

December 7, 2009

This Week's Program
Red Lake Fisheries – Pat Brown
Next Week's Program
Bemidji High School Choir Program – MEET AT EAGLES

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

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

UPCOMING DEC/JAN PROGRAMS

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| Dec 21 | Rotary Social |
| Dec 28 | Club Assembly – Elections |
| Jan 4 | TBD |
| Jan 11 | Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Program – Robert McLean |

WELCOME HOME TEAM

Our GSE Team has returned after a month and many challenging and exciting times in Japan. We'll look forward to a program in which they can share their adventures.

HOST NEEDED FOR VISITING DENTIST

Northern Dental Access Center has an opportunity to host a visiting dentist from South Korea to work here for up to three years. His long-term goal is to practice here in Minnesota and he is interested in getting acclimated to the culture, as well as in providing dentistry. We would like to assist him in finding a place to stay, such as with a family or another single person—to balance his need for some privacy with his interest in becoming involved in our community on a social level. This could be either short term or long term. His wife will stay in the Twin Cities area, so we expect he would travel weekends there—or perhaps she would visit here from time to time. If you have any thoughts or ideas about a suitable living situation, please let **Jeanne Edevold Larson** at 218-444-9646 or Jeanne.Larson@northerndentalaccess.org

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

You can lend a hand to the Rotary's annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army in December. This is one of those worthy causes, which help people in need that Rotary often supports. Bell ringing will take place inside the Mall in front of the K-Mart. You can sign up today or see **Jim Hess** for details.

DRAGON BOAT PROFITS SHARED

A check for approximately \$9,000 was recently given to the Bemidji Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsor of the 2009 Dragon Boat Festival. This represents their one-half share profits from this year's Dragon Boat Festival.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Rob Bolinger | Dec 3 |
| Dan Posner | Dec 8 |
| Charlie Ward | Dec 8 |
| Jim Walker | Dec 10 |
| Warren Larson | Dec 15 |
| Kevin Williamson | Dec 20 |
| Karson Otness | Dec 22 |
| Martin Graefe | Dec 23 |
| Sandy Nelson | Dec 31 |

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR KIDS

The United Way of Bemidji Area's 2009 Holiday Gifts for Kids Program is in full swing! The goal of this program is to ensure that all needy children in the Bemidji area receive a gift this Christmas.

The Holiday Gifts for Kids program can't succeed without community help! You can help by donating a new gift for a boy or girl, ages newborn to 16. Drop off your unwrapped gift at one of our convenient locations: all First National Bank of Bemidji locations, Pamida, L & M Fleet, Wal-Mart or the Paul Bunyan Mall. Cash donations are especially appreciated and allow the Holiday Gifts for Kids committee to purchase gifts for specific age groups based on registration numbers. Monetary donations can be mailed to the United Way Office at PO Box 27, Bemidji, MN 56619.

Gift distribution will be December 17, 2009 – less than three weeks away! Please think about how you can help – remember the Holiday Gifts for Kids program when you begin your Christmas shopping this year!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

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| Duane Christensen | Lowell Pierce |
| Penny Echternach | Gayle Quistgard |
| Jeremy Fayette | Tom Schwartz |
| Harold Freutel | Nancy Smith |
| Jim Ghostley | Alice Thompson |
| Jordan Hickman | Dennis Vorgert |
| Pat Kelly | Charlie Ward |
| Daryl Knoer | George Welte |
| Greg Negard | Larry Young |
| Lori Paris | |