

District 5580 Newsletter

Governors' Message



2008-2009 District Governor 5580

As this is written the waters of the Red River in Fargo-Moorhead are at thirty nine feet down from the crest of forty point eight two feet but still twenty five feet over its normal level. The folks in Fargo-Moorhead are in a combination of breath holding and a lot of activity to shore up and repair breeches in the dikes. The effort is not aided by winter keeping its icy grip with a blizzard predicted to drop at least twelve inches of new snow in twenty-five mile an hour winds that has started and is to last three days. The flood threat affects only a small part of the District; the blizzard most of us. There may be yet another storm behind this one. Hopefully the LEAD training already postponed once will not be affected.

Two things have been clearly apparent. First, most of the people living in the Red River valley are strong proponents of "Service Above Self" even if they have never heard of Rotary. Second, the national media can not believe the volunteerism that they are seeing. That is not a comment on the national media; just a comment on how unusual it is to the point that the President saw fit to point it out as an example to the rest of the nation.

What is it about this population? First of all I do not believe that it is as unusual as many seem to think. Certainly rural populations have been self reliant for centuries and many neighborhood urban populations are as well. It just is not talked about nor is there, usually, media focus on it. The Cajun population has a long history of looking after their own without outside help. Witness the difference between Florida and Louisiana Cajun country after Hurricane Andrew. So perhaps "Service Above Self" is a human trait, granted one that Rotarians practice to the extreme, which is buried in weird environments such as Wall Street, Detroit and Washington.

There is a diverse group who we all saw at work in 1997 and again this time around. Next time you start to despair of "the kids" recall the eight year olds loading sand bags in the Fargodome; recall the high school and college students who once again, as in 1997, saved the valley; recall the college students who came from Illinois and other states giving up their spring break to help.

During the March-April crisis in the Red River Valley the District had, within two hours of asking, many homes outside of the flood area made available to Rotarians by fellow Rotarians if needed. We thank you all for that. Many, probably most in the F-M area, Rotarians were on the front lines of the fight, usually not as a Rotary project but as a civic leader or as a neighborhood leader/friend. Many came from outside the area to lend a hand, again not as a Rotary Club but as a concerned individual who practices "Service Above Self." At this time shelter if needed is our response. As things progress two possibilities are being worked on. In a best case scenario there will be a need to clean up the private dikes that were built. If we helped build them I guess we had better help disassemble them. In a worst case scenario there will be reconstruction projects for several years. We hope that, unlike 1997, the latter will never come to pass.

What we are seeing from the population as a whole and Rotarians in specific, during this crisis is something that Marilyn and I saw the potential of during our club visits. I spoke of this a little in March. We have an amazing group of Rotarians and clubs in D 5580. Some clubs of course stand out but even weak clubs have excellent Rotarians in them and good ideas. The amazing number of projects, local and international, that the clubs of this district undertakes is truly a reflection of this "Service Above Self" on a routine basis and not just during crisis. Again I believe it is a human trait although the gene is expressed more in Rotarians. Rotarians also have developed the framework at local, district and international levels to make the expression of this trait more efficient. So out of this come two thoughts: first: keep up the excellent work and second: let us go find those folks in the general population with the trait and bring them into the framework of Rotary where they can efficiently perform on a routine basis. Let us also get that great group of kids into Interact and Rotaract if they are not already.

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GSE TEAM

Team Taiwan Update from MaryAnne . . .

Wed. 3/25/09 –We've had a wonderful, warm welcome by our hosts in District 3480. Tonight there was a welcome party on the 3rd floor of a Chinese restaurant - and on the 5th floor there was a Rotary Club social function with Rotarians and their spouses. So we went upstairs and visited with them for a while - much toasting and exchanging of business cards - and that's when this photo was taken. In the front row are Rotarians Naomi (ADG), Alloy (President and my host), Laurence (DG), Chien, and Marine - in the back are Linda (wife of DG), team members Mary Anne, Therese, Kesley, Natasha, Malika, and Susan (wife of Pres Alloy). These are gracious and delightful folks. What a treat this is!

