

January 26, 2009

This Week's Program
North Country Health Services Foundation
Next Week's Program
Hunger Chair for District – Scott Turn

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/MAR PROGRAMS

Feb 9	Evergreen House
Feb 16	Bemidji Public Library – Paul Ericsson
Feb 26	Classification Talk
Mar 2	Wellness – CarolAnn Schlemper
Mar 9	Macedonia Literacy Project – John Reff

SYMPATHY

Condolences go to the family of **Dick Haugo**, who died Thursday, January 22nd. **Dick** was a gentle and kind man and a dedicated Rotarian who exemplified the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self.” He was our club president from 1989-90 and for many years helped set up and “strike” our meeting room every week. **Dick** will be greatly missed by us all.

His funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Lutheran Church. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home.

GET WELL SOON

Best wishes go to Rotarian **Tom Welle**, who recently had surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Hope you'll be back with us soon, Tom!

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE

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 before April 8th. The phone number for the Holiday Inn Conference Center is 1-800-468-9968. If you need any further information, contact **Amy Saeland**.

MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY

If the Bemidji School District has closed school for the day due to weather conditions and it falls on a Monday, the Bemidji Rotary noon meeting will be cancelled.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Enthusiastic, informed and articulate young professionals are sought for the Rotary-sponsored five-week vocational visit to Nagoya, Japan in October/November, 2009.

Through Rotary's Group Study Exchange Program (GSE), local residents (non-Rotarians) have the opportunity to foster international goodwill and understanding through an exchange that involves team members sharing information about their own country while experiencing the customs, vocations and lifestyle of another. GSE provides a unique opportunity for young men and women to meet professional peers in another country and to enhance occupational and cultural knowledge.

While in Japan, team members will stay with Rotarians who will provide meals, lodging and group travel in the host district. The Rotary Foundation provides a roundtrip air ticket. Team members pay only for personal and incidental expenses.

Young professionals age 25-40, employed full time, and residing in Rotary District 5580 are encouraged to apply. Deadline is noon February 2nd. Applications are available on the Rotary website: www.bemidjirotary.org/5580-gse/

We have hosted several GSE groups recently, now team leaders, who are Rotarians, are also sought for this GSE group. Here is your opportunity to meet, talk and live with Japanese Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality. You also serve as an ambassador of goodwill. Truly, the GSE program has provided Rotarians with one of its most enjoyable, practical and meaningful ways to promote world understanding.

For more information, contact **Larry Young** at 444-5757.

