



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

Branding Iron

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**Today!!
Your Greeters Are:**

Joe Frenzel & Chris Gerving

Next Week: Buck Haas & Lee Hamre

Birthdays Today

Muriel Dassinger (6/18)
Frank Pearson (6/20)



Give Thanks Today: Bruce Howe

Next Week: Carmi Howe

We commit ourselves to sharing our talents with God's people. In this work of service, we promise to carry out our roles and functions to the best of our abilities. May God give us compassion and courage in our work together. Amen.



Foundation co-chair Jim Ozbun presents club secretary Rita Krank with her third Paul Harris pin. She has donated \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

**Program Chair:
Mark Emmerich**

Your Program Today:

**LaVonne Bullinger
Guatemala First Responders Station**

Coming Up

**June 24: No noon Meeting
Rotary on the Road!**

July 1: TBA

July 8: TBA

July 15: TBA

Rotary on the Road June 24 at Lady J's

(20 East Broadway; former German-Hungarian Club)

Social at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Choice of stuffed pork chop
or glazed wild rice stuffed chicken breast
and assorted pie for dessert!

Program:

Rotary Awards & Officer Crossover

Ugly Tie Contest

**Men & Women: wear your ugliest tie
and win a prize!**



Cost: \$20/ person

Spouses & guests of Rotarians welcome!

Advance sign-up required!

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Campfire Memories

Announcements:



Paul Stremick has moved to the Central School District north of Minneapolis-St. Paul, where he will be the superintendent. Last week he reported that he was still the youngest person sitting at the Dickinson Public Schools board table at the last board meeting.

Exchange student **Bibiana Santos** is touring the East Coast and will need transportation from Detroit Lakes to Dickinson on June 29. See **Todd Otto** for information.

Thanks to **Kari Shea** for collecting the club's news for last week's newsletter!

Member attendance for May 2009 was 55.61%.

Brag & fines:

- ⇒ **Sue Larsen** became a grandmother for the 5th time!
- ⇒ **Merry Johnston** thanked **Gene Jackson** for his and his wife's contributions to the Guatemala project recently featured in the Dickinson Press.

Club Officers for 2009-2010

President Jason Hanson

President-elect Ken Nelson

Vice president Mike Kiedrowski

Secretary Rita Krank

Treasurer Russ Murphy

Board members: Jon Hendrickson, LaVonne Bullinger,

Kris Fehr. Sergeant at Arms: Matt Remysne

Past president: Glenice Hansen.

New officer terms begin July 1st.

Special thanks:
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 for printing the Branding Iron!

Last Week's Speaker: Joe Frenzel's Ukrainian ranching trip

When the Soviet Union collapsed nearly 20 years ago the collective farms in the Ukraine collapsed with it. Today there are only seven million head of cattle compared to the 36 million there had once been.



Joe Frenzel and his technical assistant & guest Danita Tysver.

Some Ukrainians came to the USA feeling that they should follow US cattle practices. Recently five mid-westerners, including Joe Frenzel, went to the Ukraine and met with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ukrainian Parliament. Joe found the administrative buildings to be dark as little money is spent on electricity or maintenance. Many of the buildings were built at the end of the Soviet era.

Dr. Gary White, formerly of Dickinson State University, now teaching at Chadron State, led Joe and his group. They visited a semen collection center built of concrete. Contrary to US practices, the cattle stand on concrete 24/7. The center had 36 employees for only 17 bulls. The cattle were thin and the feed bunks full. Unfortunately none of the 36 employees felt it was their job to see what the cattle were eating (nutrition value, etc) just that they had feed to eat.

The Ukraine has a population of 56 million people and is the largest country in Europe. Only a small percentage of that population has eaten beef. Joe feels that the beef industry in the Ukraine will take at least 20 years to recover. His group would like to see numerous young ranchers come to America for at least nine months to see how things are done and then go back to the Ukraine to teach.

The Ministry of the Ukraine asked the group for embryos and beef semen. Joe said this is not the answer, as they have not thought through the process of what cows would be impregnated. They cannot use unhealthy cows and expect success. Joe stated that it is also unfortunate in that the Ukraine does not have conflict of interest rules. The people making the rules are those with will profit from the rules.

~submitted by Linda Steve

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