

April 26, 2010

**This Week's Program**  
***Inbound Japanese GSE Team***  
**Next Week's Program**  
***Rotary Exchange Student – Fran Rose Vallejos – Kirsten Addison***

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –**

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

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –**

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

**UPCOMING MAY PROGRAMS**

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**

**PLAYHOUSE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

If you have not yet picked up your Playhouse tickets, please do so today. The Playhouse project is one of our major fundraisers, and with every member's support, we can make it a big success!

A special thanks to the following for their generous donations to the Rotary Playhouse:

Bemidji Building Center  
Cabinet Corner Building Center  
Diversified Builders  
Land O Lakes Wood Preserving  
Clarity Glass  
Bemidji Outdoor Power Equipment  
MJB Home Appliance Center  
Naylor's  
Knife River Materials  
Keenan's Cabinets of Distinction  
Paul Bunyan Telephone  
Hanks Masonry

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival, Downtown Waterfront on August 7, 2010.

**DRAGON BOAT UPDATE**

Co-chairman **Gary Johnson** reports nearly 40 registrants at this time for the 2010 Dragon Boat Festival. The cut-off for registration will be in early July, so now is a good time to line up your team and register soon.

**TED GILLETT HONORED**

Congratulations go to Rotarian **Ted Gillett** who recently received the Jim Bensen Award for Outstanding Individual Stewardship from "Bemidji Leads!"

"Bemidji Leads!" honored those who make Bemidji a better place to live, work and play during its Celebration of Stewardship. In making the award, Rotarian **Jim Bensen** shared the "Bemidji Leads" mission:

"Stewards of place are leaders who cross boundaries, take an integrated approach and build coalitions for action. They have 360 degree vision, recognizing the interdependences between the economy, the environment and social equity. Stewards operate at the center of tough issues, not on the edges. They are risk-takers. They are passionate and energetic. They are people of vision."

"That describes our friend **Ted Gillett** like he invented it," He said.

**ROTARY HISTORY – A HOLLYWOOD ADVENTURE**

Rotary celebrated its golden anniversary in 1955 with the production of a film featuring Edward Arnold, who had acted in dozens of Hollywood movies, including *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. In *The Great Adventure*, Arnold played a Rotarian who hosts a barbecue for six Rotary Foundation Fellows. Jim Backus – later Thurston Howell III on *Gilligan's Island* – portrayed a friend whose questions during the barbeque lead into segments about Rotary. On 23 February 1955, 750 showings of the movie took place on six continents, and by mid-April, almost 66,000 people in the United States had seen it in theaters. The movie is on *The Rotary Heritage Collection DVD*, available at [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org).

**ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD**

*South Africa* – Concerned about an increase in antelope poaching at the Joan Muirhead Nature Preserve, the Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea is working with game guards to remove the cruel snares that poachers use to catch bushbucks, grysbokkies, and blue duikers. More than 40 snares have been located and removed.