

November 19, 2007

This Week's Program
North Country Health Services – Penny Echternach
Next Week's Program
Classification Talks

Important Dates to Remember

Goodwill Conference 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 December Programs

Dec 3	Bemidji Community Arts Council – Lori Forshee-Donnay
Dec 10	Red Lake Tribal Council Archives
Dec 17	BHS Choir
Dec 24	<i>NO MEETING</i> -Christmas Eve

Holiday Gifts for Kids Program Underway

The United Way of Bemidji Area's Holiday Gifts for Kids Program has begun its annual effort to ensure that all needy children in the Bemidji area receive a gift this Christmas.

The Holiday Gifts for Kids program is intended for *Parents* or *Guardians* who are *financially unable* to provide a gift for their child at Christmas. This program is available to children living within the boundaries of School District 31. Registration forms are available at the following locations: BI-County CAP, the United Way office, First National Bank of Bemidji (all locations), and Community Resource Connections located on the first floor of the Community Service Center. All children must be registered by December 7th.

The Holiday Gifts for Kids program can't succeed without your help. You can help by donating a new gift for a boy or girl, ages newborn to 16. Because this may be the only gift some children receive, please consider a gift of \$20 to \$25 in value. Drop off your unwrapped gift at one of our convenient locations: First National Bank of Bemidji (all locations), Pamida, L & M Fleet, Picture This, Gander Mountain, Wal-Mart, Domino's Pizza or the Paul Bunyan Mall. Cash donations are also appreciated, and can be mailed to the United Way Office at PO Box 27, Bemidji, MN 56619.

Gift distribution will be December 18, 2007.

New Paul Harris Fellows

New Paul Harris Fellows were recognized last week at the annual Paul Harris Foundation Banquet. Those who give \$1,000 to the Paul Harris Foundation are named Fellows with the Rotary International fund used for a host

of projects from international peace scholarships and group study exchanges to other countries to PolioPlus, which has provided polio vaccine worldwide to immunize 2 billion children. New Fellows recognized were **CarolAnn Russell Schlemper, Dennis Vorgert, Jim Bensen, Ken Schlichtling, Evonne McKinzie, John Lueth, Scott Kurtzweg, Bill Sanford and Steve Inkel.**

Rotary Foundation SHARE

Through SHARE, Rotary Districts choose which Rotary Foundation programs they wish to support and participate in. The Foundation's programs are funded through voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who believe in its mission. Their donations demonstrate their commitment to enhancing lives, creating greater understanding among nations, and advancing the quest for peace in the world.

Foundation program awards are distributed worldwide through the SHARE system. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into **Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchanges, Matching Grants**, and more.

At the end of every Rotary year, 50 percent of each district's donations to the Annual Programs Fund are credited to their District Designated Fund (DDF); and the other 50 percent is credited to the World Fund.

The Foundation uses the World Fund to pay for the worldwide programs available to all Rotary districts. Districts use their DDF to fund the Foundation programs they participate in.

Because districts share in the decision-making process about program funding with the Trustees, every Rotarian has a voice in planning for the future. Every year, members of each district's Rotary Foundation committee, in consultation with Rotarians in their district, decide how the SHARE DDF will be used. SHARE offers a wide variety of program options for districts to choose from.

The system is called SHARE because

- Rotarians share their resources with fellow Rotarians around the world
- The Trustees share some of their decision-making responsibility with the districts
- Rotarians share Rotary with the world through their Foundation

For more information contact the SHARE coordinator in District 5580, Jack Ruttger at jack@ruttgers.com or by phone at 218.330.7735.