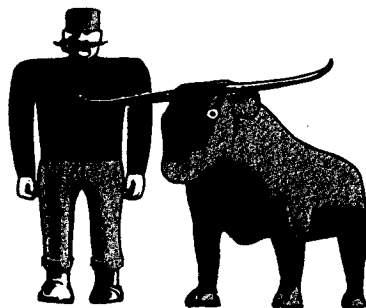


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**This Week's Program**  
*Concordia Language Village*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Hospice Program – Jes Conrad*

**Important Dates to Remember**

June 11 –14, 2006 – Rotary International Convention, Copenhagen, Denmark and Malmo, Sweden

**Service Above Self – Year's Theme**

RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar launched Rotary's second century of service by asking Rotarians worldwide to recommit themselves to Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, which he has chosen as the RI theme for 2005-05. Stenhammar said the theme, which features the Rotary gearwheel emblem, represents his commitment to continuity within the organization. "Our main direction must be the same for many years to come," he said.

Stenhammar has selected literacy and education; water, health, and hunger concerns; and Rotary's public image as his emphases. This will be the third year that literacy efforts will be a main part of Rotary's work. "I see literacy as one of the basic needs that must be met for a person to live a decent life," said Stenhammar. "Rotary clubs have so far developed an impressive array of projects designed to help people learn to read, write and count . . . Rotarians' considerable experience and commitment are still needed in addressing this problem, which limits so many people in their efforts to care for themselves and their families."

Stenhammar is also encouraging Rotarians to continue working on water management projects, citing the global water crisis that currently leaves more than one billion people without fresh water. "Thanks to scores of Rotary club water projects, hundreds of thousands of people now have convenient access to clean, safe water," he said.

**Membership Challenge**

Bemidji Noon Rotary President Sue Doeden began her term in an office with a membership challenge. Membership is key to fulfilling Rotary's pledge to Service Above Self she noted, and during the coming year the retention and recruitment of

members will be a major focus of attention. She asked that all members bring a prospective member to a meeting during the month of August. By working together to strengthen our membership, we can make a difference in our community and in our world.

**Recent Rotarian Visitors**

Steve DeKrey, Hong Kong  
Gene Gordon, Dubuque, IA  
Bill Nelson, Grand Forks

**Coming**

*Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival*  
*August 26 – 27*

See Gary Johnson for information or to sign up for this fun event.

**Playhouse Update**

Can you spare two hours to help sell tickets for the playhouse at this year's County Fair? See Scott Turn to sign up.

The playhouse will be on final display at Luekens South and North before the Fair and the big drawing will occur at that event.

**Rotary Quiz**

1. What's the name of the Rotary-sponsored service organization for young people 14 to 18 years old?
  - a. Youth Exchange
  - b. Interact
  - c. Rotaract
  - d. Key Club
2. Where does the world's largest Rotary club meet?
  - a. Chicago
  - b. Seattle
  - c. San Antonio, Texas
  - d. Fort Worth, Texas

Answers: 1. B; 2. C