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Rotary Club of Duluth No. 25

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We Meet at **6:00 P.M.** - Vista Cruise
on **Thursday, August 7, 2008**

Come Cruise with Rotary Club 25!

Cruise Lake Superior and her Duluth harbor for a two-hour experience of fabulous hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar on a Great Lake with your fellow Rotarians! What could be better?!

Boarding begins at 6:00 p.m.; Depart the dock at 6:30 p.m.; Returning around 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50/Rotarians (plus your usual luncheon charge) and \$40/Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Boarding will be from the Canal Park dock at 323 Harbor Drive across from the DECC.

Please make your reservations by TODAY!

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Dates to Remember

Thurs., Aug. 7th—Vista Cruise—6:00 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 12th—Fun Food Night at the McCabe's—5:00 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 27th—Sporting Clay Shoot
Fri., Aug. 29th—Fellowship Breakfast—7:30 a.m.—Northland

Committee Meeting

Tues., Aug. 5th—Rose—Noon—Forest Suite
Tues., Aug. 12th—Program—Noon—Forest Suite
Wed., Aug. 13th—Int'l Service—Noon—Missabe
Wed., Aug. 13th—Centennial—Noon—Forest Suite

Happy Birthday & Years of Service

David Ross—August 4th—19 yrs.
Jeff Fifield—August 4th—25 yrs.
Bart Olek—August 5th—3 yrs.
Wayne Hibbard—August 7th—6 yrs.

Thursday at Rotary

by Phil Strom

After a stirring rendition of the National Anthem led and accompanied by Msrs. **Bowman** and **Baumgarten**, **Ken Buck** inspired us with an invocation appropriate to the topic of today's program...voting. **Bob Poulter** did his usual masterful job at the podium as Fellowship Reporter. Golden Can fines were levied to Rotarians **Jay Parker**, seen recently discussing pollen levels (a "workplace" fine). **Holly Sampson** and **Curt Ahrens** were spotted attending the *Nakomis Opera on the Lake*. **Dan Markham's** wife, Cathy, **Andrew Berryhill**, and Dawn **Giuliani** were pictured in the *Duluth Superior Magazine* attending the Symphony Ball. **Cheryl Stephens** received approval of her dissertation on Public/Private partnerships in Healthcare. Invocator Ken Buck paid a fine for the acknowledgement of the marriage of his son, Nathan to Melissa Murnane. **Raija Macheledt** received club recognition for her great work in organizing Finn Fest, including escorting the Finnish President to a special luncheon. Poulter invited Finlanders and Finn Wannabes to kick the Can. **Louise Russell** voluntarily donated \$21 to the Can in recognition of her daughter Sara's 21st birthday. **Jack Bowman** was hit up yet again for promoting *Sampson et Dalila*. Finally, Bob encouraged everyone to sign the get-well card for **Dave Allison**. Special happy birthday wishes were extended to Past President **Dick Carlson**, who recently celebrated a special birthday. **President Bonita** presented him with a cake and a certificate recognizing his 35 years of service.

Instant Runoff Voting

Melinda Machones introduced today's presenter, Jeanne Massey, of "FairVote Minnesota."

Jeanne made a compelling case for "Instant Runoff Voting," (IRV) also called "Rank Choice." Her PowerPoint presentation illustrated a hypothetical example of a 4 candidate election between Bert, Ernie, Grover and Zoe. In the election, 100 voters each ranked all four candidates by choice...1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. Instead of a runoff election, such as would be required by our current election protocols, save a majority outcome on the first round, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choices would be collated to arrive at a winner. The benefits of this method are obvious, in that runoff elections would be



Club 25 welcomed Mayor Bo Frank (L) and Ove Dahl, from our Sister City...Vaxjo, Sweden.

eliminated, saving significant election expense. The program would also eliminate many problems inherent in our current system when there are more than 2 candidates. Included in the list are; split votes, no majority victor, "spoiler candidates," wasted votes, and strategic voting. IRV would give the first and final election fuller voter participation than the current system, in which runoff special elections typically have far fewer voters than the main or general election. Arguably, an air of civility would be more common in elections under an IRV system.

