

February 23, 2009

**This Week's Program**  
*Social Time*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Wellness – Carol Ann Schlemper*

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

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

**UPCOMING MAR/APR PROGRAMS**

Mar 9 Macedonia Literacy Project – **John Reff**  
Mar 16 Colon Cancer Screening - **Warren Larson**  
Mar 23 TBD  
Mar 30 Classification Talk  
Apr 6 Hope House

**GET WELL SOON**

Best wishes go to Rotarian **Helen Gill**, who recently had entered North Country Regional Hospital. Hope you'll be back with us soon, Helen!

**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**.

**ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance is essential to a strong and active Rotary club. The emphasis on attendance is traced back to 1922 when Rotary International announced a worldwide attendance contest that motivated thousands of Rotarians to achieve 100 percent attendance year after year. Many Rotarians take great pride in maintaining their 100 percent record in their own club by making-up at other Rotary club meetings.

In the December 2008 District 5580 newsletter, *The PIP Journal*, listed the attendance of all the clubs in the district. There is room for improvement.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Jamestown	50	92.00%
Nipigon	34	91.18%
Perham	81	88.30%
Breckenridge	23	78.00%
Int'l Falls	36	77.00%
Detroit Lakes Early	68	75.63%
Park Rapids	48	73.97%
Bagley	21	72.00%
Fargo West	65	72.00%
Duluth	266	70.20%
Detroit Lakes Noon	89	69.42%
Duluth Skyline	65	68.00%
Walker	69	63.00%
Devils Lake	61	62.00%
Fargo Moorhead AM	61	62.00%
Fosston	18	61.00%
Duluth Harbortown	81	60.14%
<b>Bemidji Noon</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>57.66%</b>
East Grand Forks	16	55.00%
Bemidji Sunrise	21	54.80%
Brainerd	121	53.00%
Moorhead	96	50.95%
Crookston	36	49.00%
Fargo	75	37.54%

**ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD**

*Pakistan.* More than 500 students have been trained in an information technology program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sargodha. The club with the help from a nonprofit affiliated with a local college, provides free education to qualified, financially needy students, particularly women. The club hopes to help female job seekers gain the skills they need for future careers.

*Ghana.* Members of the Rotaract Club of Accra-Adenta outfitted a new library at a school in Otinibi Village, a community outside Accra that the club adopted four years ago. Rotaractors provided furniture and 2,000 books, including a substantial book donation from the Rotary Club of Tema, also in Accra. At the dedication ceremony, the village chief pledged a plot of land to build a community library, a project that they will soon undertake.