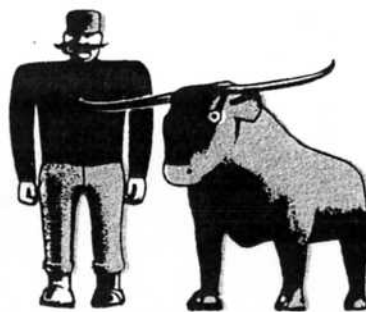
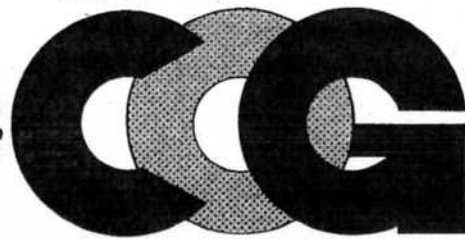




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**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**  
Denmark Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team  
**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM**  
1<sup>st</sup> City Pipe Band

**Important Dates to Remember**

*Brisbane, Australia – Rotary International Conference*  
June 1-4, 2002  
*District Conference* – May 1-3, 2003 – Fargo, ND

**4-Way Test Winners**

Sarah Nelson of Laporte High School was the winner of the Bemidji Rotary Four Way Test contest. Honorable mention winners in the essay contest were Amber Buckus of Laporte High School and Jessee Russell of Bemidji High School.

Bemidji Rotary offers this essay contest as an incentive to young people to develop their skills of self-expression and to show evidence of a sincere interest in the ideas of our youth.

The essay can deal with any topic of choice but it must apply the principles of the Four Way Rotary Test: 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned? 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Sarah will receive \$100 and Amber and Jessee will each receive \$50. Sarah's essay will also be submitted for District and Regional competition and she will be invited to read her essay for Bemidji Rotary members. The winner of the regional competition will receive \$2000.

**Playhouse Ticket Sales Update**

Playhouse Chairperson Sue Doeden reports that over 750 chances were sold on the playhouse at the Home, Sport and Travel Show. The house is now on display at Wells Fargo, Westridge and will be traveling to First Realty starting May 5. If you haven't yet picked up your chances, please do it today. Let's all get behind this terrific fundraiser!!

**GSE Potluck**

A GSE Potluck Picnic will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. at the State Park. Everyone is

invited. Please check with Pat Grimes for food assignments.

**Thank You Note**

Thank you for your donation. Your support of the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra is much appreciated. Thanks for your special donation to the Children's Concert.  
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**Anniversary Congratulations**

*North Shore Two Harbors Rotary Club will be 10 years on May 1, 2003.*

**Birthday Wishes!**

April 19, 1868 was Rotary founder Paul Harris' birthday. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin, practiced law in Chicago and founded Rotary in the U.S. in 1905. He passed away in Chicago at the age of 78 in 1947.

The editor of "The Rotarian" notes, "By all accounts, Paul was a modest and humble man filled with good humor and always willing to share with others the credit for Rotary's success. More than once, he confessed his delighted amazement that the humble association he founded in 1905 grew to encompass – and change – the world."

**Ask the Experts**

*Reprinted from The Governor's Newsletter, District 5580*  
Based upon much experience and on reports from membership seminars, success at retaining members can be attributed to the following:

- Offering Interesting Programs
- Providing strong but friendly leadership
- Encouraging fellowship and humor
- Involving members in committees
- Paying attention to absentees – offering help to members in need and visiting members who are ill
- Arranging additional get-togethers without the usual meeting agenda
- Giving members information – in small doses – about Rotary at all levels