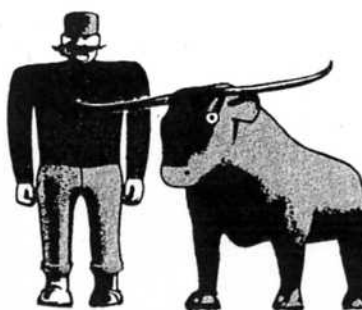
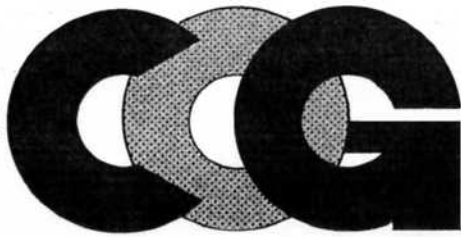




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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

District Governor Allen Pepper (club assembly at 11:00 – Everyone Invited)

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Classification Talk

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)

District 5580 Annual Conference – Bismarck, ND

- April 24-25-26, 2002

Mark Your Calendar

10K Night has been set for April 12 with Lori Paris chairing this major fund raising event. Proceeds will be designated for our Bemidji Parks project. Watch for further details.

Welcome New Member - Vern Treat

Proposed for Membership

Jerry Nyland – proposed by Laura McCaughan

Farewell to Laura McCaughan

Farewell to Laura McCaughan, our Rotary Secretary. A change of job and location has forced her resignation and all Rotarians will miss her contribution.

Thank You

A lovely thank you was received for the \$500 donation to the Headwaters Regional Man to Man support group for prostate cancer.

Your Rotary Dollars Make a Difference Locally and Internationally

More than 30 Million Children are Immunized in Pakistan NIDs

Nearly one thousand Rotary volunteers from 84 clubs helped immunize more than 30 million children under age 5 against polio during recent National Immunization Days (NIDs) in Pakistan.

In recognizing this effort, Rotary International President Richard D. King said, "This volunteer spirit is what enables Rotary to move toward its goal of polio eradication. Thanks to the dedication of Rotary volunteers worldwide, there will soon be one less threat against the children of the world."

"Much progress has been made in the fight against this crippling disease over the last year," said Abdul Haiy Khan, the National PolioPlus Committee chairman for Pakistan. "Polio cases have decreased by nearly 65 percent in Pakistan."

Launched on November 7, the Pakistan NIDs were synchronized with those in neighboring Afghanistan to ensure that children among the displaced Afghan population on both sides of the border are protected from the crippling disease. During the three-day immunization campaign, Rotary volunteers set up vaccination posts in Afghan refugee camps and brought the oral polio vaccine door-to-door to ensure that no child was missed. As prominent members of their communities, Rotary volunteers can reach out to families who may be cut off from mainstream communications to have their children vaccinated.

Through the PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners programs, the Rotary Foundation has contributed more than US \$13 million and some \$4 million toward Pakistan's and Afghanistan's Polio eradication efforts.