

December 10, 2007

This Week's Program
BHS Choir - Chris Fettig Conducting
Next Week's Program
Red Lake Tribal Council Archives

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

Dragon Boat Festival

August 1-2, 2008

Upcoming December/January Programs

Dec 24 & 31 **** NO MEETING ****

Jan 7 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Jan 14 Rotary Public Relations –
Amy Saeland

Jan 21 Club Assembly – **Gary Johnson**

Jan 28 Classification Talk

Transferred New Member

Linda Eickman, Anchor Marketing

Bell Ringers

Rotary's annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army is scheduled for December 17-24. The location is inside at the Mall in front of K-Mart. If you can volunteer for a two-hour shift, contact **Ryan Baer**.

Dragon Boat Festival - 2008

Planning for the third annual Dragon Boat Festival is underway. Dates for the big event are August 1 and 2, 2008 and entry registrations are now being accepted. If you would like to join the planning committees, see **President Gary**.

Reminder – Holiday Gifts for Kids Program

The Bemidji Holiday Gifts for Kids committee needs your support in making Christmas special for children in the Bemidji area. Our goal this year is to have 2,000 gifts for area children.

The Holiday Gifts for Kids program assists Parents or Guardians who are financially unable to provide a gift for their child at Christmas. The program is

available to children living within the boundaries of School District 31.

You can support this program by donating a new gift for a child from newborn up to age 16. Unwrapped gifts may be dropped off at all First National Bank of Bemidji locations, Pamida, L & M Fleet, Picture This, Gander Mountain, 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 is December 18th at the National Guard Armory.

Please remember less fortunate families as you begin your holiday shopping.

Gates Pledges \$100 Million to Fight Polio

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it is awarding a \$100 million challenge grant to the Rotary Foundation, which said it plans to match the Gates grant dollar-for-dollar through fundraising in the next three years. In the first year alone, Rotary expects to spend \$100 million on immunization projects in the four remaining countries – Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan – where polio is still endemic.

(Reprinted from the Minneapolis Tribune)

By the Numbers

1,221,298	Rotarians worldwide
532	Rotary districts
32,747	Rotary clubs
7,038	Rotaract clubs *
11,141	Interact clubs
256,243	Interact members *
6,546	Rotary Community Corps
150,558	RRC members *

--- As of 1 July; *estimated

***DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH,
AND WE WELCOME OUR FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS TO SHARE IN TODAY'S MEETING
AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM***
