

May 11, 2009

**This Week's Program**  
*Ambassadorial Scholar - Tara Trepanier & TRF – Nancy Smith*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Habitat for Humanity Luncheon*

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**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**

<b>May 25</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY – NO MEETING</b>
June 1	Rotary Idol - Week 1
June 8	Rotary Idol - Week 2
June 15	Rotary Idol - Week 3
June 22	Rotary Idol - Week 4

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN APRIL**

<b>Kirsten Addison</b>	<b>Greg Negard</b>
<b>Paul Carpenter</b>	<b>Carol Nelson</b>
<b>John Chattin</b>	<b>John O'Boyle</b>
<b>Syd Corrigan</b>	<b>Myrle Olson</b>
<b>Joe Czapiewski</b>	<b>Karson Otness</b>
<b>Mark Dickinson</b>	<b>Wendy Otness</b>
<b>Penny Echternach</b>	<b>Lori Paris</b>
<b>Harold Fruetel</b>	<b>Gayle Quistgard</b>
<b>Shelly Geerdes</b>	<b>John Reff</b>
<b>Jim Ghostley</b>	<b>Tom Reise</b>
<b>Martin Graefe</b>	<b>Steve Rith-Najarian</b>
<b>Jim Hess</b>	<b>Ding Roholt</b>
<b>Jordan Hickman</b>	<b>Amy Saeland</b>
<b>Wayne Hoff</b>	<b>Mark Shough</b>
<b>Steven Hostetter</b>	<b>Nancy Smith</b>
<b>Gary Johnson</b>	<b>Alice Thompson</b>
<b>Chris Keenan</b>	<b>Joanne Torfin</b>
<b>Pat Kelly</b>	<b>Scott Turn</b>
<b>Sue Kringen</b>	<b>Dennis Vorgert</b>
<b>Warren Larson</b>	<b>George Welte</b>
<b>Curt Lundquist</b>	<b>Ted Will</b>
<b>Terry Matson</b>	<b>Kevin Williamson</b>
<b>Evonne McKinzie</b>	<b>Larry Young</b>

**ROTARY PLAYHOUSE**

Please turn in your sold books of Rotary Playhouse tickets to **Amy Saeland** to help with the accounting process. If you have not yet picked up your tickets, they are available weekly at the Registration Table before each meeting. 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.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

James Wagner, Surgeon with Meritcare –  
Proposed by **Ted Will**

**GRANT APPROVED**

The Board approved a grant request for the High School Graduation Party.

**DISTRICT 5580 ATTENDANCE – FEBRUARY**

(Selected Clubs)

<b><u>CLUB</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE</u></b>
BEMIDJI	117	57.40
Bismarck	92	49.40
Brainerd	118	56.00
Detroit Lakes Noon	89	67.43
Duluth	261	81.40
Fargo	75	41.85
Grand Forks Noon	52	48.00
Minot Noon	106	52.70
Moorhead	94	45.43
Park Rapids	53	71.93
Walker	70	70.00
Williston	57	53.00

**MATCHING GRANTS**

Matching Grants are a part of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) that assist Rotary clubs and districts in conducting international projects. Since 1965 more than 6,200 grants have been awarded for projects in about 165 countries, totaling more than US\$56 million.

A club or district must contribute an amount at least as large as that requested from TRF with at least half the funds that the Foundation will match coming from a country outside of the country where the project will take place. Grants have been made to improve hospitals, develop school programs, drill water wells, assist the disabled or persons requiring special medical attention, provide resources for orphanages, create sanitation facilities, distribute food and medical supplies and many other forms of international community service in needy areas of the world. Most grants are in the US\$5,000 to US\$10,000 range. Personal participation by Rotarians is required and the benefits should extend beyond the recipients.

The Matching Grants program is a very significant part of TRF and provides an important incentive for clubs to undertake worthwhile international projects. Matching Grants foster goodwill and understanding, which is in keeping with the objectives of TRF.