

April 21, 2008

This Week's Program
4-Way Test Winner
Next Week's Program
LARA – Chris Keenan

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

Rotary Project Green Up

The combined effort of Bemidji Rotary and Bemidji LEADS will again be planting trees this spring. In conjunction with our state's 150th anniversary, Project Green Up will be planting 150 six to eight foot tall trees in the Lincoln South development area of Nymore. The planting will take place Saturday morning, May 17th, and we are looking for 150 prominent Bemidji community members to take part. Despite the sizable trees involved, the planting will be somewhat easy as holes will be pre-dug, and with a few people per tree, we should be able to simply lift and place, cover and water. Please sign up with the official celebration letter or see **Kevin Williamson** if you are able to help. These trees will have an immediate impact and survive for many generations.

Perfect Attendance for March, 2008

Duane Christensen

Dennis Doeden

Linda Eickman

Jeremy Fayette

Harold Freutel

Shelly Geerdes

Jim Ghostley

Dick Haugo

Gary Johnson

Chris Keenan

Curt Lundquist

Kirk Malkowski

Terry Matson

Evonne McKinzie

Karson Otness]

Wendy Otness

Lori Paris

Lowell Pierce

Gayle Quistgard

John Reff

Steve Rith-Najarian

Ding Roholt

Amy Saeland

Martin Sathre

Mark Shough

Nancy Smith

Manfred Tatzmann

Alice Thompson

Joanne Torfin

Scott Turn

Dennis Vorgert

Tom Welle

George Welte

Ted Will

Kevin Williamson

Grants Approved

The board approved grants for both Health Community Healthy Kids and Bemidji Youth Hockey Association.

GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team to be Hosted

Mark Thursday, May 8th on your calendar. That's the day we will host the Swedish GSE team for dinner (at the State Park or Diamond Point). See **Amy Saeland** for details.

Playhouse Tickets Available

If you have not already done so, please pick up your tickets for this year's spectacular Rotary Playhouse. It made its debut at the Home Sport and Travel Show and is now on display in front of Lueken's North. Drawing for the lucky winner will be held on August 2, 2008, at the Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival, Downtown Waterfront. A special thanks goes to the following for their generous donation to the project:

Bemidji Building Center, Mostad Construction, Cabinet Corner Building Center, Diversified Builders & Design, Fireplaces of Bemidji, Land O Lakes Wood Preserving, Clarity Glass, Bemidji Outdoor Power Equipment, MJB Home Appliance Center, Paul Bunyan Telephone, Hanks Masonry, Mr. Electric.

With every member's support, this year's Playhouse will be an outstanding fundraiser!

Rotary Around the World

Tanzanian, U.S. clubs fund limb surgeries in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Monterey, California, USA, and The Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Club of Arusha Mount Meru, Arusha, Tanzania, announced in April that US\$65,000 will help provide reconstructive limb surgery for 288 local children with fluorosis. The debilitating bone disease is caused by high levels of fluoride in drinking water. Orthopedic surgeons at Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha will perform the \$3,000 surgeries for just \$250 per operation.