

April 7, 2008

**This Week's Program**  
*Linda Wagner – Ms Senior America*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*BSU Athletes – Rick Goeb*

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**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 April Programs**

April 21 4-Way Test Essay Winner

April 28 LARA – **Chris Keenan**

**Welcome New Members**

**Joe Czapiewski** – Director of Development at the BSU Foundation, proposed by **Rob Bollinger**

**Steven Hostetter** – President of Oak Hills Fellowship, Christian College, proposed by **Tom Welle**

**April Birthdays**

<b>Ken Schlichting</b>	Apr 4
<b>Ben Miller</b>	Apr 5
<b>Bill Sanford</b>	Apr 5
<b>Syd Corrigan</b>	Apr 7
<b>Jim Bensen</b>	Apr 8
<b>Todd Moudry</b>	Apr 9
<b>Doug Cann</b>	Apr 23
<b>Rick Goeb</b>	Apr 23
<b>Phil Olson</b>	Apr 23
<b>Duane Christensen</b>	Apr 24
<b>Helen Gill</b>	Apr 24
<b>Mark Shough</b>	Apr 27
<b>John Ostrem</b>	Apr 28
<b>Steve Inkel</b>	Apr 30

**Foundation Membership – Dollar Match**

Remember, effective April 1, 2008, a Bemidji noon Rotarian will get a dollar match from the club for every dollar you contribute to the Paul Harris Foundation. Starting at \$0 right now, a member who contributes a minimum of \$100 a year could become a Paul Harris Fellow in the next five years.

**Thanks from the Bemidji Senior Center**

“Thank you for the donation of \$1,000 to the Bemidji Senior Center. We appreciate your generosity and that you thought of us. Your generous donation has allowed the Senior Center to update our brochures and received computer upgrades. Thank you,”

Becky Stiles, Senior Center Director

**Rotary International Conference-L.A.**

**BRING A BOOK!**

Every Rotarian who brings a book to the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles will help boost literacy among schoolchildren in surrounding Rotary districts. The global initiative, called Rotary's Wide World of Books, aims to collect more than 250,000 books in different languages.

The books will be donated to students in grades K-3 attending public elementary schools in the seven hosting Rotary districts, which cover parts of Southern California and Southern Nevada. Students in California rank among the lowest in the nation in reading skills.

The donated books will form a “book mountain” in the atrium of the Los Angeles Convention Center. Seating will be provided around the display so that convention attendees can read to local schoolchildren.

“It is symbolic that the mountain of books will be built atop the world map in the atrium's floor design,” says Ingo Werk, chair of the initiative and past governor of District 5280. “[Among students] in Los Angeles Unified School District alone, 97 different languages are spoken.”

Werk urges every attendee to join this historic event by bringing one or several books in the language of their choice. Organizers also hope the initiative will set a record for the world's largest book drive. A judge from Guinness World Records in London will be on hand to verify the results.

Since 2000, a number of Southern California clubs have participated in Reading by 9, a multiyear campaign established by the Los Angeles Times that help students in kindergarten through third grade read at grade level by the age of nine.

Learn more about the Rotary's Wide World of Books at [www.rotary2008.com](http://www.rotary2008.com). Get complete convention details and download the registration booklet at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).