



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

# Branding Iron

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Kris Fehr, Editor

## Today!! Your Greeters Are:

**Jason Dahl & Dan Dasovik**

Next Week:

Winnie DeLong & Shirley Dukart

## Birthdays Today

Shawn Kessel (2/23)  
Jon Stevenson (2/25)  
Bill Herauf (2/26)  
Dean Rummel (3/2)



## Give Thanks Today: Larry Schnell

Next Week: Kari Shea

**Our strongest advice today is that each of us acknowledges before a crisis occurs, that our trust in God must be independent of our understanding of God. Amen**

*~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon*

## Happy birthday, Dickinson Rotary!

The story of Rotary coming to Dickinson according to charter member Duane Heaton was that after the Armistice in 1918, there was a letdown on any new community efforts as everyone was turning back to normalcy. The Commercial Club that had been organized in 1906 by Dr. Stickney folded because of lack of interest and lack of funds.



**The club was chartered as Club No. 820 on February 1, 1921**, by Rotary International and the Club was on its way with tremendous enthusiasm with many activities suggested for its starting projects. The first was that nearly the total membership went to the legislature in Bismarck and asked for almost a half million dollars for building at the new Dickinson Normal school which was holding classes on the third floor of the Elks building. They succeeded in getting about half of the money.

Many projects were suggested in the new, young club and the activities tackled were many like subsidizing entertainment at the county fair, selling and taking tickets, buying 46 acres of land south of Medora for a scout camp, promoting better roads, better farming and irrigation, cleanup week, etc..

When Dr. Stickney, founder of the first commercial Club, returned from the service, he organized a Chamber of Commerce in 1924 and the Rotarians backed him almost 100 percent.

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## Program Chair: Don Bares

Next month: Chuck Rummel

## Your Program Today:

**Rotarian LaVonne Bullinger**  
Guatemala Project

## Coming Up

**March 3:** Jerry Mayer & Holly Praus  
Sunrise Youth Bureau

**March 10:** Dr. John Richtman, President  
ND State College of Science

**March 17:** Hope Olson  
ND State Crime Lab

**March 24 :** Melanie Kathrein  
Literacy @ Dickinson Public Schools

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# Campfire Memories



## Head Start Book Donation

Dickinson Rotarians donated books to 152 Head Start students and spent time reading in their classrooms as part of the club's literacy project. Above, Rotarian Connie Walter reads with a group of children. Photo courtesy of the Dickinson Press.

## Last Meeting: Announcements:

- ⇒ The Pancake Breakfast fundraiser has been rescheduled tentatively to September 26 to coincide with DSU's homecoming.
- ⇒ The Triple Crown, three rodeos at DSU for which Rotary provides labor as a fundraiser, is coming up. A \$100 donation gets your name in the book. See **Jim Ozbun**. Deadline is early March.
- ⇒ **Clyde Frank** is in India putting an addition on a school.
- ⇒ January attendance: 54.15%. We have 97 members: 93 active & 4 honorary.

## Guests:

- ⇒ **Kevin Thompson's** guest was Patrick Healy, a potential member.
- ⇒ **Buck Haas'** guest was Herb Urlacher, a proposed member.



## Brags & Fines:

**Jon Hendrickson** bragged that he is a grandpa again! His granddaughters were born last week, just 5 days apart!

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## Last Week: Assistant District Governor



**Dickinson Rotarian Kevin Thompson**, Assistant District Governor of Rotary District 5580, was the guest speaker at last week's Rotary meeting. Kevin opened his discussion by wishing Rotary International a happy 105<sup>th</sup> birthday then gave a brief history of Rotary's humble beginnings.

Started by Paul Harris, along with three other Chicago businessmen, Rotary was the world's first service club and was created as a way to capture the friendly spirit of small-town America. Today, Rotary has more than 1.2 million Rotarians in 33,000 clubs around the world who are working toward improving health, peace and understanding around the world. In addition to this being Rotary's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday, this year is significant, Kevin said, because it marks 25 years that Rotary has been working to eradicate polio.

Kevin reminded members that the 2010 Rotary Joint District Conference will be held May 13-16 in Winnipeg, MB, CAN. The theme of this year's conference is "Celebrate Rotary's Gateway to the World." Kevin urged those who are considering attending the conference to a passport because, he said "although Canada will let you in without a passport, the United States won't."

*Submitted by: Connie Walter  
This week: Harvey Brock  
Coming Up: Winnie DeLong*

## Proposed New Member



**Herb Urlacher** is proposed for membership by Buck Haas. Classification is agriculture—retired sheep, dairy, beef and grain farming. He is a former District 36 state legislator.

## Birthdays:

**Jack Olin** was born the same year that Polaroid glass was invented and the Nevada state legislature limited people to 3 divorces in a lifetime!



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