



Governors' Message



2008-2009 District Governor 5580

March is Literacy month in Rotary and elsewhere in this edition you will find that topic covered by the new D 5580 literacy chairs Glenna Hansen and Yvonne Kroll. Many of us are disappointed that former Literacy Chair Melissa Selders-Ortiz has had to step away from Rotary. I thank her for her work in literacy this past year and a half. This column will briefly cover three issues; The Clubs; the Leadership and the Conference.

There are sixty six clubs in D 5580 and each is very different. I have a naval metaphor that some of you have heard. We have clubs that resemble air craft carriers, big and change course slowly but very powerful, and several that resemble PT boats small, active, get there quickly and can do a lot irrespective of their size. Surely we have both some light cruisers and some PT boats that are tied up and rusting. Fortunately, there are few of these. Many clubs are changing course, reinventing themselves for the mission at hand and the new environment. What is clear is that every club has its issues and we have a capable group of Club Presidents and club leadership dealing with these issues. Even the currently marginal clubs have some excellent people and ideas to work on. Curiously, how effective the club is at mission is rarely, by any measure, a function of size. Some of our PT boats think they are battleships and are accomplishing a lot. Don't anyone ever tell them they are just PT boats.

It is also necessary to recognize the great leadership at the District level. In particular we have a corps of Assistant District Governors (ADG) who excel; I would put them up against any other ADGs in the world. They have been managing their areas extremely well and that contributes greatly to the District mission of supporting clubs. The new district governance created by Past District Governor (PDG) David Vose and PDG Jim Ozbun has also improved District function and is being copied in other Districts throughout the world. Part of that new governance is allowing the Committee Chairs and Foundation Committee Sub-Chairs to function more effectively in a better integrated fashion. Truly it is a pleasure to work with all these people. The club member may be interested to learn that there are forty seven senior leadership positions in the district. If your club is not, in some way, utilizing most of these people you are missing opportunities. Go to the district website www.clubrunner.ca/5580 then under "District Info" on the left side bar click on "Organization Chart" to e-mail them; possible to ask only what they can do for your club.

Coming April 24th and 25th is the District Assembly (Friday) and District Conference (Saturday). This will be preceded by the Third Annual Paul Harris Golf Tournament on Thursday April 23rd. The Host Organizing Committee (HOC) in Minot may need propane heaters to remove the snow but assure me that the course will be ready.

An exciting new feature this year is the first ever D 5580 parallel District Rotaract Conference at their headquarters hotel the Grand International, in Minot. Entitled "Rotaract 101" District Rotaract Director Brandon Otway has been working very hard to put this together in cooperation with the HOC Youth Events Coordinator Elly DesLauriers and District Interact/Rotaract Chair Marty Byrnes. The Rotaractors will be joining us in some components of the District Assembly/Conference so please welcome them.

DGE Ajoy Chatterjee has set up a great day for the Assembly on Friday. Assembly is a learning session to prepare for the coming year. His featured speaker is Jim Benson of Bemidji Leads who will teach club members how to do strategic planning for your club. He is excellent. The opening of the weekend Friday morning will include the Parade of Flags and Chuck Kramer speaking on "The Magic of Rotary" plus a surprise. There will be a project roundtable for the clubs and the luncheon speaker is Paul Embelton on the emergency medical equipment and training project in Guatemala. During the afternoon there will be sessions on fundraising and membership including recruitment, retention focusing on training.

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2009 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE)

Over March 6th and 7th, the GSE Sub-Committee met to interview and select Team Japan, 2009. We are proud to introduce the Team Japan as:

Team Leader: Evonne McKinzie – Bemidji Rotary Club

Team Leader Alternate: Ann Perry – Bismarck Rotary Club

Team Member: Benjamin Fornear – Sponsor Duluth Harbortown

Team Member: Kelly Reid – Sponsor Lakehead Rotary, Thunder Bay

Team Member: Rebecca Hoffman – Sponsor Bemidji Rotary Club

Team Member: Julie McArdie – Sponsor Fort William Rotary Club, Thunder Bay

Team Member Alternate: Rosanne Berg – Sponsor Bemidji Rotary Club



Team Japan travels during the Month of November, 2009. Once selected, team members agree to an aggressive training regimen, and to follow the conditions of travel, and to promote Rotary and GSE upon their return.

