



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

Branding Iron

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Today!!
Your Greeters Are:
Warren Vranna & Frank Wald

Next Week: Richard Wardner & Bill Anderson

Birthdays Today

Paul Steffes (12/31)
Jim Irsfeld (1/1)
Mary Massad (1/2)



Give Thanks Today: Joe Rothschiller
Next Week: Chuck Rummel

Creator: We give you thanks for all those who mean so much to us. Those who have guided us, those who have loved us, those who have laughed and cried with us. You have given us so much...give us one more thing... a grateful heart. Amen

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

Program Chair:
Ken Nelson

Next month: Gaylon Baker

Your Program Today:

Scott Karsky
Dickinson Elks Club

Coming Up

January 6
Greg Kontz, MENSA

January 13
Lori Jordheim, Census

January 20
Lexi Sebastian, Chamber of Commerce

January 27
Terri Thiel, Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Campfire Memories

Last Week:

Announcements:

- ⇒ **Loving Hugs:** remember to donate stuffed animals for the Loving Hugs program by Jan. 15. The teddy bears are sent to war zones, hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps around the world.

Guests:

Kris Fehr's guests were her daughters, Karla, right, from Cleveland, OH, and Laura, left, from Grand Forks.



Birthday:



Kris Fehr was born the same year that the FDA approved the first birth control pill for sale and John F. Kennedy won the presidential election.

Rotary Minute

Why are you a Rotarian? What does Service Above Self mean to you? How can you get more involved?

Hear answers to these questions and more from Rotarians around the world with Rotary Minute, featured on the Rotary web site at www.rotary.org (click on Rotary Minute). Each month, you can view a new video about a topic of interest to you. You can share them with fellow club members, potential members, and the community.

Learn more about Rotary from club members themselves ... in a Rotary Minute!

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Last Week: Fireside Chat with Kari Shea

Veteran Rotarian Kari Shea presented a "Fireside Chat" to inform members about Rotary.

There are 32,000 clubs worldwide with 1.2 million members. The first club was formed in Chicago in 1905, with the first project to install public toilets. Rotary began as a "men only" club; however, in 1989, women were allowed to become members. The mission has expanded to eradicating polio worldwide by vaccinating children.

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. The current president of Rotary International is John Kenny from Scotland. We have 1 of 530 clubs in District 5580 with Ajoy Chatterjee as District Governor, Roland Turner in line as District Governor Elect and Tom Riley as the Nominee.



Club past president Kari Shea gave an overview of Rotary in an informative power point.

The 4 areas of Rotary:

- ⇒ Development of acquaintance
- ⇒ Promotion of high ethical standards in business
- ⇒ Service in business, personal and community life
- ⇒ Advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

The **Four Way Test** of the things Rotarians think, say or do:

- ⇒ Is it the TRUTH?
- ⇒ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ⇒ Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- ⇒ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Our Dickinson club has several community projects including highway clean up, literacy, WRCC, gazebo, landscaping and trees downtown, DSU rodeo, and others. International projects include Guatemala work, shoes to Nicaragua, teddy bears to Iraq and polio shots in India. Strong Rotarians build stronger clubs and this is with strong attendance and participation in the community. Kari said attendance is important because members need to have at least a 60% attendance rating. You can make up missed meetings by going to other clubs' meetings or on the Internet at www.dickinsonrotary.org, www.rotary.org, www.Clubrunner.ca/5580. The next District 5580 Convention is May 12-15, 2010 in Winnipeg. This is a combined conference to honor the first international club with District 5550.

*Submitted by: Vicky Steiner
This week: Harvey Brock
Coming Up: Winnie DeLong*

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www.dickinsonrotary.org
District Website:
www.clubrunner.ca/5580
Rotary International Website:
www.rotary.org