

October 26, 2009

This Week's Program
Classification Talks
Next Week's Program
Russian Nurses – Alice Thompson

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

PAUL HARRIS DINNER -

Nov 15, 2009, at Eagles Club

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

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

UPCOMING NOV PROGRAMS

Nov 9 Woods Edge Marketing – Hayley
McKeon
Nov 16 Art L. Nash, Economist
Nov 23 Center for Research & Innovation
Nov 30 Classification Talk

DONATION - Camp Courage

Note: This donation was made possible by a prize received at a recent Park Rapids Rotary Golf Event. That organization has challenged us to send 2-3 more teams next year for their event scheduled on August 25. Congratulations to our prizewinning team of **Evonne McKinzie, Amy Saeland, Shelly Geerdes and Gayle Quistgard.**

YOU'RE INVITED TO PAUL HARRIS DINNER

*The Bemidji Rotary Club
Cordially invites you and a guest to attend the
6th Annual Paul Harris Banquet
Sunday, November 15, 2009
Eagles Club*

6:00 pm *Social Hour & Silent Auction*
6:45 pm *Dinner (Prime Rib or Jumbo Shrimp)*
7:30 pm *Program*

- *Welcome & Introduction of Guests*
John Reff - Bemidji Rotary Club President
- *Review of Past Year*
- *Presentation of new Paul Harris Fellows*
- *Awarding of Silent Auction Items*
\$18.00/person

RSVP required by November 9, 2009
Nancy Smith @ 444-9553
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RECENT ROTARIAN VISITORS

Shirley Buttenhoff, Sun River, Oregon
Dave Collins, Park Rapids
Rolf Nelson, Park Rapids
Sue Tomte, Park Rapids

BON VOYAGE

Best wishes to our Group Study Exchange (GSE) team led by Evonne McKinzie. They will leave on October 31st for an exciting adventure in Japan.

This is one of the most popular and rewarding programs of the Rotary Foundation. Along with Evonne four enthusiastic, informed and articulate young professionals have been chosen for the Rotary-sponsored five-week vocational visit to Nagoya, Japan in October/November, 2009. They are Rebecca Hoffman and Rose Berg from Bemidji, Julie McArdle from Thunder Bay and Ben Fornear from Duluth.

Through Rotary's GSE Program, these 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.

The GSE team will meet, talk and live with Japanese Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality. They will also serve as ambassadors of goodwill. Truly, the GSE program has provided Rotarians with one of its most enjoyable, practical and meaningful ways to promote world understanding.

Follow their journey daily on their blog at <http://gsejapan2009.blogspot.com>.