Thank you to the GSE Sub-Committee of Guy Moos, DGN Roly Turner, Chris Carlson, Jill Zachary, DGE Ajoy Chatterjee, George Van Dam, DG Tully Chambers, Kay Perres, and Rand Stolee for their time and dedication to ensuring an excellent experience for these dynamic, talented young professionals. A special thank-you to PDG Dave Finn for his help in meeting and greeting all

applicants, and the Detroit Lakes Rotary Club for their hospitality on Friday night!

4-WAY ESSAY CONTEST

ROTARY 4-WAY ESSAY CONTEST NOW UNDERWAY!!

The District 5580 4-Way Essay Contest The essay contest is open to students in their final 2 years of high school, and the District winner will receive a \$2,000 cash award! The winning student will be asked to present his/her essay at the District Conference in Minot, ND. Essays are to be in the hands of the District Chair, Carmen Plummer, not later than **Monday, March 16, 2009**. Carmen's address and contact information are as follows:

Editors side note: Rotary Club of Wahpeton had 90 entries for the local contest! Yes that is right! Not a typo.....90! Anyone more than that?

Carmen Plummer, Chair.....D-5580 4-Way Essay Contest
1427 7th Street North, Wahpeton, ND 58075
701.640.1040
Email: cjplum@702com.net



Please continue to send information for the newsletter!

We enjoy hearing about what other clubs are doing and exciting things happening in our Dis-

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

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

“A Journey Through”

It seems as though winter will not loosen its grip on our area. Snow, cold and winds just seem to go on and on and on. Before you know it, however, spring may appear and we can look forward to the next district event which is the conference in Minot. Hopefully, it will be warm enough for the golfers to get out and play a round on Thursday, the 23rd of April. I'm sure they are all readying their clubs for the event.

The District Conference is a wonderful place to visit with old and new friends. I am looking forward to seeing everyone Tully and I have met along our journey through the district. Conference is also a time to celebrate the accomplishments of all the wonderful projects our district, the individual clubs and the club members are involved with. It is also a time of learning; learning what is new and hearing ideas we can take back to our clubs to make them just that much better.

The conference committee and the District Governor have spent many hours planning, scheduling and working on programs that will be enjoyable and beneficial to all who attend. Minot is a long way away from some of the clubs, but it will be worth the effort.

Once conference is over, the year is just about complete. What comes after conference? It is RI's International Conference in Birmingham, England. Tully and I will be attending this also. I was able to talk Tully into a few extra days in London, a place I have not been to yet. It will be our first vacation in quite some time. We might even be able to have a few days without discussing Rotary, which has been all consuming these past few years. The International Conference will also be a time to visit with all the friends who have been a very integral part of our journey. People who trained along side us from both zone 22 and zone 25-26 and those we connected with at International Assembly in San Diego last year.

Rotary is a wonderful place. The people you meet will always be part of your life. So no matter where you go you will always be welcome. Try venturing to another Rotary club in the district or in the world and you will experience this first hand and you will have a better understanding of just what I mean.

“A Journey Through” Rotary is a life changing experience. Try it! You will like it.



(Continue from front page Governor Tully Chambers)

The icebreaker that evening will be at the Scandinavian Heritage Park with fun times planned after back at the conference headquarters hotel the Holiday Inn.

Conference on Saturday will feature a morning presentation by Seattle's CBS News anchor Penny LeGate, herself a Rotarian dedicated to eradication of Polio, to bring you right up to date on Polio with "The Last Mile." as well as presentations by our Group Study Exchange (GSE) team that was in Sweden and the visiting Taiwan GSE team and by Ambassadorial Scholar Kristin Rau. The luncheon speaker will be Past Rotary International president and current The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Trustee Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar of Sweden speaking on the TRF Future Vision Plan. This is how TRF will operate for everyone after 2013. In the afternoon Minot's CBS News anchor and Rotarian Jim Olson and the district Theme Chairs will be doing an innovative presentation on the Rotary themes of Literacy, Water and Sanitation, Health and Hunger. My only question is how did CBS get the inside track on Rotary? Donn Peterson will be presenting the STRIVE programs success in Brainerd. It is a program that every club should do in their high schools and Donn will explain how. The keynote at the Black Tie (Business suit optional) banquet in the evening is our new zone's (28) Rotary Director Elect Tom Thorfinnson speaking on Ethics in Rotary followed by the Governor's Dance at the Coliseum featuring the Thunder Bay Legends and another surprise.

