

November 5, 2007

This Week's Program
Look As Young As You Feel – Dr Natalie Roholt
Next Week's Program
The Rotary Foundation – Nancy Smith

Important Dates to Remember

Paul Harris Foundation Dinner

November 8, 2007, Bemidji Town & Country Club

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 November/December Programs

Nov 19 North Country Health Services – Penny
Echternach
Nov 26 Classification Talks

Welcome New Member

Erica Johnson – Registrar at Northwest Tech College,
proposed by **Gary Johnson**.

Paul Harris Foundation Banquet

Our annual Paul Harris Foundation Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bemidji Town and Country Club. If you have questions or items for the auction, contact **Cathy Schultz** or **Kathleen Solberg**. Mark your calendar and consider that auction item!

RSVP to **Cathy Schultz** at cschultz@paulbunyan.net or 444-8022, to attend the Paul Harris Dinner.

Rose Sale Finals

A profit of approximately \$10,000 was announced for the recently concluded Rose Sale. Top sellers were:

Over 90 Dozen: **Harold Freutel** (Harold says a special thanks to **Dick Haugo** for driving on his sales expedition)

Over 50 dozen: **Al Bontrager**

Over 30 dozen: **Ted Will**

Dick Haugo

Myrle Olson

Other Big Sellers:

Carol Nelson

Allison Barta

Bruce Campbell (Sunrise)

Ron Koetter (Sunrise)

BSU Rotaract Club sold 40 dozen

Thanks go to **Wendy** and **Karson Otness** for chairing this year's successful Rose Sale Project. Kudos and many

thanks are offered to all the ticket sellers and to the volunteers who handed out the roses.

November Birthdays

Ben Stowe	Nov 1
John Chattin	Nov 2
Dick Dickinson	Nov 3
Jordan Hickman	Nov 5
Cathy Schultz	Nov 6
Pat Kelly	Nov 7
Curt Lundquist	Nov 17
Sonja McCollum	Nov 29
Nancy Smith	Nov 29
Eric Huckle	Nov 30

Rotary Friendship Exchange

If you are interested in the District's planned Exchange Program going to New Zealand, see President **Gary**. Applications are due by November 15th. The program is intended to encourage Rotarians and spouses to visit with Rotarian families in other parts of the world. Later the hospitality is reverse when the visit is reciprocated.

U.S. Rotarian braves risks to combat polio in

Afghanistan. District 6560 Governor Jim Graham went to Afghanistan in late March as the first American Rotarian volunteer to fight polio in the war-torn country. Upon his arrival, United Nations officials instructed him that he could only leave his hotel in Kabul with a UN escort and travel in a UN vehicle.

Graham, of the Rotary Club of Brownsburg, Indiana, USA, was there to work with the government officials and UN and World Health Organization personnel in a massive door-to-door effort to vaccinate nearly 7.3 million children under age 5. He audited vaccination teams, making sure they had issued the right amount of oral polio vaccine and kept an accurate count of the children they had immunized.

Before Afghanistan, Graham had never participated in a polio campaign. He was inspired to go there after he and his wife, Roberta, hosted two Afghan children who underwent heart surgery in Indianapolis through the Gift of Life program two years ago.

Afghanistan is one of the last remaining polio-endemic countries, along with India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. In October, the PolioPlus program contributed US\$800,000 to help fund immunization efforts carried out in Afghanistan between January and April.