

September 8, 2008

This Week's Program
United Way of the Bemidji Area – Ashli Bowen
Next Week's Program
The Politics and Economics of Coffee – Ken Howe, Dunn Brothers

Important Dates to Remember

Paul Harris Dinner, Location to be determined
November 23, 2008

“Discover the Magic” – District 5580 Conf –
Minot, ND - April 23-26, 2009

Rotary International Convention –
Birmingham, England - June 21-24, 2009

Upcoming Sept/Oct Programs

Sept 22	School Referendum – <i>Rebecca Snyder</i>
Sept 29	Classification Talks
Oct 6	Churches United – <i>Sarah Einerson</i>
Oct 13	Concordia Language Village – Meeting at Waldsee
Oct 20	Suicide Prevention – Healthy Community Healthy Kids

RECENT ROTARY VISITOR

Chet Yon, Fountain Hills, AZ

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Baer	Sept 5
Richard Gendreau	Sept 7
Scott Turn	Sept 7
Paul Richards	Sept 10
Brad Wahl	Sept 14
CarolAnn Russell-Schlemper	Sept 18
Harold Fruetel	Sept 20
Rick Siebels	Sept 29

PLAYHOUSE UPDATE

This year's Playhouse results are in. They indicate we had gross sales of over \$15,000 with a net revenue of \$6,369. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this project and especially to **Scott Turn** who chaired this annual fundraiser.

ROTARY WEARABLES AVAILABLE

You can identify yourself as a Rotarian with the Rotary wearables now for sale. Hats with *Bemidji Rotary* stitched on them can be purchased for \$17

and other items including T-shirts, cotton shirts, wind breakers and sweatshirts will be on display and available for order at meetings this month. Check with **Amy Saeland** for details.

MAKE DREAMS REAL – RI THEME FOR 1008-09

“All children have dreams. In some countries, they dream of receiving a special toy or a puppy. But in other parts of the world, children dream of getting enough to eat or going to school. They dream of having clean water to drink and medicine when they fall sick. These are not impossible, or even unreasonable dreams. But they are dreams that go unrealized for the 26,000 children under the age of five who die every day from preventable causes.

“This year, I am asking Rotarians to give these children a chance to dream and to help make their dreams real. How can we do this? We can continue to work on our service emphases of water, health and hunger, and literacy. We can build the wells and sanitation systems, furnish bed nets to protect from malaria-bearing mosquitoes, and provide rehydration salts to stem diarrheal diseases. And we can develop literacy programs that will enable parents to climb out of the cycle of poverty that contributes to child mortality.

“These and other, relatively simple actions are what will *Make Dreams Real* for the suffering children in our world. By attending to basic needs, Rotarians can help to reduce the deplorable number of needless deaths. Children who have enough to eat and clean water to drink can grow and learn. With access to basic medicines and vaccines, they will thrive. These healthy, educated children will become adults who are able to raise and support a family – and dream of a happy future for their children.

We can *Make Dreams Real* for thousands of children simply by giving them a chance to live the kind of life most of us take for granted – a life with enough food, clean water, and access to health care and education, a life that will extend far beyond their fifth birthday.”

RI President Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee