

October 27, 2008

This Week's Program

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) – Brianna Reeves & Josef Schlemper

Next Week's Program

Bemidji Area Boys and Girls Club

Important Dates to Remember

Paul Harris Dinner, Eagles Club
November 23, 2008

Goodwill Meeting p Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
– February 20-21, 2009

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

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

Upcoming Nov/Dec Programs

Nov 10	Visiting Russian Nurses
Nov 17	Rotary Foundation
Nov 24	Dist. Governor - Tully Chambers
Dec 1	Bemidji Skate Park

NEW MEMBERS CHARGED

As Rotarians, new members **Lisa Bruns** and **Brad Wahl**, became “ambassadors of Rotary ideals” according to the Charge read by **Jim Ghostley** at last week’s meeting. Lisa is a Higher Education Administrator and Brad’s profession is Social Services. *Congratulations go to these new Rotarians.*

PAUL HARRIS DINNER

Mark Sunday, November 23rd on your calendar for the annual Paul Harris Dinner to be held at the Eagles Club. A prime rib or jumbo shrimp dinner will be served at a cost of \$15 per person. The event 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 **Manfred Tatzmann**. Also, if you would be interested in sponsoring a Rotaract member for the dinner, contact **Manfred, Rob Bollinger** or **Nancy Smith**, Co-chairs.

RECENT ROTARY DONATIONS

United Way
Bemidji City of Lights
Concordia Language Village
Shelter Box Project

LAST WORD ON ROSES

With a sale of 1,265 dozen roses, we netted around \$5,300, less the amount that will be paid to Rotaract for the sale of 60 dozen roses. Again, thanks go to **Karson** and **Wendy Otness** for their outstanding leadership of this promotion and thanks also to everyone who participated.

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.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL MEETING SCHEDULED

On February 20 & 21, 2009, Goodwill 2009 will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. International Goodwill Meeting is one of the world’s oldest continuously operating Rotary International fellowship events. Now in its 84th year, the meeting is a celebration of the event that made Rotary “international”. On November 3, 1910, the first Rotary Club meeting outside of the United States took place at the Y.M.C.A. Building in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The first International Goodwill Meeting was held February 23, 1925 in Winnipeg with 11 American clubs and 7 Canadian Rotary Clubs participating. Presently the 10 Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg in cooperation with participating Rotary Districts 5550, 5580 (our own district), 5950, 5960 and 7730 host Goodwill Weekend. Stay tuned for more information.

ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD

Philippines. Rotarians in Cebu Province are working to make the Philippines greener. District 3860 is collaborating with the Coastal Conversation Education Foundation on the One Million Mangroves for Cebu project to restore coastal mangrove forests. Mangroves are a critical part of coastal ecosystems, contributing to fisheries and helping project coastland. The district is applying for Rotary Foundation Matching Grants to set up nurseries, prepare seedlings, and plant mangroves.