

April 2, 2007

This Week's Program

Beltrami County Recreation Programs & Plans – Bob Milne & John Winter

Next Week's Program

Minnesota Responds – Carol Sele, North Country Health Services

Important Dates to Remember

District Conference

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

Rotary International Convention

June 17-20, 2007 Salt Lake City, Utah

Upcoming March Programs

April 16th – **LARA (Latin America Rotary Aid)** –
Chris Keenan

April 23rd – **Diamond Point Park Project** – *Rita
Albright*

April 30th – **GSE**

April Birthdays

Ken Schlichtling	April 4
Ben Miller	April 5
Bill Sanford	April 5
Jim Bensen	April 8
Todd Moudry	April 9
Doug Cann	April 23
Rick Goeb	April 23
Phil Olson	April 23
Dale Christensen	April 23
Helen Gill	April 24
Dan Johnson	April 26
Mark Shough	April 27
John Ostrem	April 28
Steve Inkel	April 30

Recent Rotarian Visitors

Mel and Lourdes Tangen, Breckenridge

Note the Date in your Calendar

Paul Harris Dinner

May 6 – Country Club

Silent Auction – If you or your business has an item for the Silent Auction, please let either Cathy Schultz or Kathleen Solberg know about it.

Rotary Basics – About Paul Harris

Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary Club? No.

Was Paul Harris the first president of Rotary International? Yes.

There is an easy explanation to this apparent contradiction. Although Paul Harris was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905, the man selected to be the first president was one of the other founding members, Syvester Schiele.

By the year 1910 there were 16 Rotary clubs, which linked up as an organization called the National Association of Rotary Clubs. Two years later the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs, as Rotary was organized in Winnipeg, Canada, and then in England, Ireland and Scotland. In 1922 the name was shortened to Rotary International.

When the first organization of Rotary clubs was created in 1910, Paul Harris was selected as the first president. He served in this position for two years, from 1910 until 1912. Thus, the founder of the Rotary idea, who declined to be president of the first club, became the first president of the worldwide organization, Rotary International.

Rotary Around the World

Water for Niger, Morocco: Districts 1620 and 2170 (Belgium) have been working on water projects in Niger and Morocco. These Rotarians are helping UNICEF equip 21 Nigerian villages with water-supply systems by sponsoring the restoration and construction of concrete wells in areas where clean water is scarce. They plan to provide water to nearly 7,000 people. In Morocco, Belgian Rotarians are building permanent drinking-water sources in *douars* (tent settlements) with the help of three Rotary Foundation Matching Grants.