota and the rest is shipped to Minnesota markets.

From the crude oil, the refinery creates five fuels:

- *Gas (55%)
- *Fuel gas (6% used in-house)
- *Diesel/Jet Fuel (40%)
- *Propane (2%)
- *Industrial Fuels (2%)

The fuels will add up to more than 100% because the products expand and more is created in the processing. Day said that unlike some other refineries in the nation, Tesoro makes profits because it has access to cheap coal-fired electricity, increasing competitiveness. There haven't been new refineries built since 1972.

Day described the costs that go into a gallon of gas at the pump: A gallon of gas has about \$3.57 of cost and taxes built into it. Retailers will add pennies to a nickel on top of the wholesale price. Refineries make about a 5% return on their capital investment. The Mandan refinery will shut down in the spring of 2009 and oil producers are working to find other routes for their Bakken oil production.

~submitted by Vicky Steiner



Jim Irsfeld, right, is a two-time Paul Harris Fellow and received his recognition from Greg Sund, left.

Brags & Fines:

- ◆ Frank Wald's son caught a 180 lb. halibut in Alaska.
- ◆ Merry Johnston's daughter saw Condoleezza Rice's motorcade in Warsaw.
- ◆ Guy Moos bragged that another of Baker Boy's products will be on the Schwan's trucks in January — then fined himself \$10 for advertising.

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