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Today's Program:

ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: Tracy Ragsdale

Good News: 2021 club accomplishments recap

Midway through our Rotary year, **President Mark Billings** highlighted our club's accomplishments and recognized Rotarians working hard and behind the scenes: ***Raising funds: almost \$18,000 so far!**
***Holding a first-ever Business After Hours with the Chamber!**

- *Partnering and sponsoring Cub Scout Pack 28, coordinated by Rotarian Todd Otto.**
- *Giving 486 dictionaries to 3rd graders in Dickinson, Belfield and South Heart, organized by Rotarian Glenice Hansen. *Board members working hard on the club's behalf.**
- *Celebrating volunteers that placed markers in ND for the Great Northern Cattle Trail, organized by Rotarian Jim Ozbun. *Partnering with the City of Dickinson to sponsor the City Youth Commission.**
- *Impacting with monthly Community Kindness outreach projects, organized by Rotarian Dawn Pruitt.**
- *Informing club members with the newsletter, compiled by Rotarian Kris Fehr.**
- *Expressing gratitude for the Elks Club and staff for opening on Wednesdays for our lunch meetings.**
- *Beginning projects in Ecuador (remote education) and Brazil (homeless shelter) coordinated by Billings.**



Community Kindness outreach for January: we will be partnering with Women Empowering Women, specifically for an Etiquette Dinner for college students. The students will learn how to navigate a place setting, hold utensils properly and understand manners for specific courses in the meal. We will be collecting cash donations to help cover the costs for students unable to afford the course. The cost is \$15 per student and the event will be held February 28th at Fluffy Fields. For information contact **Rotarian Dawn Pruitt**.

Plan ahead for 2022 construction

Jason Fridrich, owner of Legend Homes and both a City Commissioner and Planning & Zoning member, spoke at our last meeting of 2021. Due to supply chain and workforce issues, he advises folks to plan ahead. He predicts that most construction prices will not decrease. He has seen prices triple for some supplies and says supplies such as wiring, plumbing and cabinets can take up to eight months to arrive. New construction costs have gone from \$220/sq ft in 2020 to up to \$270/sq ft now. And plywood has increased from \$12 to \$15 a sheet to up to \$60, for example. "It's crazy, he said. "At the beginning of 2021 I could only get three styles of door knobs. There's constant pressure on the supply chain. I have never seen anything like this." He said historically low interest rates are driving the demand.



ATTENTION! No NOON meeting on January 12!! Enjoy the Christmas Party at 5:30 pm at the Eagles!