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This Week's Program
Habitat for Humanity

Next Week's Program
Memorial Day Holiday – No Meeting

Important Dates to Remember

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

June 20 – Trip to Cuba – Audrey Thayer

“Green Up Bemidji” Project Update

Kevin Williamson reports that 25 trees were recently planted at the old liquor store site as part of the Bemidji “Green Up” Project. More tree plantings are planned near this site.

Playhouse Project Update

Scott Turn reports that the playhouse will be on display for the next few weeks at Luekens. We hope for 100% membership participation in this important fundraiser, so if you have not yet picked up your tickets, please do so after the meeting.

To Be or Not To Be – Dragon Boat Races

The club is considering a Dragon Boat Race in 2006. You are urged to let Board Members know your level of enthusiasm and willingness to participate in this fund (and fun) raiser.

Habitat for Humanity Donation

This week's meal has been prepared by Habitat for Humanity, and proceeds will go to this worthwhile organization. In addition, our Sergeant at Arms fees will be dedicated to them. (So plan to lose, even if you know the answers.)

Coming in June

June 6 – Headwaters School of Music & the Arts and Paul Bunyan Playhouse – Janet Brademan

June 13 – Latin America Rotary Aid (LARA Project)

What is “LARA”?

Latin America Rotary Aid (LARA) which is very familiar to many longtime Rotarians may still be a mystery to newer members. Here's a thumbnail description: For Bemidji Rotary and other clubs in the district, this project since 1986 has involved working hand in hand with the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara, Honduras. The goal is to better the health of their residents through projects including latrines and potable water as well as medical, optometry and dental projects in addition to school construction and renovations. For information on this project, which takes members from many Rotary Clubs in our district to the mountains of Honduras yearly, talk to Ted Will or Chris Keenan.

Did You Know?

Rotary In Europe

Clubs: 6,051 Members: 256,945

First Club Chartered: London, England, 1912

Fun Facts: Europe's first Rotary 3-club: Verkkorotary, Finland, chartered in Finland on June 22, 2004. Country with world's highest number of Rotarians per capita: Iceland, with 271 residents per Rotarian.

Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

Clubs: 1,491 Members: 46,583

First Club Chartered: Melbourne, Australia, 1921

Fun Facts: Largest flower show in the Southern Hemisphere: Ellerslie Flower Show, a project initiated by the Rotary Club of Auckland, New Zealand. Club farthest from another club: Rotary Club of Papeete, Tahiti.