



# BRANDING IRON

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## Last Week: Youth Exchange Trip to Bolivia



Chad Billings, Rotary Youth Exchange student, spoke on his “Great Bolivian Adventure.” Coming from a family which had previously hosted three Rotary exchange students, his decision to become one himself was an easy one. He shared his experiences of the ten-month stay.

His host family, the Camargo’s, lived in Oruro where his host parents were an ophthalmologist and a biochemist. His two host brothers were younger than Chad, with one

of them on his own exchange in New York. While in Bolivia Chad attended his junior year of high school at a private school. He lived in a third-world country in an area of high unemployment and poverty.

Chad pointed to a two-week tour of the country with fellow Rotary students as his best experience. His worst times were those when he had digestive issues. He said, “You need to be careful and mindful of what you eat.”

This fall Chad will return to Elgin, Illinois, where he will complete his senior year of high school. (continued on page 2)



**Give Thanks Today:** Stepheny Reger

**Next Week:** Rob Remark

### **This Week’s Greeters Are:**

Amy Kreidt & Ken Kussy

Next Week:

Val Mack & Mary Massad

As we share this meal and fellowship, Lord, may we be strengthened for the work you entrust to us in our homes and workplaces. Amen.

### **Your Program Today:**

Consolidated Communications—Ronda Fitterer

### **Coming Up:**

July 22—District Governor Craig Loughery

July 29—Terri Thiel, Dickinson CVB

**Program Chair:** Guy Moos **Next Month:** Gaylon Baker

### **Birthdays**

Todd Otto 7/15

Todd Schweitzer 7/17

## Announcements:

- Rotary President Erv Bren presented the club **budget for 2015-16**. He asks for feedback on the budget this week, with a vote to approve being considered at the July 15 meeting.
- The Dickinson Backpack program sent a formal thank you to Dickinson Rotary for their support.

## Rotary Youth Exchange (continued from page 1)

He plans to return to Bolivia someday and recommends that young people consider becoming an exchange student if possible.

## District 5580 Governor's Visit

Dickinson Rotary belongs to District 5580, which includes clubs in all of North Dakota, northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, and southern Ontario, Canada.

District Governor Craig Loughery began his leadership year on July 1 and is busy visiting each of the 66 clubs in our district. He will visit Dickinson on July 21-22, meeting with the board and then addressing the club at our regular Wednesday meeting.



Craig and Diane Loughery

Among the priorities for the District this year is for Rotarians to see the opportunities to serve beyond the club level. A [brochure](#) has been made available on the District website which explains the various committees and offices at the District level, including the duties each one involves and the probable time requirements. Rotary members are encouraged to review the possibilities and consider stepping up to serve.

## International Travel Opportunity

District 5580 Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) committee is accepting applications for an exchange visit to southern India, February 6-20, 2016. Participants pay their own airfare, but travel costs are kept low since lodging and most meals are provided by Rotarian host families. Visit the [district RFE page](#) for more information or to apply. The exchange team is limited to 12 people, and the application deadline is August 31, 2015.



Dickinson Club Website:

[www.dickinsonrotary.org](http://www.dickinsonrotary.org)

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District Website:

[www.clubrunner.ca/5580](http://www.clubrunner.ca/5580)

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[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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## Last Meeting Visitors

- Pat Billings, guest of Mark Billings
- Andrew Haffner, guest of Harvey Brock