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Last Week: Valentine's Party

The Dickinson Rotary Club held their annual Valentine's Day party the evening of Wednesday, February 11. Fifty-three guests were in attendance for the festivities. The evening was anything but romantic as the theme turned into a Murder Mystery at the annual and only company party for Widgets Inc.

The Rotarians in attendance were Characters of Widgets Inc., and there were some amazingly played individuals! We had doctors (Irene Schaefer) and scientists to downright crazy employees... We had IT "nerds" (Paul Steffes), singers (Todd Schweitzer), and former Miss America contestants (Glenice Hansen), as well as many, many more that made the evening a success.

To start the evening, every lady that came was given a rose...and that was about the extent of anything "Valentine." Once all the characters arrived, the clues started rolling to set up a murder, which finally led to some very interesting suspects and finally a guilty party. (continued on page 2)



Todd Schweitzer sings a ditty while the crowd tries to solve the mystery

Today's Greeters Are:

Heather Bashus and Taylor Belk

Next Meeting:

Mark Billings and Chuck Bokinskie

Give Thanks Today: Guy Moos

Next Week: Jeff Morton

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 are struggling this day. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Shawn Kessel—Update on Crooked Crane Trail

Coming Up:

February 25—Rita Ennen, Dickinson Area Public Library

Program Chair: Chip Poland Next Month: Harvey Brock

Birthdays

Shawn Kessel 2/23

Jon Stevenson 2/25

Announcements:

- 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.
- Additional members are needed for the **Armed Forces Day Committee**. This committee plans and hosts the annual Armed Forces Day luncheon each year in May. Contact Kris Fehr or Marvin Eberts if you are willing to serve.
- **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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The murder victim

There was a mind-boggling, timed Corporate (word) Scramble. Team "Awesome" won this challenge. Shortly after the scramble, it was discovered that Follo N. Soxx (Don Bares) was murdered in the coat room. Fingerprints were collected and team "Kari Kolling" won the fingerprint match challenge by being the first team to match all the prints. In the end, Pat Head (Gaylon Baker) confessed to the murder and was taken away in fuzzy pink hand-cuffs. Ebbie Smooge (Jim Ozbun), President and owner of Widgets Inc., won the grand prize for guessing the right murderer. Follo N.

Soxx (Don Bares) received a first aid kit as a victim award, and Brad Fong took the people's choice award for best played character, with his interpretation of "Celin Moore."



The meal was wonderful, and the characters were absolutely entertaining. Everyone's brain hurt by the end, because of the mental work needed in solving the crime. However, the unusual Valentine's party turned into a very fun, entertaining evening because of the wonderful amateur acting done by fellow Rotarians.



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Last Meeting Visitors

- Many spouses and guests of Rotarians attended the Valentine's Party
- Who could YOU invite to Rotary this week?