

November 26, 2007

This Week's Program
Classification Talks – John Chattin & Brad Wahl
Next Week's Program
Bemidji Community Arts Council – Lori Forshee-Donnay

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 10	BHS Choir – Please note * <i>LOCATION EAGLES CLUB</i> *
Dec 17	Red Lake Tribal Council Archives
Dec 24	<i>NO MEETING</i> -Christmas Eve
Dec 31	<i>NO MEETING</i> -New Year's Eve

Congratulations United Way

Special recognition goes to **Kevin Cease** and his wife Ann who were Campaign Co-chairs for this year's successful Bemidji United Way Fund Raising Campaign. The final numbers showed the highest campaign total ever with the community pledging over \$406,000.

Rotary is a donor to the United Way drive.

Rotarian Photo Contest Now Open

Got a photo in mind to send in for the Rotarian Photo Contest with photos to be published in an upcoming issue of The Rotarian? You can submit your best shot for the 2007-08 calendar year that illustrates your definition of Service Above Self. A favorite Youth Exchange student? A child whose life was changed forever by a club project? A fellow Rotarian in action in a far-off place? Use your creativity and your talent to photograph your entry. This year's winner captured the emotion of a two-week trip to China, where a surgeon carries an infant whose cleft lips have been repaired.

The deadline for entries is March 1, 2008. Submit high-resolution digital photos online or send 8x10 prints to: Photo Contest, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201, USA. All entries become property of The Rotarian and will not be returned.

What's more, this year, everyone who attends the RI Convention in Los Angeles will be able to vote for their favorite in a new category: The People's Choice Award. For complete contest rules and submission guidelines, click on Rotary.com/news.

RI Board Approves 2007-10 Strategic Plan

The RI Board recently approved the RI Strategic Plan 2007-10, which identifies seven priorities:

- Eradicate polio.
- Advance the internal and external recognition and public image of Rotary.
- Increase Rotary's capacity to provide service to others.
- Expand membership globally in both numbers and quality.
- Emphasize Rotary's unique vocational service commitment.
- Optimize the use and development of leadership talents with RI.
- Fully implement the strategic planning process to ensure continuity and consistency throughout the organization.

Each priority is supported by a set of goals and measures to evaluate progress.

Recognizing the role of values in driving the organization and its members, the Board also approved Rotary's guiding principles: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

"These core values are all reflected in The Four-way Test," says RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson. "By adopting a specific set of core values in the strategic plan, we can provide Rotarians with more explicit standards to guide and evaluate their actions."

In addition, the Board adopted a new mission: TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO OTHERS, PROMOTE HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS, AND ADVANCE WORLD UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL, AND PEACE THROUGH ITS FELLOWSHIP OF BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS and a vision statement: TO BE UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO SERVICE ABOVE SELF TO ADVANCE WORLD UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL, AND PEACE.

Learn more about long-range planning for RI and The Rotary Foundation at www.rotary.org.