



BRANDING IRON

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Last Week: Great Plains Food Bank

Ron Walters, major gifts officer for Great Plains Food Bank, spoke about hunger in North Dakota and the work that the food bank is doing to alleviate it. One in nine North Dakota children go hungry. In Dickinson alone, Amen Food Pantry distributes 11,000 pounds of food per month. The need is real and ongoing.



Great Plains is a program of Lutheran Social Services in Fargo, serving needs statewide through a network of 265 food pantries and other food distribution programs in 110 communities. The Backpack program conducted in Dickinson and other cities, through which food is distributed to school children on Fridays to see them through the weekend, is just one of the partner programs Great Plains supports.

Great Plains receives much of the food it distributes from food retailers, either overstock or perishables nearing expiration dates. Volunteers sort and palletize the food, and with a fleet of 6 trucks, the food bank delivers to hub cities from which food banks and other organizations receive and distribute the food.

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Today's Greeters Are:

Tom Henning & Bill Herauf

Next Meeting:

Jon Hodnefield & Bruce Howe

Give Thanks Today: Chip Poland

Next Week: Seth Poland

Thank you, Father, for the blessing of our families and friends. Give us the strength to serve all those you entrust to our care. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Senator Rich Wardner, Legislative Update

Coming Up:

June 10—Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library by Bruce Pitts

June 17—Crossover Dinner at Ramada (NO NOON MEETING)

Program Chair: Guy Moos Next Month: TBD

Birthdays

Amy Kreidt 6/6

Announcements:

- **Highway Clean-Up** is re-scheduled for **June 3**, meeting at the Elks parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Dickinson Rotary is responsible for the area near the Painted Canyon interstate exit. Contact Chad Renicker at crenicker@gmail.com or 701-204-8297 to volunteer.
- If you have not yet provided a photo for the **Rotary Directory**, please send one to Harvey Brock at hbrock@thedickinsonpress.com.
- The **Rotary Crossover** event, passing leadership to the new team, will be held on **June 17** at the Ramada. Social hour begins in the Lounge at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the passing of the torch, along with Rotary awards, at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$25, with a choice of steak or broiled shrimp. **RSVP by June 12** with number of guests and meal preferences to Stepheny Reger at sreger@weareamerican.com.
- The **Chamber Golf Outing** is scheduled for July 23.
- **Pancake Karnival** is scheduled on October 4. This pancake breakfast is Dickinson Rotary's biggest fundraising event toward the campaign to end polio. The planning committee for the event will hold its first meeting on June 10, and they welcome new members.

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The food bank is undertaking a major fundraising campaign to expand their warehouse in Fargo, to establish a smaller warehouse in Bismarck, and to add additional programs for food distribution. Ultimately, the organization will work to address the causes of hunger in addition to filling the immediate needs for food.



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Nepal

Pictured at left is Dharahara, one of many cultural sites in Kathmandu destroyed by the recent earthquakes.

Dharahara was the tallest building in Nepal, with a



spiral staircase containing 213 steps. The eighth floor held a circular balcony for observers that provided a panoramic view of the Kathmandu valley. The tower was a

major tourist attraction. To help the Nepalese, visit

www.shelterbox.org or www.helpnepaltoday.org.

Editor's Correction: The name of the winner of the Vocational Scholarship described in last week's newsletter is Nathaniel Fulton.

Last Meeting Visitors

- Mike Kopp, guest of Harvey Brock