



**Rotary District Conference 2015**  
**May 6-9, 2015**  
**Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center**

05/04/15



**Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday, May 6**

5:30 P.M.

**District 5580 Appreciation Dinner (by Invitation)**

Glensheen Mansion

**Thursday, May 7**

8:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

**Registration /Credentials/Information Table**  
*Sponsor – Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation*

DECC Registration Area

9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**Combined Executive and Finance and  
Past District Governors' Council Meeting**

Gooseberry Falls I

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**Grants Management Seminar**

Gooseberry Falls III

2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

**Duluth Brewery Tour (Rotarians, Spouses  
and Guests)**

Bus Departs from and returns  
to each hotel lobby.

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

**Icebreaker – Grandma's Sports Garden –**  
*Hosted by Duluth Harbortown Rotary Club*  
*Entertainment by the Billy Barnard Trio*  
*Sponsored by Maurices*

5:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.

**(Continuous Shuttle Bus Service between Grandma's Sports  
Garden and the Canal Park Lodge, Holiday Inn and Radisson Hotels)**

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

**Project Fair Setup**

Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit Hall

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**Begin Silent Auction Setup**

Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit Hall

**Friday, May 8**

8:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

**Registration/Credentials/Information Table**

DECC Registration Area

8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.

**Breakfast**  
**"Be Awed by Rotaract"**

Lake Superior Ballroom J

8:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

**Duluth History Tour (For spouses and Guests)**

Bus departs from each hotel  
lobby & returns to DECC

8:45 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.

**Opening Ceremonies**  
**Presentation of the Colors**  
**Flag Presentation by Youth Exchange Students**  
**Welcome Remarks by RI President's Representative,**  
**PDG Dr. Susan Aldridge and**  
**Mayor of Duluth**  
*Sponsor – Past Presidents of Duluth Rotary Club 25*

Lake Superior Ballroom O

9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

**PLENARY SESSION I**  
*Sharon Tennison, President and Founder, Center  
for Citizen Initiatives*  
*Rotarians as Citizen Diplomats in Russia*

Lake Superior Ballroom O

10:45 A.M. - 11:10 A.M.	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Have coffee and meet our President's Representative, PDG Dr. Susan Aldridge Sponsor – National Bank of Commerce</i>	Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit Hall
11:15-12:00 P.M.	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Fundraising (DGE Craig Loughery)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Foundation Panel (PDG Gary Nolte, Lynn Hunt and Jim McDonald)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Membership (PDG Don Cavalier and Katie Ehli)</i></li> <li>4. <i>Public Relations (Debbie Stacy-Zone 28 Representative)</i></li> <li>5. <i>Leadership Development I (Dick Carlson)</i></li> </ol>	Gooseberry Falls Gooseberry Falls II Gooseberry Falls III Split Rock I Split Rock II
12:15 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	<b>Keynote Luncheon</b> <i>Speaker: Wayne Brock, Chief Scout Executive Boy Scouts of America Sponsor – Minnesota Power</i>	Lake Superior Ballroom J
2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	<b>Duluth Brewery Tour (For spouses and Guests)</b>	Bus departs from DECC and returns to hotels.
2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Fundraising (DGE Craig Loughery)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Youth Programs (Laurie Lewandowski, Jean Hannig and Chris Correia)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Experiencing Rotary in the Digital Age (Blaine Johnson, President-Bismarck Rotary Club)</i></li> <li>4. <i>Public Relations (Debbie Stacy, Zone 28 Rep.)</i></li> <li>5. <i>Leadership Development II (Dick Carlson)</i></li> </ol>	Gooseberry Falls I Gooseberry Falls II Gooseberry Falls III Split Rock I Split Rock II
2:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Entertainment by Shannon Gunderson Sponsor – Visit Duluth</i>	Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit Hall
3:00 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.	<b>PLENARY SESSION II</b> <i>Speaker – Ms. Sydney Brown of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (Program Officer with the Polio Team in Pakistan)</i>	Lake Superior Ballroom O
3:45 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.	<b>District Awards</b> Marty Byrnes, District Awards Chair	Lake Superior Ballroom O
4:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	<b>Free Time</b>	
4:30 P.M.	<b>Final Silent Auction Set-up by Conference Committee</b>	Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit Hall
5:50 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.	<i>(Continuous Shuttle Bus Service between the DECC and Canal Park Lodge, Holiday Inn and Radisson Hotels)</i>	
6:00 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.	<b>Social/Silent Auction Opens</b>	Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit Hall
6:45 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	<b>Dinner</b> <i>Message from RI President's Representative, PDG Susan Aldridge Entertainment by Shannon Gunderson Sponsor – National Bank of Commerce</i>	Lake Superior Ballroom J

