



# BRANDING IRON

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## Last Week: Greater North Dakota Chamber



Andy Peterson, President & CEO of the Greater North Dakota Chamber, gave an update on legislation that is being considered, covering four areas: the surge funding for western North Dakota, taxation measures, higher education, and Common Core. GNDC supports the surge funding, and Peterson believes it will pass, though negotiations are still underway as

to amounts for highways, etc. The ratio of taxes being returned to the oil and gas producing counties will probably change, but may not move to the 60% currently proposed.

A bill has been proposed that would exempt North Dakota from Common Core educational standards. Common Core emerged from the National Governors' Conference and with bipartisan support. The standards set competencies in various mathematical and language tasks for each grade level. GNDC opposes the proposed legislation, arguing that the competencies are important in light of the mobility of families and students between states and school districts.

Peterson encouraged visits to the GNDC website ([ndchamber.com](http://ndchamber.com)), for more details on all the bills they are tracking and the positions they advocate. He also invited membership in the state Chamber, which has numerous benefits.



### Today's Greeters Are:

David Anderson & Mary Anderson

### Next Meeting:

Gaylon Baker and Don Bares

**Give Thanks Today:** Adam McGill

**Next Week:** Shirley Meyer

Lord, we come to you with a grateful heart. Remind us of your many blessings that have enriched our day. Remove from us all worries and fear that we may continue to work diligently for good. Amen.

### Your Program Today:

January 28—Mark Puppe, ND Independent Business Association

### Coming Up:

February 4—TBD

**Program Chair:** Joe Rothschiller **Next Month:** Chip Poland

### Birthdays

Brian Fisher 1/26

Seth Poland 1/30

## Announcements:

- There will be no regular noon meeting on February 11, since the **Valentine's Party** will be held that night. The party will include a social and dinner at the Elks. RSVP by February 4 to [sreger@weareamerican.com](mailto:sreger@weareamerican.com).
- On February 11, there will be a **Rotary Fireside Chat** from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the private dining room at the Elks. This program is designed for new members (less than 2 years in Rotary) and for other members who want to learn more themselves or to introduce prospective members to Rotary. The theme for this chat will be Rotary at the District and International levels. If you plan to attend, RSVP to [kshea@nd.gov](mailto:kshea@nd.gov) or to [sreger@weareamerican.com](mailto:sreger@weareamerican.com).

## Proposed New Members

The following have been proposed for membership in Dickinson Rotary, subject to approval by the Club after publication in this newsletter for two weeks. This is the first week of publication.



### Rhonda Fitterer

Sponsor: Ken Weisenberger

Classification: Marketing

(Marketing & Public Relations Mgr., Consolidated Telcom)



### Denise Steinbach

Sponsor: Val Mack

Classification: Medical/Healthcare—Nursing Homes

(Foundation Director, St. Luke's Home)

## Rotary Recognition

The following members were presented with Paul Harris awards: Joe Rothschiller (pictured at right), Brad Fong (+5), Frank Pearson (+4), Kari Shea (+4), and Sharon Kilzer (+1). The Paul Harris program recognizes



Rotarians who have given \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation.

Gifts to the Rotary Foundation made by February 14, 2015, will earn 3 points per dollar towards Paul Harris recognition. An award of just \$334 will earn an award this year. Checks can be given to any Foundation Committee member, or donations can be made online at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give>.



Dickinson Club Website:  
[www.dickinsonrotary.org](http://www.dickinsonrotary.org)

District Website:  
[www.clubrunner.ca/5580](http://www.clubrunner.ca/5580)

Rotary International Website:  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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## Last Meeting Visitors

- Doug Perkins, guest of Mary Massad
- Rhonda Fitterer, guest of Ken Weisenberger