

March 10, 2008

This Week's Program
Club Assembly – Gary Johnson
Next Week's Program
Bemidji School of Tae Kwan Do

Important Dates to Remember

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 March Programs

Mar 24 Macedonia Literacy/Library Project

Mar 31 Classification Talk

Dragon Boat Festival

Plans for the third annual Dragon Boat Festival continue. Thirty teams have already signed up for this year's Dragon Boat Festival taking advantage of the special rate prior to the March 1st deadline. Contact **Shelly Geerdes**, **Amy Saeland** or **Gary Johnson** for more information.

Get Well Soon

Best wishes go to Rotarian **John O'Boyle**, who recently fell and broke his ankle. Hope you'll be back with us soon, John!

New Member Orientation

The following Rotarians attended the New Member Orientation held on February 28th: **Samantha Meemken**, **Rob Bollinger**, **Charlie Ward**, **Jill-Naylor-Yarger**, **Nancy Vyskocil** and **Ashli Bowen**.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Bemidji Noon Rotary Donations

Over the past three years our club has donated a total of **\$77,345.55** to International, Youth and Community organizations, programs and projects.

INTERNATIONAL – \$26,222.05

Rotary Foundation

Group Study Exchange

Exchange Student Program

LARA

Swaziland Water Project

Ambassadorial Scholarship

YOUTH – \$11,760.00

Bemidji Figure Skating Club

Bemidji Gymnastics

BHS Choir

Boy Scouts

BSU Scholarship

Concordia Language Village

Four-Way Test Paper

High School Grad party

RYLA

Youth Baseball

COMMUNITY – \$39,363.50

Beltrami County Mounted Posse

Bemidji Food Shelf

Beltrami Historical Society

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra

Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji

BSU Foundation

Central School PTO

Courage North

First City of Lights

Fishing Has No Boundaries

Habitat for Humanity

Headwaters School of Music

Let's Go Fishing

North Country Health Services

Raptor Rehabilitation Project

Senior Citizens Center

United Way

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1) Is it the TRUTH?

2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?