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**Today!!
Your Greeters Are:**

Chip Poland & Tim Priebe

Next Week: Dawn Pruitt & Matt Remyne

Birthdays Today

Anyone?



**Give Thanks Today: Guy Moos
Next Week: Russ Murphy**

Hardly perfect in our life together, we often forget the command of Christ to love one another without discrimination and to be witnesses of love to every race and nation. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

Vocational Service Month

Vocational Service, one of Rotary's Avenues of Service, encourages Rotarians to serve others through their professions and to practice high ethical standards. Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations and inspire others in the process. Observed each October, Vocational Service Month spotlights Rotary club projects related to this avenue, offering an opportunity for clubs and districts to use their professional skills in service projects.

Vocational Service focuses on:

1. Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
2. The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.
3. The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

~For more information, visit www.rotary.org or contact vocationalservice@rotary.org

**Program Chair:
Craig Kubas**

Next month: Merry Johnston

Your Program Today:

Mike Seminary
Kadmas, Lee & Jackson
Community Relations Director

Coming Up

October 21: Pastor Steve Tangen,
Tornado Recovery Update &
Dickinson's Unmet Needs Committee

October 28: Club Group Photo

November 4: TBA

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Club Photo is planned for the Oct. 28 meeting. Each member is important so...Please plan to attend!

Campfire Memories

Last Week's Announcements:

- ⇒ There will be **no Farmer-Rancher Night** this year.
- ⇒ Welcome back, **Ken Kussy!**
- ⇒ **Brad Fong** reminded everyone that the raffle is underway. He reported that the girls are outselling the boys 2-1.
- ⇒ **Chip Poland** announced that Cowboys & Candlelight will be Nov. 7. Tickets cost \$45.
- ⇒ A group photo of club members will be taken during the Oct. 28 meeting.



Ken Kussy

Birthdays:

Mark Emmerich says the 40s looked great and the 60s are a ways off. He's celebrating his 55th!



Ken Nelson was 31 when he joined Rotary in Dickinson in 1983 and he retired from his job 2 years ago.

Brags & Fines:

- **Brad Fong** bragged that his daughter, Haley, was named an Elk Teen of the Month.

Dickinson Rotary Club Membership Facts:

- ⇒ As of Sept. 30, 2009 we have 100 members.
- ⇒ There are 95 active members and 5 honorary. The honorary are: Muriel Dassinger, Howard Freed, Lloyd Moldenhauer, Billie Rase and Richard Schmidt.
- ⇒ The percentage of attendance for September was 52.95%!
- ⇒ Todd Tavis & Lee Hamre resigned. Both have moved to Bismarck.

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Last Week: *Kris Fehr* *Best Friends Mentoring Program & Literacy Project Update*



The Best Friends Mentoring Program works with youth ages 6-16 who are in need of positive adult role models in order to be successful. Most of the children live in poverty situations and many come from single parent families. Rotarian Kris Fehr said the program is modeled after the Big Brother Big Sister Program. When she started as the program's director in 2000, there were only 2 matches between a trained volunteer and a youth. Today there are more than 100. The waiting list includes 20+ little boys who need a male role model to spend time with them. The trained volunteers spend just one hour a week and get great results: mentored youth last year improved their academic competency, social skills and behavior.

Best Friends has 3 programs: school based mentoring, community based mentoring and literacy mentoring, which is new. Last year 7 Rotarians helped kids in Dickinson with their reading and helped them bring up their reading grades. DSU's teacher education department heard about the Rotary project and now 30 DSU students are tutoring to students in grades 1-12. Right now, there is a need for high school algebra tutors for 7 freshman girls.

Kris also talked about other Rotary literacy projects. Rotary's literacy goal is "promote universal literacy and educational opportunities for all." The club has donated dictionaries to each third grade student in Dickinson and donated books to Head Start students. Rotarians spent time reading to the Head Start students. The Community Projects Committee will continue to organize these projects.

This week's correspondent: Linda Steve
Next week: Vicky Steiner

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