The Minot Conference Committee, Co-Chairs Dusty Zimmerman and Penny L. Johnson, has worked hard to create a great three days for you. We are blessed in Minot to have so many hospitality professionals who are Rotarians and who have volunteered their time and professional expertise to this conference.

Reschedule of ROTARY TRAINING!

NEW DATES!

PROMISE! NO SNOW IN APRIL! ALTHOUGH LAST YEAR ON APRIL 11TH WE HAD A SNOWSTORM... SO CHANGED MY MIND...NO PROMISES!

L.E.A.D. Training (Including P.E.T.S.) NEW Dates/Cities for 2009:

Monday, April 6 - Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel - Thunder Bay, ON

Tuesday, April 7 - Radisson Harborview - Duluth, MN

Wednesday April 8 - Chase on the Lake - Walker, MN

Thursday, April 9 - Ramada Plaza Suites - Fargo, ND

Who should attend?

P.E.T.S. (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar) –

Club Presidents 2009-2010 – Attendance is ***Mandatory.***

Club President-Elects and Vice Presidents 2009-2010 – Attendance is ***Highly Encouraged.***

Assistant District Governors for 2009-2010

Any Rotarian interested in learning more about Club Leadership!

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Presenters: District Trainer, Gary Puppe
District Governor-Elect, Ajoy Chatterjee
District Governor-Nominee, Roly Turner

CLUB SECRETARIES: Training Program for **Club Secretaries** will be offered this year. Session will include Reporting Procedures (emphasis using on-line reporting), Maneuvering through the District and **new** RI Website (including how/where to find what you need), Handling Communications, the RI Semi-Annual Report, Club Calendars, District Calendars, District Directory, and District Administration (***Who does What?***). You will learn how to access Foundation Contribution Reports for your Club and District 5580. You will become familiar with District Communications, including the District Newsletter, and will receive information on ways the District can provide support and help to your club. **We will have wireless in the training room. You will find it helpful to bring your laptop for District and RI Website training.**

Time: 9:00 A.M. – Noon

Presenter: District Administrative Secretary, Diane Collins

CLUB FOUNDATION CHAIRS: Training Program for Club Foundation Chairs will include information and power point presentations on **The Rotary Foundation New Vision Plan**, as well as the Gates Polio Challenge for our District Rotary Clubs. Foundation Chairs will receive an excellent overview of Foundation Programs, including the Group Study Exchange, Scholarships, Annual and Permanent Funds, and more. **Questions will be answered**, such as: ***“What happens to your Foundation \$\$ when you donate?”*** ***“How does a club participate in an International Project?”*** ***How does a Club get a project grant?”*** ***“Is there more than one type of grant?”*** ***“How does a club choose an International Project?”*** ***“What is the World Community Service Assessment on our Club’s District Dues Statement, and how is it used?”***

Time: 9:00 A.M. to Noon

Presenter: District Foundation Chair 2009-10, PDG Al Watrel

All 3 Sessions will run concurrently. A Continental Breakfast and Lunch are provided for all participants. Fees have already been paid through your club’s District Dues.

REGISTRATION Changes please email District Administrative Secretary, Diane Collins, at bigfish@uslink.net

2009 Rotary District Conference



DISCOVER:
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!

Ice Breaker to be held at the Minot Scandinavian Heritage Park

The Conference Ice Breaker on Friday, April 24, will be held under the tent at the Scandinavian Heritage Park. At the Park you'll find remembrances and replicas from each of the five Scandinavian Countries: Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland. A real grass roof Stabbur, a replica Stave Church from Gol, Norway, and a 25 foot tall Swedish Dala Horse are just a few of the treats for visitors.



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. Registration 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.

