

January 19, 2009

This Week's Program
Classification Talk – Paul Carpenter
Next Week's Program
North Country Health Services Foundation

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 FEB PROGRAMS

Feb 2	Hunger Chair for District – Scott Turn
Feb 9	Evergreen House
Feb 16	Bemidji Public Library – Paul Ericsson
Feb 26	Classification Talk

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MEETING

RESERVATION INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved under Bemidji Noon Rotary for the 5580 District Conference. The reservations are for April 22 - April 26 so if you plan to attend, you need to reserve the dates you are interested in. The phone number for the Holiday Inn Conference Center is 1-800-468-9968. Reservations need to be made before April 8th. If you need any further information, contact **Amy Saeland**.

INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL MEETING

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, International Goodwill 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, 276 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The first International Goodwill Meeting was held February 23, 1925 at the Royal Alexandra Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with 11 American clubs and 7 Canadian Rotary Clubs participating. The speaker at the first International Goodwill Meeting was Past International President, Dr. Leslie Pidgeon.

Presently, the 10 Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg, in cooperation with participating Rotary Districts 5550, 5580, 5950, 5960 & 7730 host Goodwill Weekend.

BE A SUSTAINING ROTARY MEMBER

You are encouraged to be a Sustaining Rotarian by contributing \$100 to the Rotary Foundation with your Paul Harris Assessment within every fiscal year. This can be done at \$25 every quarter when you pay your dues or it can be done in various amounts or all at once. On your statement, auction contributions are included, but not points awarded from the skins game. Our goal this year is \$150 per club member or \$18,900 as a club. So far our club is at \$7,600 or 40%. Increase from the suggested \$25 a quarter to \$50. Plan to be minimally a sustaining member this year and every year.

ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD

Feeding the children in Brazil. A soup kitchen and bakery for underprivileged children in Brazil resulted from a partnership between the Rotary Club of Neenah, Wisconsin, USA, and the Rotary Club of Olimpia Integracao, Brazil. Local volunteers, including several Rotarians, serve dinner to and bake bread for over 100 children daily. The Wisconsin club supplied US\$9,000 to purchase baking equipment, while the Brazilian Rotarians financed the facility's construction. The seed for the collaboration was Rotary Youth Exchange: Past Olimpia-Integracao club president Celso Ruiz hosted an exchange student from Neenah and later visited Rotarians in Wisconsin.

Peru. Through partnerships with local governments, the Rotary clubs of Oshkosh Southwest, Wisconsin, USA, and La Molina Vieja, Peru, are providing more than 2,000 glasses of soy milk each day for residents of communities near Lima, Peru. The Rotarians provide a “soy cow” – a device that turns soybeans into nutritious soy milk – along with the soy beans, and expertise; the municipalities provide a secure location water, electricity, and staff.