



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

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Today!!
Your Greeters Are:
Paul Steffes & Vicky Steiner

Next Week: Linda Steve & Jon Stevenson

Birthdays Today

Don Bares (12/3)
Jay Elkin (12/4)
Carmi Howe (12/4)
Shirley Dukart (12/6)



Give Thanks Today: Tim Priebe
Next Week: Dawn Pruitt

Father, Bind us together as one people and strengthen us for the work of justice. Gathered in the family of life, we are one sacred community. Amen

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

December: Rotary Family Month

The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world.

The youngest generation of the Rotary family is composed of our Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs, the participants in our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, our Ambassadorial Scholars, and our more than 8,000 Rotary Youth Exchange students every year. As in any family, our youth are our brightest promise for the future. Of course, it is my sincere wish that many of these young people go on to become Rotarians in good time. But Rotary is a part of them even today – and they are a part of us.

~John Kenny, Rotary International President

Program Chair:
Ken Nelson

Next month: Ken Nelson

Your Program Today:

Mark Puppe
North Dakota Realized

Coming Up

December 9: George Wald & Ken Dukart
Great Plains National Bank

December 16: Christmas Party
No noon meeting

December 23: Fireside Chat

December 30:
Scott Karsky
Dickinson Elks Club

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Christmas Party December 16

No noon meeting

Location: Elks Club

Social Hour & Music 6 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Menu: Steak or Walleye

Program: Carols & Wine Auction

Campfire Memories

Last Week:

Announcements:

- ⇒ **Special thanks** to Glenice Hansen and Vicky Steiner for collecting newsletter information for the past 2 weeks!
- ⇒ **Loving Hugs:** remember to donate stuffed animals for the Loving Hugs program. The teddy bears are sent to war zones, hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps around the world. Bring to Rotary by Jan. 15. See Kari Shea, Winnie DeLong and Rita Krank at Rotary for more information.
- ⇒ Welcome back **Gaylon Baker & Mike Ross**, who have been absent due to illnesses.
- ⇒ DSU Rodeo Club is again selling Christmas trees.

Guests:

Gaylon Baker's guest was Chamber Director Lexi Sebastian, a potential new member.



Birthdays:



Chip Poland was born 100 years after the Civil War, or the year President Kennedy was inaugurated.

Braggs & Fines:

Kari Shea bragged that she has been married 6 years on Nov. 25!



Proposed New Member

Scott Frank is proposed for membership by **Lloyd Schnaidt**. His classification is Medical/Health Care, Pharmacist. His is the pharmacist/manager at Thrifty White Drug.

Last Week: Classification Speeches

Winnie Stumpf DeLong has been a Rotary member for 12 years, starting out in Bismarck before moving to Dickinson. She was born in the logging camp area of South Dakota as her parents worked for Homestead mining. In 1939, the mill moved to Spearfish and that's where she graduated from high school. She married young and her husband left her with 5 children to care for so she went back to school, eventually receiving a doctorate in communications. She took a job at Dickinson State University and overcame the initial objections she found among colleagues, rising to Dean of Arts and Sciences. Her children She married Oscar DeLong and spent 6 "wonderful" years with him in Mesa, Arizona but she missed the lilacs and rhubarb so when Oscar passed away, she moved back to North Dakota. Eventually, she ended up at Hawks Point in Dickinson where she is quite happy except she's still looking for a bridge partner. The foreign students at Hawks Point are a delight, she said. She has good friends, good health, and good times at Rotary.



Katie Mehrer is only 28 years old and a Dickinson native. Her father and mother, Owen and LeAnn Mehrer, also reside in Dickinson although her father's roots are in Mott and her mother hails from New Jersey. Her father met her mother while stationed in the service. Katie has a younger brother Richard and three young nephews that she enjoys caring for when she gets the opportunity.



She and her brother now own houses near each other in Dickinson. She reminisced that growing up in Dickinson was enjoyable as she had freedom to ride her bike downtown and visit the old Woolworths five and dime store.

She attended West Long Branch College in New Jersey. Ironically, the college mascot was the Blue Hawk and the school colors were blue and grey just like Dickinson State University. She was active in the Student Activities board, serving as president. She recently took a job as the Business Challenge coordinator at DSU. She likes to read, babysit, hike in Medora, watches movies. Although New Jersey was close to New York, Katie likes the "nice change of pace" in Dickinson and the slower traffic.

*This week's correspondent: Vicky Steiner
Next week: Harvey Brock
Coming Up: Linda Steve*

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