

August 11, 2008

This Week's Program
Bemidji Community Awards – Dave Hengel, HRDC

Next Week's Program
Highway #2 West Manufacturers – Dave Goetz, Cass Lake Forest Products

Important Dates to Remember

Paul Harris Dinner, Location to be determined

November 23, 2008

**Rotary International Convention –
Birmingham, England**

June 21-24, 2009

Upcoming August/Sept Programs

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Paul Carpenter, EXB Solutions, proposed by **Larry Young**

GRANTS AWARDED

Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center

RECENT ROTARY VISITORS

Jerry Ehernberger, Schuyler, NB

Barb Lander, Grand Forks

Gene Gordon, Dubuque, IA (Congratulations on his 56th year of summer attendance in Bemidji)

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.

PLAYHOUSE WINNER

Deborah Steinbar of Bemidji was the winner of the 2008 Bemidji Rotary Club Playhouse.

Her name was drawn at the conclusion of the Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival. Bemidji Rotary cosponsors the festival along with the Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce. **Ms Steinbar** plans to locate the playhouse in a wooded area adjacent to her very lovely garden. She is President of the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra and an adjunct faculty member at BSU.

Proceeds from raffle ticket sales for the playhouse are used for Rotary projects in the community. In six years, playhouse ticket sales have topped the \$100,000 mark.

Thanks to everyone who sold tickets and volunteered at special events including the 4th of July parade. Special thanks to **Scott Turn** who chaired this annual fundraiser.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER TEAMS

Thanks go to all Rotarians who volunteered time and talent to make the 3rd annual Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival a fabulous success. Final figures are not yet in, but Co-Chair **Gary Johnson** said that a record 64 teams participated, and that there were more sponsors, more beer tent and souvenir stand sales than in previous years plus great feedback from the hundreds of spectators who watched from the waterfront.

Special recognition goes to Co-Chairs **Gary Johnson** and **Shelly Geerdes** and to their sub-committee chairs for making it all happen. Thanks also go to **Jordan** and Laurie **Hickman** who stepped in at the last minute to head up the ROWtarian entry and to local media for their outstanding coverage.

TERRIFIC JOB EVERYONE !!!

ROTARY FOUNDATION REPORT

- AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – An application was received by **Sam Benshoof** for the 2009-2010 year.
- ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS/ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES PROGRAM – An application was received by **Tara Trepanier** for the 2009-2010 year.

Both of these applicants will be interviewed in Duluth on August 23rd.

**** ROTARY FOUNDATION REMINDER ****

A Bemidji noon Rotarian will get a dollar match from your club for every dollar you contribute to the Paul Harris Foundation. Our goal is for every member to contribute \$100 this year.