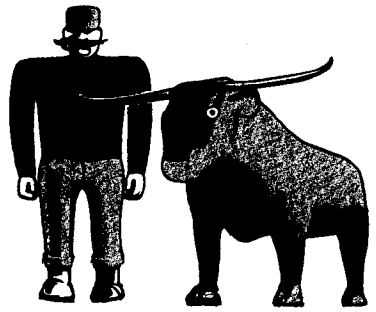
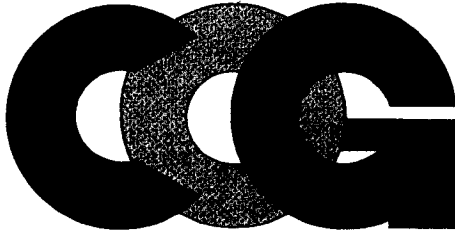


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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM
Master Gardeners – Cathy Peck
NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM
Project in Kenya – Carol Nelson

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.

Most importantly, your gift will help ensure that children continue to receive high quality arts education that helps them develop a positive sense of Native culture while building their competence and self-esteem. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Schueller
Executive Director

Reminder – Rotary District Meeting

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for Rotarians attending the Rotary District Meeting, April 30 – May 2 in Detroit Lakes. If you are planning to attend, contact President Sue for information. Let's have a good representation at this meeting of Rotarians from around the district.

To President Sue Kringen:

Please accept and convey my heartfelt appreciation for the \$2,000 grant from the Bemidji Noon Rotary Club to further the work of the Task Force on Youth Violence, Underage Drinking, and Illegal Drugs. I continue to hear how local students feel powerless to deal with the challenges of drinking and drugs in their classmates, and parents are similarly feeling daunted as they try to raise healthy kids in today's difficult environment. Your grant will help us implement strategies that are designed to deal with the consequences of the issues and the disease of addiction.

Thank You Notes

To President Sue Kringen:

On behalf of Evergreen House, it is my pleasure to thank you and the Bemidji Rotary Club for your generous donation of \$500 in support of our Native Arts After-School Program at the Lincoln Elementary School. Please know that your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
James F. Hanko
President and CEO
North Country Health Services

Your gift supports a highly effective, asset-building program for elementary students at the Lincoln School. The instructor, Bambi Goodwin, is a licensed teacher, who teaches students to use various arts media, such as beading, clay, weaving, drawing, and more. She uses Ojibwe words and concepts to teach the students aspects of Native culture as they develop skills in art. Bambi is also an excellent classroom manager, and provides a supervised, structured environment which encourages students to learn and participate.

Rotary Awareness

- 1) What is the approximate number of Rotary Clubs worldwide?
A) 14,000 B) 6,000 C) 31,000 D) 45,000
- 2) What are the four Avenues of Service?

Answers:

1. 31,000;
2. Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service

Sue, please convey our thanks to the many Rotary Club members who contributed to make this donation possible. It is especially helpful during this difficult financial climate for nonprofits. No funds were allocated for after-school enrichment by the Minnesota Legislature in the 2003 session. Yet, national studies consistently indicate that constructive programs for youth in the after-school hours between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. can significantly reduce juvenile crime.