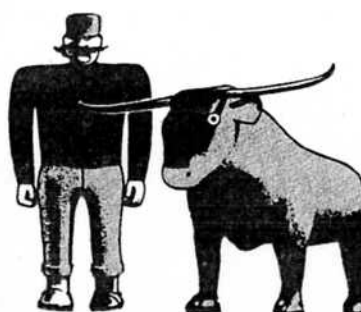
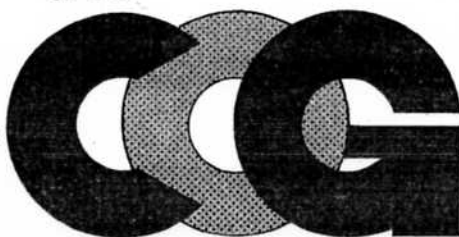




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### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

BHS Choir Christmas Concert – Welcome to our Guests

### NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Adult Day Services – April Collman, Director

#### Important Dates to Remember

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

#### Youth Exchange Students Speak Up

District 5580's Youth Exchange Students for the year 2003-04 were asked to write a few words about themselves for the District Governor's Newsletter. Of 30 students from around the world, two are living in Bemidji. Here are their messages:

##### *Jose (Chino) Hernandez – Mexico*

Hi, I'm Chino from Mexico. My school at home is smaller than my school here. The building here is nice and better than mine in Mexico. I prefer the food in my country because we have a lot more fresh food and here most of the food is fast food. Well, I hope I make a lot of friends in my exchange year and become a better person. I think this is a really good opportunity for learning things that can help me in the future. See you.

##### *Pema Rinchen – Bhutan*

Hi, my name is Pema and I am from the Kingdom of Bhutan. I am a boy who is all of 16 years and I live in Bemidji, Minnesota. I have five sisters and one brother in Bhutan. My mother's name is Naina Subba and my dad's name is Yeshey Dorji. My school in Thimphu is Lungtenzampa High and has grades 7 to 10. I was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Bhutan, but now I am in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. In Bemidji I go to Bemidji High and I am in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. I just want to have a lot of fun with the exchange students and I want to learn more about American things, like the school, life in an American home, the measuring system, things like that. I still am trying to get used to the pounds and gallons and inches. I have experienced a lot of things in America and I hope to never forget it. I am a very adventurous person and am willing to do almost anything. I like soccer, cricket, rock climbing, playing PC and video games. I want to be a computer graphics designer when I grow up and I hope to be a good one, too. I really want to go home, but most of the time I get distracted from home – so I don't think about home very often.

#### Statistically Speaking – October 2003

<i>Club</i>	<i>Nov. Membership</i>	<i>Attendance %</i>
Dickinson	103	56.0%
Bismarck	100	55.0%
Minot	97	71.0%
Detroit Lakes	106	75.5%
Bemidji	123	59.9%*
Virginia	78	72.4%
Crookston	33	71.0%
Grand Forks	72	64.5%
Thief River Falls	41	42.0%
Duluth	280	82.9%
Brainerd	136	90.0%
Superior	88	62.3%
Grand Rapids	39	71.8%
Walker	76	74.9%

\*Bemidji attendance report from September 2003

#### Rotary Around the World

##### Street Children Find Shelter in Day-Care Center

The Rotary clubs of Colon, Uruguay (District 4970), and Torres, Brazil (District 4670), are giving Uruguay's street children a chance at a better life with the donation of a well-equipped day-care center. Using a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, a shipment of desks, tables, chairs, stoves, dishes, a television, and a video recorder were delivered to the Instituto de Educacion Popular El Abrojo last April. In addition to providing shelter, the center will give street children the education and care they deserve.

#### Mark Your Calendar

##### *79<sup>th</sup> International Goodwill Meeting*

*February 20-21, 2004*

*Fort Gary Hotel  
Winnipeg, Manitoba*

*Registration deadline – January 22, 2004  
(see president Sue for details)*