

January 14, 2008

**This Week's Program**  
*Grow Bemidji – Larry Young*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Classification Talks*

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**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 January/February Programs**

Jan 21            Classification Talks  
Jan 28            Club Assembly – **Gary Johnson**  
Feb 4             Waterfront Park Project – **Scott Turn**  
Feb 11            A Perspective of Higher Education

**Visiting Rotarians**

**Dan Hegstad** – Brainerd Rotary Club

**Alicia Cloose** – BSU Rotaract

**Perfect Attendance Oct, Nov, & Dec, 2007**

<b>Duane Christensen</b>	<b>Tom Reise</b>
<b>Penny Echternach</b>	<b>Ding Roholt</b>
<b>Harold Freutel</b>	<b>Amy Saeland</b>
<b>Shelly Geerdes</b>	<b>Martin Sathre</b>
<b>Jim Ghostley</b>	<b>Al Schmidt</b>
<b>Dick Haugo</b>	<b>Tom Schwartz</b>
<b>Gary Johnson</b>	<b>Mark Shough</b>
<b>Chris Keenan</b>	<b>Nancy Smith</b>
<b>Pat Kelly</b>	<b>Alice Thompson</b>
<b>Terry Matson</b>	<b>Joanne Torfin</b>
<b>Evonne McKinzie</b>	<b>Scott Turn</b>
<b>Becky Nahvi</b>	<b>Dennis Vorgert</b>
<b>Greg Negard</b>	<b>Tom Welle</b>
<b>Karson Otness</b>	<b>George Welte</b>
<b>Wendy Otness</b>	<b>Ted Will</b>
<b>Lori Paris</b>	<b>Kevin Williamson</b>
<b>Gayle Quistgard</b>	<b>Larry Young</b>
<b>John Reff</b>	

**Winnipeg Goodwill Conference is Approaching**

The Winnipeg Goodwill Conference on February 15-16 has a lot to offer. You can be a participant or spectator when curling starts on Friday. Rotarians and spouses or significant others are welcome to take

part. The fellowship that generates goodwill continues throughout the seminar, meals and hospitality suites and will create many wonderful memories. Contact **Terry Matson** at 751-1510 as soon as possible. It will be a fun-filled weekend!

**Rotary and its partners reaffirm commitment to polio eradication.**

At a time when some public health officials have considered shifting the focus on polio eradication to control, Rotary has underscored its commitment to wiping out the disease. In April, 2007, Rotary's Council on Legislation voted 463-36 to maintain PolioPlus as Rotary's corporate program of the highest order.

"Rotary was the first organization to have the vision of a polio-free world, so we need to sustain our commitment to creating a world with one less threat for every child," RI President William B. Boyd said.

Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) cited a Harvard University study showing that switching from polio eradication to control would, over the next 20 years, result in four million children paralyzed by the disease and billions of dollars more in health care costs.

Moreover, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has achieved a 99 percent decline in polio since 1985 and prevented five million cases. It has also mounted faster, more sustained responses to polio outbreaks, resulting in just 6 percent of new cases stemming from importations in 2006, compared to 52 percent in 2005.

"We promised the children of the world that they would grow up in a world without polio and that their children would not have to face the threat of that dreaded disease." Boyd said. "If we are to fulfill this promise, we need to stay focused until there is no more wild poliovirus."

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