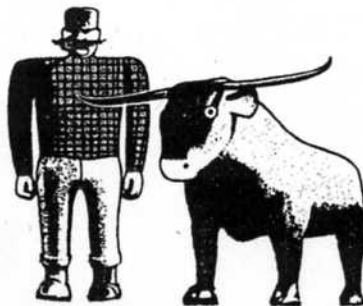
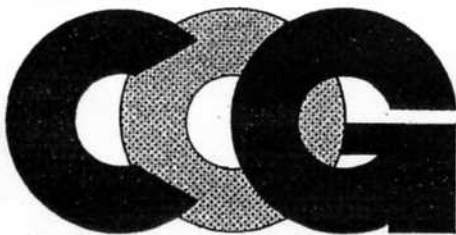




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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Christmas Carol Sing – Song Leader Dennis Doeden

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Special Children's Program

Important Dates to Remember

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

7th Annual Goodwill Meeting – February 20-21, 2004, Fort Gary Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Donations

\$1,000 Polio Plus – Including \$820 in proceeds from our first annual Paul Harris Banquet.

\$400 – Bemidji High School Choir

Community Service Report

Next quarter's Sargeant of Arms fines and the Skins Game profits will be used to offset expected increases in Rotary Playhouse expenses.

District Youth Exchange Students Speak Up

We continue a series of letters from Youth Exchange Students now staying in Rotary District 5580:

Tim Roelofs – The Netherlands

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Lakehead)

I am Tim Roelofs. I am 18 years old. This year I will be an exchange student with the Lakehead Rotary club in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. I live in Holland, in a town called Elst which is situated on the east side of Holland, close to the German border. I finished my high school in Holland, and next year I will be going to university in Holland. In Holland we do not play any games like football, hockey or baseball. Instead we play soccer, tennis and field hockey. This year will hopefully improve my English and I will learn about the North-American culture.

Sahil Sapre – India

Rotary Club of Duluth

I am from Pune, India, a town of about 2.5 million people, 100 miles southeast of Mumbai (Bombay). I am the only child of my father, a professor of finance and my mother, an architect. I entered 11th grade this fall at Duluth East where classes are much more interactive than in India and thus, much more interesting. I am now sure most of my many expectations for my exchange year will be fulfilled. I will meet many people and make friends for life. Living independently, away from parents and friends, with an American family in a totally different culture is maturing. This is going to be a once in a lifetime experience and I hope to make the best of it!

Rotary Around the World

Last November, 25 computers donated by the Rotary Club of Lynnwood, Washington, USA, traveled from the United States to South Africa aboard the SS *Universe Explorer*, a 23,000-ton passenger ship outfitted as a floating university. The computers were part of a partnership between the Rotary clubs of Lynnwood and Gordon's Bay, South Africa, to establish computer education and training centers in disadvantaged areas in the Western Cape.

Also making the voyage were 650 college students completing a semester-at-sea program. Upon arrival in Table Bay, the computers were used by Boland College in Stellenbosch to set up vocational skills training centers in the Helderberg and Overberg Regions.

Merry Christmas to All!