Thursday, April 23

- ★ District Meetings
- ★ Golf
- ★ Registration Opens

Friday, April 24

- ★ District 5580 Institute & Training (District Assembly)
- ★ Opening Session
- ★ District Meetings
- ★ Breakout Sessions
- ★ Spouses Event - Downtown Experience
- ★ District Assembly Luncheon
 - ★ Ajoy Chaterjee, District Gov. Elect,
 - ★ Thunder Bay Fort William Club
- ★ Icebreaker Social
- ★ Entertainment - Dueling Pianos
- ★ Hospitality Rooms
- ★ Auction

Saturday, April 25

- ★ District Conference
- ★ General Session
- ★ Memorial Service
- ★ District Assembly Luncheon
 - ★ Host - Tully Chambers,
 - ★ Dist. Gov., Wahpeton Club
 - ★ Speaker - Carl-Wilhelm
 - ★ Stenhammer TRF Future Vision
- ★ Annual Business Meeting
- ★ Breakout Sessions
- ★ Governor's Banquet, Black Tie
- ★ Entertainment - Thunder Bay Legends
- ★ Hospitality Rooms

Sunday, April 26

- ★ Final Good Bye Coffee & Rolls

★ Breaking News ★

Minot Air Force Base Tour



Minot is proud to have the Minot AFB as our neighbor to the north and we are extending an invitation for all to visit the base.

The 2-hour afternoon tour is scheduled for Thursday, April 23. A bus will take you from the convention center to the Base. Your visit 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 91st 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 the Missile Wing HQ.

If you'd like to be part of the Base tour you will need to register in advance. Security regulations on the Base require specific identification materials to be submitted 3-weeks prior to the tour. Please contact L. John MacMartin (701) 852-6100 or macmarti@minotchamber.org or visit the Conference website for more details.



WWW.ROTARYMAGIC.COM

Rotaract



1st Annual District 5580 Rotaract Conference

Date: Friday, April 24, 2009 (during the annual Rotary District conference which runs April 23-26)

Location: Grand Int'l, Minot, ND

Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm

<http://www.rotarymagic.com/>



Calling all Rotaractors in District 5580!

I am very proud to be writing to you to announce the creation of our very own mini district conference. It will run parallel to the full Rotary district conference. It will be an open discussion format designed for us all to have the chance to meet, discuss ideas and work towards future partnerships amongst all Rotaract clubs in District 5580. We hope that members from all of our clubs will attend not only our mini conference but the entire Rotary district conference to meet Rotarians and show them that Rotaract is a big deal and important to the future of Rotary, right now! From Northern Ontario, to the Far West of North Dakota to the border of Duluth, MN/Superior, WS and everywhere in between, you are all invited to attend this day that promises to be a riot! We will spend most of Friday of the D-5580 Rotary convention meeting, exchanging ideas and shining Rotaract's bright light onto Rotarians to let them know that we're here, we matter and we're the future of Rotary and we're making the future happen

now! We will meet at the Grand International Hotel (1-800-735-4493) in Minot, ND. I recommend booking your hotel room at this hotel as there is a block of 37 rooms that has been saved for us. Book early, the rooms will also be available to Rotarians. I also need to know how many are coming. If we don't get enough Rotaract members coming, we will have to cancel. It is way past due that Rotaract clubs in this district start communicating with one another. We need to share ideas on projects and membership and need to foster these new friendships so that we can begin working on projects together.

Important details:

Conference Registration: We have our own Conference registration form that will have to be filled out by hand and mailed in to the committee in Minot. The form is downloadable from the District Conference website. **DO NOT USE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM.** This ensures you do not pay the full rate.

Mail completed registration form to:

Rotary District 5580 Conference

Stacy Askvig

810 45th Ave. NE

Minot, ND 58703

Registration for the entire conference is **\$25.00 for Rotaract**. You are required to purchase tickets for the meals you wish to attend as well as booking your room(s). A suggestion is to find out how many members from each club plans on attending and book your rooms together. The more you squish in a room, the cheaper it is per person. **We will be breaking to attend the Rotary conference lunch at the Holiday Inn so if you wish to join, make sure you purchase that meal ticket on your registration form.** I recommend for sure attending the ice breaker and governor's banquet. They're awesome!

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	0	0	0	-33	0.00 %
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	63.19 %
Crookston	43	0	0	0	0	0	-43	0.00 %
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	0	0	0	0	0	-83	0.00 %
Duluth Skyline	67	0	0	0	0	0	-67	0.00 %
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	0	0	0	-53	0.00 %
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	32	4	0	-22	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	0	0	0	-45	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	0	0	0	-47	0.00 %
Little Falls Rotary	20	0	0	0	0	0	-20	0.00 %
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 %
Port Arthur Rotary	83	0	1	82	4	-1	-1	55.25 %
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	0	0	0	-73	0.00 %
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. William)	44	2	0	42	4	2	-2	67.86 %
Thunder Bay (Lakehead)	32	0	0	36	4	0	4	58.00 %
Thunder Bay Rotaract	36	0	0	0	0	0	-36	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	0	0	0	-28	0.00 %
Williston	61	0	0	57	3	0	-4	53.00 %
Totals	3343	19	22	2794	217	-3	-549	

Average attendance percentage

63.05 %

In Memory

Al Braff, February 18, 2009, Duluth Skyline;
Bill Harrison, February 21, 2009, Duluth Skyline;
George Burns, March 1, 2009, Thunder Bay (Port Arthur).

