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## This Week's Program

*Classification Talk – Terry Matson, Security Bank*

## Next Week's Program

*The International Reach of a Professor's Poetry – Dr. Carol Ann Russell*

### Important Dates to Remember

District 5580 Conference  
Williston, North Dakota  
April 27-30 2006

*Did you know that January is Rotary Awareness Month!*

### Proposed Members

The proposal for membership of James Porter, Charter Communications was moved, seconded and carried at the January 19 Board Meeting.

### New Classification Talk Coordinator

Thank you Greg Negard for taking over the scheduling of classification talks. Previous to Greg, Mark Finstad organized these talks. Mark has recently transferred to the Fosston Rotary Club due to job relocation.

### Walk to Williston

Keep up the good work everyone! Our goal is to raise \$650 and walk 2700 miles. As of Monday January 23, Bemidji Rotarians raised \$530 & walked 1639 miles. We are almost there, we only have 1061 miles to go and \$120 left to raise, however, don't let that stop you from exceeding our goals! The money raised will help purchase lentils for the Hunger Plus food packages. This is the last day we will have the treadmill! Last week's treadmill walkers were Syd Corrigan, Allison Barta, Kevin Erpelding, Ryan Baer, & Marilyn Heltzer. Good job!

### Health and Hunger Project

Why are we walking to Williston? Hopefully the following information, pulled from the District Clubrunner website will motivate you to walk, walk, walk!

As part of District Governor Paula Timmons "Health and Hunger" goals, the Williston Rotary Club has organized a district-wide International Hunger Project with Hunger Plus Inc. to be completed in conjunction with the 2006 District Conference. Our project District goal is to raise \$15,000 to purchase lentils for starving families in Nicaragua. Hunger Plus Inc. will be charged with delivering the lentils purchased through this project.

Hunger Plus Inc. is a not-for-profit relief agency, created by Rotarians, that provides food and related supplies for emergency use and for longer term projects to improve food security around the globe. The corporation's mission statement is: "To feed the hungry and help them become self-sufficient." The corporation partners with individuals, NGO's, government agencies, church and civic groups. Projects in self-sufficiency focus on food preservation, agriculture, water, health, education, housing and technology. For web information browse to: [www.hungerplus.org](http://www.hungerplus.org)

### Introducing the Group Study Exchange to Iceland

Congratulations to the following individuals selected for Iceland Group Study Exchange!

Team Leader – Wendy Gustofson, Superior Rotary Club, Professional Fundraising/Marketing

#### Team Members

Darren Olson  
Bemidji, Industrial Technology Assistant Professor at BSU  
Karson Otness  
Bemidji, Police Officer  
Kyle Armitage  
Doran, MN Culinary Arts Instructor at NDSCS  
Sarah Priest  
Eveleth, MN "Circles of Support" & FAIM Coordinator

#### Alternate Team Member

Kristen Maki Thunder Bay, Ontario, Process Engineer

#### Alternate Team Leader

Kay Parries Moorhead Rotary Club, Owner/President K Krafts

### What is the Group Study Exchange?

The Group Study Exchange is a Program of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. It's an opportunity for young business professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 to study the host country's institutions, and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. The young participants spend four to six weeks studying with their host country.