

July 30, 2007

This Week's Program
Classification Talks – Marilyn Heltzer Interviews
Next Week's Program
District Governor Jim Ozburn

Important Dates to Remember

Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival
August 3-4, 2007, Bemidji Waterfront

Rotary International Convention
June 15-18, 2008, Los Angeles, CA

Recent Rotarian Visitors

Bill Nelson, Grand Forks, ND
Chet Ton, Fountain Hills
Wolf Fuhrig, Jacksonville, IL
Gene Gordon, Dubuque, IA

Proposed New Member

John Chattin, Bemidji City Manager –
Proposed by **Lori Paris**

Get Well Soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to *Mavis Olson*, wife of Rotarian **Merle Olson**. She was recently hospitalized in Fargo.

Bemidji Green Up

This project was started by Bemidji Rotary with the goal of planting 10,000 trees each year for ten years. Currently in year three of this 10-year project, trees have been planted along the highway through Bemidji and in the city. In just two years, more than 20,000 trees have been planted by volunteers. Recently Wells Fargo announced a contribution of \$2,500 to Rotary for this environmental project in the area.

“Environmental stewardship is important to all of us at Wells Fargo because it’s directly linked to the success of our communities,” said *Jeff Kimink*, Community Banking President for Bemidji Wells Fargo. “We want all our communities to grow and prosper, and we want them to grow and prosper the right way. That’s why we want to do all we can to help protect our air, water and land.”

(Information from Bemidji Pioneer – July 22, 2007)

Foundation Banquet Chairs

Thanks to **Cathy Schultz** and **Kathleen Solberg** for volunteering to co-chair the Foundation Banquet once again this year.

Last Call for Volunteers

The Dragon Boat Festival is right around the corner and several slots for volunteers are still open. You can help make this big event a big success. Sign up today or contact **Shelly Geerdes** for more information on the volunteer opportunities.

Rose Sale Chairs

Co-chairs for the upcoming annual Rose Sale have been named. Thanks go to **Wendy** and **Karson Otness** for sharing their expertise. Stay tuned for details.

Holiday Inn Express

Since we are in the midst of working out the kinks in our new meeting site and meal provider, any suggestions you might have should be given to President **Gary Johnson**. Thanks to everyone for his/her patience.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Opportunities are still available for 2008-09 Rotary Youth Exchange applicants.

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

- *Form international relationships
- *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, see **Kirsten Addison**.