



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

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Today!!

Your Greeters Are:

Mike Kiedrowski & Pam Kostelecky
Next Week: Rita Krank & Robbi Kudrna

Birthdays Today:

Jim Ozburn (9/3)
Raymond Schnell (9/5)



Give Thanks Today

Invocation by: Pat Altringer
Next week: Bill Anderson

Creator, Help us to remember that worry and stress are the expectation of bad things before they arrive... Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon

Dickinson Rotary Club Projects: *Literacy!*

September is Literacy Month

- ◆ **International Projects Committee:** Clyde Frank reported last week that the committee has raised \$12,000 in cash and grants over several years for a library book project for schools in remote areas of Guatemala. Our club has helped build these schools and now we are able to provide some library books!
- ◆ **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. Do you have an hour a week to help a child learn to read or improve reading skills? 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.
- ◆ **Literacy Project:** Sept. 7 is Literacy Day. Dickinson Rotarians will forego their weekly wine drawing during the month, with the weekly funds going to buy books for Head Start students.

Program Chair:

Frank Wald

Next Month: Frank Wald

Your Program Today:

Rep. David Weiler
Measure #1
(permanent oil trust fund)

Coming Up

September 10: Bruce Furness
Workforce Safety & Insurance

September 17
District 36 Senate Candidates

September 24
District 36 House Candidates

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**COMING UP: FARMER-RANCHER NIGHT
OCTOBER 29**

(NO NOON MEETING)

Campfire Memories



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Announcements:

- ⇒ 10-day **Humanitarian Trips** are planned for January, February, March and April. See Clyde Frank for information.
- ⇒ **Nicaragua Shoe Project** is collecting clean, closed-toe running-type shoes or boots (with laces) sizes 11 or smaller. Closed foot shoes are needed for protection from parasites in the soil. Smaller sizes are needed for children and adults who have smaller feet. Bring to Rotary in a Ziploc™ -type or plastic grocery bag by Sept. 10. Contact Kari Shea for information.



Chip Poland's guest last week was Seth Soman, left, a new faculty member at Dickinson State University. (Chip was then fined for advertising.)



Chamber director Lexi Sebastian was **Irene Schafer's** guest.



In the year **Jon Hodenfield** was born, the Jeep was introduced to win the war.

Joe Rothschilder's guest was Jim Diechert.

Last Week's Speaker: Red Trail Energy



Mick Miller

Ethanol is a bio-degradable alternative fuel made with field corn. The corn is ground and mixed with water. The starch is what the plant is after. The starch is then broken into sugar where yeast is added to produce ethanol. It takes about 60 hours to convert corn to pure ethanol. Because starch is the necessary commodity ethanol can be produced from any carbohydrate (wheat, barley, etc.). It takes 279 bushels of corn to make 767 gallons of ethanol, according to Mick Miller, president and CEO of Red Trail Energy in Richardton.

Red Trail is the 3rd such plant in ND. There are 165 plants total and 35 more are under construction. The current plants produce 10 billion gallons per year of ethanol. Any vehicle can use 10% ethanol fuel but special vehicles are needed for a higher percentage.

Red Trail was attracted to Richardton because of the BN Railroad, I-94, and water. Approximately 900 investors contributed a total of \$40 Million. The plant has been operating for 17 ½ months; it operates 24/7 and produces 50 million gallons of ethanol per year. Red Trail has created 42 full-time permanent jobs with a payroll of \$1.9 to \$2 Million. Most of the ethanol produced at Red Trail goes to the West Coast as 40 railcars leave the plant each week.

The main by-product at the plant is modified distiller grain, which is used for feed. You can purchase the feed directly from the plant. Modified distiller grain has 30% protein whereas regular corn is only 10-12% protein.

~submitted by Linda Steve



Ken Kussy, left, received his Paul Harris Fellow recognition from Greg Sund, right.

Braggs & Fines:

- ◆ Vicky Steiner bragged that her son, Luke, was featured in a Bismarck Tribune college football article.
- ◆ Vicky Steiner fined herself for her cell phone ringing during last week's meeting.

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