



BRANDING IRON

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Last Week: DSU Rodeo, Competitive & Growing

Jen Obrigewitch and Eudell Larsen, coaches for DSU Rodeo, thank Dickinson Rotary for participating in the fundraising activities on behalf of the DSU Rodeo Club. During rodeo events, students are competing and managing the stock in the arena, so it is a great help to have Rotary members working the gate and concessions. The concessions and gate income, which is shared with Rotary, and the sponsorships raised contribute significantly to rodeo scholarships, making it easier for DSU to recruit students in a very competitive market. The Triple Crown (three rodeo events in Dickinson, including the upcoming Blue Hawk Stampede) and Cowboys & Candlelight are the primary fundraisers for the rodeo program.



The rodeo teams had a successful round of competition in the fall. Each rodeo consists of three timed men's events, three timed women's events, and three rough stock events. After five rodeos, the DSU women's team is ranked number one in the region with a lead of over 1,000 points. The men's team is in second

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Give Thanks Today: John Odermann

Next Week: Jack Olin

Today's Greeters Are:

Jay Elkin & Mark Emmerich

Next Meeting:

Rita Ennen & Kris Fehr

With a grateful heart, we come into this meeting today. Remind us of your many blessings that have enriched our day. Remove from our evening all worries and fear that we may sleep under your watchful care. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Rob Eilts and Doug Walker—Update on Hawks Point

Coming Up:

April 15—TBD

Program Chair: Chip Poland/Peggy O'Brien Next Month: Cooper Whitman

Birthdays

None this week!

Announcements:

- Calling all Rotarians: Volunteers are needed to sell concessions at the **Home Builders Show** on April 11 and 12, and to help with tickets and concessions at the **Blue Hawk Stampede** rodeo on May 8-9. These are major fundraisers for the club. If you have not signed up yet to volunteer, please contact Shirley Dukart and Chip Poland, respectively.
- Brad Fong and Stepheny Reger will be participating in the **Great American Bike Race** on April 11. Your support is appreciated.
- Register now for the **District Conference**, May 7-9, 2015, in Duluth, Minnesota. Dickinson Rotary provides financial support for members who wish to attend. If you are interested, please visit with a board member.
- The **Armed Forces Day** luncheon will be held on May 13 at the Ramada. See Kris Fehr if you would like to help with this important Rotary-sponsored community event. Tickets for guests and community members will be available soon.
- **International travel and service opportunities** are available, including a trip to Haiti. Contact Alex Schwab or another member of the International Projects Committee for information.
- **Scholarships to attend RYLA**, Rotary's youth leadership academy, are still available. Contact Rob Remark for more information.

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place in the region, and Eudell hopes they catch up during the spring events and win the regional title. The top two teams in each of 11 regions qualify to move on to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

Rotary around the World

The story of two women, from two countries, is changing the world. South African grandmother Me Maria is raising her two grandsons whose parents died of AIDS. Marion Bunch, a Rotary member from Atlanta, Georgia, became a global advocate for AIDS prevention after she lost her son to the disease. The women's story is documented in Rotary's award-winning film, [Rotary Family Health Days](#). The 25-minute video describes the inspiration behind three days of free health care services being offered in South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, and Uganda in April 2014. "The tremendous burden on the families of those infected by HIV/AIDS...is incalculable," says Bunch. "This is a story of people coming together to help fight this global killer and other preventable diseases."



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Last Meeting Visitors

- James Pearson, guest of Frank Pearson
- Bob Carruth, guest of Harvey Brock
- Connie Lindbo, guest of Erv Bren