We want to extend special thanks to the Radisson and **Paul Leisner**, General Manager, for providing the extra desserts that were used for our instant runoff voting sample. The results...the brownie came in first followed by the fresh strawberry.

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Ambassadors Extraordinary

Bob Poulter—Bagley
John Hoff, Tom Clure, Kelly Weber, Bill Gravelle—Skyline (7/25)
Steve Bjorum, Diane Holliday-Welsh—North Shore (7/29)
Ruth Westra (3), Charlie Bertel—eClub

Clay Bird Shoot

Mark your calendars...Wednesday, August 27th, the 14th annual Rotary Clay Bird Shoot will be held 3:00 P.M. until dark. Details to follow.

Fellowship Breakfasts

Our next Fellowship Breakfast will be 7:30 a.m. Friday, August 29th, at Northland Country Club. Our Fellowship Breakfasts — always

Next Week's Program

AN AMERICAN GRAND STRATEGY FOR THE NEW ERA

Dr. Stephen Van Evera will speak to the topic of U.S. foreign policy within an historical context. He teaches international relations at MIT, where he is professor of political science. His research interests include the causes and prevention of war, U.S. foreign policy, U.S. national security policy, and social science methods. He is author of *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*, *Causes of War: Power and the Roots of Conflict* and articles on the causes of World War I, nationalism and the war problem, American intervention in the Third World, American defense policy, and Europe's future international relations. During the 1980s he was managing editor of the journal *International Security*. Dr. Van Evera was born and raised in Duluth and will be known to many Rotarians.

Tom Homan will be Chairperson of the Day.

**WE WILL MEET
AT THE HOLIDAY INN!**

on the last Friday of the month – are wonderful, low-key gatherings in a beautiful setting, and they qualify for attendance credit too. Double your pleasure and bring a guest.

Rotaract

The Rotaract Club will meet on Tues., Aug. 5th, at 11:30 a.m. at Northland Country Club. Come and hear their plans...and get attendance credit too!

Skyline Peach Sale

Tickets are now available from any Skyline Rotarian for their annual peach sale. The cost for a lug is \$30 this year. Their goal is to sell 1,496 lugs...up from 1,488 lugs last year. The pickup dates are August 15 and 16. This is their largest fundraiser of the year, so help them out by buying the fruit.

Get your tickets from **Earl Rogers, Dick Olson** or any Skyline Rotarian.

Fun Food Night/Fundraiser

Join **Tom McCabe** and **John Moir** on Tuesday, August 12th at 5:00 p.m. for a Fun Food Night. It will be held at the McCabe home on "The Lake." There will be fun, good food, fellowship and music. Start the evening with wine and assorted goodies followed by a musical program "Two on a Keyboard" presented by Gretchen Chelseth and Alice McCabe. Then enjoy all the deep fried wall-eye and fixings that you can eat. Finish the evening with dessert and coffee.

Cost for the evening is \$75 per person. Sign up soon because we are almost sold out!!!

Group Study Exchange

The RI Group Study Exchange Program is an exciting five-week vocational and cultural exchange opportunity that can provide an invaluable life enhancing experience for young professionals in our community! GSE team members enjoy international adventure and education coupled with Rotary hospitality that promotes goodwill and understanding between individuals, districts and nations. Participants also gain important leadership and diplomacy skills, enhance their cultural understanding, develop global linkages, learn about their vocation abroad and are provided a unique insight into all that Rotary does.

The next GSE Team opportunity will be a vocational visit to Taiwan in May/June 2009. While in Taiwan, team members will stay with Rotarians who will provide meals, lodging and group travel in the host district. The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip air ticket. Team members pay only for personal and incidental expenses. We are looking for young professionals age 25- 40, employed full time,

and residing in Rotary District 5580. Applications are available on the Rotary District website. Rotarians are not eligible.

