

October 15, 2007

This Week's Program
Meandering Mississippi – Robert Melchior
Next Week's Program
Red Lake Band's Fisheries Program

Important Dates to Remember

Paul Harris Dinner

November 8, 2007, Bemidji Town & Country Club

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 October/November Programs

- Oct 29 BSU Football & Women's Soccer
 Coaches - *John Tesch & Jim Stone*
- Nov 5 Look as Young As You Feel – *Dr
 Natalie Roholt*
- Nov 12 The Rotary Foundation – *Nancy
 Smith*

Foundation Banquet

Our annual Paul Harris Foundation Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 8, 5:30 p.m. at the Bemidji Town and Country Club. A silent auction will be held as part of the event, and your contribution would be appreciated. Contact **Cathy Schultz** or **Kathleen Solberg** if you have questions or items for the auction. Mark your calendar and consider that auction item!

Bemidji Sunrise Rotary Anniversary

The 20th anniversary celebration for Bemidji Sunrise Rotary will be a breakfast buffet on Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. at the Hampton Inn. Cost is \$10 per person. If you plan to attend, see President **Gary Johnson**.

Grants / Projects Approved

Support of *United Way* Programs
Commitment for 2007 to the *Boys & Girls Club*
Phase I of the *Lakefront Project* including the installation of fencing

Rotaract

Thanks go to **CarolAnn Schlemper** who has agreed to act as advisor for the BSU Rotaract Club

What is Rotaract?

After the success of Interact clubs for high school-age youth in the early 1960's, the RI board created Rotaract in 1968. The new organization was designed to promote responsible citizenship and leadership potential in clubs of young men and women, aged 18-30. Currently, there are more than 8,000 clubs in 139 countries.

Rotaract clubs emphasize the importance of individual reasonability as the basis of personal success and community involvement. Each club is required to complete at least two major service projects each year, one to serve the community and the other to promote international understanding. Rotaract also provides opportunities leading to greater leadership and professional development. Rotaractors enjoy many social activities as well as programs to improve their community. A Rotaract club can exist only when continuously sponsored, guided and counseled by a Rotary club. The programs of Rotaract are built around the motto "Fellowship Through Service."

Rotary Around the World

October is Rotary's Vocational Service Month. A successful vocational project has given Brazilian youth a taste of success.

As part of a series of ongoing programs supported by the Padre Francisco da Motta School in collaboration with Rotary clubs, teenage students are learning to bake bread. The idea is to help prepare them for the job market as they pursue their regular studies.

Three clubs in Rio de Janeiro – Flamengo, Paranapua and Ramos – joined forces with the Rotary clubs of Köln am Rhein, Germany, and Bhagyanagar, Andhra Pradesh, India, to gather club and District Designated Fund money for a Matching Grant of US\$33,000. With those funds, Rotarians purchased new industrial baking equipment, including an oven, a kneading machine, and a mixer, to equip a space just a few doors away from the school.

"Today, more than 5,000 children are safe, off the streets, and have a future because Rotarians care," said Past District 4570 Governor Adelia Villas, a longtime Rotarian volunteer at the site.