



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

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Today!! Your Greeters Are:

Russ Murphy & Ken Nelson
Next Week: Jack Olin & Todd Otto

Birthdays Today

Warren Vrana (9/21)
Chuck Rummel (9/23)
Connie Walter (9/25)



Give Thanks Today: Jeanne MacDonald
Next Week: Mary Massad

Father we commend to your continual care the homes in which we dwell. Put far from them every root of bitterness, and the desire of vain glory...fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience and godliness. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

Program Chair:
Frank Wald

Next month: Craig Kubas

Your Program Today:

Pam Sharpe
ND Office of Management & Budget

Coming Up

September 30
Lynn Helms, ND Oil & Gas Division

October 7: TBA

October 14: TBA

October 21: TBA

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.

Finding and keeping members

To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to club meetings or invite them to participate in a service project.

Keeping members involved in Rotary is another responsibility. Fostering strong fellowship and encouraging early participation in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain a club's membership.

Dues

Club members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, districts, and Rotary International, as well as the subscription fee to the appropriate Rotary magazine.

Leadership

Club members are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles at the club level and beyond. To learn more about leadership opportunities in your district, see the district leadership seminar page and the club committees page.

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Campfire Memories

Last Week:



Jim Ozbun, left, received a pin with sapphires for achieving a Paul Harris + 4 recognition, which means he has donated at least \$5,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Club Foundation Chair Jon Brudvig, right, presented the recognition.

Guests: John Phillips, right, was **Vicky Steiner's** guest. He chairs of the Coal Conversion Counties Assn. and is the Beulah City Planner.



Gaylon Baker's guest was Lori Jordheim, who is coordinating the census for Stark Development Corporation.

Announcements:

- ⇒ The semi-annual **HIGHWAY CLEANUP** will be Sept. 23. Meet at the Elks at 5 p.m. Refreshments to follow cleanup!
- ⇒ **Frank Pearson** received a club thank you for his third Paul Harris contribution, plus one for his wife, Louise, bringing his total donation to \$4,000.

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Last Week:

Weather Patterns & Climate Change



Geoff Simon

Maybe yes, maybe no, said Geoff Simon, about weather patterns and global warming. An employee of MDU, who has studied weather patterns as a journalist, presented evidence that indicated support for those who believe the planet is growing warmer, but also provided documentation that showed the global climate is not changing to a period of destructive warmth.

Questioning whether such a change is occurring, Simon told Rotarians that the past summer has been the 12th coolest in 150 years. There has been snow in London, which is a rare phenomenon there, as well as in the Middle East and Las Vegas

Average temperatures around the world have risen by only one degree, and the rise in carbon dioxide can be attributed to the search for new uses of the land, such as deforestation and irrigation. Eighty-five percent of carbon dioxide emissions are the results of fossil fuel usage. The growth in utilization of fossil fuels in the United States is due to an ever growing demand for electricity.

El Nino has warmed the Pacific ocean, but the month of August has averaged lower temperatures than normal. Dickinson had a below normal winter, and precipitation in Dickinson and the surrounding area has shown no discernible pattern this year.

Simon concluded by saying that research must continue to determine the exact amount of carbon dioxide emissions, that the factors which could bias fact-finding are eliminated, and the costs of climate control must be determined.

*~ submitted by Winnie DeLong
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