

November 16, 2009

This Week's Program
Economist Art L. Nash
Next Week's Program
Center for Research & Innovation

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

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

UPCOMING NOV/DEC PROGRAMS

Nov 30 Classification Talk
Dec 7 Red Lake Fisheries – Pat Brown
Dec 14 BHS Choir – at Eagles Club

RETURN RENDEZVOUS RIDE NEEDED

Thanks to **Amy Saeland** our two Rotary Exchange students will make a connection for a ride to the Thunder Bay Rendezvous. Now what they need is a ride from Grand Rapids on November 22. If you are able to assist in travel arrangements, contact **Kirsten Addison** at 444-0888 or 368-5087.

CONGRATULATIONS REISE'S

Congratulations go to Mitch Reise who will travel abroad with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program next year. His destination has not yet been designated. Rick is the son of Rotarian **Tom Reise** and wife Kristi.

Rotary Youth Exchange is for high school aged students who are interested in living and studying abroad for one year. Its goal is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person to person level.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Thanks go to **Jim Hess** who has volunteered to chair Rotary's annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army located inside the Mall. Sign up sheets for this program to be scheduled in December will be circulated, or you can contact **Jim**.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR KIDS PROGRAM UNDERWAY

The United Way of Bemidji Area's Holiday Gifts for Kids Program has begun its annual effort to ensure that all needy children in the Bemidji area receive a gift this Christmas. The Holiday Gifts for Kids Program is intended for parents or guardians who are financially unable to provide a gift for their child at Christmas. This program is available to children living within the

boundaries of School District 31. Registration forms are available for pick-up and drop-off at the following locations: Bi-County CAP, the United Way office, First National Bank of Bemidji (all locations), and Community Resource Connections located in the Community Service Center. The registration form may also be accessed on line at www.holidaygiftsforkids.org or www.kkbj.com. All children must be registered by December 9th.

Stay tuned for ways that you can help put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas!

PAUL HARRIS BANQUET

Thanks go to those Rotarians who offered to sponsor a Rotaract student at the recent Paul Harris Banquet.

Thanks are also extended to the Paul Harris Banquet Committee members for a job well done: **Nancy Smith**, **Rob Bollinger** and **Leonore Potter**. Many thanks go to the Rotarians who contributed items to the Silent Auction, to the bidders, to **Gary Johnson** who provided the excellent Power Point presentation of a review of the past year of events, and to **Jim Bensen**, our excellent emcee.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Karl Bleser	Lori Paris
Al Bontrager	Leonore Potter
Anne Haugo	Gayle Quistgard
Kevin Erpelding	Tom Reise
Shelly Geerdes	Hartvig Roholt
Jim Ghostley	Amy Saeland
Martin Graefe	Martin Sathre
Steve Hostetter	Tom Schwartz
William Howe	Nancy Smith
Dan Johnson	Fred Smyithe
Tammy Johnson	Jim Smyithe
Chris Keenan	Alice Thompson
Jeanne Larson	Joanne Torfin
Curt Lundquist	Charlie Ward
Terry Matson	Tom Welle
John O'Boyle	George Welte
Myrle Olson	Marc Wiechmann
Karson Otness	Kevin Williamson
Wendy Otness	Larry Young

GSE BLOG

Follow the journey daily of the GSE team on their blog at <http://gsejapan2009.blogspot.com>.