

May 10, 2010

This Week's Program
Rotary Exchange Student – Quentin Delextrat – Gary Johnson
Next Week's Program
Habitat for Humanity – Judy Reese

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 24 Bemidji Food Shelf – Carolyn Hegland
May 31 **MEMORIAL DAY – NO ROTARY**
June 7 Paul Bunyan Playhouse – **Chris Keenan**
June 14 Cuba – Kari Howe
June 21 Advance Care Planning & Palliative Care – Mark Papke Larson, NCHS Chaplain & Nancy Hall, BSU Nursing
June 28 Peace Corps: Turkmenistan – Carrie Miller

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Kenneth Cobb, Pine Country Insurance Agency, proposed by **Shelly Geerdes**

BOARD REVIEW – May 6th

Secretary's Report – 6- month leave of absence for **Ben Stowe** granted

District Conf – **John Reff, Evonne McKinzie, Chris Keenan, Gary Johnson** and Rosie Berg will attend. Our club will reimburse Rotaractor **Nikki Weber** for the Gala Dinner at the district conference.

Hungry Bear Facilities - Some issues were discussed. Members will complete survey cards on the facility at the next meeting

Piano - will get tuned.

Park Project – Marcia Larson and **Ted Will** shared details of the proposed park donated by the hospital. Motion passed to present our club's interest in committing \$50,000 for the purchase & installation of the playground equipment.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 20th 7:15 a.m. at the Lueken's North meeting Room. All Rotarians are welcome to attend.

THANKS TO GSE VOLUNTEERS

Project Chairperson & Coordinator: **Gary Johnson**
Host Families: Sue & **Larry Young**, Tom & **Alice Thompson**, Kevin & **Shelly Geerdes**, Gloria & **Paul Carpenter**, Trudi & **Bruce Campbell** (Sunrise), Brenda & **Steve Hostetter**, Pat & **Mark Shough**, Beverly & **Terry Matson**, **Dave Lubke**.

Transportation: **Larry Young, Alice Thompson**

Potluck: **Amy Saeland, Evonne McKinzie, John Reff, George Welte** (photos) and all who attended

Birchmont House: **Jim Hess**

Planning & Tour Arrangements: **John Reff, Evonne McKinzie, Larry Young**

Vocational Host: **Martin Graefe** – Concordia Language Villages

Arranging Translators: **Evonne McKinzie**, Rose Berg

BSU – ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Dear Mr. Reff,

I am very pleased and honored to have received the Bemidji Rotary Club scholarship through the Bemidji State University Foundation. I am finishing up my freshman year at BSU as a pre-dentistry student. My goal is to be accepted at a dental school in a few years and return to practice in a rural community, hopefully, Bemidji. Receiving this scholarship is very meaningful to me. I have been involved with Bemidji Rotary Club through the Latin American Rotary Aid project for the last two years, along with bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and participating in the Dragon Boat races. I will continue to be a good representative for the Bemidji Rotary Club throughout the years and once again I'd like to thank all the members of the Rotary Club for providing me with this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Trevor Andrews

Bemidji State University

DRAGON BOAT DEADLINE

July 12 is the deadline to register for the 2010 Dragon Boat Festival. Now is a good time to line up your team and register soon for this major community event scheduled for August 5-7. This year's festival will again feature music, kids' activities, cultural activities, performances and night entertainment. For information, see **Gary Johnson**.