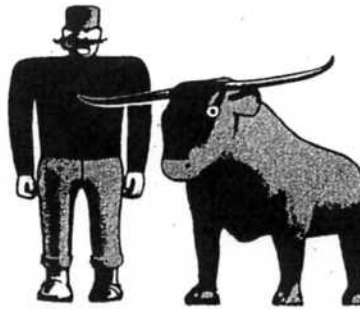
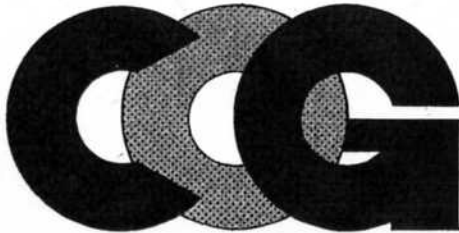




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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Harvey Crable – Bemidji High School Activities

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Rotary Membership – President Sue

Important Dates to Remember

- 7th Annual Goodwill Meeting – February 20-21, 2004, Fort Gary Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Rotary District Meeting – April 30 – May 2, 2004, Detroit Lakes – Reasonable Rates at Americinn. Family participation is encouraged and family activities are planned. Contact Sue Kringen for further information and register soon!
- Osaka, Japan – Rotary International Conference – May 23-26, 2004.

The steering committee members – Mark Shough, Chris Keenan, Scott Turn, Pat Grimes, Michael Kelsey, Sue Doeden and Al Bontrager – will continue having brief meetings between “work days”. The first work day occurred on Saturday, June 17 from 9:00 – 3:00 at Mark Shough’s garage. You do not have to stay for the entire time. One, two or three hour commitments work well for everyone. Look for future dates to help with this fun and important Rotary fundraiser.

Salvation Army Thank You Note

A thank you note was received from Carol Lauderbaugh of the Beltrami County Unit of the Salvation Army:

Dear Bemidji Noon Rotary:

Thank you so much for taking the time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Your group raised almost \$3,500 – total raised in the 27 days was \$9,747 – so you basically raised 33% of the total from just your group alone.

Our total was lower than previous years, but the totals from most of the other units were lower, too – not only in Beltrami County. I attribute the lower total to the shorter season, and the fact that I didn’t have a “full” calendar of ringers, which makes *all the difference*.

Once again, thank you so much for your help and God Bless you in 2004.

Carol Lauderbaugh
Beltrami County Unit
Salvation Army

Playhouse Update

Rotary Minute

Rotary Minute continues to be a fun and informative meeting event. Volunteers for this can approach Sue Kringen. Thanks to those who have already participated.

Rotary Meeting Time

Rotary noon meetings will start at noon and end at 1:15 p.m. The oral meeting will start promptly at 12:15 p.m. and Rotarians are encouraged to keep eating during this time. The effort to end the meetings earlier is a result of a Board decision based on member requests and suggestions for membership attraction and retention.

Cost of Rotary Noon Meetings

The Board of Rotary faces a decision regarding the cost of the weekly room and meal at the Northern Inn. No decisions have been made, but Rotarians will probably incur a weekly greater cost of \$1 - \$2. Other locations including the Hampton Inn’s Green Mill Restaurant are being explored. This will not be an option until April. Availability of a piano is also a consideration. Comments to board members are welcome.