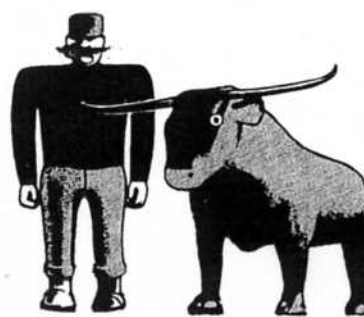
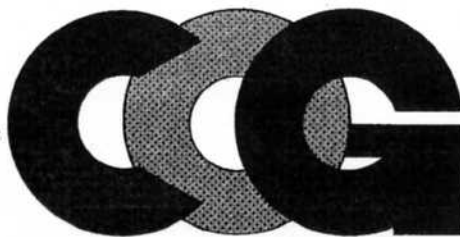




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### **THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

Boys and Girls Club of Bemidji, Executive Secretary

### **NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM**

Rotary in Hawaii – Mike Sunnarborg

#### **Important Dates to Remember**

*Osaka, Japan – Rotary International Conference* – May 23-26, 2004.

#### **Paul Harris Banquet Plans**

Don't forget to bring an item for the silent auction to be held at our first annual Paul Harris Banquet. The date is Friday, November 21 at the Bemidji Town and Country Club with reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 with program and guest speaker to follow. Cost is \$13 per person. For a reservation and information, see Gail Quistgard.

#### **Donation**

\$5,379 to Boys & Girls Club for 6 computers, a printer and other computer equipment. The new organization opened its doors today with over 100 members signed up.

#### **Rotary Youth Exchange**

An outbound student, Kari Williams, has been selected for the Rotary Youth Exchange. She is the daughter of Doug and Kim Williams. Her destination will be determined in the spring.

Youth exchange is one of the most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. It began in 1927 with the Rotary Club in Nice, France. In 1939 an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California and Latin America. Since then the program has expanded around the world. In recent years more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary club – and district-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high school-age students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving high schools and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow students in their host schools with excellent

opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students usually spend a full academic year abroad, although some clubs and districts sponsor short-term exchanges of several weeks or months.

Youth Exchange is a highly recommended program for all Rotary clubs as a practical activity for the enhancement of international understanding and goodwill.

#### **It's "Man the Kettles" Time**

For many years, Rotary members have rung the bell and manned the kettles for the Salvation Army at Christmastime. This year that tradition continues with five shifts to be filled during the final seven days of the fund drive. We're reminded that the funds derived from this project stay in our community and benefit a variety of charitable purposes. If you are able to ring the bells for the Salvation Army at an inside location, contact Barry Prichard. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at an upcoming meeting.

Barry would also appreciate a co-chair of this project this year, so that a knowledgeable successor could continue the tradition.

#### **Rotary Around the World**

#### **Town Benefits from Community Action Campaign**

Nearly 50 children in the town of Las Clavellinas, Venezuela, received health exams during a community campaign conducted by members of the Rotary Club of Barquisimeto Este (District 4380) and other local organizations. The campaign also included a donation of medicines, immunizations against polio and measles, fluoride treatments, haircuts and clothing.