

April 27, 2009

This Week's Program
*Adventures in Traveling – Carol Eberhardt &
4-Way Test Winner – Kadie Kern*
Next Week's Program
Occupational Development Center – Peter Lavalier CEO

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**Dragon Boat Festival - July 30-Aug 1
Bemidji Waterfront**

UPCOMING MAY/JUNE PROGRAMS

May 11	The Rotary Foundation – Nancy Smith
May 18	Habitat for Humanity Luncheon
May 25	MEMORIAL DAY – NO MEETING
June 1	Rotary Idol - Week 1
June 8	Rotary Idol - Week 2
June 15	Rotary Idol - Week 3

**** Paul Harris STIMULUS PACKAGE ****

From April 1st to June 1st for every \$25 you donate to The Rotary Foundation, you will receive an additional \$75 in points from Bemidji Noon Rotary club. This special STIMULUS PACKAGE will benefit all Rotarians. If you haven't reached the \$1,000 level this will get you there faster. If you are already a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), this can help you reach the next level quicker.

EXAMPLES:

- (1) Your PH Recognition Amount is \$900, you donate \$25, you'll receive 75 points totaling \$1,000 becoming a PHF.
- (2) Your PH Recognition Amount is \$800, you donate \$50, you'll receive 150 points totaling \$1,000 becoming a PHF.
- (3) Your PH Recognition Amount is \$1,600, you donate \$100, you'll receive 300 points totaling \$2,000 becoming a PHF +1.

Check your statement for your current Paul Harris Recognition Amount. More information will come.

ROTARY PLAYHOUSE

Tickets are now available at the Registration Table before each meeting for this year's Playhouse from **Amy Saeland**. Members are asked to sell a minimum of two books (a total of twenty tickets). Our goal is to surpass our sales from last year and continue funding important community projects that have relied on our help in the past. Contact **Scott Turn** for questions on the Playhouse.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ambassadorial scholarship applications are due in one week according to the Rotarian **Larry Young** who coordinates this program. The scholarship is directed at non-Rotarians and is the world's largest, privately funded international scholarship. It sends 1,000 students each year to serve as ambassadors of goodwill while studying abroad.

In 1947, 18 "Rotary Fellows" from 11 countries were selected to serve as ambassadors of goodwill while studying in another country for one academic year. Since that time, approximately US\$335 million have been expended on some 30,000 scholarships for people from more than 125 countries, studying in 105 countries around the world.

The purpose of the scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through both informal and formal appearances before Rotary and non-Rotary groups. Each scholar is assigned a host Rotarian counselor to facilitate involvement in Rotary and integration into the host culture.

In addition to being an investment in the education of tomorrow's leaders, Rotary Foundation scholarships create personal links between countries and are an important step toward greater understanding and goodwill in the world.

4-WAY TEST WINNER

The local winner of this year's 4 Way Test Essay Contest is Kadie Kern, BHS Senior. She will read her essay at an upcoming meeting. Thanks go to Rotarian **Syd Corrigan** who has coordinated this contest for the past four years. If you are interested in coordinating this program in the future, please contact **Syd** or **President Gail**.

The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

"Of the things we think, say or do: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"