

June 16, 2008

This Week's Program
Exchange Student – Fena, Chile
Next Week's Program
Opera: Men With High Voices – Dr Pat Riley

Important Dates to Remember

Dragon Boat Festival

August 1-2, 2008

Upcoming June/July Programs

June 30	Club Assembly – Passing the Gavel / Year in Review – Gary Johnson / Gayle Quistgard
July 7	Ms. Senior America - <i>Linda Wagner</i>
July 14	Disaster Response - Manfred Tatzmann
July 21	Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety – <i>Sara Stodgell</i>

GRANTS AWARDED

The Board recently awarded the following community & international grants:

- Water project in Buena Vista, Santa Barbara, Honduras
- Bemidji Symphony Orchestra
- Bemidji Community Art Center
- Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety
- Civil Air Patrol

ROTARY LOGOWEAR

Want a bargain? Rotary blue polo shirts are available to members for a cut-rate price of \$12. See **Amy Saeland**.

ROTARY IDOL UPDATE

Week two of Rotary Idol brought out more talented and creative Rotarians. Contestants included **Duane Christianson** and his brother, Dave as Sven and Ollie; Fishing buddies **Ding Roholt, Ted Will** and **Jim Ghostley**; and **Dennis Doeden** singing, playing his guitar and telling humorous stories. Congratulations to **Dennis**, the winner of week 2.

DRAGON BOAT NOTES

Is your team registered for the upcoming Dragon Boat Races? Remember, July 1st is the deadline. Picture books of last year's Dragon Boat festivities are now available for \$6.00. See **Amy Saeland**.

PLAYHOUSE UPDATE

Keep those playhouse ticket sales going! If you need more tickets, see **Amy Saeland**. For accounting purposes, Amy would also appreciate it if you would turn in sold books of tickets.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

We will soon have a youth exchange inbound student from Germany, and if you are interested in being a host family, talk to **Kirsten Addison**. You are assured of a very rewarding experience. Following is general information related to hosting: To become a host family for a student from another country, contact your local Rotary Club and let them know of your interest.

Download a [Primer for Host Families](#) (PDF) at www.csrye.org.

What responsibilities will I have as a host family?

You accept the exchange student as a new member of your family. The student will be governed not only by the rules of the program, but by the rules of your household. You are responsible for the safety of the exchange student the same as for your own children. Although you might have a bit more of the soccer mom or dad for normal everyday activities, it is not your responsibility to act as a taxi service or a tour guide. Rotarians for the hosting club will help in these areas.

How long will I host a student?

If you volunteer to be a hosting family you can expect a student to live with you for about 3 months, but it varies depending on how many families are involved, when the move date is convenient for the families, student, holidays, vacations, etc.

What are my obligations as a host family?

The easiest way to explain this is to say that your exchange student should be treated as you would treat your own child. Although you might receive a stipend from the hosting club, this is not required and is usually the exception. The only area you will probably have outside help will be transportation. Otherwise, consider yourself to have another son or daughter. Entering into hosting with this frame of mind is the most rewarding. Ask any family that has hosted before.