

May 4, 2009

This Week's Program
Occupational Development Center – Peter Lavalier CEO
Next Week's Program
The Rotary Foundation – Nancy Smith

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 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
June 22	Rotary Idol - Week 4

GET WELL WISHES

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Rotarian Ron Otterstad who recently had surgery.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Erpelding	May 1
Jim Smyithe	May 2
Wayne Hoff	May 3
Larry Young	May 4
Cliff Tweedale	May 5
Jim Hess	May 14
Ray Carlson	May 21
Bob Welle	May 21
Bob Vaadeland	May 25

CONGRATULATIONS!!

* To **Scott Turn** who received the Distinguished Rotarian Award at the recent District Conference. Scott was our President in 2006-07 and has chaired countless committees and programs for our club including the current Rotary Playhouse project. He serves as Hunger Chair for the District. Scott is truly deserving of this award, and we join in applauding him for his generous involvement with Rotary.

* To the Bemidji Sunrise Rotary Club which won the District Award for Community Service for clubs with 30 or fewer members. Some of the club's projects include working to outfit a children's waiting room at the Northern Dental Access Center and providing dictionaries to third graders in two schools.

* To Rotarian Steve Inkel who has been honored with the 2009 Bemidji Inspire by Example Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism Award for his over 35 years of sustained, exceptional and heartfelt commitment to volunteering in our community. Steve has a long-standing involvement with Boy Scouts and many other community endeavors. He has also been an active participant in many Rotary projects most recently including the Rotary Playhouse and Dragon Boat Festival.

* To BSU Rotaract Club for a successful year of service, membership recruitment and fundraising and a special thank you to founder/President Aman as he completes his year of outstanding leadership and prepares for graduation. Best wishes to the club's incoming officers.

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.

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

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

If you are interested in hosting a charming young lady from Finland who will be our Youth Exchange student this year, please check with **Kirsten Addison**, 586-8600. You can help make the exchange year an incredible experience for the exchange student, and you and your family can enjoy a stimulating and rewarding experience.