

October 20, 2008

**This Week's Program**  
*Suicide Prevention – Healthy Community Healthy Kids*

**Next Week's Program**  
*Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) – Brianna Reeves & Josef Schlemper*

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**Important Dates to Remember**

**Paul Harris Dinner**, Eagles Club  
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 Nov Programs**

Nov 3	Bemidji Area Boys and Girls Club
Nov 10	Visiting Russian Nurses
Nov 17	Rotary Foundation
Nov 24	Dist. Governor - Tully Chambers

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

The following Rotarians attended the New Member Orientation held on October 4<sup>th</sup>: **Dave Lubke, Erica Johnson, Lisa Bruns and Paul Carpenter.**

**NEXT TO LAST WORD ON ROSE SALE**

Abundant thanks go to **Karson and Wendy Otness** for their outstanding leadership of this year's Rose Sale. They seemed to be everywhere on pick-up days at Lueken's, either filling in, delivering or closing up. It was an awesome job on their part. Thanks also go to all the participants in the big sale. Whether you sold orders, delivered the roses or handed them out to the customer, you contributed to this important fundraiser.

A big hurrah also goes to our #1 seller, **Harold Freutel**, who sold 196 dozen roses. *Way to go, Harold!*

Final figures are not yet in, but **Karson** promises to keep us informed.

**A CALL FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

Our Paul Harris Dinner scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> will feature a silent auction fundraiser with proceeds going to Paul Harris programs. If you have an item or items to donate to the auction, contact **Rob Bollinger** or **Manfred Tatzmann.**

**HUMANITARIAN GRANT SUCCESSFUL**

**John Reff** reports that the Macedonian Literacy Program initiated with a \$4,120 grant from Bemidji Noon Rotary, has been approved for funding by our District and now by Rotary International.

The grant is directed to Demir Hisar, Macedonia and will supply books, reference materials, shelving and supplies to three Primary Schools and 14 villages. The total amount of the grant is approximately \$16,000.

Approximately 700 children will benefit from the books. The rural community is extremely poor and suffers high unemployment. They are responsible for maintaining and funding their local schools as there is no government funding for schools. A student run “Library Club” will be encouraged to promote literacy. The host club, “Bitola Rotary Club” will be involved in the installation and maintenance of the book shelves and other materials. Training will be provided by a US Peace Corp Volunteer and the members of the Rotary Club of Bitola.

**ROTARACT SHADOWING OPPORTUNITY**

Would you be interested in having a Rotaract student shadow you or someone in your business? This is an opportunity for a college student to learn more about the business world and for a Rotarian to help attract young professionals into Rotary. Contact **Evonne McKinzie** for details.

**THANKS TO CONCORDIA**

Many thanks to Rotarian **Martin Graefe** and the staff at Concordia Language Villages for a delightful luncheon and a very informative presentation about the programs and plans at the Village. What a tremendous asset the Language Village is to Bemidji.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than \$1.8 billion in program awards and operations since 1947.