

March 29, 2010

This Week's Program

Classification Talk

Next Week's Program

**** Baseball Opener - Meeting at the Boys & Girls Club ****

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

UPCOMING APR PROGRAMS

Apr 12 ODC – Marcy LaCroix
Apr 19 Meritcare Merger – Charles Gulsvig
Apr 26 Inbound Japanese GSE Team

BEMIDJI ROTARY IS MOVING APRIL 12

On April 12 our new home will be the New City Ballroom (Hungry Bear). Here are the locations for the upcoming meetings:

*April 5 **Boys and Girls Club***

*April 12 **New City Ballroom (new location)***

Directions: From Paul Bunyan Dr. turn south onto Middle School Dr., travel past Target and Home Depot. After you pass Home Depot, turn west onto 24th & the New City Ballroom is on the left.

VISITING ROTARIAN

Roger Muth, Bemidji Sunrise

BSU/ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The 2010 BSU Rotary Scholarship winner, Trevor Andrews, was awarded \$1,000. The criteria for the applicants include being a U.S. citizen who is either active in Rotaract or a child/grandchild of an active Rotarian. Trevor is **Evonne McKinzie's** son. Thank you to **Joe Czapiewski** and the BSU-Rotary Scholarship Committee in choosing an excellent student. Congratulations, Trevor!

ROTARY PLAYHOUSE

It's that time of year to prepare for selling tickets for another successful campaign of the Rotary Playhouse. The NW Tech College students started building the playhouse March 17th and have almost finished it. Thank you to the supportive businesses donating materials and supplies to make the playhouse special again this year. If you want to see it before the unveiling at the Home, Sport & Travel Show on April 16 – 18, it is located outside at the on the west side of the NW Tech College.

Plan to sell tickets for the playhouse at the Home, Sport & Travel Show. Sign up sheets will be available at upcoming meetings. Your help is needed to make this a successful fundraiser. Contact **Scott Turn** to learn more about the playhouse.

ROTARY FOUNDATION UPDATE

The goal amount for the Bemidji Noon Rotary club was \$12,540 this year, which was \$110 per member. Many of you signed up as sustaining members, which was a promise of donating a minimum of \$100 this year. Currently, we are at \$6,157.00 or 49% of our goal. In the next few weeks we'll receive our quarterly statements. This is your opportunity to give generously to the Rotary Foundation. Help us reach our goal!

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential to a strong and active Rotary club. The emphasis on attendance is traced back to 1922 when Rotary International announced a worldwide attendance contest that motivated thousands of Rotarians to achieve 100 percent attendance year after year. Many Rotarians take great pride in maintaining their 100 percent record in their own club by making-up at other Rotary club meetings.

According to the March 2010 District 5580 newsletter, here is a partial list of several clubs in the district.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Nipigon	32	90.00%
Perham	78	84.70%
Bagley	20	82.00%
Fosston	19	64.00%
Detroit Lakes Noon	88	63.08%
Walker	66	63.00%
Brainerd	120	63.00%
Bemidji Sunrise	20	62.50%
Bemidji Noon	115	62.46%
Park Rapids	54	58.65%
Dickinson	95	54.15%
Thief River Falls	39	54.00%
Staples	29	51.00%
Devils Lake	63	47.00%
East Grand Forks	20	37.00%

There is room for improvement for our club.