The most immediate challenge is the subway. We have kind of a "home base" hotel in downtown Taipei, right across the street from the main railway station... we've all been given subway cards and local cell phones... and a subway map (color coded and in English)... and



on Thursday our hosts transported us to the subway stop nearest to their house, and then we navigated the subway into town to meet at the hotel. We did just fine! Most people speak at least some English and many people are very fluent. Thursday's agenda included a trip to the Ping Ling Tea Museum and then to the zoo, where we did see pandas!

Check out the blog:

<http://gseteamtaiwan2009.blogspot.com/>



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Our Rotary District Governor helped at Jeff & Meri-Jac Christopherson's on 3/23/09.

Here are some pictures... Many Rotarians were there as well, including Brian Quamme, Suzanne Pehl, Mike Erlandson, and Pam Erlandson. Suzanne's husband, Terry, was there, too.

The picture at the left shows Rotarian Jeff C. & Mike E. with several of Jeff & Meri-Jac's children and/or spouses. The shop flooded, but their house did not. It was a very successful effort! Service above self sure shows!



“A Journey Through”... by District Governor First Lady Marilyn

As I write this, the Red River Valley is in crisis mode. The entire area has or is about to experience flooding of some sorts. Mother Nature has chosen to test our area again. Many of us ask “why” knowing full well that there are no answers. It was a very wet fall with some storms producing up to seven inches of rain. From there, the temperatures plummeted to below freezing causing the soil to freeze not allowing the water to be absorbed. Then came the snow. It wasn't a record year for snow levels, but a quick thaw put all of the melt above the ground and into the rivers and creeks. The Red River runs north starting here in Breckenridge/Wahpeton area and goes all the way up to Lake Winnipeg. Ultimately it ends up in the Hudson Bay but not as the Red River. So as the river ventures north, it attempts to run into frozen water which causes the backups and flooding.

We in the Wahpeton and Breckenridge area were spared from heavy devastating flooding. The river did go well over the flood stage but advance planning helped to minimize damage. Overland flooding caused most of the damage to homes and the roadways.

Fargo and Moorhead, however, are not as lucky. As of this time, the river appears to have crested. There is still a lot of overland water that has not made its way into the rivers which can cause more issues. Grand Forks and East Grand Forks can only sit and wait to see what challenges the situation will bring to them. A permanent dyke this morning caused a panic when the soil beneath the dyke gave way and caused flooding of a school in Fargo. Newly developed areas of Moorhead are surrounded and or are under water.

But it has not just been the Red River Valley that has experienced flooding this spring. Bismarck, Beulah, Hazen, and Jamestown just to name a few areas have also seen flooding. These are definitely challenging times.

What we have been seeing and hearing over and over again is how the people of the valley area have banded together to fight the fight. Age does not matter. Children as young as 7 years of age to men and women in their 70's have worked side by side filling sand bags, making sandwiches, and doing what they can to help. Disaster knows no age limit. The hardest and heaviest work has been done mostly by high school and college students. They are our future and we should be extremely proud of them and what they accomplished in a very short time.

So this months' “journey through” is about the fortitude, commitment, and dedication of the people in our communities. These are the people who are our neighbors, our friends, our family in and outside of Rotary. May our thoughts and prayers be with all of them as they struggle through this tragedy.

May we as Rotarians prove our worth and remember “*Serve Above Self*”.



Left to right:

DGN Roly Turner; District Trainer Don Cavalier (not a part of the team but present in Duluth and Fargo to observe and see to district training needs); Diane Collins; Jaclyn Carlson (our Club and District Rep coordinator from RI in Evanston - came to see what LEAD was all about and how 5580 has adapted our training needs to our size); DRFC Claudette Holly and DGE Ajoy Chatterjee. LEAD was completed, finally (due to storms) in Fargo April 9th. This picture was taken in Duluth April 7, 2009.



New Member Information



Honorary member Earl Rogers from Duluth introduced the newest member, Bill Himango, with the classification Neurosurgery. Gordon Butler and Ann Glumac joined Earl in proposing Bill. Bill has already registered to be a Rotary International Volunteer.

Why join Rotary?

