

# **WELCOME TO GRAYLING ROTARY**

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

## **Guests of Grayling Rotary**

Guests of Grayling Rotary at last week's meeting were: Sky Palmer (Palmer), Lynne Moran (Summers) and Dan Bonamie.

## **Birthdays**

### **Delinquent Birthdays**

Bruce Schroeder - February 17

Doug Pummell - February 19

Jane Halstead – March 9

## **Anniversary**

Toni and Lacey Stephan – March 23

## **50/50 Winner**

Jim Burtch won \$28 on ticket number 222 at last week's meeting and donated it back to the club.

## **Calendar Winner**

Betty Spangler of Roscommon won \$50 on a calendar sold by the Grayling Rotary.

## **Avita Black Bear Bicycle Tour**

Fred Fisher distributed flyers for this year's event at last week's meeting. If you did not receive any and will be going out of town where you could drop some off please see Fred. We have already received 126 registrations for this year.

## **In Honor of St. Patrick's Day, Did You Know?**

It has long been recounted that, during his mission in Ireland, St. Patrick once stood on a hilltop (which is now called Croagh Patrick), and with only a wooden staff by his side, banished all the snakes from Ireland. In fact, the island nation was never home to any snakes. The "banishing of the snakes" was really a metaphor for the eradication of pagan ideology from Ireland and the triumph of Christianity. Within 200 years of Patrick's arrival, Ireland was completely Christianized.

Each year, thousands of Irish Americans gather with their loved ones on St. Patrick's Day to share a "traditional" meal of corned beef and cabbage. Though cabbage has long been an Irish food, corned beef only began to be associated with St. Patrick's Day at the turn of the century.

***Happy St. Patrick's Day***