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This Week's Program

Dr. Kevin Schoepel, Vascular Surgeon, MeritCare Bemidji & North Country Regional Hospital

Next Week's Program

Membership Training – Brad Swenson

Important Dates to Remember

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

Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival – August 4 & 5

Perfect Attendance – April

Kirsten Addison	Michael Kelsey
Bill Belford	Daryl Knoer
Jim Bensen	Sue Kringen
Ron Bergom	Warren Larson
Al Bontrager	Curt Lundquist
Eileen Bretschneider	Terry Matson
Ray Carlson	Evonne McKinzie
Duane Christensen	Mike Norden
Syd Corrigan	Lori Paris
Dennis Doeden	Dan Posner
Sue Doeden	Leonore Potter
Debbie Grovum	Gayle Quistgard
Penny Echtermach	John Reff
Kevin Erpelding	Tom Reise
Harold Freutel	Steve Rith-Najarian
Shelly Geerdes	Ding Roholt
Jim Ghostley	Amy Saeland
Helen Gill	Al Schmidt
Ted Gillett	Cathy Schultz
Martin Graefe	Tom Schwartz
Dick Haugo	Mark Shough
Marilyn Heltzer	Rick Siebels
Jim Hess	Nancy Smith
Jordan Hickman	Kathleen Solberg
Wayne Hoff	Larry Stember
Eric Hucke	Joanne Torfin
Hank Imsande	Scott Turn
Gary Johnson	Dennis Vorgert
Chris Keenan	Ted Will
Pat Kelly	Kevin Williamson

Baseball Equipment Needed

Ted Will is collecting baseball equipment for use by the Boys and Girls Club this summer. They have lots of enthusiasm for the game but not enough equipment. You can help with the project by donating new or gently used equipment. Just bring your donations to a meeting.

Project Green-Up

Tree planting is schedule for Saturday, June 3, time to be announced. Location is east of town, just this side of Paul Bunyan Animal Land. Kevin Williamson is heading up this project and says everyone is welcome – Rotarians and non-Rotarians, friends, neighbors, relatives. Put the date on your schedule to help plant seedlings.

Rotary Around the World

Speaking of tree planting, several clubs in Kenya have undertaken a major project to protect their environment. As an added incentive to our project, here's their success story:

Last April, Rotary clubs in Nairobi, Kenya, hosted the colorful launch of a reforestation project on the city's outskirts to celebrate Rotary's centennial. They hoped the effort would become a longstanding tradition for area Rotarians.

A member of the Rotary Club of Nairobi North who helped coordinate the event, said at the time, "[We] intend to adopt tree planting at Karura Forest as an annual event for the next 100 years in an effort to restore the forest's lost glory.

A year later, in what some Nairobi Rotarians are calling "a friendly takeover," the clubs' initiative has been embraced by the public and the local business community in a way that no one could have predicted.

At the 2005 inaugural event, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors helped plant 2,300 indigenous tree seedlings in a bid to reverse the environmental degradation caused by human encroachment. As a result of the partnership with businesses and area residents, much of the targeted acreage of depleted forestland has already been reclaimed.

Playhouse Update

Scott Turn reports that Playhouse tickets are selling well, and the playhouse will be on display next week at Lueken's South. If you have not yet picked up your tickets, please do so today. We all need to get behind this major fundraiser.

Dragon Boat Race

Posters and brochures for the Dragon Boat project are now available. Pick up some for display at your place of business today. See Gary Johnson.