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Today's Program:

Doing Good in the World & Club Focus, President Urja Aryal and President-Elect Kyle Smith

Last Week's Program:

Peer-to-Peer Class at Dickinson High

Students with disabilities often lack peer support and interaction. A new class at Dickinson High School provides juniors and seniors with the chance to become mentors and gain experience while making a difference. Instructors Melanie Steffan, a DHS special education teacher, and Trevor Conrad, a social studies teacher, teamed up to lead the class. Steffan told us that the objective is inclusion. Mentees with intellectual disabilities apply academic and transitional skills such as

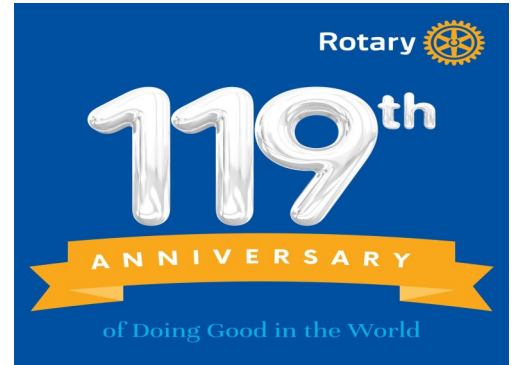


etiquette, finances, recognizing non-verbal cues, emotions and expectations in practical and social situations while interacting with their peers. Students sign up for one or two semesters and spend 30 hours outside of class together. To build even stronger relationships, mentors in the second semester can even go to class or to work with their mentees. A class called Peer-to-Peer 3 has students assisting in elementary schools. Mentors gain career awareness and leadership opportunities. A highlight is an annual trip planned in all aspects by the students. Last year it was Minneapolis and this year it's Arizona.



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District Conference - "Healthy Minds, Healthy Environment" - April 11-13 at Fargo Ramada Inn. Register by March 15 for discount: rotary5580.org



Happy Birthday Rotary: February 23

Today's Meeting:

Greeters: Tami Mines & Sarah Trustem

Next week: Nicole Wandler & Huijian Dong

This month's Community Kindness is donations to assist DSU nursing students traveling to the God's Child Project and Casa Jackson in Antigua, Guatemala. Cash donations, or see newsletter attachment for suggested items. Students will pick up items at today's meeting.

Invocation:

For what we are about to receive, let us be truly grateful for those who prepared, those who served. And may we be nourished and fulfilled by all we partake today. AMEN

Coming up:

***March 7-8: Virtual Rotary District Presidents Elect Training (PETS).** Required for Rotary Club presidents and open to current and future presidents-elect. FREE using provided registration code. northcentralpets.org