



May 8, 2006

This Week's Program

4-Way Test – Caitlin Oestreich & RYLA Students

Next Week's Program

Dr. Kevin Schoepel, Vascular Surgeon, North Country Regional Hospital

Important Dates to Remember

- Rotary International Convention – Copenhagen, Denmark & Malmo, Sweden, June 11 – 14*
- Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival August 4 & 5*

Lots to Celebrate!!!

After the District 5580 Conference in Williston, we have lots to celebrate! Let's hear it for:

- ❖ Scott Turn – Receiving the District award for Community Service Rotarian of the Year.
- ❖ Our club and all its members for being one of the three winners of the Walk to Williston \$1000 prize and for being named Best Club in The District. (Honored for the second year in a row.) Congratulations *Bemidji Rotarians!*

Mark next year's District Conference on your calendar:

*Brainerd – April 19-22, 2007
Cragun's Resort*

Project Green Up

Rotarian Kevin Williamson reports that Project Green Up is ready to get into high gear. The group is cooperating closely with "Bemidji Leads" and has ordered approximately 4,000 seedlings with a planting scheduled in late May or early June. Stay tuned for details.

Congratulations

Dr. Steve Rith Najarian has been named a Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris Fellow recognition is an important symbol of a substantial financial commitment to the Rotary Foundation. This

commitment helps to underwrite the many programs of the Foundation to build goodwill and understanding in the world.

In The News

Rotarian Ted Will was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the community's Volunteer Recognition ceremony. His service to many Rotary projects was featured prominently at the ceremony.

Rotary Around the World

Enyerh Garcia, 16, and his 8-year-old sister, Chairen, of the Dominican Republic, suffer from osteogenesis imperfecta, a debilitating disease characterized by brittle bones that break easily and cause deformities. After visiting the children, Linda Raney, past president of the Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise, Ontario, Canada, was deeply moved and decided her club must do something to help. After the club's extensive fundraising, the Garcia family arrived in Whitby and was quickly admitted to Shriners Hospital – Canada in Montreal, where they received treatment for their disease. The Rotarians continued their fundraising efforts to cover the family's expenses during the six-to-eight weeks of rehabilitation after the treatment.

In Namibia, an old military barracks that now serves as a hospital, as well as a school and an orphanage, will soon have a tuberculosis ward, thanks to donations from the Rotary clubs of Mosbach-Buchen, Germany, and Otjiwarongo, Namibia. Some of the orphans were abandoned, found under trees, while others were given up by their mothers because they could not take care of them. Many of these children desperately needed tuberculosis treatment. Construction of the ward, which will accommodate 15 patients, started in October.