



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

# Branding Iron

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## Today!!

### Your Greeters Are:

Rita Krank & Robbi Kudrna  
Next Week: Ken Kussy & Sue Larsen

### Birthdays Today:

Harvey Brock (9/10)



## Give Thanks Today

Invocation by: Bill Anderson

Next week: David Anderson

**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. Creator, give us compassion and courage in our work together.**

**Amen.**

*~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon*

## Dickinson Rotary Club Projects Updates:

- ◆ **Community Projects Committee** is starting a *new* literacy project *right here* in Dickinson. Rotarians will be going into local schools for an hour each week to listen to students read. Nine Rotarians have already said they have an hour a week to help a child improve reading skills! Can you join them? Volunteers are needed for only one hour each week during the school year either before school, over lunch or after school. Free lunch! Contact Glenice Hansen or Kris Fehr for information.
- ◆ **Community Projects Committee** held Highway Clean Up at Painted Canyon on Sept. 3. Nine Rotarians cleaned three miles of ditches to beautify the wayside. They enjoyed pizza following the event. Mark your calendars for next year's clean up on May 15.
- ◆ **Literacy Project:** Dickinson Rotarians will forego their weekly wine drawing during the month, with the weekly funds going to buy books for Head Start students. We will still announce the winner of the *Phantom Wine!*

## Program Chair:

**Frank Wald**

Next Month: Frank Wald

## Your Program Today:

**Bruce Furness**

Workforce Safety & Insurance

## Coming Up

September 17  
District 36 Senate Candidates

September 24  
Badlands Activity Center Ballot Measure

October 1  
Sen. Tim Mathern, Gov. Candidate (Dem.)  
Cheryl Bergian, PSC Candidate (Dem.)

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**COMING UP: FARMER-RANCHER NIGHT  
OCTOBER 29 AT 6 P.M.  
DICKINSON ELKS CLUB  
(NO NOON MEETING)**

# Campfire Memories



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

## Announcements:

- ⇒ 10-day **Humanitarian Trips** are planned for January, February, March and April. See Clyde Frank for information.
- ⇒ **Group Study Exchange member:** Dickinson police officer Nick Gates has applied for the 5-week Taiwan trip.
- ⇒ **Exchange student** has arrived and needs a ride to Bismarck on Sept. 12 and back to Dickinson on Sept. 14. See Todd Otto if you can help.
- ⇒ **Fundraising Committee** meets following today's meeting. Jim Ozburn announced that the Rotary Foundation goal is \$100/year/Rotarian. District 5580 and the Dickinson Club met that goal, thanks to those who contributed \$1,000. Your donation may be added to your dues payment.
- ⇒ **Visitors last week:** Tyler Hartman, Dennis Bang, Frank Klein, Bob & Deb Weiler.



**Jim Ozburn's** birthday clue: Take the number of Rotary clubs in ND times two to find the year of his birth.



**Shirley Dukart's** guest last week was Mike Ross, a potential member.



In the year **Raymond Schnell** was born, a gasoline war in Los Angeles dropped gas prices there to 6 cents/gallon.

## Last Week's Speaker: Permanent oil trust fund



"We need to do this for the future generations of North Dakotans."  
State Representative David Weiler (R-District 30) last week made an impassioned argument in favor of Measure 1, the proposed constitutional amendment to create a protected, permanent oil trust fund for North Dakota.

**Dave Weiler**

Approved by the 2007 state legislature, Measure 1 now requires a vote of the people to approve a protected permanent oil trust fund. A permanent fund will act like a savings account and the interest generated from the fund will be made available for spending.

North Dakota currently does not give its Permanent Oil Trust constitutional protection and this fund is "raided repeatedly each legislative session," according to Weiler. The proposed trust fund would increase the amount of oil tax revenues going to the state's general operating fund from \$71 million to \$100 million during the next biennium. Other entities that currently benefit from the Permanent Oil Trust would continue to receive funding, including the Common Schools Fund, Foundation Aid, Water Resources Trust Fund, Oil and Gas Impact Fund, Counties, Cities and School Fund and the Oil and Gas Research Fund.

The measure is currently opposed by ND Education Association, AARP, ND School Boards Association and ND Council of Educational Leaders.

Weiler said that by creating a constitutionally protected permanent oil trust fund that replaces the current "not so permanent fund," the state would be ensuring that oil tax revenues are available to North Dakota long after oil resources are depleted. Funds from the trust could be used for any project deemed necessary by the state legislature, including tax relief, human services, education, and emergency and disaster relief.

The balance (principal) of the proposed trust fund is projected to reach \$3.2 billion by 2019, with the interest from the fund generating some \$648 million in revenues, Weiler said.

~submitted by Ron Treacy

**Braggs & Fines:** Kari Shea bragged about the Dickinson Press article on the Nicaraguan Shoe Project, which has resulted in more shoe donations.

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