



November 14, 2005

This Week's Program

Classification Talks – Alice Thompson & Syd Corrigan

Next Week's Program

Rotary Foundation – Hank Imsande

Important Dates to Remember

June 11 -14, 2006 – Rotary International Convention, Copenhagen, Denmark and Malmo, Sweden

February 17-18, 2006 – International Goodwill Meeting, Winnipeg, Fort Garry Hotel

GSE Iceland Team Includes Locals

Members of the Group Study Exchange (GSE) team going to Iceland include Darren Olson, Industrial Technology Assistant Professor at BSU and Karson Otness, Bemidji Police Officer.

Group Study Exchange is a cultural and vocational exchange program between districts in different countries for business and professional men and women ages 25-40. In addition to learning about another country through visits to farms, schools industrial plants, professional offices and governmental establishments, the GSE teams serve as ambassadors of goodwill. They interpret their home nation to host Rotarians and others in the communities they visit. The GSE Program has proven to be a practical and meaningful way to promote world understanding.

Bemidji Rotaract Underway

Evonne McKinzie reports that the BSU Rotaract held its first meeting on November 3. Rotary clubs such as ours organize and sponsor this leadership, professional development, and service organization for young adults, ages 18-30; more than 7,500 clubs operate in 156 countries.

District Governor's "Reflections"

Grand Rapids Evening Club along with other service clubs, members spend time crafting bowls on a potter's wheel. Bowls are painted, fired, and then sold for \$10 each. The money is donated to the

soup kitchen, where a day is set aside for the sculptors and/or buyers to use their bowls for a soup lunch. All proceeds go to the soup kitchen.

Cloquet – This club does an interesting fundraiser, called "Hook and Sink." In the winter they plow the snow off the lake, dig holes in the ice to put flags, and use old Christmas trees to decorate the "green" for a winter golfing tournament. Local businesses sponsor the holes and prizes are offered.

Aitkin Lakes members of this club are planning an "Ugly Prom Night" where the top prize will go to the worst dressed participant. In November this club is involved in a fishing parade, where the floats consist of decorated fishing shacks. There's nothing dull about Rotary in District 5580!

Attendance Around the District – August 2005

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Bagley	30	60%
Bemidji Noon	125	64.2%
Bemidji Sunrise	18	70.8%
Bismarck	91	50.4%
Brainerd	134	68.12%
Crookston	34	49.0%
Detroit Lakes Noon	98	75.62%
Duluth	278	76.0%
Fargo Noon	77	34.12%
Fergus Falls Noon	65	58.0%
Fosston	22	47.0%
Grand Forks Noon	58	38.0%
Grand Rapids Evening	31	62.0%
Hibbing	41	66.5%
International Falls	41	67.0%
Minot Noon	106	64.7%
Moorhead	85	49.5%
Park Rapids	42	55.0%
Thief River Falls	40	37.0%
Wadena	62	73.9%
Walker	74	57.5%