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Last Week: National Federation of Independent Business



Mark Puppe, Western North Dakota Member Representative for NFIB, described the work of the organization to protect and advance small business. NFIB represents a wide variety of industries and businesses, including more than 2,400 North Dakota businesses, 125 of which are in Stark County.

NFIB members set the organization's legislative agenda at the state and federal level. Issues important to their members include taxation laws that are business friendly, tax code simplification, repeal of the estate tax, and a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The organization employs 14 lobbyists in Washington, DC, to work for the interests of small business. They also report how legislators have voted on the issues that matter to their members.

NFIB has a Small Business Legal Center, as well, and one of their recent cases was *NFIB v. Sibelius*, opposing the Affordable Care Act. When the NFIB lost that suit in court, the organization turned its efforts to providing educational resources to small business owners on how to meet the requirements of the law.

Today's Greeters Are:

Gaylon Baker and Don Bares

Next Meeting:

Heather Bashus and Taylor Belk

Give Thanks Today: Shirley Meyer

Next Week: Guy Moos

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.

Your Program Today:

Sergeant Reckless: Horse Hero—Robin Hutton, author, and Art Sickler

Coming Up:

February 11—Fireside Chat ONLY; Valentine's Party at 5:30 p.m.

Program Chair: Chip Poland Next Month: Harvey Brock

Birthdays

Clyde Frank 2/10

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, beginning at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by February 4 to 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. If you plan to attend, RSVP to kshea@nd.gov or to 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 second week of publication for Rhonda Fitterer and Denise Steinbach, and the first week of publication for Doug Perkins.



Rhonda Fitterer

Sponsor: Ken Weisenberger
Classification: Marketing
(Marketing & Public Relations Mgr.,
Consolidated Telcom)



Doug Perkins

Sponsor: Mary Massad
Classification: Management Consulting
(Senior Manager, Civil Science, Inc.)



Denise Steinbach

Sponsor: Val Mack
Classification: Medical/Healthcare—Nursing Homes
(Foundation Director, St. Luke's Home)



Rotary at Work

Rita Ennen received a check for \$500 from Dickinson Rotary on behalf of Peter Opa's project to collect books for a library in Benin. The Rotary funds will help ship the books that have been collected to date.



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Last Meeting Visitors

- Doug Perkins, guest of Mary Massad
- June Holler, Officer Manager at Denny's Electric, guest of Debbie Thompson
- Theresa Hart, guest of Mike Weflen
- Denise Steinbach, guest of Shirley Dukart