Dear Tully, Diane, and others,

I am new to North Dakota and Rotary. I moved to Grand Forks from Redondo Beach, California with my daughter in January this year, and joined Rotary for the first time in February. What impressed me most about Rotary and caused me to join were the guiding principles of high ethical standards and serving the community. This note you sent around about opening our homes to Rotarians who were displaced by the flood (see below) really warmed my heart and showed that those guiding principles are not just words; they reflect very genuine, deep seated values that Rotarians live by. I am writing to say thanks for confirming that I made the right choice by joining Rotary. I am glad to be part of a group that truly cares about others and that is dedicated to serving the community.

With all good wishes,
Larry



Duluth New Member....

Melanie Ford introduced our newest member Debbie Anderson under the classification Health & Wellness Retailing

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Moorhead Rotary Club

The January 27, 2009, meeting of the Moorhead (Minn.) Rotary Club was highlighted by the introduction of 21 Paul Harris Fellows! Seventeen of the honorees are shown in the photo, including Russ Hanson on the far left. Russ serves as the Paul Harris coordinator for the Moorhead club and led the sign-up effort. Club President Teresa Joppa (third from the left in the front row) also received her Paul Harris. District 5580 Governor Tully Chambers was on hand for the presentation, which included 13 new members and eight upgraded Paul Harris Fellows.

[From left to right: Paul Harris Coordinator Russ Hanson, Sandi Schuette, Roland Swanson, Noel Moore, Cliff Schuette, Club President Teresa Joppa, Neil Qualey, John Anderson, Vi Deilke, District Governor Tully Chambers, Kristi Ulrich, Jill Baldwin, Dave Tranby, Stacey Ackerman, Barry Nelson, Randy Farwell, Corey Elmer, Alma Cater]

REGISTER TODAY!

Join one of the best ways get to know Rotary! 2009 Rotary District Conference



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FRIENDSHIP
SHARING
CARING
TEAMWORK
COMMUNITY
FUN
ADVENTURE
LEARNING
GROWING
THE WORLD
ROTARY



2009 ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE
APRIL 23-26, 2009 • MINOT ND, USA

Discover the Magic of Minot and some of the great events planned!

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 - Minot Air Force Base Tour

Minot is proud to have the Minot Air Force Base as our neighbor to the north and we are extending an invitation for all to visit the base. The tour will include a 5th Bomb Wing tour with mission briefing. You will then be going to the ramp or hanger where you will get to learn about a B-52 and see some of the munitions that it carries. The 81st Missile Wing tour will include a mission brief, a stop at the helo squadron and then a stop at Uniform One, which is the training site with a silo and an inert missile across from Missile Wing HQ. Registration for this event closed on April 6th.



FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - A Downtown Experience - Spouse Event

Commonly known as "the heart of Minot", Downtown Minot offers a unique blend of arts, gifts, crafts, clothing, antiques, dining, professional & specialty shops with warmth and personalized service of days long past. The "Downtown Minot Experience" will start with a guided walking tour with local historian Mark Timbrook. You will visit several downtown museums, have lunch at a local Irish American restaurant and then have time to browse the shops downtown or attend a cooking demonstration at Gourmet Chef. Registration for this event will be coordinated at the registration table during check-in.



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - Governor's Banquet

After a great day of presentations and conference gatherings everyone is invited to gather for the Governor's Banquet. The Black Tie event will feature keynote speaker, Tom Thorfinnson and Rotary International President D.K. Lee's representative PDG Brian E. McLeran. The governor's dance is expected to be a hit with the return of the Thunder Bay Legends (who made their first appearance in Brainerd, MN during the 2007 District Conference). Registration for Saturday's event is on the conference registration form, which is due April 15th.



More more is planned for the conference! Check out the conference website at www.rotarymagic.com and get registered today so you don't miss out on the Magic of Rotary!

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Breaking News ★

Key Dates to Remember:

- Minot Air Force Base Tour Registration
April 6, 2009
- Golf Registration
April 10, 2009
- Golf Sponsorship
April 10, 2009
- Conference Registration
April 15, 2009
- Club Auction Donation
April 15, 2009

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 - Third Annual Paul Harris Golf Tournament



Plan ahead to participate in the Third Annual Paul Harris Golf Tournament. Enjoy fun and games all day. There will be course contests, drawings, and prizes. Registraton must be received by April 10.

