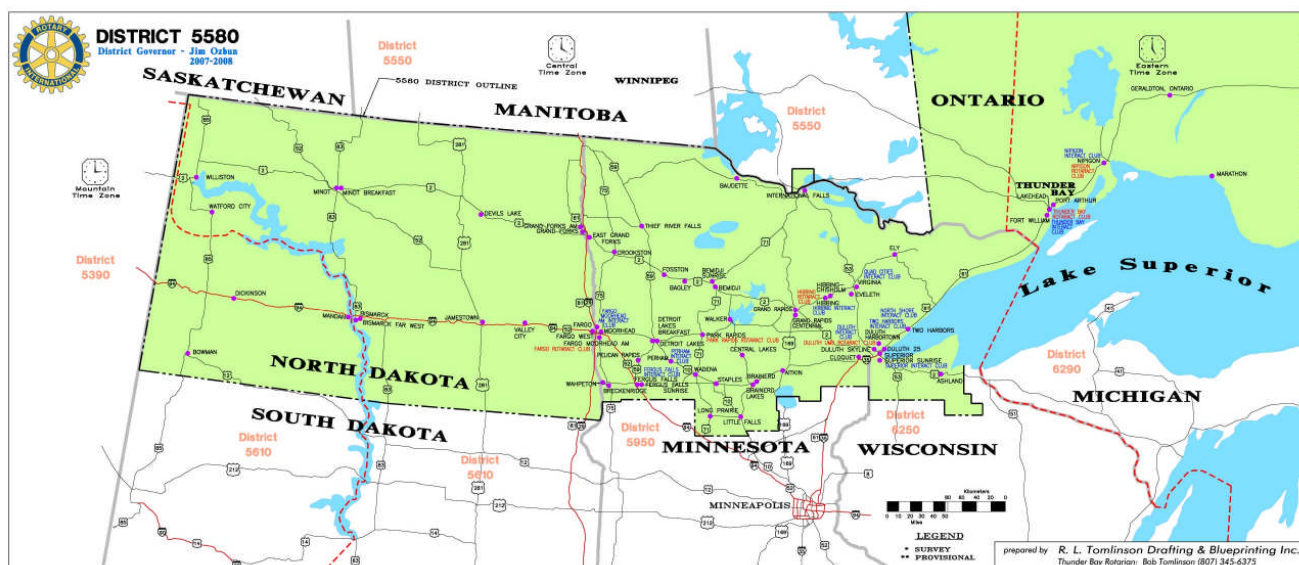


Rotary District 5580



Rotary District 5580 is an International District consisting of Northwestern Ontario between longitudes 85° and 90° (3 Thunder Bay clubs and 1 Nipigon club); the northwestern tip of Wisconsin (2 Superior clubs and 1 Ashland club); the northern half of Minnesota and all of North Dakota. If you were driving at the average speed of 70 MPH (116 KPH), it would take 17.5 hrs to drive across the district. This vast area that encompasses 240,000 square miles (614,400 square kilometers) in three time zones (Eastern, Central and Mountain) is home to more than 3,000 Rotarians in 65 clubs plus a number of **Interact** and **Rotaract** clubs. Being an International District makes **District 5580** unique, as this affords clubs an opportunity to share information and fellowship between two (2) countries, the United States and Canada.

The Rotary District is an administrative unit of Rotary International. The **District Governor** is the only officer of **Rotary International** in the District and bears the ultimate responsibility for governance. **District 5580** has taken the initiative to share the Governor's duties with the **District Governor-Elect**, the **District Governor-Nominee** and the **Foundation Chair** (see **District Organizational Chart** on Page 2). This lightens the workload of the current Governor and provides a valuable learning experience for incoming Governors. The activities and organization of the District exist solely to assist the individual clubs to advance the Object of Rotary via the programs and funding opportunities of **Rotary International** and **The Rotary Foundation**.

Participation on all **District Committees** is open to Rotarians throughout the District and often results in lasting friendships and fellowship opportunities. Traditionally, committees have met face to face but the use of electronic media such as teleconferencing and webinars is

increasing. More information including District Committees; Club locations and meeting times; District Directory; District Events; roster of all Rotarians in the District; Programs; Projects and many interesting Rotary links is available on the **District 5580 Website** at: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/5580>.

All Rotarians are encouraged to meet at the **District Conference** which is held in late April or early May of each Rotary year to celebrate our achievements, lay the foundations for future accomplishments and generally have a fun time with friends old and new.

