

June 4, 2007

This Week's Program
4-Way Test Essay Winner
Next Week's Program
Paul Bunyan Playhouse

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

Let's Go Fishing Rotarians!

Let's Go Fishing is hosting a Rotarian Day on June 26. Rotarians 55 and older are welcome to join Terry Matson and the Let's Go Fishing guides on June 26. Don't worry if you're 53, they won't card you and if you're 33 you'll probably be put to work, or so I've been told. If you are interested, sign up with Terry Matson 444-1579. If you would like to go fishing any other time, Let's Go Fishing has weekly trips this summer, contact 766-0881.

June Birthdays

Jim Porter	June 3
Becky Nahvi	June 6
Marilyn Heltzer	June 10
Daryl Knoer	June 10
John O'Boyle	June 13

Meeting Location

After cost consideration and review of location options the board is anticipating that our new location will be the **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS** contingent on review of a contract. If the contract is approved, the first meeting at the new location will be **JUNE 18th**. The meal charge per member will increase from \$7.50 to \$8.00 starting July 1, 2007.

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a concept that has been expanded internationally through the Rotary Fellowships, groups that bring together members from different countries and cultures to enjoy a shared interest. – Rotary.org [Rotary Fellowships Handbook](#).

There are nearly one hundred Rotary Fellowships ranging from sports and hobbies to professional interests – all of which serve as a way to extend international fellowship, friendship, and service.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians. Coincidentally they now boast the longest continuous Fellowship. – Rotary.org [Rotary Fellowship Handbook](#).

If you are interested in more information or joining a Fellowship go to the www.rotaryfellowships.org website.

Did You Know?

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- To date, 134 countries and geographical areas have been certified polio-free.
- In 2005-06, the Rotary Foundation Trustees approved US\$44.3 million – a record amount – for more than 2,600 grants from the Foundation's Humanitarian Grants Program.
- The number of GSE teams surpassed 540 in 2005-06, the most in the program's history.
- More than 200,000 foundations operate in the United States. In 2007, foundation evaluator Charity Navigator placed The Rotary Foundation on its list of 50 best organizations with a maximum rating of four stars.

“In 1988 the World Health Assembly agreed that it would commit to eradicating polio in time for the world to be certified polio-free by 2005. Since then, Rotary International, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been leading this massive undertaking.”

Mia Farrow, UNICEF Special Representative

“Rotary's PolioPlus Program is a shining example of the achievements made possible by cooperation between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations.”

Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations