

June 8, 2009

This Week's Program
Paul Bunyan Playhouse
Next Week's Program
You Do Make a Difference – Sal DiLeo

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Rotary International Convention –
Birmingham, England - June 21-24, 2009**
Dragon Boat Festival - July 30-Aug 1
Bemidji Waterfront

UPCOMING JUNE/JULY PROGRAMS

June 22	Dragon Boat – Gary Johnson
June 29	Club Assembly
July 6	TBD
July 13	Jim Proebstle

***** TODAY - LAST OF THE POINTS RAFFLE**

Thank you to all the Rotarians who took advantage of the Paul Harris Stimulus Promotion. Over \$4,000 were contributed to The Rotary Foundation and more that 17,000 points were distributed. However, we still have 300 points that we'll raffle off at today's meeting. Three people will each receive 100 points contributed in their name toward Paul Harris. Each "chance" is \$5.00 and you may purchase your chance from **Nancy** at the registration table.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Bemidji Rotary Club,

I want to thank-you for the lovely letter and plaque you sent me regarding our work together on the Buena Vista water-latrine project in Honduras. Although this was one of the most challenging projects I worked on during my Peace Corps service it was also the project I am most proud of. I would like to say that without the support of the Bemidji Rotary Club and LARA, not just monetarily, but with the technical and personal support you gave me, I do not believe this project would have gone forward. For that, I would like to thank-you, specifically Ted Will, Larry Kemp, and Chris Keenan.

I hope to return to Honduras to see the completed project; perhaps I can coordinate my trip down with one of your own.

Sincerely,

Kate Strass

RPCV Honduras 2007-2009

Dear Friends of Concordia Language Villages,

As an organization that shares the same passion for language, culture and global citizenship, we would like to extend an invitation for you to participate in Concordia

Language Villages' International Day 2009. At International Day participants ages 7-18 from a variety of our camps, or Language Villages, in northern Minnesota come together for food, fun, and festivities at Concordia Language Village. You can find out more about what goes on at International Day at concordialanguagevillages.org.

Nearly 2,000 people attend each International Day, including an estimated 700 parents, friends, vacationers, and community members. Organizations have the opportunity to have an informational display table before the opening program and during the festival activities, which are approximately 1:00-5:15pm. Your support as an exhibitor is vital in helping us keep International Day a free event open to the public.

Participating Villages on July 10th:

Chinese	Finnish	German
Japanese	Norwegian	Russian
Spanish (2)	French (2) & Les Voyageurs	

Participating Villages on August 14th:

Chinese	Danish	German
Italian	Japanese (2)	Korean
Norwegian	Portuguese	Spanish (2)
Swedish	French (2)	

French Voyageurs

For questions, contact Kristin Montgomery at (612) 647-4357 or montgome@cord.edu.

SUNRISE POTLUCK INVITATION

Sunrise Rotary and the Interact Club extend an invitation to their family Potluck on June 9th, 6:00 p.m. at the High School Commons. Bring a dish and enjoy the evening! For information, contact Bruce Campbell, 751-9227.

ROTARY PLAYHOUSE

If you are interested in selling Playhouse tickets at Lueken's South where the playhouse is now on display, you can pick up the key at the Customer Service Desk. Please turn in your sold books of 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.