

July 14, 2008

This Week's Program
Disaster Response - Manfred Tatzmann
Next Week's Program
Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety – Sara Stodgell

Important Dates to Remember

Dragon Boat Festival

August 1-2, 2008

**Rotary International Convention –
Birmingham, England**

June 21-24, 2009

Upcoming July/August Programs

July 28 Dragon Boat Update & Classification
 Talk – **Ashli Bowen**
Aug 4 Digital TV Switch – **Bill Sanford**
Aug 11 Bemidji Community Awards – *Dave
 Hengel, HRDC*

RECENT ROTARY VISITORS

Steve DeKrey, Hong Kong
Chet Yon, Fountain Hills, AZ

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Dave Lubke, ERA Realty, proposed by **Tom Schwartz**

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Lisa, Bruns, Director of College Advancement at
Northwest Tech, proposed by **Deb Drinkard-Grovum**

BEMIDJI ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

The Bemidji Rotary Club will be putting together an 8-page insert into the Bemidji Pioneer in late July. This insert will highlight our club's activities throughout the 2007-2008 Rotary year. We are anticipating this to becoming an annual tool to inform the community on topics such as membership, community support, community projects, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, Dragon Boat Festival, etc. This insert will be distributed in close to 10,000 newspapers. We have 18 spots in the insert for advertising opportunities. The ads would be 2X3 and can be an ad used previously by the Bemidji Pioneer or they are willing to create a new ad for you. The ads are \$50 each and would help offset some of the cost to create this insert. We have sold 8 ads already. If your business is willing to purchase an ad or you would like some information about the ad, please contact **Scott Turn** (444-1567 or scottT@securitybankusa.com)

DRAGON BOAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Summer is moving along quickly and it's time to **THINK DRAGON!!**

The 2008 Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival is set for July 31st – Aug 2nd and we are seeking energetic

volunteers to help us *fire up* the festivities! For specific event information, log onto:

www.bemidjdragonboat.com

There are ample volunteer opportunities all week long, with the largest assistance needed Thursday through Saturday. The earlier you connect, the better your chances of getting your preferred shift. Remember – it's even more fun to volunteer with friends, so make sure to pass this along!

To volunteer in the "Dragon's Den" / Beer Tent, contact Melissa at: mvacek@paulbunyan.net or 444-3541 X 101.

For general volunteer opportunities, contact **Shelly** at: sgeerdes@pinnaclepub.com

The volunteer areas include:

"Dragon's Den / Beer & Entertainment Tent
(Thurs 7/31 – Sat 8/2)

- Photo I.D. Checkers / Wristbands
- Drink Ticket Sellers / Cashiers
- Drink Servers
- General Site Maintenance

General Volunteer Duties:

Team Practice Helpers Mon 7/28 – Fri 8/1

Monday 7/28

- Dock Installers
- Boat Arrival Helpers
- General Site Clean Up

Thursday 7/31

- Bleacher Pick Up & Set Up
- Stage Pick Up & Set Up
- General Site Set Up

Friday 8/1

- General Site Set Up
- Floating Raft Installers

Saturday 8/2

- Exit Marshalls
- Race Results Runners
- Floaters

Sunday 8/3

- Take Down Crew

Monday 8/4

- Dock Removal
- Stage Tear Down & Removal

We appreciate any help you can offer! Please contact us with any of your questions.

PADDLES UP!

Melissa Vacek – Dragon Boat Festival Operations

Shelly Geerdes – Dragon Boat Event Co-Chair