Hole sponsorships are still available for \$500, \$250, and \$100. All proceeds to benefit the Paul Harris Foundation.

More details are available on the Conference website www.rotarymagic.com or contact Stacy Askvig (701) 721-7744 for details.



WWW.ROTARYMAGIC.COM

Rotary at Work

To: District 5580 Rotary Clubs

I have been asked by DG Tully Chambers to share information with you regarding a website developed by Ed and Becky Addy, who are members of the East Range Rotary Club. It is called www.handiexchange.com and may be helpful to people and organizations within your community who deal with disabled individuals. There is no charge for using the website, and its purpose is to put others in touch with those who might have equipment for sale or exchange that will help persons with disabilities. You can visit the website and review the information shown, and there is also a video done by FOX news about the program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ed or Becky Addy at r.addy@handiexchange.com. We will also get this link posted to our District Website.

Diane Collins
Administrative Secretary
District 5580



On behalf of Club 25, President Bonita presented the newly chartered Duluth/Superior Eco Rotary Club with a bell. Pictured are Eco's President Marti Buscaglia, Past

President Dave Vose and Eco's Secretary Kay Biga. PDG Dave guided members through the process of establishing their club.



ATTEND THE ROTARY CONFERENCE....AND HAVE SOME FUN!



District 5580 February 2009 Attendance and Membership Totals

Club Name	Members	New Members	Terminations	Total Members	Number of Meetings	Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance
		This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month	This Month	Percentage
Aitkin	29	1	0	29	4	1	0	78.00 %
Ashland	33	0	0	28	4	0	-5	63.00 %
Bagley	25	0	0	21	4	0	-4	76.00 %
Baudette	13	2	0	13	4	2	0	63.00 %
Bemidji	126	0	3	117	4	-3	-9	57.40 %
Bemidji Sunrise	19	0	0	20	4	0	1	60.70 %
Bismarck	94	0	0	92	4	0	-2	49.40 %
Bismarck Far West	38	0	0	35	4	0	-3	55.00 %
Bowman	32	0	1	33	4	-1	1	57.00 %
Brainerd	126	0	0	118	4	0	-8	56.00 %
Brainerd Lakes Sunrise	26	0	0	25	4	0	-1	96.00 %
Breckenridge	23	0	0	23	4	0	0	74.00 %
Central Lakes	24	0	0	21	4	0	-3	74.00 %
Cloquet	38	0	0	41	4	0	3	69.44 %
Crookston	43	0	0	36	4	0	-7	40.00 %
Detroit Lakes Breakfast	69	0	0	67	4	0	-2	70.56 %
Detroit Lakes Noon	89	0	0	89	4	0	0	67.43 %
Devils Lake	62	1	0	62	4	1	0	53.00 %
Dickinson	100	1	2	97	4	-1	-3	51.79 %
Duluth	273	0	4	261	4	-4	-12	81.40 %
Duluth Harbortown	83	2	0	82	4	2	-1	64.19 %
Duluth Skyline	67	0	1	63	4	-1	-4	70.00 %
Duluth Superior Eco	0	1	0	35	4	1	35	74.00 %
East Grand Forks	16	0	0	17	4	0	1	60.00 %
East Range Rotary	15	0	0	15	4	0	0	42.00 %
Ely	26	1	1	26	4	0	0	69.31 %
Fargo Moorhead AM	57	3	0	63	4	3	6	62.00 %
Fargo Rotary Club	78	2	0	75	4	2	-3	41.85 %
Fargo West	64	1	3	62	4	-2	-2	73.00 %
Fergus Falls Noon	53	0	0	49	4	0	-4	64.00 %
Fergus Falls Sunrise	38	0	0	36	4	0	-2	53.70 %
Fosston	18	0	0	18	4	0	0	59.00 %
Grand Forks Breakfast	25	0	0	25	4	0	0	47.00 %
Grand Forks Noon	54	0	0	52	4	0	-2	48.00 %
Grand Rapids Centennial	37	0	0	42	4	0	5	76.20 %
Grand Rapids Evening	29	0	0	35	4	0	6	80.00 %
Hibbing	45	0	0	46	0	0	1	0.00 %
Hibbing - Chisholm	22	0	0	23	4	0	1	61.00 %
International Falls	38	0	0	37	4	0	-1	75.00 %
Jamestown	47	0	0	49	4	0	2	88.00 %
Little Falls Rotary	20	0	0	15	4	0	-5	56.00 %
Long Prairie	26	0	0	26	4	0	0	62.00 %
Mandan	19	0	1	18	4	-1	-1	50.00 %
Minot Noon	111	0	0	106	4	0	-5	52.70 %
Minot Sunrise	31	0	0	30	4	0	-1	61.00 %
Moorhead	89	0	1	94	4	-1	5	45.43 %
Nipigon	33	1	0	35	4	1	2	76.43 %
North Shore	31	0	1	34	3	-1	3	81.69 %
Park Rapids	47	1	0	53	4	1	6	71.94 %
Pelican Rapids	29	0	0	28	4	0	-1	59.00 %
Perham Rotary	81	0	0	81	4	0	0	87.30 %
Quad Cities	32	0	0	34	4	0	2	72.79 %
Staples	29	0	1	30	4	-1	1	53.00 %
Superior	73	0	0	67	4	0	-6	61.30 %
Superior Sunrise	29	0	0	27	4	0	-2	77.78 %
Thief River Falls	43	1	2	39	4	-1	-4	45.00 %
Thunder Bay (Ft. Willia	44	2	0	42	4	2	-2	67.86 %
Thunder Bay (Lakehead	32	0	0	36	4	0	4	58.00 %
Thunder Bay (Port Arth	83	0	1	82	4	-1	-1	55.25 %
Thunder Bay Rotaract	36	0	0	36	0	0	0	0.00 %
Valley City	26	0	0	26	0	0	0	0.00 %
Virginia	61	0	0	57	4	0	-4	64.03 %
Wadena	52	0	1	51	4	-1	-1	57.00 %
Wahpeton	37	0	0	33	4	0	-4	76.50 %
Walker	66	1	0	70	3	1	4	70.00 %
Watford City	28	0	0	28	4	0	0	55.36 %
Williston	61	0	0	57	3	0	-4	53.00 %
Totals	3343	21	23	3313	253	-2	-30	

