

November 20, 2006

**This Week's Program**  
*Group Study Exchange – Darren Olson*

**Next Week's Program**  
*“Sex, Lies and News” – Dan Olson, Minnesota Public Radio*

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**Important Dates to Remember**

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

*Rotary International Convention* – June 17-20, 2007 – Salt  
Lake City, Utah

*Winnipeg Goodwill Meeting* – February 16 – 17, 2007

**Sergeant at Arms Fines**

Fourth quarter Sergeant-at-Arms fines will be used to supplement the Paul Harris dinner. Last quarter's fines raised \$700 for the Concordia Language Village scholarship, which is designated for a Bemidji youth.

**Playhouse Construction Site**

Thanks once again go to Mark Shough for the use of his garage for next year's playhouse construction. With his pontoon stored for the winter, it's all set to go, Mark says. A log theme will be featured, and you're invited to contribute ideas and designs. If you encounter another log model in your travels or see one in a magazine that appeals to you, please let Scott Turn know about it.

**Rotary Basics – Group Study Exchange**  
**(GSE)**

One of the most popular and rewarding programs of The Rotary Foundation is Group Study Exchange. Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965, the program has provided education 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 \$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 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.

Truly, the Group Study Exchange program has provided Rotarians with one of its most enjoyable, practical and meaningful ways to promote world understanding.

**Quotables**

“Long ago, you created awareness, and took action. If I could, I would give each of you who have been involved in this monumental campaign a Champion award. You who believe in, and continue to strive to save the world's children from the ravages of polio, are most definitely champions.”

- **Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director General, World Health Organization**

“Thank you, Rotary, for recognizing that a world without polio is possible. You have been the catalyst for the world to accept and carry out the challenge of eradicating polio from the earth.

- **Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**