



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

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## Today!! Your Greeters Are:

**Kevin Thompson & John Tongen**

Next Week: Ron Treacy & Warren Vranna

## Birthdays Today

Jack Olin (2/12)  
Harold Rase (2/16)  
Lloyd Moldenhauer (2/19)  
Bill Anderson (2/22)



## Give Thanks Today

Invocation by: **Mark Emmerich**

Next Week: Kris Fehr

**Creator: Our task is not to decipher exactly how all of life's pieces fit and what they all mean. Our task today is to remain faithful and contiguous on a path that leads to You. Amen.**

*~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon*

## Program Chair:

**Joe Frenzel**

Next Month: Jon Brudvig

## Your Program Today:

Daryl Dukart, The Pork Industry

## Coming Up

February 25  
Ole & Jessica Johnson  
The Dairy Industry

## Project Update: First Response Station



**LaVonne Bullinger** just returned from Guatemala, where she and other Rotarians were working on the second floor of the above First Response Station, a fire station and first aid station. Our club supports this project through monetary donations and volunteer workers.



**Katie Mehrer**, center, and **Craig Kubas** received their membership certificates from President **Glenice Hansen**.

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# Campfire Memories

## District Literacy Co-Chairs Appointed



Hansen

District Governor Tully Chambers announced that **Glenice Hansen** and **Yvonne Kroll**, both of the Dickinson Club, will be the new Literacy Co-Chairs for District 5580.

"Their job is to promote literacy issues with the clubs in the district; both an understanding of the problem and the solutions that clubs might invoke as projects," Chambers said.



Kroll

"Literacy and numeracy are fundamental to all other economic growth. If one is unable to read and do numbers it is very difficult to be successful in the modern world, except perhaps as a terrorist or suicide bomber. Literacy is not only an issue in the developing world but also at home."

## Announcements:

- ✦ **Russ Murphy** announced that the Four Way essay contest for high school juniors and seniors is underway. Deadline is the end of the month,
- ✦ Condolences to **Clyde Frank**, whose father died. The funeral was in Beulah.
- ✦ **Todd Otto** bragged that his son, Joel, attained his Boy Scout Eagle rank.
- ✦ **Todd** also bragged that he was nominated and selected for the DOT Honor Roll, based on his traffic safety work.
- ✦ Thank you to **Dean Rummel** and **Paul Steffes** for coordinating the Valentine party and to their spouses, Lori and Danita, for decorating. Thank you to Paul and Lori for donating the centerpieces, which were given to the couple at each table who had a wedding anniversary closest to Valentines Day.

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## Last Week's Speaker: *Leslie Ross, Stark & Dunn County Veterans Service Officer*

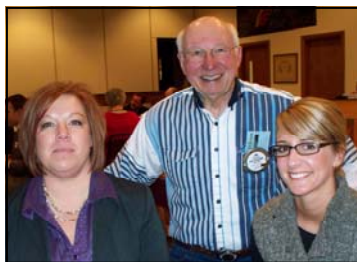


The government provides many benefits for veterans, yet only 35% of veterans, their spouses and families in the United States access those benefits, said Leslie Ross, the Veterans Service Officer for Stark County and Dunn County. Her job is to advocate for veterans and their families, including widows, widowers and children, and help them apply for pensions and other compensation, processing claims and helping them complete paperwork, which she said "can be 27 pages long!"

Veterans may be eligible for a variety of benefits: health care, disability, education, pensions, property tax exemption and survivor benefits. However, she said that "the federal government has no duty to inform veterans of their benefits." She urged anyone with military service to stop in her office, located on the first floor of the Stark County Courthouse, to enroll and find out the types of benefits for which they may be eligible.

In 2007, \$4.4 million was paid to Stark County veterans. Of that, \$1.9 million was in health care benefits. Disabilities may include mental health, nerve damage and physical disabilities. The Veterans Administration (VA) decides percentages of disability and if it is service connected or non-service connected. There are also state grant programs to help veterans with a variety of needs. A new benefit allows veterans to transfer their "GI Bill" education benefits to their spouse or children.

## Guests last week:



**Jim Ozbun's** guests were Cami Havelka, left, and Lindsey Decker, both of US Bank.

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