Average attendance percentage

61.63%

District Literacy Co-Chairs
Glenice Hansen and Yvonne Kroll,
both of the Dickinson Club



Literacy In Our Clubs for 2009-2010
By Glenice Hansen and Yvonne Kroll



Recently North American Area Coordinator for Literacy, Roger Hayward, issued an article in the ***Rotary World Wide Literacy Newsletter***. He reminded Rotarians that we are in the 2 to 4 month planning phase for each of our clubs and districts as we put together our plans for the New Rotary Year.

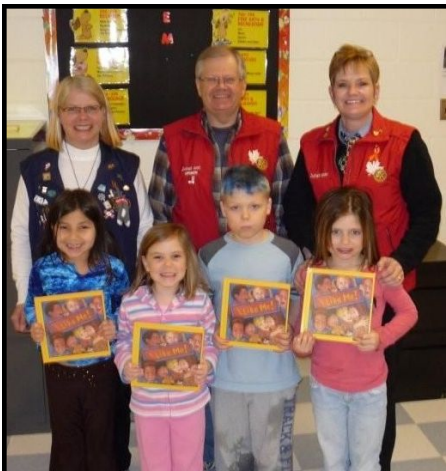
In May John Kenny, President-Elect of Rotary International will convene the RI Literacy Resource Group. Following that meeting the Resource Group will issue a list of goals and suggestions for our clubs.

