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Last Week: National Threats and Opportunities



Dr. Steve Bucci of the Heritage Foundation spoke about a number of threats facing the United States today. Bucci was in town to present a series of workshops for the Strom Center at Dickinson State University.



Bucci was an employee in the Department of Defense during the Bush administration, and he worked in intelligence prior to that. He said there are many threats facing the country, some obvious, some not so obvious. Among the threats listed were: Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and ISIS. Cyber terrorism is another serious threat.

Speaking further on issues related to the internet, Bucci pointed out that perhaps the biggest threat facing not only the U.S. but other nations, as well, was the possibility of young people reading extremist propaganda online and being radicalized to become a threat against several countries.

This coupled with confusion amongst our allies and our enemies, due in part to moves we've made in foreign policy in the last decade, make things quite precarious at this time. This potential instability is leading the U.S. to a point where it must decide whether it wants

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Give Thanks Today: Cal Oraw
Next Week: Todd Otto

Today's Greeters Are:
Jon Frantsvog & Joe Frenzel
Next Meeting:
Chris Gerving & Buck Haas

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:

Sharon Kilzer & Peggy O'Brien—Travels in India

Coming Up:

May 6—Dickinson Area Concert Association, Linda Steve

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

Birthdays

Ken Weisenberger 4/28

Russ Murphy 4/29

David Anderson 5/3

Announcements:

- If you have not had your photo taken for the **Dickinson Rotary Club Roster**, please send your photo to Whitney Hart at w.rae.hart@gmail.com, with "Rotary Photo" in the subject line, by Thursday, April 30, at 5 p.m.
- Volunteers are needed to help with tickets/concessions at the **Blue Hawk Stampede** rodeo on May 8-9. This is a major fundraiser for the club. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Chip Poland.
- Rotarians are invited to two events being held on Friday, May 8, related to the **Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library**. A bus tour of potential sites will leave from the DSU Student Center at 9 a.m., and a reception is being held at the Ramada at 5:30. To reserve tickets for either event, go to www.dickinsonstate.edu/trpl.
- Denise Steinbach was welcomed as the new **Sergeant at Arms** for Dickinson Rotary.
- The **Armed Forces Day** luncheon will be held on May 13 at the Ramada. Tickets for guests and community members are \$15 each. Rotarians do not need to buy a ticket for themselves, since this is included in club dues. Rotarians may take tickets to give to people or to sell. For any tickets with a Rotarian's name that are presented at the door, the club will bill the Rotarian for the amount of tickets collected.
- The **Rotary Ride for Clean Water** is scheduled June 20, 2015, in Pequot Lakes, MN. Bikers of all abilities can choose from routes of 7, 16, 30, or 50 miles. Visit www.rotaryrideforcleanwater.org for more information or to register.

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to remain a world power. Bucci hopes we determine that being a world power continues to be in our best interest.

Bucci also commented that people in Washington, D.C., have a difficult time looking outside the beltway for answers. He believes that places like North Dakota sometimes have the best answers available. Bucci also pointed out that America has many very fine young people and business leaders, like those he met on this visit, who give him hope for our future.

Rotary in the Community



Mark Billings and Kris Fehr accepted a \$500 check for Best Friends Mentoring from Dickinson Rotary club president Mary Massad. The Best Friends Mentoring Program matches adult role models with children who need

positive adult guidance and friendship, and is one of the largest mentoring organizations in North Dakota.

Last Meeting Visitors

- Cole Simnioniw, Baker Boy IT Manager, guest of Guy Moos
- Darrell Neubert, Strom Center at DSU, guest of Mark Billings



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