

**March 12, 2007**

## **This Week's Program**

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Pat Donnay, Pres.

## **Next Week's Program – at the Northern Inn**

*Bemidji Leads! – Chairman Jim Bensen & Dave Hengel, HRDC*

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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

### **Upcoming March Programs**

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

### **Congratulations, Marilyn !**

Rotarian Marilyn Heltzer was recently honored by induction into the Northwest Minnesota Women's Hall of Fame. Her portrait, which will hang on the Hall of Fame wall in BSU's A.C. Clark Library, was unveiled during an opening celebration of Women's History Month co-sponsored by BSU and the Northwest Minnesota Women's Fund.

### **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.

GSE is a short-term cultural and vocational exchange program between districts in different countries for professionals ages 25-40.

### **Deadline Extended for Rotarian Photo Contest**

Got a photo in mind to send in for the Rotarian Photo Contest? You're in luck! The deadline for this contest described in the Cog in November, '06 has been extended to March 15. Here are the details:

How do you picture Service Above Self? *The Rotarian* wants to see Rotary's motto through your lens.

Winning entries will be published in the June 2007 issue. Submit your best shot from the 2006-07 calendar year that illustrates your definition of Service Above Self. A

favorite Youth Exchange student? A child whose life was changed forever by a club project? A fellow Rotarian in action in a far-off place? Use your creativity and your talent to photograph your entry.

The deadline is 15 March 2007. Submit high-resolution digital photos online or send 8X10 prints to: Photo Contest, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201 USA. All entries become property of *The Rotarian* and will not be returned.

Enter today and your photo could be featured in *The Rotarian* in June!

### **Rotary Around the World**

Thirteen San Diego teens recently spent time distributing toys and goodwill to the children of Rancho Del Nino Nueva Vida orphanage near Rosarito, Mexico.

The teenagers are members of the Interact Club at Preuss School UCSD, a middle-and-high school for low-income students chartered jointly by the University of California, San Diego, and the San Diego Unified School District. The Interact club is a school-based volunteer service organization sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle.

Rotary club president Dale Barnes says the Interact students first visited the orphanage in December of 2005 as their international service project. They held a Christmas party and brought gifts for the children. In November 2006, members of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary club and Rotary club of Rosarito volunteered to do needed repairs and repainting at the children's home, which they had "adopted" as an ongoing project. While the adult volunteers worked on the repairs, the Interact members worked with the children, passing out toys and gifts they had collected.

"They really enjoyed it and asked if they could go back, so they organized a school-wide toy drive," says Barnes. "These students have many extracurricular activities and a heavy homework load, yet they still wanted to go to the orphanage and do something positive for children who are less fortunate than they are."