



Dickinson, North Dakota Rotary Club

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Today!!
Your Greeters Are:
Jack Olin & Todd Otto

Next Week: Jim Ozbun & Frank Pearson

Birthdays Today

Joe Rothschiller (10/1)



Give Thanks Today: Richard McCallum
Next Week: Katie Mehrer

God, as we gather to consider the common good, we ask your wisdom and blessing. Bind us together as one people and strengthen us for the work of justice. Amen.

~ invocation prepared by Dennis Cannon



Program Chair:
Frank Wald

Next month: Craig Kubas

Your Program Today:

Lynn Helms
ND Oil & Gas Division

Coming Up

October 7
Kris Fehr, Best Friends Mentoring Program & Rotary Literacy Project Update

October 14: TBA

October 21: TBA

October 28: Club Group Photo

Highway Clean Up Project

Dickinson Rotarians were joined by a bison at the semi-annual highway clean up on Sept.23. Pictured above are front row: Clyde Frank, Todd Otto and Frank Pearson; second row: Tom Henning, Kari Shea, LaVonne Bullinger, Warren Vranna, Judi Schnell, Brenda Hendrickson; back row: Matt Remenyse, Jon Tongen, Jim Ozbun, Don Bares, Larry Schnell, Jon Hendrickson. Not pictured is Vicky Steiner, who took the pictures. Don Bares and Jon Hendrickson organized this year's project.



LaVonne Bullinger, left, Warren Vranna & Kari Shea at the highway cleanup on Sept. 23.

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Club Photo is planned for the Oct. 23

Campfire Memories



New member **Connie Walter**, left, received her membership pin and certificate from her sponsor, **Jon Brudvig**, right. Welcome!

Guests: Lloyd Moldenhauer's guest was his wife, Rose.

Announcements:

- ⇒ There will be **no Farmer-Rancher Night** this year.
- ⇒ August **attendance** was 52%. Club goal is 50%.
- ⇒ Club members approved holding a **pancake breakfast**, tentatively set for May 2 at the Badlands Activity Center. Everyone is needed to work to help make it a success. Proceeds will be directed to PolioPlus™.
- ⇒ The **Fundraising Committee** announced the annual a raffle will be chaired by Brad Fong and the Triple Crown Rodeo will be chaired by Chip Poland.
- ⇒ The **Guatemala trip** is Jan. 16-26; Rotarians will be building a 3-room school. See LaVonne Bullinger for information.

Brag & Fines:

- **Jeanne MacDonald** announced that **Nancy Johnson** was named Woman of the Year by the Women's Network.
- **Clyde Frank** bragged that his niece is sharing a billboard with **Todd Otto**, who paid both the brag and a fine.
- **Kevin Thompson** congratulated **Nancy Johnson**, along with **Joe & Sandi Frenzel**, who will receive the Golden Hawk award at DSU's Homecoming.

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Last Week: Pam Sharp, North Dakota Office of Management & Budget



Pam Sharp is pictured with Dickinson Rotarians and legislators Rich Wardner, left, and Frank Wald, right.

North Dakota is the envy of other states facing financial disaster, Pam Sharp, ND OMB director, told Rotary members. Sharp said, "We truly are in good financial shape." The legislature had estimated an ending fund balance of \$320 million, but the

actual ending fund balance was \$361 million.

All the trust funds are in good shape. There is a newly created fund—the property tax relief fund—that legislators created to return state dollars in exchange for lowered property tax at the local level. This past session, about \$300 million from the oil tax revenues in the permanent oil tax trust fund were returned to property tax payers statewide.

The Dickinson State University Library funding of \$8.8 million rests with a trigger on how much reserve the state actually collects, which looks favorable at this point.

When the media writes about a \$1.2 billion surplus, they are actually referring to three major trust funds, Sharp explained. The ending fund balance has about \$360 million, the permanent oil tax trust fund has about \$490 million and the rest is from the Budget Stabilization Fund.

~ submitted by Vicky Steiner
 This week's correspondent: Vicky Steiner
 Next week: Winnie DeLong

Proposed New Member

John Heinen is a proposed member, sponsored by Joe Rothschilder. John is director of development for the Dickinson Catholic Schools. Classification is Education-Other.



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