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Today's Program:

Status of Women in Stark County, *Rebecca Ferderer, Women Empowering Women*

This week's program:

Explaining women's status

Women Empowering Women asked many questions, gathered the data and became aware of the status of women in our area. Today we will hear stories, explain the data, identify changes where needed and celebrate what has been clearly addressed and accomplished. Our speaker will be *Rebecca Ferderer*.



Last Week:

Area Foster Care update

Last week we learned that there are 30 children in foster care in Stark, Golden Valley, Billings and Dunn counties, with half of those in the Dickinson area. While there are 23 licensed foster homes and 17 open beds, *Natalie Straub*, right, state foster care licensing specialist, said that the number of foster homes has been declining since 2020. She said that the good news is that fewer children are being removed from their homes due to child protection workers helping families at home. Foster parent *Laura Walters* started a new nonprofit, Foster for'em, to support foster families, children and the biological families. She also started a Foster Closet with toys and supplies that foster families may need.



Welcome New Rotarian, Friscoe Erdahl

Last week we welcomed **Friscoe Erdahl**, left, new market president with Dacotah Bank, as a new Rotary member. Friscoe received membership materials from President-Elect *Kyle Smith*. He will be the main corporate member for the bank, replacing *Travis Ellisson*.



Today's Meeting:

Greeters: *Paige Hibl and Erv VanVendhuizen*
Next week: Marvin Eberts and Jon Stevenson

Community Kindness Update: This month's Community Kindness will be cash donations for United Way's Empty Bowls fundraiser on May 28, World Hunger Day. Proceeds to benefit charities feeding the hungry in Stark County.

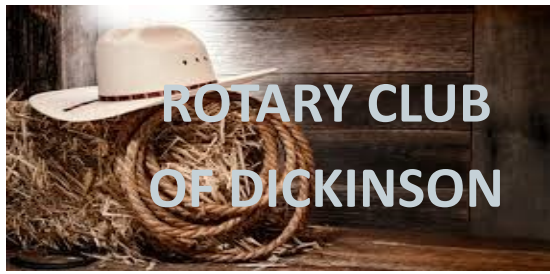
Invocation:

We receive this food in gratitude and we vow to respond in turn to those in need with wisdom and compassion. AMEN

Coming up:

- *May 8: Annual Flower Pot fundraiser.*
- *May 15: Rotary Armed Forces Day luncheon at the Biesiot Activities Center.*
- *June 5: Rotary Night with the Big Sticks: 50-50 raffle and great baseball!*

NO ROTARY ON THE ROAD THIS MONTH



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District Conference Display: Thanks to Rotarian Janelle Stoneking for preparing two story boards for the District 5580 conference's House of Friendship. District Governor Dave Long requested our club display our environmental and mental health projects during the conference. Clubs from across the district display their projects during the annual conference.



Rotary supports our youth: The After Graduation Party is one way of helping graduating seniors stay safe while celebrating together. The DHS After Grad Party will have food, games, prizes and activities all night for Dickinson High School students.



Trinity High School students reported on a successful After Prom Party and thanked Dickinson Rotary for our donation to the event held earlier this month. Our club donated \$500 to the Trinity High School After Prom Party that provided activities, food, games and prizes for THS students.