



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

Branding Iron

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**Today!!
Your Greeters Are:**

David Anderson & Mary Anderson

Next Week: Gaylon Baker & Don Bares

Birthdays Today

Jason Dahl (1/14)



**Give Thanks Today: Irene Schafer
Next Week: Lawrence Schilla**

Lord, make the door of our house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and narrow enough to shout out all envy, pride and hate. Amen

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon



**Rotary Awareness Month:
The Organization of Rotary**

Rotary is essentially a grassroots organization, with most of its service efforts being carried out at the club level.

The district and international structure is designed to support the clubs and help them provide more service in their local communities and abroad.

Clubs

Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

Districts

Clubs are grouped into 531 RI districts, each led by a district governor, who is an officer of RI. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and supports the clubs.

RI Board

The 19-member RI Board of Directors, which includes the RI president and president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Traditionally, the RI president, who is elected annually, develops a theme and service emphases for the year.

The Secretariat

Rotary international is headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, USA, with seven international offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland. The office for RI in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), located in England, serves clubs and districts in that region. The Secretariat's chief operating officer is the RI general secretary, who heads a 650-member staff working to serve Rotarians worldwide.

**Program Chair:
Gaylon Baker**

Next month: Don Bares

Your Program Today:

**Lori Jordheim
Census**

Coming Up

January 20

Lexi Sebastian, Chamber of Commerce

January 27

Terri Thiel, Convention & Visitors Bureau

February 3

Ronnie Walker, DSU Multi Cultural Center

**February 10: No Noon Meeting
Evening Valentine Party**



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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.
- ⇒ **LaVonne Bullinger** leaves for Guatemala on Jan. 16; she will be helping build 3 classrooms onto an existing school. Contributions of cash, gifts or school supplies are welcome.
- ⇒ **Kevin Thompson**, assistant governor for Rotary District 5580, congratulated the club on its recognition by the Rotary Foundation for its \$2,500 commitment to PolioPlus for this year.
- ⇒ **Mary Massad** announced that St. John's Episcopal Church received a \$20,000 national grant for tornado relief in Dickinson. The first installment of \$10,000 has been turned over to the Unmet Needs Committee for distribution.

Guests:



Tim Priebe's
guest was
Flo Friedt,



Jon Stevenson's
guest
was Annika
Plummer.

- ⇒ **Gaylon Baker's** guest was proposed member Lexi Sebastian.

Birthdays:



Paul Steffes, left,
is 58.

Mary Massad, right,
was born the year
Elvis had his first hit.



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Last Week: Dickinson MENSA

Greg Kontz is the director of Mensa activities in Dickinson. Mensa is the largest, most well-known high Intelligence Quotient in the world. Since Greg became active in the Mensa society, Dickinson has tested more people than groups the size of Phoenix, Denver, and Boston. Dickinson now has 17 MENSA members, plus 6 in the immediate area. In a 600 mile radius, only Fargo and Sioux Falls are bigger. Greg will be 1 of 3 Mensa members in the United States to present a program on Leadership Development to the European Mensa Annual Gathering in Prague.



Greg Kontz

The group is planning to start a student Mensa chapter at DSU.

If you like challenges, if you have a well developed sense of curiosity, if you enjoy good conversation, and if you'd like to "beef up" your resume or college application, then you should contact Greg at grik@fisherind.com

Submitted by: Winnie DeLong
This week: Linda Steve
Coming Up: Winnie DeLong

Proposed New Member

Lexi Sebastian, executive director, Dickinson Chamber of Commerce, is proposed for membership by Gaylon Baker. Classification is Management & Administration, Nongovernmental Organization.



Brag & Fines:

Steve Glasser bragged that he is a new grandfather.

Jack Olin fined **Jon Stevenson** for not announcing that his guest is from the great city of Sims, N.D.

Kari Shea fined song leader **Ken Nelson** for making the head table, with guests and the speaker, sing and making everyone sing 3 extra verses and the food got cold!

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www.clubrunner.ca/5580
Rotary International Website:
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