

**June 11, 2007**

**This Week's Program**  
*Paul Bunyan Playhouse*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Bemidji Library – Paul Ericsson*

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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

**Recent Rotarian Visitors**

Dr. Lois Schlutter, St Louis Park

**Welcome New Member**

Manfred Tatzmann, Executive Director of Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center

**Get Well Wishes**

Get well soon wishes go to Rotarian Wayne Hoff who recently had surgery.

**Dragon Boat Table Tents**

Table tents advertising the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival are available for area businesses. If you have a spot in your business to promote this event, see Amy Saeland.

**Dragon Boat Team Members**

Larry Young is the man to see if you are interested in being part of our club's team for the Dragon Boat competition. Only four spots remain open, so don't delay.

**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.

**Youth Exchange**

This year's incoming exchange student is from Chili, and she will be arriving in August. Arrangements are

underway for host families. If you are interested, contact Kirsten Addison.

**Rotary's Youth Exchange**

Youth Exchange is one of the most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. It began in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France. In 1939 an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California and Latin America. Since then the program has expanded around the world. In recent years more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary club- and district-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high school-age students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving high schools and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow students in their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students usually spend a full academic year abroad, although some clubs and districts sponsor short-term exchanges of several weeks or months.

Youth Exchange is a highly recommended program for all Rotary clubs as a practical activity for the enhancement of international understanding and goodwill.

**Around the Rotary World**

Travel aid for ill children. Eligible families with seriously ill children traveling to Perth, Australia, for medical treatment can now receive financial assistance for travel and accommodations from a fund totaling US\$48,000. In November, the Rotary Club of Boulder, Western Australia, launched the Princess Margaret Hospital Goldfields Family Assistance Trust with the proceeds from its annual radio auction. The trust aims to eliminate the financial stress of travel to and from Perth for treatment and family visits to hospitalized children.