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Last Week: North Dakota University System



Dr. Larry Skogen, Interim Chancellor of the North Dakota University System (NDUS), sang high praises for higher education in North Dakota by providing numerous statistics. Some of the most interesting are:

- The NDUS has 11 campuses, with 47,000+ students and 7,500+ faculty and staff
- The NDUS has an estimated \$4.8 billion economic impact in the state
- ND is second only to Massachusetts in the percentage of citizens between the ages of 25 and 34 with college degrees
- ND is the state with the highest increase in appropriations for higher education over the past decade
- Faculty salaries at ND higher education institutions are 82% of the national average
- North Dakota is the 5th lowest in terms of tuition increase percentages

North Dakota has an annual per capita appropriation of \$492, which is 2nd only to Wyoming. This high per capita result makes sense, given the low populations of our respective states. However, the equivalent ND appropriation per FTE student is \$6,561.

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Your Program Today:

Rotary CHRISTMAS PARTY, 5:30 p.m., Elks
(No Noon Meeting)



Coming Up:

December 24—Christmas Eve (no meeting)
December 31—New Year's Eve (no meeting)
January 7—TBD

Birthdays

Michael Ollerman 12/19
Kris Fehr 12/20
Jon Frantsvog 12/22
Patrick Healy 12/22
Paul Steffes 12/31

Program Chair: Shirley Dukart Next Month: Joe Rothschiller

Announcements:



- The **Rotary Christmas Party** will be held on December 17 at the Elks, and members are asked to bring a bottle of wine for a blind wine tasting. The member who brings the wine that gets the most “favorite” votes will win a GRAND prize. A second bottle of wine or a Christmas decoration can be donated for the live auction. evening begins with a social at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Note: There will be no noon meeting that day.
- When making a gift to the **Rotary Foundation** by *check*, please do so by December 15, if you wish to claim a 2014 tax deduction. Checks can be given to any Foundation Committee member: Clyde Frank, Kris Fehr, or Sue Larsen.
- The International Projects Committee is seeking members to participate in a service trip to Guatemala or Haiti next year. Contact Clyde Frank at 290-1419 if you are interested.
- **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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Dr. Skogen also shared how the growing K-12 population will affect the NDUS in the future. In the 2008-2009 school year there were 93,390 students in K-12 in North Dakota. The number for the 2013-2014 school year was 101,656 and that number is increasing. That population bubble is expected to hit higher education in 2018 and continue to grow after that. Much of the growth is in the western part of the state, and with most students opting to attend college within 50 to 100 miles from home, schools like Dickinson State University will see a large impact.

Some of the challenges facing higher education are students’ unlimited access to the internet, an accelerated rate of technological change, and an exploding population.



Last Meeting Visitors

- Andrew Brown, Dickinson Press regional reporter, guest of Harvey Brock
- Jeff Gooss of Rain for Rent, guest of Chad Renicker
- Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, DSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Mark Lowe, DSU Vice President for Finance and Administration, guests of Mark Billings
- Denise Steinbach, St. Luke’s Foundation Director, guest of Val Mack
- Glen Young, DSU Foundation Interim CEO, guest of Barb Patterson

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