

December 29, 2008

This Week's Program
Club Assembly
Next Week's Program
Peacemaker Resources

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

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

UPCOMING JAN PROGRAMS

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| Jan 12 | Partnership for Affordable Energy – Christina Pierson |
| Jan 19 | Classification Talk |
| Jan 26 | North Country Health Services Foundation |

RECENT ROTARIAN VISITOR

Steve Dekrey, Hong Kong

THANKS TO BELL RINGER VOLUNTEERS

Thanks go to all who signed up to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army and to **Ryan Baer** for chairing this project.

CLUB ELECTIONS

At the club assembly today, elections will be held for the following officers and board members for the 2009-2010 starting July 1, 2009:

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| President | John Reff |
| President Elect | Jordan Hickman |
| Past President | Gayle Quistgard |
| Treasurer | Dennis Vorgert |
| Secretary | Evonne McKinzie |
| Board Members: | Jim Ghostley |
| | Karson Otness |
| | Amy Saeland |
| | Nancy Smith |
| | George Welte |

HUMANITARIAN PROJECT WANTED

Is there a real need in our area that is not being addressed? If you are aware of an important humanitarian project that you think Rotary should consider, here's your chance to let that idea be known. Just let a board member or President Gayle hear from you.

A HAPPY & PEACE-FILLED NEW YEAR TO ALL!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MIKE FISKE, Director of the Kabekona Bible Church – proposed by **Wayne Hoff** and **Gayle Quistgard**
ERIN JALLOH, Executive Director of Boy Scouts of America Voyageurs Area – proposed by **Ben Stowe**

JANUARY ROTARY MILESTONE

Rotary International adopted the Four-Way Test in January, 1943. Here's the history of this important milestone:

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary “Four-Way Test.” It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The Four-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy.

Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The Four-Way test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians. “Of the things we think, say or do: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

FOUR WAYS AND MORE

Rotary's 4-Way Test exemplifies an open hearted, compassionate spirit. Here are a few other tips to keep in mind:

BE GENEROUS. Do more than your share, and volunteer in your community.

BE EXPRESSIVE. Smile at others, and show your appreciation for them.

BE RESPONSIVE. Promptly answer messages, and send thank you notes.

BE INCLUSIVE. Invite that newcomer to lunch, and draw in the shy person.

BE CONSIDERATE. Arrive on time, and let people talk without interrupting them.

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