

June 18, 2007

This Week's Program
Bemidji Library – Paul Ericsson
Next Week's Program
Club Assembly – Passing of the Gavel

Important Dates to Remember

Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival

August 3-4, 2007, Bemidji Waterfront

Recent Rotarian Visitors

Dave Tiffany, Fredonia, NY

Welcome New Member

Karson Ottness proposed by Wendy Ottness

Proposed for Membership

Manfred Tatzmann proposed by Nancy Smith

Volunteer Opportunities on Behalf of Rotary

- Ticket Sales for the Playhouse at the Fourth of July Parade on July 1. See Scott Turn
- Chairs needed for the coming year for Programs, Song Leaders and Sergeant at Arms – See Gary Johnson or Scott Turn
- Rose Sale Chair and Co-Chair. See Gary Johnson or Scott Turn

Do You Know Someone?

If you know a student, age 16-18 who is ready to:

- Form international friendships
- Learn new ways to communicate
- Gain a fresh understanding of themselves and others
- Immerse themselves in a different culture
- Appreciate other ways of doing things
- Act as an ambassador for and educate others about their country

Then, let them know they are ready for Rotary Youth Exchange.

For more information: www.bemidji.rotary.org or www.csrye.org or call 586-8754, Kirsten Addison (Deadline: the end of June).

A Message to Potential Rotary Youth Exchange students:

This year, more than 7,000 young people will have the opportunity of a lifetime – a chance to live in another country and see the world from a new perspective through Rotary Youth Exchange.

YOU COULD BE ONE OF THEM.

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you'll spend a year living with host families and attending school in a country other than your own. You'll learn a new way of living, maybe even a new language, and a great deal about yourself.

As you're learning, you'll also be teaching the people you meet about your own country, your culture, and your ideas. You'll be a young ambassador, helping to bring the world closer together and making some good friends in the process.

If you're ready for the challenge and the rewards of living in another country as an exchange student, then you're ready to discover new worlds through the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Rotary International President – End of Rotary Year Message

As we near the end of this Rotary year, it is time to look back and look forward. What have we achieved? What have we done well, and what might we have done differently? What can we consider accomplished, and where will we remain involved in the year ahead?

One of the hallmarks of good Rotary work is that it's never taken on for the short term. Before we begin any project, we think about the impact it will have in one year, in 10, in 20. We plan for long-term change and long-term benefit. We look for projects that will be sustainable and projects that meet real needs. We look for ways to provide real help – the kind of help that will truly change people's lives.

Rotary terms of office are only one year long – a limitation and a great benefit. Allowing each officer to serve only a year at a time allows more Rotarians the chance to lead and the chance to gain a deeper understanding of the workings of their clubs and districts. It also creates a larger base of experience: Past officers can, and should, serve as a resource in their clubs.

In July, we will step aside for another year's class of Rotary officers. But we will not step aside from our Rotary work. Instead, we will continue to *Lead the Way* in our clubs and our communities, committed to the Object of Rotary and The Four-Way Test, wherever our Rotary work takes us.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd