

October 1, 2001

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Butch Holden; BSU Art Department – "Why More Art is Needed Now"

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dr. Rollie Morud – School District #31 Issues

Important Dates to Remember

Barcelona, Spain – Rotary International Conference

- June 23-26, 2002

International Goodwill Conference – Winnipeg, Manitoba

- February 15-16-17, 2002
(Speaker: RI President Richard King)

Visiting Rotarians

Jack Harris, Los Angeles, CA

Welcome New Member

Michael Kelsey, Jeweler

Proposed for Membership

William Howe – Banking (ret.) – proposed by Daryl Knoer
Rick Goeb – Athletic Director – proposed by Sue Kringen

Donations

The Board recently approved the following donations:

- BHS Close Up Students Visit to Washington, D.C. - \$1,000
- Swing Set for Ridgeway Apartment Project - \$900
- United Way 2001 Campaign - \$600

October Birthdays

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| Bona-Carol Enstrom | October 11 |
| Barry Prichard | October 9 |
| Pam Thorson | October 11 |
| Chris Keenan | October 14 |
| Jeremy Fayette | October 22 |
| John Schuiling | October 30 |
| Ted Will | October 31 |
| Kristi Booth | October 31 |

Rotary Around the World

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northwest printed 60,000 books of Chinese poetry and philosophy for

distribution to schools throughout China. Together with other organizations, the Rotarians are supporting a recent revival in mainland China of recitation of the classics, which had fallen out of favor due to curriculum changes. "These passages stay with children for the rest of their lives," said Ken Pang, of the Hong Kong Northwest club. "And they contain values very similar to those imparted by Rotary."

At the central branch library in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, USA, you can not only borrow books on home improvement, you can also check out tools to do the job. More than 200 tools are in the collection, allowing residents to do repairs and landscaping without buying and storing equipment. Financing for the unusual collection comes from the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

The 33-member Rotary Club of Kyrosjarvi, in a small town in Finland, pitched in to help furnish and equip a boarding school for 135 children with disabilities in Haapsalu, Estonia. The school had been severely damaged by fire in 1999. Club members raised \$75,000 for the project over an 18-month period.

The Rotary Club of Nkongsamba, Cameroun recently organized four Rotary Community Corps in its hometown and a nearby village. For their first projects, each of the corps identified a vital community need: a safe drinking water supply, a grain mill, a bridge, and a facility for transforming wastes into compost usable in agriculture.

Everyday Origins

Forks – Before forks became popular, the difference between refined and common people was the number of fingers they ate with. The upper classes used three; everyone else used five. This began to change in the 11th century, when tiny, two pronged forks became fashionable in Italian high society. But they didn't catch on; the Catholic Church opposed them as unnatural (it was an insult to imply that the fingers God gave us weren't good enough for food) and people who used them were ridiculed as effeminate or pretentious. Forks weren't generally considered polite until the 19th century – some 800 years after they were first introduced.