

August 3, 2009

This Week's Program
District Governor – Ajoy Chatterjee
Next Week's Program
Ambassadorial Scholar – Tessa Haagenson

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

June 20-23, 2010 **Montreal, Quebec**

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

May 13-16, 2010 **Winnipeg, Canada**

UPCOMING AUGUST PROGRAMS

Aug 17 Influenza Update – Carol Sele, MN
 Dept of Health
Aug 24 Blood Bank - Rachel Henrick
Aug 31 Free Wheelchair Mission – Jim
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Sept 7 LABOR DAY – NO MEETING
Sept 14 Kinship North – Sarah Kuesel

VISITING ROTARIAN

Sven Aage Jensen - NIBE in Cheece, Denmark

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Doeden	Aug 1
Jean Edevold Larson	Aug 17
Kirsten Addison	Aug 18
Ron Otterstad	Aug 22
Hank Imsande	Aug 23
Eileen Bretschneider	Aug 24
Jim Ghostley	Aug 28

BYLAW CHANGES

Your board of directors are requesting a change in our club's bylaws regarding ARTICLE 11 – Leave of Absence.

CURRENT: Member's Leave of Absence may be granted upon written request for reasons of health, for absence from community, ~~for age and with 20 years of Rotary membership~~, for other good and sufficient reasons.

PROPOSED: Member's Leave of Absence may be granted upon written request for reasons of health, for absence from community, ***for age and years of membership combined must be at least 85***, for other good and sufficient reasons.

Our membership will vote on this change during an upcoming meeting.

ROTARACT REQUESTS JAR DONATIONS

The BSU Rotaract Club plans a "Change for the World" Donation program. They ask that you save your empty glass food jars for their use. They will pick up the jars on August 17th.

ROTARY SIGNS

Check out the playgrounds around Bemidji where there has been a Rotary presence. We've worked on helping to upgrade the playgrounds. Thank Chris Keenan for the new Rotary signs at these parks.

PROGRAM IDEAS

If you have program suggestions for upcoming Rotary meetings, let a Board Member hear from you. Members of the Board will be setting up programs for the coming year.

Sept-Oct	George Welte
Nov-Dec	Jim Ghostley
Jan-Feb	Jordan Hickman
Mar-Apr	Amy Saeland
May-June	Karson Otness
Classification Talks	Nancy Smith

HOSTS NEEDED FOR GSE TEAM MEMBERS

Host families are needed for upcoming dates that the GSE team will be visiting Bemidji. Those dates are:

August 14th – 15th
September 18th & 19
October 9th & 10th

Beds, showers, and maybe a light breakfast are all that is needed. Contact **Evonne McKinzie** or email her at evonne@looncreekdesigns.com

DID YOU KNOW

- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is the world's largest, privately funded scholarship program.
- The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than US\$2 billion in program awards and operations since 1947.
- Rotarians have established a host of organizations dedicated to various humanitarian causes, including ShelterBox, HungerPlus, Gift of Life, and Rotary Doctor Bank.
- Providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunization Days has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 – testimony to the "plus" in PolioPlus.
- RI representatives work with many major international organizations, including the UN and several of its agencies, the Organization of American States, the Council of Europe, and the African Union.