

August 4, 2008

This Week's Program
Digital TV Switch – Bill Sanford
Next Week's Program
Bemidji Community Awards – Dave Hengel, HRDC

Important Dates to Remember

**Rotary International Convention –
Birmingham, England**
June 21-24, 2009

Upcoming August/Sept Programs

Aug 18 Highway #2 West Manufacturers –
*Dave Goetz, Cass Lake Forest
Products*

Aug 25 Classification Talks

Sept 1 **LABOR DAY – No Meeting**

Sept 8 United Way – **Ashli Bowen**

Sept 15 Coffee & How It Relates to the
Economy – *Ken Howe*

GRANTS AWARDED

Boys & Girls Club
Concordia Language Village

RECENT ROTARY VISITORS

Steve DeKrey, Hong Kong
Barb Lander, Grand Forks

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Doeden	Aug 1
Jeanne Edevold Larson	Aug 17
Dane Jones	Aug 18
Kirsten Addison	Aug 18
Ron Otterstad	Aug 22
Hank Imsande	Aug 23
Eileen Bretschneider	Aug 24
Jim Ghostley	Aug 28

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The annual Paul Harris Dinner is scheduled for November 23rd. Location will be announced. The District Governor is scheduled to visit for the event.

SYMPATHY

Condolences go to the family of **Dewain Thompson**, who died in July. **Dewain** was a local businessman for many years, was a Paul Harris Fellow of the International Rotary Club, and served as Bemidji Rotary President in 1973-74.

BEMIDJI ROTARY IS PARK PARTNER

(Reprinted from **The Bemidji Pioneer**) The Bemidji Rotary has joined with the Bemidji Area Chamber, Beltrami Soil and Water Conservation District and the DNR to address the geese problems in Library Park and at the waterfront. A three-year, \$36,000 DNR Shoreline Habitat Grant applied for by Dan Siems, aquatic biologist at Beltrami Soil and Water will provide major funding. The Rotary Park Partner volunteer hours will assist with the planting and maintenance of the area.

In the past, Rotary has given both financial support and volunteer hours to erect playgrounds at Nymore Park, Nymore Beach, Roger Lehmann Park and Paul Bunyan Park. The Rotary Pavilion at the Lake Bemidji waterfront was built in one weekend in the fall of 1995 under the direction of Rotarian **Ted Will**. The materials cost approximately \$60,000 and more than 50 volunteers worked on the project.

Rotarians have also been key members of “Bemidji Leads!” GreenUp program. Starting in 2004 with the planting of three maples and three Norway pines in the Central Elementary School playground, this year’s program has included the giveaway of 1,000 seedlings during Arbor Day at City Hall and the Minnesota Sesquicentennial planting of 150 trees in the Lincoln housing area in Nymore. A new initiative this year is Business in Green, which entails working with businesses along the State Highway 197 corridor in an effort to greenup their landscapes with trees and other vegetation.

Rotary’s commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Bemidji is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for being a Park Partner!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is the world’s largest, privately funded scholarship program.
- Rotarians have established a host of organizations dedicated to various humanitarian causes, including ShelterBox, HungerPlus, Gift of Life, and Rotary Doctor Bank.