

September 10, 2007

This Week's Program
Dept of Employment/Economic Development – Dan McElroy
Next Week's Program
United Way – Becky Nahvi

Important Dates to Remember

Goodwill 2008

February 15-16, 2008, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

District 5580 Conference

May 1-4, 2008, Dickinson, ND

Rotary International Convention

June 15-18, 2008, Los Angeles, CA

Upcoming September Programs

Sept 17 United Way – *Becky Nahvi*
Sept 24 Early Childhood Family Education –
 Vicki Wangberg
Oct 1 Raptor Center – *Bubba Schwartz*
Oct 8 Youth Exchange Welcome – *Kristen*
 Addison

Welcome New Members

Samantha Meemken, LearningCHANGE

Nathan Pocharst, Diversified Builders

Rose Sale Underway

Rose Sale tickets are now available. This fundraiser, chaired by **Karson** and **Wendy Ottness**, will feature a dozen red or lollipop colored roses for the price of \$15.00. (Special pricing – 2 dozen for \$25.00 to the same individual). The blooms will be ready for pick-up on October 12 and 13. Be sure to get your tickets today for this major Rotary fundraiser.

September Birthdays

Ryan Baer	Sept 5
Richard Gendreau	Sept 7
Scott Turn	Sept 7
Paul Richards	Sept 10
CarolAnn Russell-Schlemper	Sept 18
Harold Freutel	Sept 20
Rick Siebels	Sept 29

Rotary Friendship Exchange

The 2008 Rotary Friendship Exchange will be headed to New Zealand in February-March, 2008. For application forms, see **Gary Johnson**.

About Rotary Friendship Exchange

An interesting Rotary program of fellowship is the Rotary Friendship Exchange. This activity, originally recommended by the New Horizons Committee in 1981, is intended to encourage Rotarians and spouses to visit with Rotarian families in other parts of the world. It may be conducted on a club-to-club or district-to-district basis.

The idea is for several Rotarian couples to travel to another country on the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Later the hospitality is reversed when the visit is reciprocated. After a successful pilot experiment, the Rotary Friendship Exchange had become a permanent program of Rotary.

The Rotary Friendship Exchange is frequently compared to the Group Study Exchange of The Rotary Foundation, except that it involves Rotarian couples who personally pay for all expenses of their intercountry experience. Doors of friendship are opened in a way that could not be duplicated except in Rotary.

Rotarians seeking an unusual vacation and fellowship experience should learn more about the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Some unusual Rotary adventures are awaiting you!

Rotary Around the World

Sudanese children get training. The Rotary Club of Kharoum, Khartoum, Sudan, and District 2040 (Italy) used a Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant of US\$165,000 to build a vocational training center for mentally and physically disabled children in Greater Khartoum. Up to 100 children ages 10-16 take classes in reading, writing and arithmetic and do physical and occupational therapy. Four new state-of-the-art laboratories give them the tools to learn trades such as carpentry, woodcarving, tailoring, and pastry-making. The children can then sell their products to the public for a small profit. Teachers and social workers are available to counsel parents on implementing occupational therapy techniques at home.