

September 24, 2007

This Week's Program
Early Childhood Family Education – Vicki Wangberg
Next Week's Program
Raptor Center – Bubba Schwartz

Important Dates to Remember

Goodwill 2008

February 15-16, 2008, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

District 5580 Conference

May 1-4, 2008, Dickinson, ND

Rotary International Convention

June 15-18, 2008, Los Angeles, CA

Upcoming September Programs

- Oct 8 Youth Exchange Welcome – *Kristen Addison*
Oct 15 Meandering Mississippi – *Robert Melchoir*
Oct 22 Red Lake Band's Fisheries Program

Rose Sale Underway

The annual Rose Sale, a major Rotary fundraiser, is in high gear. If you have not picked up your tickets, you can do so today and turn them in on or before October 8. The blooms will be ready for pick-up on October 12 and 13. Sign up today to volunteer at Luekens North and Luekens South on these two days to help hand out the roses. For questions about volunteering, contact **Carol Nelson**.

Rotary's "Green Up" Receives Wells Fargo Contribution

Bemidji Rotary is one of five community organizations to receive a \$2,500 contribution from Wells Fargo for an environmental project in the area. The funds are designated for the Bemidji Green Up project. This project was started with the goal of planting 10,000 trees, each year, for 10 years. Currently, in year three of this 10-year project, trees are planted along the highway through Bemidji and in the city. In just two years, volunteers have planted more than 20,000 trees.

Rotary Youth Camp Participants

Local youths recently attended the weeklong Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. They are: **Katie Reise** and **Stephanie Marsh** sponsored by the Bemidji Noon Rotary and **Lucas Landgrebe** and **Jackie Hess** sponsored by Bemidji Sunrise Rotary.

Under the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program (RYLA, clubs and districts sponsor seminars to

encourage and recognize leadership abilities of youth and young adults ages 14-30. In an informal atmosphere, groups of outstanding young men and women spend a week in a challenging program of leadership training, discussions, inspirational addresses and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills and good citizenship.

Ambassadorial Scholarship Awarded

Tessa Haagenson, a spring graduate of Bemidji State University with a major in Environmental Studies, has been awarded \$10,000 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial to complete cultural and environmental studies in Argentina in the fall of 2008. The award will allow her to do an immersion study in the Spanish language and culture. It will further permit her to study the accelerated melting of the ice fields in southern Patagonia as a part of her global warming research. She has previously studied the melting of the ice fields in Iceland.

While a student at Bemidji State University, Haagenson held many student leadership positions and was appointed as a National Wildlife Federation Campus Ecology Fellow in 2005. She has further led the campus' Students for the Environment organization. In the summer of 2006, she worked as a student intern in the Washington D.C. office of North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan when she focused on national environmental issues. Haagenson grew up in Leeds, North Dakota.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships were established to give qualified graduate students a chance to study abroad in their chosen fields with Rotary picking up those costs. Rotary Clubs throughout District 5580 have a chance to submit one scholar's application a year to this program. Scholarships can be for a one academic year, multi-year, or three and six month cultural studies. The scholarships awarded this year would begin in the fall of 2008.

For more information on the Rotary Scholarship Program you can contact Larry L. Young, chair of the Ambassadorial Scholarships for Bemidji Noon Rotary at 218-444-5757X3 or at cbemidji@paulbunyan.net.