

June 30, 2008

This Week's Program

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

Next Week's Program

Ms Senior America – Linda Wagner

Important Dates to Remember

Dragon Boat Festival

August 1-2, 2008

Upcoming July/August Programs

July 14	Disaster Response - Manfred Tatzmann
July 21	Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety – <i>Sara Stodgell</i>
July 28	Dragon Boat Update & Classification Talk – Ashli Bowen
Aug 4	Digital TV Switch – Bill Sanford
Aug 11	Bemidji Community Awards – <i>Dave Hengel, HRDC</i>
Aug 18	Highway #2 Manufacturer's Association – <i>Dave Goetz, Cass Forest Products</i>
Aug 25	Classification Talks

DRAGON BOAT DEADLINE

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

NEEDED: a team leader for the Rotary entry. **Larry Young** is passing the paddle and will give you the guidelines for the job. Sign up today!

ROTARY IDOL UPDATE

The acts keep getting more fantastic! Bemidji Rotary Idol is outdoing itself! What talent!! Last week, **Tom Reise** picked up his violin for an outstanding rendition of a Civil War theme, and **Warren Larson** performed an original country-western ditty in the key of H accompanied by the ever present **Wayne Hoff**. Unfortunately, **John Reff** decided that the competition was going to be too steep, and was a no-show. Winner of the competition was **Warren Larson**. Today, we wait with bated breath for the Finals. *Who will be the big winner?*

PLAYHOUSE UPDATE

The Playhouse will be on display at Lueken's North this week. If you have sold books of tickets,

please turn them in to **Amy Saeland** for accounting purposes.

You can sign up today for selling tickets at the 4th of July Parade, a big source of sales in years past. (The Parade is scheduled for Sunday, July 6th). The more the merrier and the more ticket sales. See **Scott Turn**.

SKINS GAME CHANGES – BIGGER PRIZES FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

Starting in July, the venerable Skins Game will change its focus. The winner will receive \$50 to be donated in that person's name to the Rotary Foundation. The cost of playing the game will increase to \$1.00, and the larger price will mean an increased prize with proceeds being donated to a very worthy cause.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

How much does it cost?

It varies:

- Airfare depends on country (and is higher than you might expect because of specific requirements)
- Insurance / orientation / blazer
- Possibly language school / extra insurance in your host country
- Passport & visa
- Pins, presents, photos
- Spending money / extra trips in your host country / souvenirs

For most students the cost of the year is between \$4,000 - \$6,000 although this is very much dependent on your spending habits while on the exchange. *This does not include what your parents save while you are gone (food, car insurance, etc.)*

Rotary provides:

- Host families and school
- Monthly allowance
- And often lots of extras

More info... For more information, contact your Rotary Club Youth Exchange Officer, addison@cord.edu or go to www.csrye.org.