

November 10, 2008

This Week's Program
Visiting Russian Nurses
Next Week's Program
Rotary Foundation – Ambassadorial Scholar

Important Dates to Remember

Paul Harris Dinner, Eagles Club 6:00 p.m.
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

Upcoming Nov/Dec Programs

Nov 24 Dist. Governor - Tully Chambers
Dec 1 Bemidji Skate Board Park
Dec 8 BHS Choir at the Eagles Club
Dec 15 Bemidji Public Library

PAUL HARRIS DINNER

All Rotarians are invited to the Paul Harris Dinner scheduled for Sunday, November 23, 6:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club. Featured entrees will be Prime Rib or Jumbo Shrimp at a cost of \$15 per person. A silent auction fundraiser with proceeds going to Paul Harris programs will be part of the evening festivities. If you have an item or items to donate to the auction, contact **Manfred Tatzmann** or **Rob Bollinger**. Also, if you would be interested in sponsoring a Rotaract member for the dinner, contact **Manfred, Rob** or **Nancy Smith**, Co-Chairs. Additionally, if you are not able to attend, your contribution to the Rotary Foundation would be appreciated. See **Nancy Smith**. RSVP's to **Nancy** are required by November 17.

OPEN WORLD PROGRAM

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, a noted Russia expert, provided the vision for the Open World Program, which was created by Congress in late 2000. Dr. Billington's vision was to build world peace and understanding of democracy through delegations of Russian leaders visiting the USA to learn and know the “real” America through people-to-people contact. The Open World Program enables emerging leaders from Russia and since 2003 also includes people from Ukraine, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Moldova to experience American democracy and civil society in action. Each U. S. visit focuses on a set theme that relates to the delegates' professional or civic work, exposing them to ideas and practices they can adapt to their own

situations. Typical activities include watching jury selection, problem solving sessions related to health care issues, sitting in on newspaper editorial meetings, and observing political candidates on the campaign trail. Most participants stay in private homes, which enhances exposure to the U. S. culture. To date, over 12,000 young political and cultural leaders from all 89 regions of Russia have participated in the program.

Bemidji has been involved with Open World visits for approx. the past five years. The November 2008 delegates who are visiting are all involved in Nursing Education in Russia and will be involved in discussions and demonstrations being presented at Northwest Technical College Nursing program and by the Bemidji State University Nursing Program. For further questions, notify **Alice Thompson**, local program coordinator, at tathomps@charter.net or 218-751-7329.

SPAGHETTI TAKE OUT

A benefit for the Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area
Date: Friday, November 14
Time: 4:30 – 7:00
Place: Boys & Girls Club,
1600 Minnesota Ave NW

Come to the Club and pick up a to go meal of Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & a Dessert

Adults - \$7.00 Children - \$4.00

All proceeds from this event will go towards funding a new teen center at the Club. For more information, call 444-4171 or log on to www.bgcbemidji.com.

AUGUST ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP –
SELECTED CLUBS IN DISTRICT 5580

CLUB	MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE %
BEMIDJI	128	55.86
Bismarck	94	61.16
Brainerd	120	53.00
Crookston	43	52.00
DL Noon	88	68.39
Duluth	272	70.80
Hibbing	47	56.20
Int'l Falls	38	72.25
Minot	110	58.00
Moorhead	91	47.90
Park Rapids	50	75.18
Superior	66	89.39
Walker	60	72.00