



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

Branding Iron

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Today!! Your Greeters Are:

Katie Mehrer & Guy Moos

Next Week: Russ Murphy & Ken Nelson

Birthdays Today

Gene Jackson (9/19)

Richard McCallum (9/20)



Give Thanks Today: Sue Larsen

Next Week: Jeanne MacDonald

Rotarians are messengers of peace in a world of strife, and messengers of strife in a world of false peace. Father, make clear our voice. Give us humility with firmness and insight with passion. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

Membership Responsibilities: What do you get out of Rotary?

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

Attendance

Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

If members miss a meeting of their own club, they're encouraged to expand their Rotary horizons by attending a meeting of any other Rotary club in the world.

Service

By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they're most needed.

The four Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club's effective functioning.
- Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

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Program Chair:

Frank Wald

Next month: Craig Kubas

Your Program Today:

**Geoff Simon, MDU
Weather Patterns**

Coming Up

September 23

Pam Sharpe

ND Office of Management & Budget

September 30

Lynn Helms, ND Oil & Gas Division

October 7: TBA

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Campfire Memories

Last Week:

Announcements:

- ⇒ The semi-annual **HIGHWAY CLEANUP** will be Sept. 23. Meet at the Elks at 5 p.m. Refreshments to follow cleanup!
- ⇒ A thank you note was read from a Camp Ryla participant.
- ⇒ **Ken Nelson** reminded everyone about the Boy Scouts' Roughrider Roundup on Sept. 10.

Brags & Fines:

- ◆ **Gaylon Baker** bragged that his step-daughter got married.
- ◆ **Chip Poland** fined himself for advertising the DSU exhibition rodeo beginning at 4 p.m. Sept. 10.

Birthdays:



Harvey Brock was born the same day that Elvis was on the Ed Sullivan Show and he's older than the other 2 birthday boys.

Matt Remyse was born the year that the Space Shuttle Challenger completed its maiden voyage and *M*A*S*H* was in its final season.



Micheal Ross was born the same year that Michael Jackson introduced the moon walk and Jackson's *Thriller* album was #1 for 37 straight weeks.

New Member

Dave Lehman is an engineer at North Dakota State University Extension Center. Classification is Education- Training and Development Specialist. His sponsor is **Gaylon Baker**.



Last Week:

Leann Bertsch, ND Department of Corrections



"Enhancing Community Safety through Effective Offender Transition" is a focus for the North Dakota Department of Corrections. In 2008 there were 1,080 inmates in the system and as of September 9, 2009 (our Rotary day) there were 1,427.

In North Dakota 1 in 63 adults will be under correctional supervision at some point in their life. The national average is 1 in 31 and in Georgia, the worst state, the average is 1 in 13. North Dakota spends the least amount per capita on prison spending at \$116/person. The national average is \$210/person.

Some North Dakota statistics of interest are:

- There are 174 on probation and in prison.
- 4,881 are on probation and outside of the prison walls.
- Currently there are 54 serving life sentences in ND with 18 having no opportunity for parole.
- Average releases from prison are 88/month.
- The ND Department of Corrections is 20 years old.
- About one-third of the current inmate population are sex offender.

The Department is always working on transition from prison to community life. Some of the barriers faced by prisoners on re-entry are homeless sex offenders, mental health, and Native American heritage. They also face housing, employment, financial, medical, chemical dependency treatment and issues reuniting with family.

The prison provides training for the inmates so that they have necessary job skills when they do re-enter society.

The state prison is currently in the middle of a building project. The East Cell House is 100 years old and has numerous building code violations. There is also a need for bedridden inmate rooms as they currently have only five beds for 650 inmates. With an aging population the need is growing.

~ submitted by Linda Steve
This week's correspondent: Winnie DeLong
Next week: Harvey Brock

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