Two active members of Duluth Skyline Rotary passed away unexpectedly in February. Al Braff passed away in his home and Bill Harrison died of a heart attack while on a Rotary work project building a clinic in Peru. With just over 60 members in the club, the loss of two dear friends within one week has been a great shock.

Al worked extensively with area youth including: Boy Scouts, Woodland Hills, Copeland Community Center and Valley Youth Center. He was an advocate for underprivileged youth in our community and always ready to lend a hand when needed. Braff had been the Sergeant at Arms for Duluth Skyline Rotary for the past several years. Al was the one you could rely on to do tasks that others declined. He served with a smile.



Bill was the club's president during 2007-2008 and was currently serving as past president. He was best known for his dedication to community service. He won a District Award for community service and the Skyline Rotary Rotarian of the Year Award is named after him. The award consists of a bronzed hat that he wore on many work projects. Harrison died in Peru rebuilding a medical clinic sponsored by the Duluth area and Thunder Bay, Ontario Rotary clubs. The clinic has been dedicated to him, the William "Bill" Harrison Clinic. Bill was always the first to volunteer for service projects and the last to leave. He was an excellent example of Service above Self to his fellow Rotarians.



To: Club Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Secretaries, Past District Governors, Assistant District Governors
From: District Governor, Tully Chambers, and Past District Governor/Nominating Committee Chair, Jim Ozbun

Subject: Confirmation of District Governor Selection 2011-2012

This is to advise that the District 5580 Nominating Committee received no challenges to its selection of District Governor, 2011-2012, in accordance with the Bylaws of Rotary International, Section 13.020.8. To this end, it gives us great pleasure to confirm the Nominating Committee's selection of Tom Riley to serve as District 5580 Governor for the 2011-2012 Rotary year. Tom is a member of the Fargo-Moorhead AM Rotary Club.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Tully Chambers, District Governor 2009-09

PDG Jim Ozbun, District Nominating Committee Chair 2008-2009

Camp RYLA has extended the deadline to get your money in and reserve a spot for RYLA 2009!

Call Don Caviler at the Crookston Club with Questions!



Welcome to RYLA!

Rotary International District 5580

www.campRYLA.org

Camp RYLA Corner!

“Don’t forget to reserve places for students from your community to attend Camp RYLA 2009. Payment for Reservations are do this Month (February,2009) for the 18th Annual CampRYLA 2009.”



Who can attend RYLA?

Rotary District 5580 is looking for outstanding young leaders and potential leaders between the ages of 16 and 18 from area high schools to apply for Camp RYLA. Participants at Camp RYLA are typically about to enter their junior or senior year in high school when they attend. We are seeking students with a good academic record and involvement in school activities (athletics, fine arts, government, etc.) as well as non-school-related activities and work experience. Outstanding student leaders will be chosen from applicants by District 5580 Rotary Clubs for a week of leadership training at Camp RYLA.

Rotary Links

Rotary District 5580 - www.rotary.org

Rotary International - www.rotary5580.org

RYLA Webpage - www.campryla.org

If your Club is considering sponsoring student/s, please make reservation this month by sending payment (\$475.00 per Student) for each student or students that you plan to sponsor for 2009. CampRYLA begins July 12 and ends on July 18.



District Literacy Co-Chairs Appointed

District Governor Tully Chambers announced that

Glenice Hansen and Yvonne Kroll,

both of the Dickinson Club, will be the new Literacy Co-Chairs for District 5580. “Their job is to promote literacy issues with the clubs in the district; both an understanding of the problem and the solutions that clubs might invoke as projects,” Chambers said. “Literacy and numeracy are fundamental to all other economic growth. If one is unable to read and do numbers it is very difficult to be successful in the modern world, except perhaps as a terrorist or suicide bomber. Literacy is not only an issue in the developing world but also at home. “

