

February 11, 2008

This Week's Program

A Perspective of Higher Education – Steve Hostetler, Oak Hills

Next Week's Program

Educational Design to Meet Challenging Talent Needs – Charles Giamonna

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 February/March Programs

Feb 25 Brent Olson, Author

Mar 3 Classification Talk

Get Well Soon

Continued well wishes are extended to **Ted Gillett**, who is now at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for further tests.

Welcome New Member

Nancy Vyskocil – NWMF president

Proposed for Membership

Ashli Bowen – Executive Director of the Bemidji Area United Way, proposed by **Eileen Bretschneider**

New Board Members for 2008

At the February 4th meeting, the membership voted to accept **John Reff** as the President-Elect and **Jordon Hickman** as the Board Member in charge of the Membership committee. Their terms will start July 1st. The terms for **Scott Turn** and **Terry Matson** will expire at that time.

District #5580 Conference

Contact **Amy Saeland** for room reservation information, if you are interested in attending the District 5580 Conference being held in Dickinson, ND, on May 1-4.

Dragon Boat Festival

The Dragon Boat Festival will be held this year on August 1 & 2, 2008. Again your help is needed to make it a success. Contact **Shelly Geerdes, Amy**

Saeland or **Gary Johnson** for more information about committees. The cost for teams that register before March 1st is \$650, after that date it's \$750. Corporate sponsorships are still available.

Rotary Playhouse 2008

Matt Mostad has been hired to build the Rotary playhouse this year. Donation materials are still needed and, of course, volunteers to help with the finishing touches on the playhouse. It should be completed by early March in time for the Home, Sport and Travel show this spring. Contact **Scott Turn** to volunteer.

The Foundation is 'the best tool' for working toward peace.

Past RI Director Julio Sorjus and his wife, Carmen, of Spain have fulfilled a family dream by establishing a named endowed fund within The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund. The endowment will help support vocational grants benefiting young women in India.

"Carmen and I have always held the strong conviction that education is where everything else starts," said Sorjus, who credits his great-grandfather, Don Damian Cardoner, with inspiring the belief.

For many years, Damian Cardoner traveled widely and worked in Switzerland, France, and the United States before returning to Spain. In his last will, he envisioned creation of a foundation to establish a free primary school for children in his hometown.

"That was the strong belief of my great grandfather...to help others gain the right to enjoy the early education he never enjoyed." Said Sorjus, a member of the Rotary Club of Barcelona Condal. "I feel his dream of contributing to spread the light of education and opportunities continues to be as noble as ever."

Although the couple qualified as charter members of the Arch C. Klumph Society in 2005, a special induction ceremony was held for them in April. Julio Sorjus has also served on the PolioPlus National Advocacy Advisers Committee, and he and Carmen have spent significant time working on polio eradication and the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

The Rotary Foundation, said Sorjus, is "the best tool to channel and multiply our efforts toward world peace."

**** February is World Understanding Month ****