

February 15, 2010

This Week's Program
Friends of the Library – Sharon Giesen
&
Lake Bemidji Pond Hockey Classic – Bret & Derek Leach
Next Week's Program
Haiti – Abby Nelson

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

UPCOMING MAR PROGRAMS

Mar 1 LARA – **Gary Johnson**
Mar 8 TBD
Mar 15 GSE Team * Evening Meeting *

RECENT VISITING ROTARIAN

Denelle Cauble, Baudette

HONDURAS BOUND

Our 2009 LARA team lead by **Chris Keenan**, will be headed to Santa Barbara, Honduras this Sunday, February 15th. Other members from our club include **Kevin Williamson, Gary Johnson** and his daughter and **Evonne McKinzie** and her son. They will spend 10 days helping with construction projects and medical assistance. These Rotarians truly exemplify the motto 'Service above Self.'

SYMPATHY

Upon the passing of Jack Quistgard, our sympathies are extended to **Jon Quistgaard** and **Gayle Quistgard**.

4-WAY TEST CONTEST BEGINS

The annual 4-Way Test Essay Contest for high school students has begun. The Bemidji Rotary Club and Bemidji Sunrise Rotary Club will each award a \$200 prize to two top essay writers, who will compete for one of six \$100 regional awards, leading up to the single Rotary District 5580 \$1,000 winner.

The essay can deal with any topic of the student's choosing, but it must apply the principles of the Rotary 4-Way Test:

- *Is it the TRUTH?*
- *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

The Rotary 4-Way Test was first conceived in 1932 at the height of the Great Depression by a Chicago

businessman, faced with the challenge of saving a major company from bankruptcy. Looking for a way to save the company, he sought a short yardstick of ethics that could be used.

Company personnel were asked to learn the test and to observe it as a guide to every aspect of business. As a result, a climate of trust and goodwill gradually developed among dealers, customers and employees, and the 4-Way Test was credited with turning the company to a thriving status.

The 500- to 1,000-word essay must be submitted in typewritten form, and the local deadline for entries to the Rotary clubs is March 10th.

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DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE

The District 5580 conference held in Winnipeg, Canada on May 13-16 is approaching quickly. The board has earmarked \$770 to encourage more of our members to attend this conference. The cost of the registration and the banquet dinner (\$110) would be reimbursed with receipts turned in to **Dennis Vorgert**. Make your lodging arrangements as soon as possible; if you have questions, contact **Amy Saeland**. Contact **John Reff** for more information on the bus from Brainerd coming through Bemidji to the conference. Remember that U.S. residents will need a valid passport. For more information on the conference, check out our website:

www.bemidjirotary.com.

ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD

Philippines – The Rotaract Club of Timog has created an animated character called the Germinator to help in the fight against pneumonia and diarrhea, listed by the country's Department of Health as two of the leading causes of death among Philippine children. The Rotaractors' Clean Hands Campaign teaches the importance and proper method of hand-washing to children ages 4 to 12 using an animated video, original music and dance, and lectures. The club recently bought the campaign to a local elementary school and a day care center, reaching a total of 1,500 children. The Rotary Club of Timog-Quezon City partnered with the Rotaractors on the effort, which was recognized by RI as a 2009 Outstanding Rotaract Project.