

**April 30, 2007**

**This Week's Program**  
*Group Study Exchange (GSE)*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Habitat for Humanity – Roy Blackwood*

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**Important Dates to Remember**

**Rotary International Convention**

June 17-20, 2007 Salt Lake City, Utah

**Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival**

August 3-4, 2007, Bemidji Waterfront

**Upcoming Programs**

May 14<sup>th</sup> – **Rotary Exchange Student**–*Yoshie Kine*

May 21<sup>st</sup> – **Classification Talk** – *Ben Stowe*

May 28<sup>th</sup> – *Memorial Day* – **NO MEETING**

June 4<sup>th</sup> – **4-Way Test Essay Winner**

**GSE Picnic is May 1st**

This year's Group Study Exchange Potluck Picnic held May 1<sup>st</sup> will honor this year's GSE team and their families. All Rotarians and their guests are invited to attend the event at 6:30 p.m. at the State Park. Arrangements to pay for parking are being made. See **Amy Saeland** for details.

**Paul Harris Dinner – May 6th**

All Rotarians and their guests are invited to the 2007 Paul Harris Dinner on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club. Rotarians are asked to donate a silent auction item and should contact **Cathy Schultz** to make arrangements ([cschultz@paulbunyan.net](mailto:cschultz@paulbunyan.net) or 444-8022). Here are some ideas for items: restaurant certificates, oil changes, hotel stay, jewelry, gift baskets (bring your own, or we will create one with your donation) with wine, cheese and crackers, golf paraphernalia, coffee items, fruit and chocolate). Donations are needed by April 30<sup>th</sup> along with the retail value of the item.

P.S. Thanks to a contribution from our Skins Game funds, cost of the dinner has been reduced to \$15 per person. You don't want to miss this bargain!

**Congratulations, Gary !**

Rotarian **Gary Johnson** received two outstanding awards this month. At the Rotary District Conference held in Brainerd, he received the Community Service Award. And, if that's not enough, he was named Volunteer of the Year at the

18<sup>th</sup> annual Volunteer Recognition in Bemidji sponsored by the United Way and Bemidji Area and Bemidji Volunteer Directors. Soon Gary will have to add a room unto his house to display trophies!

**Rotary Milestones**

**1905** – First Rotary club organized in Chicago, IL, USA

**1908** – Second club formed in San Francisco, CA, USA

**1910** – First Rotary convention held in Chicago, IL, USA

**1912** - The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, becomes the first club outside the United States to be officially chartered. (The club was formed in 1910.)

**1917** – Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established

**1932** – 4-Way Test formulated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor

**1945** – Forty-nine Rotarians help draft United Nations Charter in San Francisco

**1947** – Rotary founder Paul Harris dies; first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships granted

**1962** – First Interact club formed in Melbourne, Florida, USA

**1965** – Rotary Foundation launches Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange programs

**1985** - Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio

**1989** – Council on Legislation opens Rotary membership to women worldwide; Rotary clubs chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for the first time in almost 50 years

**1990** – Rotary Club of Moscow chartered first club in Soviet Union

**1990-91** – Preserve Planet Earth program inspires some 2,000 Rotary-sponsored environmental projects

**1994** – Western Hemisphere declared polio-free

**1999** – Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution established

**2000** – Western Hemisphere declared polio-free

**2001** – 30,000 Rotary club chartered

**2002** – Europe declared polio-free; first class of 70 Rotary Peace Scholars begin study

**2003** – Rotarians raise more than US\$118 million to support the final stages of polio eradication

**2004** – RI's largest convention with 45,381 attendees, held in Osaka, Japan

**2005** – Rotary celebrates centennial in Chicago, IL, USA