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Last Week: Rotary District 5580 Projects



Heather Ranck is an International Trade Specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce and a member of Fargo-Moorhead Rotary. Heather shared with our club some of the encouraging details of the Congo Leg Braces Project, which is supported both by her Rotary club and Dickinson, along with

Rotary of Duluth Skyline, Wahpeton Rotary, Valley City Rotary, Rotary of Kinshasa–Binza (in the Democratic Republic of Congo), and District 5580 Rotary Foundation. The collaborative project, “Stand Proud,” creates workshops where crutches and leg braces are constructed. The devices are then provided to those in need of help and support as a result of polio’s effect upon their bodies and their spirits. Many of the persons making the braces are those who have personally benefited by their past receipt of braces or crutches. Through the years of 2010 to 2013, Stand Proud has provided 198 braces, 46 crutches, 207 shoe upgrades and 645 repairs.

Heather has also been involved with literacy projects for some time, and she is the District 5580 director for literacy. She applauded Dickinson Rotary as one

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Today’s Greeters Are:

Mike Weflen & Pat Weir

Next Meeting:

Ken Weisenberger & Cooper Whitman

Give Thanks Today: James Longtin

Next Week: Val Mack

Father, help us to lighten the burdens that others carry, by listening, supporting, and encouraging. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Lisa & Shane Roers, Update on West Side Development

Coming Up:

January 21—Andy Peterson, ND Chamber of Commerce

January 28—Mark Puppe, ND Independent Business Association

Program Chair: Joe Rothschiller Next Month: Chip Poland

Birthdays

Glenice Hansen 1/20

Announcements:

- The International Projects Committee is seeking members to participate in a service trip to Guatemala or Haiti in 2015. Contact Clyde Frank at 290-1419 if you are interested.
- **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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of the top clubs in the district supporting literacy projects and programs. The dictionary program, through which dictionaries are provided to third graders in the community, has been a long-standing outreach for us. Of the 65 clubs in our district, 18 participate in the dictionary project. Books are also collected and distributed to Head Start Programs. Dickinson Rotary has recently supported a book collection project for a school in the village of Ajara, in Benin, West Africa.

Several clubs are also reading or tutoring youth, and others are providing support for English language learning, either through the purchase of language learning software in communities or through personal volunteer efforts. (Rita Ennen noted that in Dickinson, this software and assistance is available at the Dickinson Adult Learning Center.)



Rotary Recognition

Kris Fehr was presented with her Paul Harris +2 award. The Paul Harris program recognizes Rotarians who give \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation.

Members are reminded that gifts to the Rotary Foundation made by February 14, 2015, will earn 3 points per dollar towards Paul Harris recognition. An award of just \$334 will earn an award this year. Checks can be given to any Foundation Committee member, or donations can be made online at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give>.



Last Meeting Visitors

- Jon Cameron, Western ND field representative for Sen. John Hoeven
- Brittany Edmondson, intern with the North Dakota Trade Office, guest of Heather Ranck (speaker)

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