Rotarians...are you looking for a unique leadership and educational opportunity? The District is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic Rotarian to lead the team to Taiwan. The role of team leader is a worthwhile challenge. A team leader performs the vital role of shepherding the team through the preparation and travel portion of the experience, acting primarily as organizing nexus, Rotary subject-matter expert, and exemplary diplomat. The team leader maintains the ideals of Rotary and encourages the team members throughout the process to be the best they can be.

Please nominate a team member or consider being the team's leader. Check the District website for eligibility requirements and applications. Closing date for applications and essays of interest is Fri., Aug. 29th.

The address is http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/DxHome/_home.aspx?did=5580

Weekly E-Mail

Would you prefer to receive your "Gimlet" by e-mail instead of the printed version? "The Gimlet" is e-mailed on the Friday or Monday before the weekly meeting. You would receive it earlier than through the mail. Just e-mail patty@duluthrotary.org and she will put you on the list.

Rotary Club 25 Projects

Below are the projects our Rotary Club has been involved in and the amounts spent for the last six months of the 2007-2008 fiscal year and from individual members:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Duluth Police Dept./Tactical Vests.....	3,900
Residential Services of NE Minn.....	1,000
"Just-4-the Fun of It" Program (dance for disabled youth & adults)	

ENVIRONMENT

Sustainable Farming Association.....	2,000
North Shore Community School.....	1,000
Wind Generator Project	
Northeast Minnesota Regional.....	725
Science Fair	
Hartley Nature Center.....	750
Materials for benches at the pond	
Lincoln Park School-bird guide.....	450
books & binoculars	

YOUTH

Campships (donations from members).....	13,000
Junior Rotarian Honorariums.....	5,250
Junior Rotarian Meals & Misc.	1,517
East Hillside Patch	4,000
Mind 2 Mind Summer Day Camp	

Camp RYLA – 3 participants.....	1,350
Damiano Center-Back to School.....	1,999
Clothes	
Denfeld/Rotary 47th Annual	1,500
Speech Meet	
University Day Care Center.....	1,500
field trips/low income children	
Lake Superior Railroad Museum.....	1,000
educational materials	
Junior Achievement.....	1,000
JA Biz Town Program	
Rotaract.....	770
Hartley Nature Center.....	754
Families Environment Exhibit	
Grant Magnet School	700
Scholarships for children to attend Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	
High School Graduation Parties (5).....	500
Men As Peacemakers.....	500
"Mush for Kids"	
Meals for Grant Recipients	239

INTERNATIONAL

Youth Exchange Program.....	3,031
CSS-Basra Project-Prosthetic.....	3,000
Limb Drive Initiative	
Casa del Proteccion improvements -..	3,000
Electrical & windows project in Merida Mexico / women's housing (holding for RF matching grant)	
Mano-a-Mano - supplies for medical...3,000	
clinic in Bolivia (holding for RF Matching grant)	
Mano-a-Mano-Scholarships in Bolivia.....	1,500
District Shelter Box.....	730
Emergency items for victims of natural disasters (donations from members)	
Group Study Exchange Team/meals.....	48

APPROXIMATE SIX

MONTH TOTAL \$59,713

ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Unrestricted funds (for year)..... **\$27,500**

FUNDRAISERS

Golden Can	1,459
50/50 Drawing	2,218
Prime Rib Dinner & Auction.....	17,102
Trip Raffle	11,656
Coupon Book.....	1,056
(Total - \$4,906)	

TOTAL SIX MONTH

RECEIPTS \$33,491

FUND BALANCE OF THE \$119,114
WESTMORELAND ROTARY #25
FOUNDATION

MAJOR PROJECT FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

FUND BALANCE \$82,534