



# BRANDING IRON

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## Last Meeting: Backpack Program

Kristen Seaks and Amanda Fisher explained that the Backpack Program started in Dickinson because the staff in our schools saw a real need for students to have food on the weekends. Unfortunately many students live in households where, because of high rents, job obligations, etc., the young people do not have adequate food when they are not at school on the hot lunch program. With the Backpack Program, qualifying students receive a bag of easy-to-prepare food to sustain them over the weekend.

In January 2014 the program is distributing bags to 120 students and there are approximately 20 on the waiting list. Head Start and others have expressed interest in participating, so the number of young people served could more than double.

A major issue for the program is funding. The cost to sponsor one child per school year is \$180. If the program grows to the expected 300 students, \$54,000 will be needed per year. For now, the bags are provided and packed by the Great Plains Food Bank in Fargo. Volunteers are needed



**Give Thanks Today:** Rick Backes  
**Next Meeting:** Renee' Bailey

Thank you, God, for the few times this day we were able to love others just a little better than we did yesterday. Help us tomorrow to love just a little bit better than we did today. Amen.

### Today's Greeters Are:

Muriel Dassinger & Dustin Dassinger

### Next Meeting:

Winnie DeLong & Shirley Dukart

### Your Program Today:

Vision West ND by Shirley Brentrup, Project Director

### Coming Up:

January 29 Cowboy Triple Crown by Chip Poland, DSU

**Program Chair:** Ken Nelson **Next Month:** Chip Poland

### Birthdays

Josh Nichols 1/22  
Brian Fisher 1/26

## Announcements:

- Jim and Sonja Ozburn will be participating in an upcoming Rotary service trip to Guatemala. There is still room for more, if others are interested. Contact Clyde Frank.
- A Grant Management Seminar will be held in Bismarck on February 1, 2014. Kari Shea is presenting and Clyde Frank will attend. Others are welcome. Contact Clyde or Kari if you are interested.
- Since July 1, 2013, 25 members of Dickinson Rotary have donated to the Rotary Foundation giving \$9,034, and the club has donated \$7,200 in that same time period.

to unload the food trucks, deliver the packs to the schools, etc. Volunteers may also take over preparing the packs, to be able to include options such as fruit for the participants.

To volunteer or otherwise support the program, contact Kristen at 590-0134, Karen Thompson at 483-5014, or Glen Bruhschwein at bruhsch@ndsupernet.com.

## Good News in the Fight against Polio

January 13, 2014, marked three years without a new case of polio in India. The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on January 13, 2011.

The three-year achievement sets the stage for polio-free certification of the entire Southeast Asia region by the World Health Organization.

The challenge now is to replicate India's success in neighboring Pakistan, one of three remaining polio-endemic countries, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria.

For more Rotary news and updates, visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

"India is polio free" (written in Hindi) illuminates Jodhpur Sojati Gate in Rajasthan, India



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## Last Meeting Visitors

- Pediatrician Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed, guest of Dennis Cannon
- Mike Weflan of WIG Properties, guest of Shirley Dukart
- John Odermann, Trinity FB Coach, guest of Brad Fong
- Michelle Orton, guest of Erv Bren
- Prospective member Alex Gates, guest of Seth Poland
- Frank Pearson hosted his son Jay Pearson and his grandson Dan Pearson