

May 24, 2010

This Week's Program
Park – Playground Project – Marcia Larson & Ted Will
Next Week's Program
MEMORIAL DAY – NO MEETING

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

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

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL – August 5-7, 2010

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP CORRECTION

45 Years – Doug Cann Daryl Knoer
Thank you, Doug and Daryl, for your years of service and dedication!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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

CONGRATULATIONS, EVONNE

Kudos to **Evonne McKinzie** for her 2nd place prize for International Service received at the recent District Conference in Winnipeg.

PROPOSED FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Fred Smythe

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

A host family is needed for an incoming youth exchange student. The 17-year old girl from Denmark will need a family by the end of May. If you are interested in this rewarding experience, please see **Kirsten Addition**, phone 368-5087, e-mail: addison@cord-edu.

PIANO TUNED

Many thanks go to Dale Goodyear who donated his time and efforts to tune our piano after the move to the Hungry Bear.

LAST CHANCE

Online registration for the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal, Quebec closes on May 31.

TED GILLETT RECEIVED AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Rotarian **Ted Gillett** may have to add an addition on his home to display his many civic awards. He recently received the Jim Bensen Award for Outstanding Individual Stewardship from “Bemidji Leads!”. The Chamber of Commerce next recognized Ted as the 2010 recipient of the Charlie Naylor Life Time Achievement Award. The award was made at the Chamber’s 2010 Awards of Excellence on May 20th at the Hampton Inn.

The Chamber’s award was created for an individual who “is a visionary, entrepreneurial, having true leadership and giving back”. Their commendation notes:

“Former President of Bemidji State University, **Ted** was one of the founders of the Joint Economic Development Commission, has held a seat on the Nielsen Foundation for 25 years, and served 13 years on the Board of Trustees for North Country Health Services just to name a few from his long list of community involvement.”

Congratulations, **Ted**, on your well-deserved awards!

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**.

PLAYHOUSE TICKETS

If you have not yet picked up your Playhouse tickets, please do so today. Playhouse receipts may also be turned in now. The Playhouse project is one of our major fundraisers, and with every member’s support, we can make it a big success! The winning ticket will be drawn at the Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival, Downtown Waterfront on August 7, 2010.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 10th 7:15 a.m. at the Lueken’s North meeting Room. All Rotarians are welcome to attend.