

March 5, 2007

**This Week's Program – Eagles Club**  
*Beltrami Co Sheriff – Phil Hodapp*  
**Next Week's Program – at the Bemidji Town & Country Club**  
*Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Pat Donnay, Pres.*

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**Important Dates to Remember**

**Home, Sport & Travel Show – Bemidji**

March 30 – April 1, 2007

**District Conference**

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

**Rotary International Convention**

June 17-20, 2007 Salt Lake City, Utah

**Meeting Places**

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Bemidji Town & Country Club

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Northern Inn

**Upcoming March Programs**

March 19<sup>th</sup> – *Bemidji Leads!* – Jim Benson,  
Chairman & Dave Hengel, HRDC

March 26<sup>th</sup> – *Teen Suicide Prevention in Beltrami  
County* - Rebecca Snyder

**March Birthdays**

Larry Stember	March 2
Lowell Pierce	March 8
Karl Blesser	March 9
Bob Fitzgerald	March 9
Lenore Potter	March 12
Debbie Drinkard-Grovum	March 14
John Lueth	March 19
Mike Norden	March 22
Joanne Torfin	March 23
Wendy Ottness	March 24
Steve Rith-Najarian	March 28
Kevin Cease	March 31

**Meeting Cancellation Policy**

If the Bemidji School District has closed school for the day due to weather conditions and it falls on a Monday, The Bemidji Rotary noon meeting will be cancelled.

**International Service**

Bemidji will serve as a host site this spring for the upcoming Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from France. If you are interested in hosting for these visitors, see Gary Johnson for dates and details.

**About Group Study Exchange**

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 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. Although the original Group Study Exchanges were male only, in recent years teams have included both men and women.

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.