

April 12, 2010

This Week's Program
**** ODC – Marcy LaCroix ****
Next Week's Program
Meritcare Merger – Charles Gulsvig

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

UPCOMING APR/MAY PROGRAMS

Apr 26	Inbound Japanese GSE Team
May 3	Rotary Exchange Student – Fran Rose Vallejos, Chili – Kirsten Addison
May 10	Rotary Exchange Student – Quentin Delextrat, France – Kirsten Addison
May 17	Habitat for Humanity – Judy Reese
May 24	Bemidji Food Shelf – Carolyn Hegland
May 31	MEMORIAL DAY – NO ROTARY

ROTARY PLAYHOUSE

Scott Turn reports that the 2010 Rotary Playhouse is nearly complete, and ticket sales will be kicked off at the Home, Sport & Travel Show on April 16-18. The Playhouse is one of our major fundraisers, and you can do your part to make it successful. Some time slots for ticket selling are still available. Please sign up today. Contact **Scott** for more information.

GSE 2010 JAPAN – Visit to Bemidji

Help is still needed to assist with the GSE/Japan visit. Following is their schedule and the activities in which your help would be appreciated:

Thursday, April 22nd

11:00 Arrive in Bemidji
12:30 Luncheon & tour of Concordia Language Village
6:00 * Welcome Reception (Potluck) at Lake Bemidji State Park

Friday, April 23rd

Full Vocational Day for each team member (Concordia Language Villages, Wells Technology, Bemidji Schools)

Saturday & Sunday, April 24th - April 25th

Mid-tour Rest – No activities planned

Monday, April 26th

12:00 * Attend our Rotary Meeting
2:30 Tour Itasca State Park
6:00 * Dinner at area restaurant with Bemidji GSE Alumni

Tuesday, April 27th -- Walker Day

Wednesday, April 28th -- Brainerd Day

Thursday, April 29th -- Fosston Day

Friday, April 30th

1:30 Tour of and activities at Bemidji State University

7:00 Pow Wow at BSU

Saturday, May 1st – Leave Bemidji, head to Perham

NEEDED:

- One more host family for the three night stay – See **Evonne McKinzie**.
- Transportation assistance – see **Gary Johnson**.
- Help with the Welcome Reception (Potluck) at Lake Bemidji State Park – See **Amy Saeland**.

You are cordially invited to join our guests in some of their activities (). Please RSVP Gary Johnson by Monday, April 19, so proper reservations can be made.*

SEEING GREEN

April 22 is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Rotary clubs have come up with countless creative ways to get involved. Here are some projects that may inspire you: **ORGANIZE** an Earth Day art competition. (Rotary Club of Adlita, Bahrain)

PLANT some trees. (Rotary Club of Saipan, Northern Marianas)

HOST an Earth Day fair. (Rotary Club of Gainesville-Haymarket, VA., USA)

CLEAN UP litter in a park, on a beach, or along a highway. (Rotary Club of Marin Evening, Calif., USA)

START a community garden. (Rotary Club of Mid San Fernando Valley, Calif., USA)

HOST a paper shredding and electronic waste recycling event. (Rotary Club of Needham, Mass., USA)

SPONSOR a creative recycling contest. (Rotary Club of Dade County, Fla., USA)

HOLD a giant community rummage sale. (Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, Wash., USA)

DISTRIBUTE reusable bags adorned with the Rotary emblem. (Rotary Club of Waynesville, N.C., USA)

CREATE a community park. (Rotary Club of Oldmeldrum, Scotland)

SELL rain barrels as a fundraiser. (Rotary Club of Amherstburg, Ont., Canada)

INVESTIGATE large-scale projects that recover and recycle waste. (Rotary Club of Bali Ubud, Indonesia)