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This Week's Program

B-Team

Next Week's Program

"No Child Left Behind" – Bemidji Schools – Ann Long Voelkner

Important Dates to Remember

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

Dragon Boat Races A Go!

August 4 and 5, 2006 have been set as the dates for the Dragon Boat Races. Many committees will be established for this fun family event and fund-raiser. So clear those dates and get ready to pitch in to make this event a success. Stay posted for more to come.

GSE Team Update

Larry Young reports that possibly two candidates will be sent from Bemidji to Reykavik for the GSE Team.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is one of the most popular and rewarding programs of the Rotary Foundation.

Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965, the program has provided educational experiences for about 35,000 business and professional men and women who have served on about 6,500 teams. The GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams. Since 1965, almost US\$59 million has been allocated by The Rotary Foundation for Group Study Exchange grants.

One of the attractive features of GSE is the opportunity for the visiting team members to meet, talk and live with Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality.

In addition to learning about another country through visits to farms, schools, industrial plants, professional offices and governmental establishments, the GSE teams serve as

ambassadors of the goodwill. They interpret their home nation to host Rotarians and others in the communities they visit. In recent years, teams of a single vocation or cultural group have been exchanged. Some GSE teams help create humanitarian projects between their countries. Many of the personal contacts blossom into lasting friendships.

Proposed for Membership

Leonore Potter, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area. Proposed by Joanne Torfin.

Donation

\$2,000 – Annual Trip to Honduras (\$1,000 donation from Bemidji Medical Equipment will be added.)

Around District 5580 (from Governor's Reflections)

Ely – a small isolated Club in Northern Minnesota. They are involved with a methane amphetamine program, which educates for prevention, helps in recovery, policy reform and enforcement. This is often a big problem in small communities.

East Range Rotary – For a club only chartered in January, they have developed a great golfing fundraiser that they are avidly growing each year. Without a doubt, they are a club committed to service.

Hibbing – Chisholm – The club has a great city beautification program, planting flowers, erecting monuments, and are currently planning a walk of fame, using prominent local figures.