

July 21, 2008

**This Week's Program**  
*Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety – Sara Stodgell*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Classification Talk – Ashli Bowen & Dragon Boat Update*

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**Important Dates to Remember**

**Dragon Boat Festival**

August 1-2, 2008

**Rotary International Convention –  
Birmingham, England**

June 21-24, 2009

**Upcoming August Programs**

- Aug 4            Digital TV Switch – **Bill Sanford**  
Aug 11          Bemidji Community Awards – *Dave Hengel*, HRDC  
Aug 18          Highway #2 West Manufacturers –  
*Dave Goetz*, Cass Lake Forest  
Products  
Aug 25          Classification Talks

**RECENT ROTARY VISITORS**

*Mike Moen*, Sunrise Rotary, Bemidji  
*Duane Swanson*, Sunrise Rotary, Bemidji  
*Bryce Oakes*, Sunrise Rotary, Bemidji  
*Tom Hruby*, Sunrise Rotary, Bemidji

**PARADE VOLUNTEERS**

The following volunteers helped during the Fourth of July parade with providing a golf cart, setting up, taking down and selling tickets for the Rotary Playhouse: **Kevin Erpelding, George & Paula Welte, Jeremy Fayette, Scott Turn, Manfred Tatzmann, Tom Reise, Gary Johnson, Jeanne Larson, Ding Roholt, Kevin Williamson, Amy Saeland** and especially **Jeanne's son, Jake Larson** who sold over 5 books of tickets! *Congratulations and THANK YOU!*

**PARADE PICTURES**

**Ding Roholt** is putting together a video of the Fourth of July parade including Rotary's participation. If you have photos of the parade, see **Ding**.

**SET UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up for Rotary meetings. Arrival by 11:15 is required. See **President Gayle** if you can help.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE / TOUR**

Bemidji Sunrise Rotary is sponsoring the Mi Ge Zi Mountain Bike Race/Tour on Saturday, August 16, 2008. This is a fundraising project, and proceeds from the ride are earmarked as a donation to community projects including the Mississippi Headwaters Area Dental Health Center. This dental service serves the underprivileged and underinsured especially children.

The race will start at 8:15 a.m. at the Visitors Center in Cass Lake. The route is approximately 21 miles and winds through the Chippewa National Forest. A second route for tour riders circles Pike Bay near Cass Lake and is predominately in the Chippewa National Forest.

Volunteers are also needed for various duties including the registration table, timers and refreshment stops.

For information or to register, call **Duane Swanson** at the Western Bank in Cass Lake.

**ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD**

*Life-giving water.* Eight Rotary clubs in southeastern India sponsored a water management seminar in August. Attended by the mayor of the host city, Chennai, the event yielded an action agenda that included providing safe water to schools and cleaning temple water tanks. The Rotary Club of Tirupur, Tamil Nadu, hosted another seminar that highlighted the importance of maintaining dams in India to ensure adequate water levels for agriculture. Both events covered ways Rotary clubs could promote conservation, such as harvesting rainwater at home and working with governments to make such harvesting compulsory.

*Blazing a trail to freedom.* In October, four Rotarians left from Hull, England, to embark on a 25-day, 4,500-mile humanitarian journey to Sierra Leone. Clubs from District 1270 (England) sponsored one of the group's five four-wheel-drive vehicles, which the Rotarians drove along historic slave routes from France through Europe and North Africa. In Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital, the team and other volunteer drivers handed the trucks over to agencies that will use them to repatriate child slaves and soldiers. ShelterBox provided survival equipment for the Rotarians to pass along to aid organizations, including Help a Needy Child International.