



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

Branding Iron

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Today!!

Your Greeters Are:

Russ Murphy & Jack Olin

Next Week: Todd Otto & Jim Ozbun

Birthdays Today

Tim Priebe (8/3)



**Give Thanks Today: Erv Bren
Next Week: Harvey Brock**

Creator: We are thankful for this day that you have given us, for its blessings, its opportunities, its challenges. May we appreciate and use each day that comes to us. Amen.

Rotary Basics



Rotary International, the world's first service organization, is made up of 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Its members form a global network on business, professional and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world. Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members.

Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational structure, with many programs.

**Program Chair:
Jason Hanson**

Next month: Scott Frank

Your Program Today:

**Rick Berg (R-Fargo)
U.S. House of Representatives
Candidate**

Coming Up

Aug. 4: Rotaract Presentation
Matt Remyse

Aug. 11: Fireside Chat with Kari Shea

Aug. 18: Pharmacy in North Dakota

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Mark Your Calendars and Sign Up to Help!

Pancake Karnival September 26

Serving pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice, water
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Badlands Activity Center
Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Preschool free.

Proceeds support ending polio worldwide!

Campfire Memories

Announcements:

- **Pancake Karnival** will be held September 26 at the Badlands Activity Center (BAC) in conjunction with DSU's Homecoming festivities. This fundraiser will publicize and benefit PolioPlus™, Rotary International's emphasis to eradicate polio worldwide. Four shifts of 2 hours each will be available. Tickets cost \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.
- **Chip Poland** distributed information about Dickinson State University's partnerships with 16 Chinese universities. These students receive a 53% discount off DSU's out-of-state tuition rate.
- **Guy Moos** announced that our Rotary district is linked with a district in Brazil. He needs a team leader for a 4-5 week Group Study Exchange to Brazil. Non-Rotarian team members, ages 25-40, are also invited to apply. For information, see Guy, Glenice Hansen, Shirley Dukart or Bruce Howe.
- We said farewell to airport summer intern Chris Reiman who is returning to Lafayette, IN, where he plays in the Boilermakers' marching band at Purdue University.
- A **substitute pianist** is needed for just a few meetings per year. See Don Bares if you can help out.
- Former exchange student Bibiana Santos sends greetings from Brazil!

Birthdays:



Lawrence Schilla was born the year of the Great Depression.

Miss a meeting?

Try an e-meeting makeup! Go to www.rotaryclubone.org and follow the instructions for making up a meeting. You will find a wide variety of interesting articles and videos!

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Last week:

ND Tax Commissioner Cory Fong



Cory Fong, ND's Tax Commissioner, spoke at the July 21st meeting. Fong explained that the Tax Department is responsible for collecting 84.3% of the general fund taxes. North Dakota's tax system office is like a three legged stool comprised of sales/use taxes, income taxes, and property taxes.

Oil production has increased to 285,000 barrels a day, and the state has the potential to receive a record \$1.2 billion from oil production. North Dakota has two oil tax types, Oil & Gas Production Tax (GPT) 5% and Oil Extraction Tax (OET) 6 ½%, and the majority of the state's oil production is subject to the combined 11.5% tax rate. Distribution is based on series of complex formulas with caps and tiers. Taxes and income from oil will be of major interest to the legislature this winter. There is an initiative to abolish property taxes, and replace them with taxes from oil production. Already on the November ballot is a vote to establish the Legacy Fund which will receive 30% of all oil tax revenue from the Oil and Gas Gross Production Tax, and Oil Extraction Tax. Fong believes that abolishing property taxes would have devastating consequences to our state, and believes that the current 3 legged stool approach has served the state well in the past and will continue to do so.

Guests last week:



Mike Schatz's guest was his "trophy wife," Patty, who was celebrating her 29th birthday!

Brags & Fines:

- **Kari Shea** bragged that her sister is a finalist for the Country Woman of the Year!
- **Kris Fehr** bragged that her son's team won second place for video game design at the national junior high Technology Student Association convention!
- **Matt Remyse** bragged that the airport next month will have an overnight airplane and 100 more seats per week available to passengers!
- **Nancy Johnson** *fined* **Mike Schatz** for "treating" his wife to a Rotary lunch for her birthday!

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