Some of those goals are already set. They include:

1. There will be a call for all clubs to celebrate **International Literacy Day on September 8th** and **Literacy Month March 2010**.
2. There will continue to be an emphasis on the **Dictionary Project, School Partnerships,** and **Character Literacy** that includes teaching elementary students about the **4-Way Test** and sponsoring a writing contest.
3. Clubs will also be encouraged to investigate the **CALS** (Computer Assisted Learning Curriculum) and plan for how they might become involved.
4. We expect club **Literacy Awards** to continue with an application deadline around April 15th, 2010.

All Rotary Clubs in 2009-2010 will be able to get timely assistance from the **RI Literacy Resource Group**. The contact information will be available before the end of June. Did you know that there is a web site within the Rotary International website for the Literacy Resource Group? Go to Rotary.org. Click on Site Tools/Click on SEARCH in the left-hand column/Type in Literacy Resource Group/Click on the Link provided. You will be connected to the Group, as well as there are other links for Literacy.

Try it, practice your reading and learn. Use it in your 09/10 planning and ***"Make Literacy Come Alive For Your Club!"*** Our challenge to each District 5580 Club is do more - - - do at least one thing more with Literacy in your new Rotary Year or expand the scope of your project to include an additional school, an additional class, additional funding etc. ***Together, we can make a difference!***



I LIKE ME BOOKS – NIPIGON CLUB

In keeping with Literacy Month, the Rotary Club of Nipigon arranged for books to be donated to all the Grade 1 students in the schools in our area. These books are personalized with the student's name, two of their friends' names, their teacher, and their school name.

This book project requires careful paperwork to ensure correct spelling and this was undertaken by our Vocational Chairperson, Lee Davis. In March, the books were delivered to all the schools by Rotarians and they spent time reading with the students.

This is a very rewarding project. The students love to have a book with their own names printed, and the teachers and schools sincerely appreciate the donation. Teachers also receive a guide to assist with the use of the book in their classes.

Name your NEWSLETTER!

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER (DNL)

District Newsletter is a vehicle that the District Governor uses for providing club leaders with news and reminders about the district and RI electronically. It is a very effective tool and is published once a month.

The title of the current District newsletter is **THE PIP JOURNAL**. Traditionally it has been the District Governor-elect who picks the title of the newsletter for his /her term and as every thing else in Rotary it changes every year.

As your Governor-elect I have the pleasure in selecting a title , if I so wish , for the DNL. Incidentally, I had an opportunity to speak with our District Governor Nominee (DGN) Roly Turner about this and we thought it would be better if we ask our Rotarians to suggest a Title name for the DNL

The title should reflect the variety of ethnic culture and diversity that our District is so proud of. District 5580 is one of the largest district in the country and it is wide. Please keep in mind that our District is International, ranging from North Dakota to Minnesota to Northern part of Wisconsin and part of North Western Ontario in Canada.

With this in our mind DGN Roly joins me in requesting each one of you to submit your suggested title to the attention of Kim Nelson, Editor, DNL Her email address is kim.j.nelson@ndscs.edu Last date for submitting your suggested title is Monday April 20, 2009. Final choice will be revealed at the District Assembly luncheon meeting on Friday April 24 in Minot , North Dakota. There will be a prize for this competition. You may submit as many times as you like . . The more suggestion you will submit the more chances of winning you have.

DGN Roly and I want you to put on your thinking hat on and good luck.

Best wishes.

Ajoy Chatterjee
Rotary International
District 5580

PIP Guesses...

Power in People by Rollie Turner

Promoting Imagination and Passion by Keith Brokke

Huge Hint....Two of the words are used in this month's guesses! Only one word remains and it starts with P and was never used in any guesses...The three words are independent of each other! Another hint...Keith you're so close!

Please submit items for the newsletter to
kim.j.nelson@ndscs.edu
no later than the 1st of each month.
The newsletters will be sent electronically by
the 15th of each month.

