



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

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Today!!

Your Greeters Are:

Chip Poland & Tim Priebe

Next Week: Dawn Pruitt & Harold Rase

Birthdays Today

(and from last week!)

Mark Emmerich (9/4)

Chris Gerving (10/24)

Nancy Johnson (10/26)

Roland Jacobs (10/27)

Jeanne MacDonald (10/29)

Tom Henning (11/2) & Sue Larsen (11/8)

Anyone else I missed??



Give Thanks Today

Invocation by: Karen Boulden

Next Week: Erv Bren

**Creator: In our lives, may we always have
...enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward
...enough flexibility to keep changing with the times
...enough faith to banish depression
...enough determination to rise to every occasion,
and to make each day better. Amen.**

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Contributions to Rotary Foundation funds enable Rotarians to carry out humanitarian and educational projects.

Donors may direct their gifts to three main funds: the [Annual Programs Fund](#), which supports the Foundation's humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs worldwide; the [Permanent Fund](#), which provides an endowment; and the [PolioPlus Fund](#).

The **Annual Programs Fund** mirrors that of The Rotary Foundation: to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. From digging water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise.

Program Chair:

Merry Johnston

Next Month: Mary Massad

Your Program Today:

Classification Speeches

Ron Treacy & Vicky Steiner

Coming Up

November 12

Classification Speech: Karen Boulden
Rotary International & Foundation

Jon Brudvig

November 19

Classification Speeches
Mary Massad & Kathleen Chesnut

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Thompson accepts appointment



District Governor Tully Chambers announced that Dickinson Club member Kevin Thompson has accepted the position of Vice Assistant District Governor (Vice-ADG) for Area One (Dickinson, Williston, Watford City and Bowman). The term "Vice" in Rotary means that the person assists and is training to replace the person in the position. Aaron Schmidt of Williston, the current ADG, completes his third year on the job June 30, 2009. DGE Ajoy Chatterjee has committed to appointing Kevin as the ADG starting July 1, 2009.

Campfire Memories

Special thanks:
MDU
and Rick Backes
 for printing the Branding Iron!

Announcements:

- ⇒ **Remember** to include our exchange student, Bibiana Santos, in your trips so she can experience American life. Contact **Robbi Kudrna** or **Todd Otto** to make arrangements.
- ⇒ **Fireside Chat** for new members & family members and sponsors is **tomorrow, Nov. 6**, at the Elks. Lunch is provided. Current members are also invited. Contact Kari Shea to RSVP. This is your chance to find out all about Rotary and ask your questions.
- ⇒ **Newsletter:** We are looking for a business willing to copy the weekly Branding Iron, 65 copies back-to-back in color, in exchange for advertising in the newsletter. Contact **Glenice Hansen** or **Kris Fehr** for more information. The newsletter is posted on the club's web site, www.dickinsonrotary.org, thanks to Doug Murphy.



Guests last week:

Frank Wald's guest last week was Rhonda Paluck, American Insurance.



Rhonda
Paluck

Guy Moos' guests were his wife, Sandra Moos, and Frank Madsen and Mike Crawford of Baker Boy.

Last Week's Speaker: Adam Hamm



Adam Hamm, elected the state's insurance commissioner last year, provided Rotary members with an overview of the seven divisions that make up the state's insurance department. He noted that North Dakota has the third smallest insurance department in the nation, with 44 employees handling about \$1 billion in claims. Hamm also reviewed the rate increase and financial history of Blue Cross Blue Shield, which controls 90 percent of the insurance market in North Dakota and generates about \$415 million in annual revenues.

Hamm is the incumbent insurance commissioner, running for re-election.

- submitted by Ron Treacy

Brags & Fines:

- ⇒ **Kevin Thompson** bragged for **Guy & Sandra Moos** that they were selected as Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year by the Coalition of Charitable Organizations (COCO) and recognized at the Chamber banquet last week. Congratulations!
- ⇒ **Brad Fong** reminded everyone to return their Rotary raffle tickets and money by the Nov. 3 drawing. More tickets are available!
- ⇒ **Family of Rotary:** A get well card was sent to Eunice Frank.



In Loving Memory

We mourn the passing of Rotarian **Clarence Storseth**. Clarence was a long time member of Rotary and had been a member of several committees. He will be missed.



Dickinson Club Website:
www.dickinsonrotary.org
 District Website:
www.clubrunner.ca/5580
 Rotary International Website:
www.rotary.org

Campfire Memories

Farmer Rancher Night Highlights



Clockwise from top left: Jim Ozburn, right, and his guest, David Sadowsky; Gov. Hoeven greets Deb Dragseth; Barb and Gaylon Baker enjoy a lighter moment; Gov. John Hoeven addressed more than 75 Rotarians and guests at Farmer-Rancher night. *Photos and story by Vicky Steiner.*

ND Governor speaks at Rotary's Farmer-Rancher Night

Governor John Hoeven touted agriculture as one of the foundations of North Dakota's economy, and still the largest industry in the state. Hoeven was the main speaker at the Rotary Farmer Rancher banquet Oct. 26 at the Dickinson Elks. With about 75 Rotarians and guests in attendance, the Governor told the group, "Since 2001, we've created a value-added board in the Commerce Department to promote opportunities in value-added processing; created investment tax credits to spark value-added ventures; eliminated the used farm equipment sales tax to reduce the burden on our farmers; and increased general fund dollars for agricultural research to keep our farmers on the cutting edge."

