

July 20, 2009

This Week's Program
Dairy Farming – Ben Osmonson
Next Week's Program
**** MEETING AT THE WATERFRONT ****

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Dragon Boat Festival - July 30-Aug 1
Bemidji Waterfront

Rotary International Conv. – June 20-23, 2010
Montreal, Quebec

UPCOMING AUGUST PROGRAMS

Aug 3	Dist Governor – Ajoy Chatterjee
Aug 10	Ambassadorial Scholar – Tessa Haagenson
Aug 17	TBD
Aug 24	Blood Bank - Rachel Henrick

VISITING ROTARIAN

Steve Dekrey – Hong Kong

ROTARY PUBLICATION

The Rotary is planning a full color publication in the Pioneer, and a few ad spots are still available. The cost is \$75 and if you are interested, contact **Amy Saeland** by July 23.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Contact **Kirsten Addison** at 800-450-2214 if you are able to serve as host family for one of our Rotary Youth Exchange students - Quentin from France or Francesca from Chile. Host families are needed throughout the year.

BYLAW CHANGES

Your board of directors are requesting a change in our club's bylaws regarding ARTICLE 11 – Leave of Absence.

CURRENT: Member's Leave of Absence may be granted upon written request for reasons of health, for absence from community, ~~for age and with 20 years of Rotary membership~~, for other good and sufficient reasons.

PROPOSED: Member's Leave of Absence may be granted upon written request for reasons of health, for absence from community, **for age and years of membership combined must be at least 85**, for other good and sufficient reasons.

Our membership will vote on this change during an upcoming meeting.

PROGRAM IDEAS

If you have program suggestions for upcoming Rotary meetings, let a Board Member hear from you. Members of the Board will be setting up programs for the coming year.

Sept-Oct	George Welte
Nov-Dec	Jim Ghostley
Jan-Feb	Jordan Hickman
Mar-Apr	Amy Saeland
May-June	Karson Otness
Classification Talks	Nancy Smith

HOSTS NEEDED FOR GSE TEAM MEMBERS

Host families are needed for upcoming dates that the GSE team will be visiting Bemidji. Those dates are:

August 14th – 15th
September 18th & 19th
October 9th & 10th

Beds, showers, and maybe a light breakfast are all that is needed. Contact **Evonne McKinzie** or email her at evonne@looncreekdesigns.com

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

New Rotary International President John Kenny, Scotland has adopted the motto "The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands" for the year of his presidency. He explains:

"In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs. If our clubs are congenial and our meetings well run, if our service is carefully planned and competently carried out, if our members are qualified, honest, and respected in their vocations and communities, then all of Rotary will thrive..."

"In every one of our communities, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility. We can, and we must. For we know that Rotary is only as great as its clubs – and our clubs are only as great as the members within them.

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