

October 16, 2006

This Week's Program
Birds of Rapture – Bubba Schwartz

Next Week's Program
District Governors Visit

Important Dates to Remember

District Conference – Cragun's Resort,
Brainerd – April 19 – 22, 2007

Rotary International Convention – June 17-
20, 2007- Salt Lake City, Utah

Upcoming Programs

October 30 – Classification Talk

November 6 – Ag Utilization Research
Institute – Randy Hilliard

November 13 – Visit Bemidji – Gayle
Quistgaard

Visiting Rotarians

Kirk Malkowski – Detroit Lakes

Governor's Message

In the September 2006 Northern Sentinel District Governor's Newsletter, Governor David Vose shared his comments and vision for District 5580.

As leader of the service and support unit for the clubs in the district, one of the most important reasons for the Governor's "Official Club Visit" is to get input from clubs, regarding how the district can better serve clubs. While ideas continue to flow, one such idea that has received almost universal endorsement by the clubs we have visited is to increase the systematic exchange of information among clubs. Every club in the district is challenged to provide interesting and informative weekly programs, to develop and conduct effective local and international service projects, and initiate efficient and fun fundraising projects. Shared challenges suggest common solutions, so let's share experiences and take advantages of each other's success and avoid each others failures.

The article goes on to read: *To move this idea forward I am seeking two or three knowledgeable individuals to help devise a simple and effective way to capture needed information in a standardized format that can be placed on our district web site with minimum increased workload for Bob Tomlinson, our District Web Master. If you have interest in assisting in this new effort to improve district support of club activities, please contact me (Governor David Vose) at dvose@d.umn.edu or Diane Collins, District Administrative Secretary, at bigfish@uslink.net.*

Attendance Stats

Bemidji: Members – 119; Attendance Percentage – 70.9%

How do we compare with similar clubs?

Brainerd: Members – 128; Attendance Percentage – 63.4%

Detroit Lakes: Members – 95; Attendance – 58.9%

Bismarck: Members – 97; Attendance – 42.4%

Minot: Members – 110; Attendance – 56.8%

Total District 5580 (66 clubs): Members – 3397; Attendance average – 58.5%

Bemidji Rotarians Invited!

Rotary Club members and their guests are invited to participate in the Fargo Clubs 13th **Annual Foundation Banquet** on October 19 at the Fargo Holiday Inn. The theme this year is "Your Rotary Foundation in Action." Contact Paul Nelson paulnelson0@lycos.com for more information.