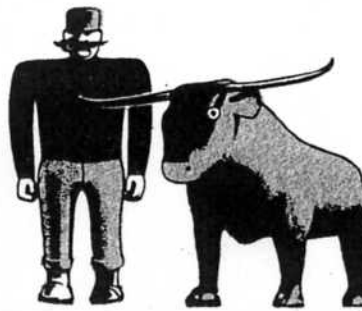
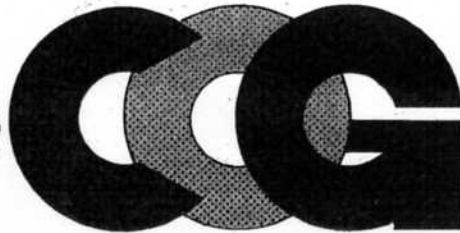




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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Rotary in Hawaii – Mike Sunnarborg

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Classification Talk – Michael Kelsey – “Gems”

Important Dates to Remember

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

Coming in December

December 8 – Annual BHS Choir Concert

December 15 – Adult Day Services, April Collman, Director

December 22 – Christmas Carol Sing-Along with Song Leader Dennis Doeden

December 29 – Special Children's Program

December 8 Concert – Bring a Guest

The Annual BHS Choir Concert scheduled for December 8 is always a highlight of the season. You're welcome and encouraged to bring a guest for this special occasion.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) Members Named

Bemidji will have two members of the District's GSE Team this coming year. Both will visit Lithuania in the spring. After extensive interviews here and at the District, the two successful candidates are:

- Erin Eddy – Sponsored by Bemidji Noon Rotary – Manager of Corporate Relations for Lueken's
- James Gubbels – Sponsored by Bemidji Sunrise Rotary – Forester for DNR.

One of the most popular and rewarding programs of The Rotary Foundation is Group Study Exchange. Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965, the program has provided education experiences for about 35,000 businesses and professional men and women who

have served on about 6,500 teams. The GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams. Since 1965, almost \$59 million has been allocated by The Rotary Foundation for Group Study Exchange grants.

One of the attractive features of GSE is the opportunity for the visiting team members to meet, talk and live with Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality. Although the original Group Study Exchanges were male only, in recent years teams have included both men and women.

In addition to learning about another country through visits to farms, schools, industrial plants, professional offices and governmental establishments, the GSE teams serve as ambassadors of goodwill. They interpret their home nation to host Rotarians and others in the communities they visit. In recent years, teams of a single vocation or cultural groups have been exchanged. Some GSE teams help create humanitarian projects between their countries. Many of the personal contacts blossom into lasting friendships.

“Miss Average America” in the ‘60’s

An all time favorite beauty contest was the “National College Queen Pageant”, a little-known pageant that awarded some lucky college girl a title and prizes for excelling in the most mundane activities imaginable. “We are idealizing the well-rounded average,” explained the pageant's promoter in 1962. Some of the events in which contestants had to complete:

- ✓ Blouse-ironing
- ✓ Cooking hamburgers
- ✓ “Doodling designs with colored inks on electric blankets”
- ✓ Carrying coffee cups and pots across a room to the judges' table and pouring (to evaluate “skill and poise” as a hostess”)
- ✓ Sandal Decoration
- ✓ A fierce debate on “right and wrong” hairstyles.