

August 10, 2009

This Week's Program
Ambassadorial Scholar – Tessa Haagenson
Next Week's Program
Influenza Update – Carol Sele, MN Dept of Health

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

June 20-23, 2010 **Montreal, Quebec**

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

May 13-16, 2010 **Winnipeg, Canada**

UPCOMING AUGUST PROGRAMS

Aug 24	Blood Bank - Rachel Henrick
Aug 31	Free Wheelchair Mission – Jim Meehan
Sept 7	LABOR DAY – NO MEETING
Sept 14	Kinship North – Sarah Kuesel
Sept 21	Classification Talk
Sept 28	Concordia Language Village

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Craig Kinsella, president, trainer and consultant at Guidant Solutions, proposed by **John Reff**.

PLAYHOUSE WINNER

The winning ticket for the 2009 Rotary Playhouse, drawn at the Dragon Boat Festival, was held by Kristen Frank of rural Bemidji. She has two children, 1 and 3, who are most likely very excited to move in.

DONATION

Kinship North

**** THANKS FOR A GREAT DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL ****

Thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this year's Dragon Boat Festival. The weather wasn't always cooperative, but, nevertheless, everyone seemed to have a "splashing" good time. Special thanks to the chief organizers, Gary Johnson, Scott Turn, Shelly Geerdes, Amy Saeland and Lori Paris. And a special "hurrah" to Jordan Hickman for organizing the "Rowtarians" who brought home the Civic Cup from Fosston to our club. Financial results of the event, which featured a record setting 68 rowing units, will be reported when available.

ROTARACT REQUESTS JAR DONATIONS

The BSU Rotaract Club has requested that we bring empty glass food jars to the August 17th meeting. They plan to label and place the jars in local businesses to request donations of change, which they will use for

charitable purposes. They hope the program will also raise awareness and support for the Rotaract Club. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE TO REMEMBER YOUR JARS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

BYLAW CHANGE APPROVED

Club membership voted in favor of the following bylaw change on Leave of Absence to be effective as of July, 2009:

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.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Our speaker today, Tessa Haagenson, recounts her own personal experience as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. As the description of that scholarship tells us, she is in illustrious company.

The scholarship is directed at non-Rotarians and is the world's largest, privately funded international scholarship. It sends 1,000 students each year to serve as ambassadors of goodwill while studying abroad.

In 1947, 18 "Rotary Fellows" from 11 countries were selected to serve as ambassadors of goodwill while studying in another country for one academic year. Since that time, approximately US\$335 million have been expended on some 30,000 scholarships for people from more than 125 countries, studying in 105 countries around the world.

The purpose of the scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through both informal and formal appearances before Rotary and non-Rotary groups. Each scholar is assigned a host Rotarian counselor to facilitate involvement in Rotary and integration into the host culture.

In addition to being an investment in the education of tomorrow's leaders, Rotary Foundation scholarships create personal links between countries and are an important step toward greater understanding and goodwill in the world.