

July 2, 2007

This Week's Program
Dragon Boat Update
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Club Assembly

Important Dates to Remember

Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival

August 3-4, 2007, Bemidji Waterfront

Thanks Officers and Directors!

The new Rotary year brings several changes to our Board. Thanks go to:

- **Sue Doeden**, Immediate Past President, who will be leaving the Board.
- **Gary Johnson**, Incoming President
- **Gayle Quistgard**, President Elect
- **Evonne McKinzie**, Secretary and **Dennis Vorgert**, Treasurer, who will continue in their offices.
- Current Directors **Terry Matson**, **Nancy Smith** and **Jim Ghostley** will be joined by new Directors, **Amy Saeland** and **George Welte**.
- A special Thanks You! to **Scott Turn**, who will become Immediate Past-President, for his leadership and dedication to Rotary ideals during the past year.

Recent Rotarian Visitors

Steve DeKrey, Hong Kong

July Birthdays

Eric Thorsgard	July 8
Gary Johnson	July 9
Dick Haugo	July 11
Myrle Olson	July 12
Ron Bergom	July 16
Fred Smyithe	July 18
Jon Quistgaard	July 19
George Welte	July 22
Tom Welle	July 24
Marc Weichmann	July 24
Sue Kringen	July 26
Evonne McKinzie	July 26
Ding Roholt	July 27
Tom Reise	July 28
Martin Sathre	July 30
Ralph Zachman	July 30

Happy Golden Anniversary

Congratulations go to Rotarian **Duane Christensen** and wife Elaine and Rotarian **Marilyn Heltzer** and husband Jim. Both couples recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Playhouse Tickets Still Available

If you have not yet picked up your playhouse tickets, your help is still needed to put this fundraiser over the top. If you are able to help, see *Amy Saeland* for tickets.

Sign Up for Dragon Boat Festival

Many volunteer opportunities are still available to help with upcoming Dragon Boat festivities. Be a part of the fun! See *Shelly Geerdes*.

Babe Dedication Coming

Mark your calendar for Monday, July 16th, when our meeting will be held in the Rotary Pavilion at the Waterfront for the re-dedication of a renovated Babe, the Big Blue Ox. **Lori Paris** and **Warren Larson** who led the fundraising effort on behalf of this project, will coordinate the re-dedication ceremony.

Welcome to Interact Club

A new Interact Club at Bemidji High School, sponsored by Bemidji Sunrise, had their inaugural meeting June 14.

Interact clubs provide opportunities for boys and girls of secondary school age to work together in a world fellowship of service and international understanding. The term "Interact" is derived from "inter," for international, and "act," for action. Every Interact club must be sponsored and supervised by a Rotary club and must plan annual projects of service to its school, community and in the world.

Today there are more than 6,000 Interact clubs with 138,500 members in 96 countries. Interactors develop skills in leadership and attain practical experience in conducting service projects, thereby learning the satisfaction that comes from serving others. A major goal of Interact is to provide opportunities for young people to create greater understanding and goodwill with youth throughout the world.