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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Ridgeway Neighborhood Project Report – Dr. Ted Will and Ray Carlson

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Trip to Concordia Language Village for Indian Meal with our Indian Exchange Student

Important Dates to Remember

Brisbane, Australia – Rotary International Conference
June 1-4, 2003

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes to Jack Naylor and his family at the death of his wife, Donna. The family asks that memorials be directed to the Bemidji Public Library.

Playhouse Update

Sue Doeden reports that a leadership committee is in place and plans are progressing on construction of a large playhouse which will be raffled off as a major fund raiser. Stay posted for ways you can help with this project.

Coming in November

November 4 – Visit to Concordia Language Village
November 11 – Veteran's Day Program
November 18 – Classification Talk
November 25 – Thanksgiving Day Program – to be announced

Rotary Firsts

- Rotary established the "Endowment Fund" in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary first adopted the name "Rotary International" in 1922 when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellows recognition in 1957 for contributors of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time of 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.

• The first Rotary International convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.

• The first head of state to address a Rotary convention was U.S. President Warren G. Harding in 1923 at St. Louis.

Rotary Around the World

The Rotary Club of Addis Ababa East is developing a model farm northeast of the Ethiopian capital to demonstrate ways that farmers in the area whose plots are on rugged, eroded terrain can increase their incomes. The income-generating methods include beekeeping, horticulture, and energy production from wind and biogas.

A two-day health fair for teenagers, organized by the Rotary Club of Soissons, Aisne, France, and the House of Prevention organization, drew 1,700 students, who took the opportunity to learn about dozens of topics ranging from nutrition to relationships. Some 400 adults attended a simultaneous conference on health risks for adolescents.

Recycling Facts

- Some 94,000 cans are recycled every minute in America.
- Americans use 100 million steel and tin cans every day. We recycle about 5% of them . . . which means we dump more than 30 billion into landfills every year.
- If Americans recycled half our newsprint every year, we'd need 3,200 fewer garbage trucks to collect municipal trash.
- According to the EPA, we create enough garbage every year to fill a convoy of 10-ton garbage trucks 145,000 miles long – more than halfway from here to the moon.
- To make plastics, the U.S. uses about a billion barrels of petroleum by-products each year. How much is that? Enough to fill over 56,000 olympic-sized swimming pools.