

June 1, 2009

This Week's Program
Rotary's Got Talent
Next Week's Program
Paul Bunyan Playhouse – Rotary's Got Talent

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

June 15 Rotary's Got Talent
June 22 Rotary's Got Talent
June 28 * Club Assembly – RGT Finale

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Heltzer June 10
Daryl Knoer June 10
John O'Boyle June 13
Nancy Vyscotil June 25

GET WELL SOON

Best wishes to Rotarian **Larry Young** who is reportedly on the mend after a sudden illness.

GRANTS

The Board recently approved grants for:
Headwaters School of Music - Scholarship Program
Boy Scouts - Fund Drive

ROTARY'S GOT TALENT

Do you sing? Do you dance? Do you recite poetry? Do you tell jokes? Here's your chance to display your talent (or even your lack of same). Rotary's Got Talent Program is coming in June, and we need 12 contestants to make this work. Any talent you are willing to share, please sign up with **Warren Larson**.

CONGRATULATIONS, ERIC!

Rotarian **Eric Thorsgard** recently accepted an IDEA Award for the design of innovative musical instruments to be marketed by his business, The Forte Keyboard Company. The IDEA Competition is a project of Ingenuity Frontier, a collaboration of partners joined by a common purpose - to grow the economy of Northwest Minnesota by outfitting the next generation of homegrown innovators for success in the global marketplace. The Northwest

Minnesota Foundation is among several sponsors of the competition that will provide a cash award to advance the business idea plus additional funds for specialized technical assistance. The new keyboard instruments will offer an alternative to people who want to play an instrument that is easier to learn than the piano. Sounds like an outstanding idea for a future Rotary Program.

ROTARY PLAYGROUND SCHEDULE

The work schedule for the playground at Cameron Park is included below. Please contact **Steve Inkel** to sign up to help with this project.

<mailto:divbld@paulbunyan.net> Call **Steve Inkel** 751-6104 for more information or if you are able to bring some hand tools.

Friday, June 5th is prep day, No workers needed, but if you are interested stop down and help or see what is going on.

Saturday, June 6th - Work starts at 8:00 am and we will work until 4:00 pm in the afternoon. This will be the big day and we need all the help we can get.

Sunday, June 7th - 9:00 start assembling the remainder of the attachments such as slides and ladders and safety panels. We will work until 2:30 or as late as people would like to work. The city has tentatively agreed to provide lunch and snacks so please indicate if you are interested in helping and when so I can give them a reasonable count.

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