A Bismarck Rotarian, Hoeven described the six pillars his administration has been working on since he was elected: education, economic development, agriculture, energy development, technology and quality of life. These provide the foundation to build a stronger, more successful North Dakota, he said.

The pillars are helping to bring about real diversification of our economic base, which helps our economy to be more resilient and positioned to grow. To broaden our economy, his administration targeted five key industry sectors closely related to the pillars: value-added agriculture, energy development, advanced manufacturing, technology-based businesses and tourism. These were identified because they are areas where North Dakota has a unique advantage owing to our natural and human resources. These industry sectors, combined with North Dakota's educated and motivated workforce, have already begun to generate higher-paying, career-track jobs for North Dakotans, Hoeven said.

The state leads the world in production of 14 different commodities such as honey, pinto beans, and dry edible beans. New multi-million dollar wind farms will also provide additional revenues to farmers. Hoeven noted the Red Trail ethanol project at Richardton, the \$5 billion wind projects on the board now in North Dakota and the new gasification plant proposed near South Heart as exciting new developments. North Dakota does \$2 billion in exports, twice that of Montana, Hoeven noted. Some of the new ag products of the future are nano whiskers and products that use crops as a fiber than can replace plastics.



Dickinson Rotary Club Ranch Hands (Committee Assignments)

Membership

Shirley Dukart, Group Chair

Development & Retention

Ken Nelson
Harvey Brock
Pat Altringer
Mary Anderson
Mary Massad

Family of Rotary

Chris Gerving
Muriel Dassinger
Billie Rase
Raymond Schnell
Carmi Howe
Mike Keidrowski
Winnie Stump-Delong

Fireside Chat

Buzz Whelan
Kari Shea

Service Celebrations

Farmer Rancher Night
(October)
Kevin Thompson
David Anderson
Jason Hanson
Larry Schnell
Christmas Party (December)
Carmi Howe
Shirley Dukart
Valentines Party (February)
Paul Steffes
Dean Rummel
Armed Forces Day (May)
Joe Frenzel
Chuck Rummel
Rotary Road Trip (June)
Gaylon Baker

Public Relations

Jason Hanson, Group
Chair

Newsletter

Kris Fehr
Vicky Steiner
Ron Treacy
Linda Steve
Dennis Cannon

Programs:

July: Rich Wardner
August: Erv Bren
Sept: Frank Wald
Oct.: Frank Wald
Nov: Merry Johnston
December: Mary Massad
January: Bill Herauf
February: Joe Frenzel
March: Jon Brudvig
April: Mike Kiedrowski
May: Todd Otto
June: Mark Emmerich

Service

Ken Kussy, Group Chair

Community Projects

Richard Schmidt, Chair
Jon Hendrickson
Brad Brennan
Rick Backes
Warren Vranza
Bill Anderson
Lloyd Schnaidt
Kathleen Chesnut
Dean Rummel
Larry Schnell
Paul Schuetzler
Don Bares

Youth Program

Jeanne MacDonald
Dawn Pruitt
Robbi Kudrna
Todd Otto
Tim Priebe
Chuck Rummel
William Herauf
Mark Emmerich
Paul Stremick
Deb Ballard
Russ Murphy

Vocational Awareness

C.B. Haas
Lee Hamre
Jon Hodnefield
David Anderson
Nancy Johnson
April Bishop
Howard Freed
Dale Jacobsen
Lloyd Moldenhauer
Jay Elkin
Jonathan Stevenson

Fund Raising

Jim Ozbun
Chip Poland
Brad Fong
Scott Meschke
Sue Larson
Karen Boulden

Foundation

Jon Brudvig & Jim Ozbun,
Group Co-Chairs

International Service

Clyde Frank, Chair
Rita Krank
Gene Jackson
Lawrence Schilla
Tom Henning
Randy Sickler
Richard Backes
Jim Irsfeld
Pam Kostelecky
Irene Schafer
LaVonne Bullinger
John Tongen

Ambassadorial

Scholarships

Merry Johnston, Chair
Jack Olin
Norbert Sickler
Todd Tavis
Jon Brudvig

International Exchange

Jerry Fisher
Robbi Kudrna
Jason Dahl
Dan Dasovick
Dennis Hulsing
Richard McCallum
Brian Rummel
Joe Rothschilder
Hal Haynes, Jr.
Roland Jacobs

Group Study Exchange

Shirley Dukart, Chair
Kevin Thompson
Bruce Howe
Guy Moos
Rich Wardner
Erv Bren

Board of Directors 2008-2009

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can serve on
the commit-
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choice.