

September 15, 2008

This Week's Program
The Politics and Economics of Coffee – Ken Howe, Dunn Brothers
Next Week's Program
School Referendum – Rebecca Snyder

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 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
Oct 27	Classification Talks

DRAGON BOAT UPDATE

Dragon Boat accounting is not yet complete, but it appears that approximately \$35,000 net profit will be divided between the sponsors – Bemidji Rotary and Bemidji Chamber of Commerce. Kudos once again to the movers and shakers who made this gigantic event happen.

RECENT DONATIONS

Buena Vista Ski Patrol
Courage North

IN THE NEWS

A recent article and photo in the Bemidji Pioneer cited the Bemidji Rotary Club for completing its five-year commitment to the Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area with a check for \$6,000. The article states that “During the last five years, the Bemidji Rotary Club has donated more than \$35,000 for the club’s Technology Room.”

In case you missed it, the check transfer was done with a smile from **Lenore Potter**, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area and **Gayle Quistgard**, Bemidji Rotary President.

**ORDER YOUR ROTARY WEARABLES
TODAY!**

The deadline for ordering Rotary wearables is September 29. You can identify yourself as a Rotarian with hats, T-shirts, cotton shirts, windbreakers and sweatshirts all embroidered with “Bemidji Rotary”. Rotary will even cover the cost of embroidery, and you can charge the cost to your dues account or pay cash. Check the items on display and place your order today. See **Amy Saeland** for details.

ROSE ALERT!!!

Roses are getting ready to bloom throughout the Bemidji area. Rotary’s annual rose sale is one of our club’s main fundraisers with proceeds going to many local projects and organizations. Line up your customers today, and sign up to lend a hand on Rose pick up days, October 10 and 11 at Lueken’s North & South. Thanks to **Wendy** and **Karson Otness** for chairing this event.

ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD

Roving surgical care in the Philippines. More than 200 people have benefited from the Rotary Club of San Francisco del Monte’s new DOCS (Doctors Offering Care & Services) Mobile Surgical Unit. Rotarians developed the US\$66,000 unit from a discarded 28-foot (8.5-meter) van newly equipped with two operating tables and medical equipment, including a defibrillator and anesthesia system. Accommodating up to 17 doctors and support personnel, the unit has on-board water, power, and waste disposal systems, enabling surgeons to operate in remote, underserved areas. Since September, doctors have treated indigent patients with skin cancer, cleft palate, and other conditions in 10 locations.

BEMIDJI NOON ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

	Members	Percentage
MEN	94	74 %
WOMEN	<u>33</u>	26 %
Total	127	