



Rotary Messenger

Rotary Club of Eau Claire

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Guests

- James Hanke (guest of Marje Bunce and prospective member)
- Kristina Skornikova – Rotary Exchange Student from Slovakia

Make-ups

- Marje Bunce:
 - Chippewa Falls (7/13/2010)
 - Stevens Point (7/14/2010)

Leaves of Absence

- Joe Eisenhuth (6/21/2010 – 8/10/2010)
- Brian Levin-Stankevich (7/14/2010 - 8/11/2010)
- Vicki Hoehn (4/26/2010 – 11/1/2010)
- Dina St. Louis (1/1/2010 – 12/31/2010)
- Steve Smith (6/11/2010 – 12/31/2010)

The 4-Way Test

Of the things, we think, say or do:

1. Is it the 'Truth'?
2. Is it 'Fair' to all concerned?
3. Will it build 'Goodwill' and 'Better Friendships'?
4. Will it be 'Beneficial' to all?

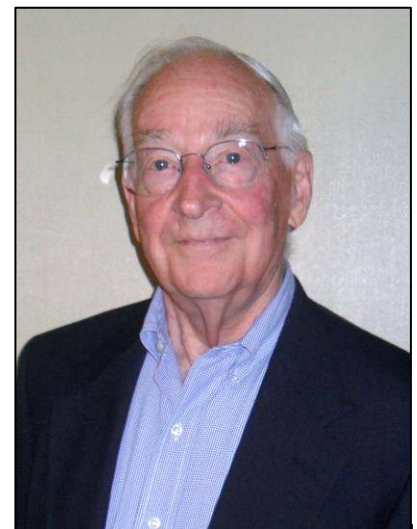
Travels to Borneo by Tom Barland

In March of this year, Tom Barland, his wife Jill, and about 20 others from this area embarked on a two week trip to Borneo. Tom shared some of his experiences with an educational and entertaining slide show.

While most of us have heard of Borneo, it is an area we know little about, and would be hard pressed to find on a map. Borneo is the third largest island in the world, surpassed in size only by Greenland and New Guinea. It is located north of Australia and south of the Philippines. Borneo is divided into three countries... Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia.



The tour group's four-level riverboat home for 8 days.



Tom Barland



Our Calendar

- July 19 – to be announced
- July 26 – Eau Claire Children’s Theatre Update by Wayne Marek, Executive Director
- August 2 – Camping Experiences for the Developmentally Disabled, by Betsy Ralph, Development Communications Director for Badger Camp

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During World War II, Japanese forces gained and held control of Borneo from 1941-45. After the fall of Singapore, several thousand British and Australian prisoners of war were sent to camps in Borneo. In 1945, the island was liberated from the Japanese by allied forces.

As the slides were rolling, Tom made numerous observations about the island and their experiences, and responded to questions:

- The climate is very hot and humid.
- The largest city is Kuching, Malaysia with a population of about 650,000.
- The major cities, including Sibiu (pictured at right) are quite modern and enjoy access to the internet and other electronic medium.
- Most transportation is by river.
- Logging is a primary source of income as half of the world’s supply of tropical timber comes from Borneo.



Speedy boat used for longer distance river transportation.



Transporting logs to the saw mills.



The tour group visited an Orangutan Center to observe this endangered species.

- The logging of rainforests, along with the burning of other areas for agricultural purposes, has resulted in extensive deforestation over the past 60 years. This is putting extensive pressure on its ecosystem.
- The Borneo rainforest is the only remaining natural habitat for the Bornean Orangutan.