8:30 P.M. - Midnight	<b>Hospitality Suite Open</b> <i>Bismarck Far West/Conference Hosts for 2016</i>	Holiday Inn – Lyric Room
<b><u>Saturday, May 9</u></b>		
7:00 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.	<b>Paul Harris Breakfast and Foundation Awards</b> (Note: This is a ticketed event paid at time of registration.)	Lake Superior Ballroom J
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	<b>Registration/Information Table</b> <b>Credentials Open (Credentials will close at Noon)</b>	DECC Registration Area
8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	<b>District 5580 Memorial Service</b>	Lake Superior Ballroom O
8:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.	<b>Duluth History Tour (For spouses and Guests)</b>	Bus departs from each hotel lobby and returns to DECC
9:15 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.	<b>PLENARY SESSION III</b> <i>Fred Friedman - Peace</i> <i>Sponsor – Kwik Trip</i>	Lake Superior Ballroom O
10:15 A.M. -11:00 A.M.	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <i>1. Ted Schick – “Engaging the Rotary Gear”</i> <i>2. Mary Shideler, “The Kayak Lady”</i> <i>3. Sharon Tenneson</i> <i>4. Gary Nolte – Polio Plus</i>	French River I  Gooseberry Falls I Gooseberry Falls III French River II
11:00 A.M. -11:20 A.M.	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Entertainment by Shannon Gunderson</i> <i>Sponsor – South Pier Inn</i>	Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit Hall
11:20 A.M. – 12:20 P.M.	<b>Youth Exchange Presentation</b> <i>Sponsor – Essentia</i>	Lake Superior Ballroom O
11:00 A.M.	<b>SILENT AUCTION/PROJECT FAIR CLOSE</b> (Winning bids posted in Registration Area)	
12:00 P.M.	<b>Begin pickup of Silent Auction items.</b>	DECC Registration Area
12:30 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.	<b>Keynote Luncheon</b> International Project Videos and Mystery Guests <i>Sponsors – Bill Himango and Anonymous Rotarian</i>	Lake Superior Ballroom J
1:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	<b>2016 District Conference Presentation</b> <i>(DGE Craig Loughery and Bismarck Far West Rotary Club)</i>	Lake Superior Ballroom J
2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	<b>Duluth Brewery Tour (For Spouses and Guests)</b>	Bus departs from DECC and returns to hotels.
2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.	<b>District 5580 Annual Business Meeting</b>	Ballroom O
2:15 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> (for those not attending the Annual Business Meeting) <i>1. Ted Schick – “Engaging the Rotary Gear”</i> <i>2. Mary Shideler – “The Bucket List”</i> <i>3. Mike Cochran – D5580 Friendship Exchange</i> <i>4. Interact Breakout Session</i>	French River I Gooseberry Falls I Gooseberry Falls III Gooseberry Falls II

3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	<b>FINAL Silent Auction Pick up</b>	DECC Registration Area
4:00 P.M.	<b>Free Time</b>	
6:00 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.	<b>District 5580 Leadership Private Social – By Invitation</b> <i>(Prepare for Bagpipe Processional)</i>	St. Louis River Room
5:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	<i>(Continuous Shuttle Bus Service between the DECC and Canal Park Lodge, Holiday Inn and Radisson Hotels)</i>	
6:00 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.	<b>District 5580 Gala Social – for All Rotarians, Spouses and Guests</b>	DECC Lobby
6:55 P.M.	<b>Doors Close</b>	Ballroom J
7:00 P.M.	<b>District Leadership Processional</b> <i>Bagpipe by Charles Bouschor II</i>	
7:15 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	<b>District 5580 Gala Banquet</b> <i>Closing remarks from PDG Susan Aldridge</i> <i>Awards: Marty Byrnes</i> <i>Silk Painting Performance to music by Lee Zimmerman</i> <i>Music by Brass Quintet, Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra</i> <i>Sponsor – Kraus Anderson</i>	Ballroom J

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*Thank you for attending. We'll see you in Bismarck, ND May 11-14, 2016.*