



# BRANDING IRON

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## Last Week: Sgt. Reckless, Horse Hero



Robin Hutton, author of the book *Sgt. Reckless, America's War Horse*, shared the fascinating yet little known story of an American hero by the name of Sgt. Reckless. This horse was bred to be a racehorse in Korea. Her owner, a young Korean boy, sold her for \$250 to pay for a prosthetic leg for his sister. Flame-of-the-Morning was renamed Reckless by the Marines she served with in the Recoil-less (Rec-less) Rifles Platoon, Anti-Tank Division of the 5th Marines.

This brave horse was wounded twice in the line of duty as she fearlessly carried ammunition to her division on the front lines. Reckless is the only animal to officially hold rank in the military. She earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. It was often said, "She wasn't a horse—She was a Marine!"



Sgt. Reckless has a Dickinson connection, as she was brought to the United States after the war, and Dickinson native Art Sickler was her handler for two years. Art was a guest at Rotary last week with Robin.

Find out more about this American hero at [www.SgtReckless.com](http://www.SgtReckless.com) or join her fan club on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SgtReckless).



### Your Program Today:

Fireside Chat ONLY at 11:45 a.m.  
(for new members and those who want to learn more)  
Valentine's Party at 5:30 p.m.

### Coming Up:

February 18—TBD  
February 25—TBD

Program Chair: Chip Poland Next Month: Harvey Brock



### Birthdays

Jack Olin 2/12  
Travis Hande 2/15

## Announcements:

- Congratulations to Jim Ozburn, the new **Rotary District Governor**.
- Kris Fehr encouraged members to take advantage of **Giving Hearts Day**, an online fundraising event on February 12, 2015. Several Dickinson charities are participating. Details and the opportunity to give are available at [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org).
- The **Fundraising Committee** will meet on February 18 following the noon meeting, to prepare for the upcoming Blue Hawk Rodeo events. Rotary assists with ticket-taking and concessions and shares in the proceeds.
- Kris Fehr asked for additional members to join the **Armed Forces Day Committee**. Contact Kris or Marvin Eberts if you are willing to serve.
- **Miss a meeting?** Try an e-meeting makeup at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org). You will find a wide variety of interesting articles and videos!

## Proposed New Member

The following has 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.



### Doug Perkins

Sponsor: Mary Massad

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

## Man in Iron Lung Discovers Rotary

Paul Alexander is one of only a few people in the world who still use an iron lung due to polio contracted when he was a child. Although his father was president of a Dallas Rotary Club in the 1960s, he only learned about Rotary—and its efforts to eradicate polio—recently. In October, Alexander became a member of the Rotary E-Club, and since then, he's become a popular speaker in the Dallas Rotary community. "It means so much to me to belong to this organization," Alexander said recently. "I'm having a great time and staying awake at night thinking of ideas."

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



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

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## Last Meeting Visitors

- Ed Shea, guest of Kari Shea
- Cathy Cronen, Misty Bestall, Naomi Rosseau, and Doris Hoff, guests of Shirley Dukart

Editor's correction to last week's newsletter: Theresa Hart was the guest of Pat Hart