

October 6, 2008

**This Week's Program**  
*Churches United – Sarah Einerson*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Concordia Language Village – \*\*\* Meeting at Waldsee \*\*\**

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**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 Oct/Nov Programs**

Oct 20	Suicide Prevention – Healthy Community Healthy Kids
Oct 27	RYLA Participants
Nov 3	Bemidji Area Boys and Girls Club
Nov 10	Visiting Russian Nurses
Nov 17	Rotary Foundation

**\*\*\* MEETING ALERT – PLEASE NOTE THAT  
WE WILL MEET AT CONCORDIA LANGUAGE  
VILLAGE, WALDSEE VILLAGE NEXT WEEK,  
OCTOBER 13.  
DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE POSTED. \*\*\***

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**Carol Eberhardt**, Retired Hospice Nurse, proposed  
by **John Reff**

**ROSE DISTRIBUTION**

Distribution of Rotary roses is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Lueken's North and South, and times are still available to assist. If you have already signed up and need to make adjustments to the schedule, or if you have questions, concerning the distribution, you may contact **Wendy** or **Karson Otness** at 759-1497 (home) or 556-5435 (cell).

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Scott Kurtzweg</b>	Oct 6
<b>Chris Keenan</b>	Oct 14
<b>Jill Naylor-Yarger</b>	Oct 15
<b>Jeremy Fayette</b>	Oct 22
<b>Kathleen Solberg</b>	Oct 26
<b>Kristi Booth</b>	Oct 31
<b>Ted Will</b>	Oct 31

**ELECTION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

An e-mail notice from Sarah Martyn Crowell of Citizens for Election Integrity MN invites volunteers to act as observers for the 2008 election. She writes:

“For the second time since 2006, our organization and the League of Women Voters MN are organizing a state-wide observation of the Election Audit this November. Volunteer observers are part of a non-partisan team that will attend their county's audit. Volunteers observe election officials hand count the ballots and then document and report what takes place. Most audits last between two and five hours and take place in the County seat (Bemidji) about a week after the election. We provide training for all volunteer observers.

“...This is a great way to participate in all the election excitement this year. Plus, having citizen observers helps ensure that the audit process is open and transparent. It will aid voter confidence in the election results.

“If interested you can view and download our brochures on line:

<http://ceimn.org/files/CEIMNposteducationauditbrochure2008.pdf>. Mrs. Crowell may be reached at [sarah@ceimn.org](mailto:sarah@ceimn.org) or 612-724-1736 ext 116.”

**CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathy goes to the family of Charlie Naylor who passed away this week. Charlie was a long time community leader, active in many community organizations and president of the Bemidji Development Corporation.

**ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD**

*Connecticut, USA.* When a food pantry director and Rotarian in Enfield, Conn., mentioned to her club president that she had a hard time finding fresh vegetables for local families in need, members of the Rotary Club of Enfield dug in their trowels. The result is the Common Grounds Garden, a half-acre plot that in its first two years produced 4 tons of potatoes, squash, beans, and other vegetables. The produce is donated to two hunger-related agencies that, together, serve more than 1,000 people each week.