

June 23, 2008

This Week's Program

70th Anniversary of the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra – Dr Pat Riley

Next Week's Program

Club Assembly – Passing the Gavel / Year in Review – Gary Johnson & Gayle Quistgard

Important Dates to Remember

Dragon Boat Festival

August 1-2, 2008

Upcoming June/July Programs

July 7 Ms. Senior America - *Linda Wagner*
July 14 Disaster Response - **Manfred Tatzmann**
July 21 Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety – *Sara Stodgell*
July 28 Dragon Boat Update & Classification Talk – **Ashli Bowen**

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

Dave Lubke is proposed as a new member by **Tom Schwartz**.

ROTARY BARGAINS

See **Amy Saeland** if you are interested in these great buys:

- A Dragon Boat Photo Book-\$6.00 (retail \$9.99)
- A Rotary logo blue polo shirt–cut rate price of \$12

DRAGON BOAT DEADLINE

Sign your team up today for the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival. July 1st is the deadline. See **Shelly Geerdes**.

A GRANDPA TRIPLE HEADER

Congratulations go to **Terry Matson** whose daughter recently gave birth to triplets. The two boys and one girl live in Omaha.

ROTARY IDOL UPDATE

Unbelievable Acts! Really Big Show! Great Contestants! All these epitaphs and more were applied to the talented and creative Rotarians who took part in the First Rotary Idol Show in the World last week. The week's contestants included **Kevin Cease** singing a tune from "Little Shop of Horrors" assisted by **Warren Larson** who shyly played his son; **Marilyn Heltzer** assisted by friends **Sue Kringen, Lori Paris** and **Nancy Smith** who unashamedly pandered for votes while singing and dancing to a Rotary themed song; and **Wayne Hoff**

aka Dale Barbell of the Aardvark Lutheran Church who presented some excellent civic improvement ideas set to music. The week's winner was **Wayne Hoff** who joins **Carol Nelson** and **Dennis Doeden** in vying for the grand prize. Proceeds from voting with your pocketbook go to the Bemidji Art Center.

BUILDING BLITZ

Congratulations go to Rotarian **Al Bontrager** who coordinated the recent Habitat for Humanity Chapter in conjunction with Headwaters Builders Association and numerous volunteers to complete Bemidji's first "blitz built" home in just eight days. As reported in the Bemidji Pioneer a home would usually take three months to build, but Bemidji took on the challenge along with 262 other blitz home builds nationwide during Habitat International's National Home Builders Blitz Week. The homeowners said having a home not only changed his life, but also gave him the incentive to help build more homes for Habitat for Humanity.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

WHY ROTARY?

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the largest, oldest and most respected Youth Exchange Programs. Key reasons to consider Rotary include:

- Orientation/training process before you leave
- Hosted by a Rotary Club and Host Families
- Activities with Rotary/Rotarians
- Low Cost / Everyone is a volunteer

QUALIFICATIONS?

Key Qualifications:

- Must be a good student (top half of class)
- Between 16 and 18 ½ years old at the time of departure (at this point, September 2009)

Other Important Attributes:

A willingness to learn the language and culture of the country that you are assigned to.

The initiative to get involved in activities in your host country.

Applicants should have pleasant personality and must:

- be able to adjust to a new and different culture/country
- be willing to live apart from their families for a year
- be open to new and different experiences

A member of your family does not need to belong to Rotary for you to be eligible.