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BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Classification Talk – David DenHartog, Director, Voyageurs High School

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Annual Rotary Picnic at Waterfront Pavilion (Playhouse Donors to be recognized)

Important Dates to Remember

Chicago, USA – Rotary International Conference
(Centennial Celebration) – June 18-25, 2005

Grants Approved

The Board recently approved the following grant requests:

- ▶ \$2,000 – Headwaters School of Music & the Arts – For after school lessons in music, visual arts, dance and theater
- ▶ \$550 – Bemidji Youth League Baseball – Sponsorship of a youth league

Bemidji Green Up

As part of the Bemidji Leads Project, Bemidji Noon Rotary will sponsor up to \$3,000 for a community tree-planting project. The project known as Bemidji Green Up is headed by Kevin Williamson and Karl Blesser, and will kick off on June 21 during our regular noon lunch meeting at the Tourist Center Lakefront and Rotary Pavilion. Rotary's contribution will concentrate on two areas – the waterfront and Central School. The City of Bemidji will take responsibility for maintaining the trees at the waterfront. Kevin also notes that MNDOT and their landscaper will supply an outline of HWY 197 from the west end of town to the Mississippi River and where, what and when we can be doing planting all along that stretch. "This will be done gradually and through the upcoming years," Kevin says. For more information on this beautification project, contact Kevin or Karl.

Mark Your Calendar

July 5 – No Meeting – July 4th Holiday Weekend

July 23 – Meet visiting GSE Team from Lithuania at Bemidji State Park. Details to come from Gary Johnson

Statistically Speaking

May 2004 Membership & Attendance Around the District

Club	Membership	Attendance %
Dickinson	98	56.0%
Williston	45	66.7%
Bismarck	102	45.0%
Jamestown	50	70.0%
Minot	94	67.0%
Detroit Lakes	105	64.8%
Perham	85	82.0%
Fergus Falls	78	53.0%
Bagley	27	62.0%
BEMIDJI	120	60.0%
Fosston	23	70.0%
International Falls	38	53.0%
Hibbing	44	61.1%
Virginia	80	62.8%
Brainerd	129	80.3%
Duluth	275	82.1%
Superior	92	72.8%
Grand Rapids	39	57.0%
Walker	75	73.4%

Our Mottos

The first motto of Rotary International, He Profits Most Who Serves Best, was approved at the second Rotary Convention, held in Portland, Oregon, USA, in August 1911. The phrase was first stated by a Chicago Rotarian, Art Sheldon, who made a speech in 1910 that included the remark, "He profits most who serves his fellows best."

At about the same time, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, commented that the proper way to organize a Rotary club was through the principle his club had adopted – Service, Not Self. These two slogans, slightly modified, were formally approved to be the official mottos of Rotary at the 1950 convention in Detroit – **He Profits Most who Serves Best and Service Above Self.** The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary, since it best explains the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service.