



BRANDING IRON

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Last Meeting: Homeless Shelter

Bill Kelly with Dickinson Churches United for the Homeless (DCUH) joined us for an informative look at homelessness in Dickinson. DCUH began in November of 2012, patterning itself after a similar organization in Bismarck. The winter of 2012-13 was the first year of operation only being available for the months of February and March 2013.



There are eight churches involved at the present time, with seven of them actually housing homeless on a rotating basis. After a local agency such as Community Action or Stark County Social Services identifies an individual as homeless, a background check is done. The individual is then allowed to meet the transportation vehicle at the pick-up point (currently the United Methodist Church) at 9 p.m. where they will be taken to the church which is providing the housing for that evening. In the morning they are returned to the pick-up point.



Those eligible are men; they can bring one bag only, which will be searched; they are provided a cot to sleep on and a hot meal, usually provided by donation from the hosting church.

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Today's Greeters Are:
Travis Hande & Glenice Hansen

Next Meeting:
Jason Hanson & Patrick Hart

Your Program Today:
Doug Walker—Hawks Point

Coming Up:
April 23 – Kevin Holten, ND Cowboy Hall of Fame
April 30 – Classification Speeches

Program Chair: Peggy O'Brien **Next Month:** Cooper Whitman

Give Thanks Today: Dustin Dassinger
Next Meeting: Shirley Dukart

Father, show us your loving kindness today.
Cheer the lonely with your company and the
worried with your peace. Grant your blessings to
all who have struggled this day. Amen.

Birthdays
None this week!

Announcements:

- **Miss a meeting?** Try an e-meeting makeup at www.rotaryclubone.org. You will find a wide variety of interesting articles and videos!

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A maximum of 15 can be served at any one time. In February and March 2013, the average number of men per night was only three. For the 2013-14 season, which ran from October 1, 2013, through March 15, 2014, a total of 64 men were served. To break this down further, in the 135 days there were a total of 804 beds, averaging six per night. The average stay was 13 nights; with 17 staying longer than 15 days, two staying for 60 days and one for 90 days. Most of the people are looking for work and even have jobs but are waiting for housing to become available. They are of all ages.

There are 15 site coordinators and 810 shifts of four and one-half hours each totaling more than 5,000 volunteer hours. There are also many donations of food, money and other services. DCUH has its own 14-member board and financing, and is working on becoming a 501c3 nonprofit organization.



Darianne Johnson, executive director of the **Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center** in Dickinson, accepts a check for \$1000 from Rotary President Don Bares. Support for DVRCC has been an ongoing commitment of Dickinson Rotary.

Jim Longtin of Kadrmas Lee & Jackson,
guest and prospective member



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Last Meeting Visitors

- Valerie Weidrich, guest of Marvin Eberts
- Jim Longtin, guest of Stepheny Reger
- Darianne Johnson, DVRCC Director, guest of Erv Bren
- Dale Hansen, guest of Glenice Hansen