

November 23, 2009

This Week's Program
Center for Research & Innovation
Next Week's Program
Classification Talk

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

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

UPCOMING DEC PROGRAMS

Dec 7 Red Lake Fisheries – Pat Brown
Dec 14 BHS Choir – at Eagles Club
Dec 21 Rotary Social

VISITING ROTARIAN

Bruce Campbell, Bemidji Sunrise

GRANTS AWARDED

Bemidji Gymnastic Club
Friends of the Library
Bemidji High School Choir
United Way
Boys & Girls Club

BANQUET UPDATE

Thanks to those who planned the recent Paul Harris Banquet. It was a great evening for the 95 people in attendance. The Silent Auction brought in \$850, and if you were one of the lucky bidders, the amount of your bid will be added to your Paul Harris account.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Thanks go to **Jim Hess** who has volunteered to chair Rotary's annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army located inside the Mall. Sign up sheets for this program to be scheduled in December will be circulated, or you can contact **Jim**.

SIGN UP FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE

If you are interested in attending the District 5580 Conference in Winnipeg, May 13-16, 2010, see **President John** for information. Please note that US residents will need a valid passport. If you do not have one, please apply now, as there is some time involved in getting it (up to 2 months). According to District Conference information, the Canadian authorities will deny you access using any other documents unless you have a passport to return to the US. The great thing about having a passport is that you can travel the world, and remember that the 2010 International Convention is in Montreal, Quebec.

This conference will showcase excellent programs, training, speakers and a lot of fun! You will meet many fellow Rotarians throughout our District and new friendships will be made as we enjoy the fellowship of our District friends.

HONDURAS UPDATE

Rotarians **Chris Keenan** and **Steve Rith-Najarian** have been in Honduras to work out details of the upcoming Honduras trip, which they say will involve a water project. More details will be coming.

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE – SELECTED CLUBS – AUGUST, 2009

<u>Club</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
BEMIDJI	116	69.30
Bismarck	94	57.20
Brainerd	121	59.00
Detroit Lakes Noon	88	65.93
Dickinson	95	52.04
Duluth Harbortown	83	65.00
Fargo/Moorhead AM	62	76.00
Fargo West	64	66.00
Grand Forks Noon	50	52.00
Minot Noon	104	53.00
Moorhead	89	48.88
Park Rapids	54	65.09
Perham	79	80.70
Superior	65	86.12
Thunder Bay/Ft Wm	75	55.00
Wadena	51	67.00
Walker	66	73.00

Average District Attendance Percentage – 63.58%

Reminder: Rotarians can make up meetings by participating in a club service project or attending a club board meeting or a Rotaract or Interact club meeting. Members can also make up online at one of several Rotary e-clubs. You may also attend make up meetings as any Rotary club in the world. Find meeting places and times in the Club Locator at www.rotary.org. Keep Secretary **Evonne McKinzie** informed when you participate in a make-up meeting, so that our records will reflect your attendance and our club's attendance accurately.

GSE BLOG

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