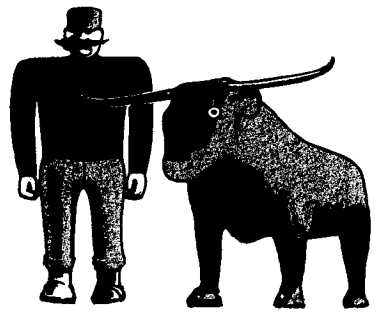


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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Vipul Shaha Presentation – Rotary Exchange Student from India

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Denmark Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team

Important Dates to Remember

Brisbane, Australia – Rotary International Conference

June 1-4, 2002

District Conference – May 1-3, 2003 – Fargo, ND

Conference is an excellent place to learn more about the good works of Rotary throughout our District and the world.

Coming in May

May 5 – 1st City Pipe Bank

May 12 – Lake Bemidji State Park & Friends of the Park

May 19 – Merit Lueth – Rotary Outbound Exchange – Swede

Rotary Around the World

Mission with a Vision

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Pune Central, India, (District 3130), with financial assistance from The Rotary Foundation and the Swiss-based philanthropic Volkart Foundation, nearly 1,000 people in and around Pune, Maharashtra, have had their eyesight restored through corneal transplants.

Perfect Attendance – March

Benson, Jim	Lundquist, Curt
Carlson, Ray	McGregor-Pfleger, Deb
Christensen, Duane	McKinzie, Evonne
Dickinson, Mark	Naylor, Jack
Doeden, Sue	O'Boyle, John
Echternach, Penny	Paris, Lori
Fayette, Jeremy	Reff, John
Gill, Helen	Sathre, Martin
Haugo, Dick	Schmidt, Al
Hoff, Wayne	Shough, Mark
Imсандe, Hank	Vorgert, Dennis
Keenan, Chris	Will, Ted
Kringen, Sue	Williamson, Kevin
Larson, Warren	

This *nazrana* (gift) of giving light to people living in darkness has been going on for the last six years at eight eye banks in the state. Each eye bank was paid Rs3,000 per transplant. About 2.5 million Indians suffer from corneal blindness.

How Mt. Rushmore Got It's Name

The full story of the origin of Mt. Rushmore begins 60 million years ago, when pressure deep within the earth pushed up layers of rock. The forces created an elongated granite-and-limestone dome towering several thousand feet above the Dakota prairie lands. The first sculpting of the mountain was done by nature. The erosive forces of wind and water fashioned one particularly protuberant peak, which was unnamed until 1885.

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That year, a New York attorney, Charles E. Rushmore, was surveying the mountain range on horseback with a guide. Rushmore inquired about the impressive peak's name, and the guide, ribbing the city lawyer answered, "Heck, it never had a name. But from now on we'll call the darn thing Rushmore." The label stuck. And later, with a gift of five thousand dollars, Charles Rushmore became one of the earliest contributors to the presidential memorial.

Last Call to the District Conference

Are you interested in attending the District Conference in Fargo on May 1-3? If so, Rotary will pay \$100 to help defray the cost of attending. Talk with President Jeremy to make arrangements for this fun and informative event. The District