



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

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Today!! Your Greeters Are:

Pat Altringer & Bill Anderson

Next Week: David Anderson & Mary Anderson

Birthdays Today

Jon Brudvig (3/6)



Give Thanks Today: Jerry Fisher

Next Week: Brad Fong

**Father, make us humble and obedient,
peaceable and pious: let us never envy
another's goods: and if it be, teach us to bear it
with meekness and charity. Amen.**

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

March is Rotary Literacy Month

Knowing how to read and write can transform a person's life. These basic skills, which so many of us take for granted, can mean a job, an income, and hope for a better future for those who are struggling to break the cycle of poverty. That's why Rotary has focused on promoting literacy for more than two decades, and why The Rotary Foundation has provided millions of dollars to support literacy projects.

March is Literacy Month on the Rotary calendar, a time to consider what your club could be doing to boost literacy rates in your community and in communities around the globe. In parts of our world, less than 30 percent of the population can read and write.

Many of those people are women and girls who have few opportunities for education and who then cannot teach their own children to read. Even in wealthy countries, you'll find substandard schools that are failing to adequately teach basic skills and far too many adults who cannot read or write well enough to function effectively in society.

Literacy opens doors to employment and economic security.

~ Jonathan Majiyagbe

Rotary International Foundation Trustee Chair

Program Chair:

Jon Brudvig

Next Month: Mike Kiedrowski

Your Program Today:

Carol Treacy

Rehab Services Director
St. Joseph's Hospital

Coming Up

March 11

David Solga, Bully Pulpit Golf Course

March 18

Steve Glasser, Executive Director
Strom Center for Entrepreneurship at DSU

March 25

LaVonne Bullinger, First Response Station
Guatemala Trip

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Campfire Memories

Shawn Kessel is proposed as a new member by **Chuck Rummel**. Classification is Government, Municipal/City. He is the new Dickinson City Administrator.



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.

✦ **LaVonne Bullinger** is selling Guatemalan coffee.

✦ **Chris Gerving** fined herself for giving **Ken Kussy** and **Joe Frenzel** a bad time at the Valentine Party.

✦ Guests: **Dennis Cannon's** guest was Carolyn Riley.



New member **Yvonne Kroll**, center, received her membership pin from **Karen Boulden** and her certificate from president-elect Jason Hanson.

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Last Week's Speaker:

Jessica & Ole Johnson, Dairy Farmers

Milking 400 cows three times a day seven days a week to produce 800,000 pounds of milk every month for a market in which the price of your product has dropped 50% in the past 60 days. Welcome to the life of a dairy farmer in North Dakota.



Six years ago, Ole and Jessica Johnson moved their dairy farm – cows, stock, equipment – and nine children (they're up to 11 now) from Washington state to Center, ND, because, as Jessica says, "After looking at locations as far east as Wisconsin and Minnesota, North Dakota seemed the friendliest, cleanest and most peaceful."

In addition to a volatile milk market, the Johnsons also face a challenge shared by many North Dakota farmers and companies: a shortage of labor. They've countered that shortage by participating in The Global Cow, Ltd., an international dairy farm internship program that pairs young people from around the world interested in learning about American dairying with American host farmers who want to teach someone else about dairying. Currently, the Johnsons have eight students from the program working on their farm: four from Tanzania, two from Peru and two from Ethiopia.

~submitted by Ron Treacy



Birthdays:

Chuck Rummel substituted for his brother, Dean, who hit his Five-Oh milestone birthday a year ago.

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