



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

Branding Iron

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Today!! Your Greeters Are:

Rick Backes & Gaylon Baker

Next Week: Deborah Ballard & Karen Boulden

Birthdays Today

Anyone?



Give Thanks Today: Clyde Frank

Next Week: Howard Freed

Thank you, God, for another day of living, another chance to work and love and sing. May we make a triumph of every aspect of our lives. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

Program Chair:

Jon Brudvig

Next Month: Mike Kiedrowski

Your Program Today:

Steve Glasser, Executive Director
Strom Center for Entrepreneurship
at DSU

Coming Up

March 25

LaVonne Bullinger, First Response Station
Guatemala Trip

April 1

April 8

April 15



Shawn Kessel, left, last week received his Rotary membership pin from Chuck Rummel.

Dolly Parton and Rotary partner to promote reading

On 6 March, country music legend Dolly Parton and Rotary International announced a collaborative relationship to begin a new chapter in promoting early childhood reading.

Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, which provides a book each month to children from birth until age five.

Parton's impoverished childhood and her father's illiteracy inspired the country singer to create a literacy program in 1996 for preschool children in her native Sevier County, Tennessee.

The Imagination Library spread quickly. Today, it serves 47 states, along with parts of Canada and the United Kingdom, and has provided children with more than 15 million books.

*~By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News*

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Campfire Memories

Announcements:

- ✦ **District Conference** is April 23-26 in Minot. Let **President Glenice Hansen** know if you're interested in attending. Do you have an idea for a project display from our club? See Glenice.
- ✦ Congratulations to **Mark Emmerich** on the academic & athletic achievements of his son, Joe, recognized & announced by the Dickinson Press.
- ✦ Thanks to president elect **Jason Hanson** for running the meetings in Glenice's absence.
- ✦ **Chip Poland** announced that the Cowboy Challenge Rodeo is March 28. Contact Chip to sign up for a shift to work.
- ✦ **Fargo West Rotary Club** requests donations to help Australia District 9790, which has experienced destruction and deaths from wildfires. District 5580 will match all funds. The Australia District sent donations during the Red River flood of 1997. Mail donations to William Gravelle, Treasurer, Rotary District 5580, 5014 Miller Trunk Highway, Duluth, MN 55811. Make checks payable to Rotary District 5580, designated for Australian District 9790 Fires.

Braggs & Fines:

- **Frank Pearson** bragged that his daughter received the 2008 Chief of Air Force Staff Volunteer Award!
- **Erv Bren** bragged that he has a new baby granddaughter!
- **Shawn Kessel** bragged that his son ended the season with 45 goals and 45 assists, and is looking forward to playing hockey in Dickinson!

Special thanks:
Wells Fargo Bank
&
Mike Ross

Last Week's Speaker:

David Solga,
Bully Pulpit Golf Course



The Bully Pulpit Golf Course south of Medora opened in June 2004 and provides a great golfing experience.

David Solga, Golf Course Director, learned to golf in Dickinson and fell in love with the game. He was on hand to help develop and open the \$3.5 million course, which attracts golfers for its unique layout: wide open river bottom, wood lands and rugged badlands. Some areas are designated as environmentally sensitive areas, where the vegetation is thin. If a ball crosses a designated area, it's a free drop.

Recently, several holes experienced flooding and large ice chunks piled on the greens. The golf course has drought resistant grass that is irrigated with Little Missouri River water.

The course averages 15,000 rounds per year and usually opens in April. Solga said several packages and specials are available by checking out the web site: www.medora.com.

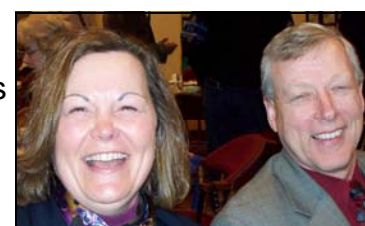
Solga gave away a free round, won by Brad Fong.

~submitted by Kris Fehr

Celebrity Birthdays:

Dean Rummel shares his birthday with Dr. Seuss, who is 54 years older.

Linda Steve was born on Albert Einstein's 75th birthday.



Birthday Clue:

Lloyd Schnaidt joined Rotary in 1961 at the age of 23.

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