Visit the District Rotary Web Site at
www.rotary5580.org



FINAL NOTICE!! 2009 CAMP RYLA

To: Rotary Club Presidents and Rotary Youth Leadership Award Chairpersons (RYLA)

From: Don R. Cavalier, RYLA Chairperson

RE: Campers Applications and Health Forms Due

For all those Rotary Clubs in District 5580 who have committed students to attend Camp RYLA from July 12 to July 18, 2009. This is a reminder that all Student Application and Health Forms are due by **Friday, June 12, 2009.**

If you are not the person coordinating RYLA, please pass this card onto the proper person. You may contact me at: Don R. Cavalier, Suite 245C Student Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716-5001, 1-218-281-8585, 1-218-281-6641, FAX: 1-218-281-8584, E-mail: cavalier@umn.edu. Please send ALL CHECKS to our District Treasurer: William Gravelle, Bullyan Homes, 5014 Miller Trunk Hwy, Duluth, MN 55811.

Thanks for sending us your brightest and best students and have a good summer!

Please meet this DEADLINE!



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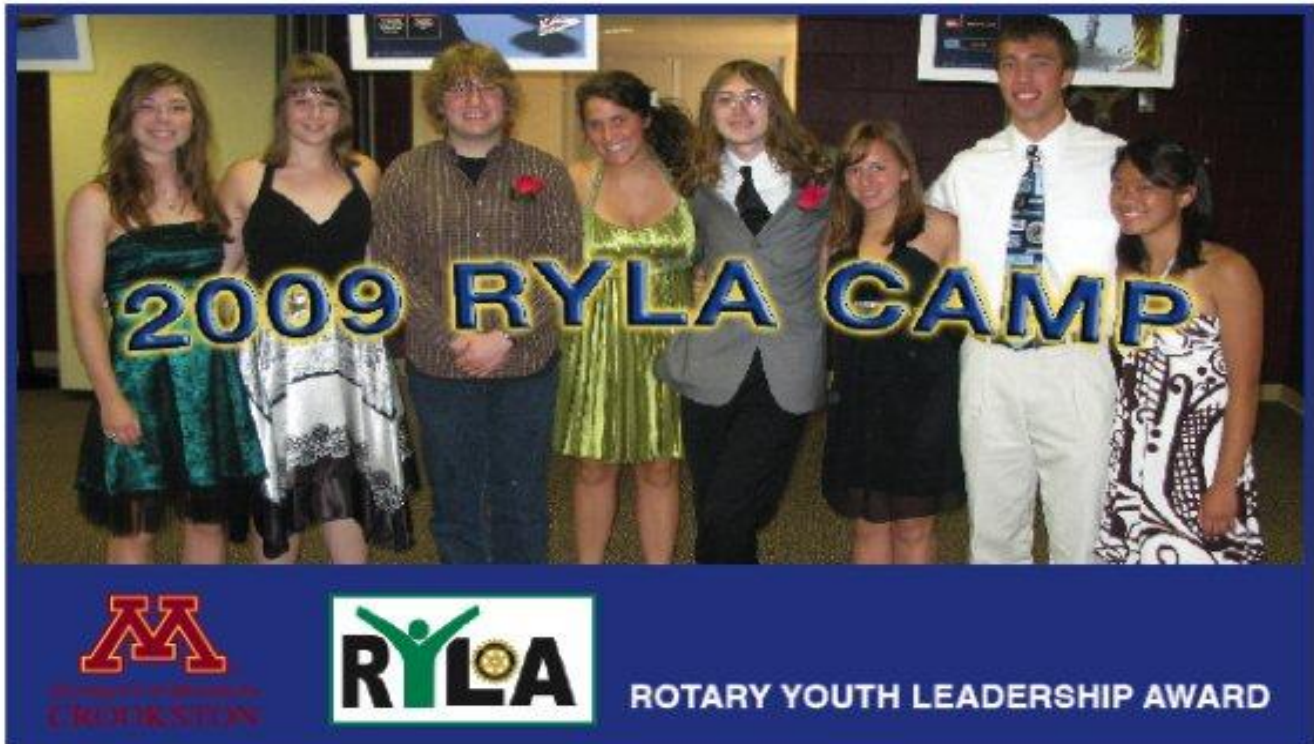


Camp RYLA

**has extended
the deadline!**

**Reserve a spot for RYLA
2009!**

**Call Don Caviler at the
Crookston Club with
Questions!**



Rotary Links

Rotary District 5580 - www.rotary.org

Rotary International - www.rotary5580.org

RYLA Webpage - www.campryla.org