

October 22, 2001

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Concordia Language Village – Rotary Spanish Exchange Student

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Restorative Justice – Cindy Johnson

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)

Rose Sale Stars

Rose Sale Chairman John Reff reports that the following Rotarians sold over 50 dozen roses during our recent successful fundraiser:

Gurnee Bridgeman

Harold Fruetel

Dan Posner

Daryl Knoer

Myrle Olson

Duane Christensen

Ted Will

Fred Smyithe

Thanks go to these "all stars" whose sales accounted for 42% of the total of 2,100 dozen roses sold this year.

Paul Harris Multiples Awarded

President Curt recognized two "Multiple Paul Harris" Fellows at last week's meeting. Rotarians John Reff and Wayne Dondelinger, having completed one Paul Harris fellowship with a contribution of \$1,000, have continued their contribution to the Rotary Foundation and reached their second fellowship. They are to be congratulated for their generosity to the Foundation whose purpose is "doing good in the world." It has evolved into one of the world's most far-reaching efforts for promoting humanitarian service and global goodwill.

Coming in November

November 5 Episcopal Community Service Director

November 12 Rotary Foundation, Bob Russell

November 19 Veterans' Program

November 26 Mayor Richard Lehman

Rotary Group Study Exchange Team

Member Sought

The Bemidji Rotary Club is looking for young professional men and women to become a part of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team that will *visit their professional counterparts in South Korea*. The team will be hosted by local Rotary clubs and families in South Korea and will be in that country from March 30th to April 28th, 2002. *Local Rotary District 5580*

will pick up the cost of the trip with the exception of personal items purchased by team members.

Candidates should be between the ages of 25 and 41 years. All must be U.S. citizens, in good health and be respectful of other cultures. They cannot be current Rotary Club members. Candidates must be able to fulfill the rigorous demands of international travel and active participation in an extensive visitation itinerary.

Korean Rotary District 2690 will be host of the visiting team and is located in the southwest suburbs of Seoul, Korea on the Incheon Peninsula. Seoul is the capital city of Korea and the center of one of the most dynamic economies of the Asian rim countries.

Larry Young, local Rotary GSE Committee Co-chair stated that, "One of the main purposes of Rotary is to promote international understanding. The group Study Exchange Program has been one of the most successful ways to do this on a professional-to professional basis. All the GSE team members that we have sent abroad sponsored from the Bemidji Rotary Club come back telling us the trip was one of the most meaningful experiences of their lives."

Gary Johnson, former GSE team member to Sweden, says that, "The exchange program represents a fantastic opportunity to experience the culture, history, and life in another country. Because of the extensive program developed by the host clubs, Rotary's GSE program gives you a glimpse of another culture that is usually not seen by travelers, or residents of the country. I will always remember the wonderful people I met and the many experiences our team had during our busy six weeks in Sweden. I would encourage anyone to give serious consideration to this opportunity."

Application material may be picked up from Larry Young at the Joint Economic Development Commission Office (444-5757, ext 3) at the Tourist Information Center and from Gary Johnson (444-1234) at Paul Bunyan Telephone.

All completed applications must be submitted to Larry or Gary by October 22nd. Local Interviews will be conducted shortly thereafter with the final candidate's name being submitted to the District GSE Committee by October 31.

For more information contact the following:

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Please see www.paulbunyan.net/gse2000 for an example of the GSE experience.