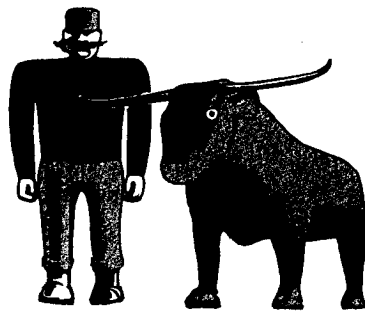
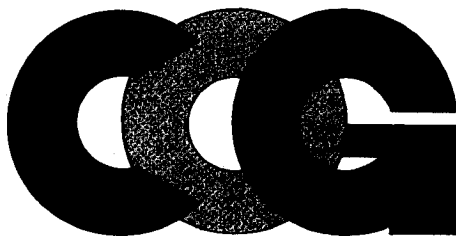


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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Healthy Community, Healthy Kids – Carol Johnson

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Memorial Day – No Meeting

Important Dates to Remember

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

Playhouse Update

Playhouse Chairman Scott Turn reports that the playhouse will be on display this week at Perkins. He asks that you turn in tickets already sold. Let's keep those ticket sales rolling!

GSE Team

A Group Study Exchange Team (GSE) from Lithuania will be visiting our area in July. If you are interested in helping with their lodging, talk to Gary Johnson.

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.

Truly, the Group Study Exchange program has provided Rotarians with one of its most enjoyable, practical and meaningful ways to promote world understanding.

Visiting Rotarians

Brad Swenson, Sunrise Club

Rotary Centennial Bell

Five Rotary Centennial bells are now traveling around the world, ringing in celebrations among many of the world's oldest Rotary clubs. Reflecting the Rotary tradition of ringing a bell to open the weekly meeting, the centennial bells underscore the important role club meetings have played in developing fellowship and service over the past 100 years. Like the Olympic torch, the traveling bells also symbolize the international presence of Rotary.

One centennial bell will travel to the first 100 Rotary clubs chartered by Rotary International, all

of which are located in the United States, Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland. The other four bells will travel to the first Rotary club formed in each country of four regions: Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe/Middle East, and Latin America/Caribbean.

The centennial bells began their journey at the 2003 RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia. Over the following two years, the bells will visit clubs in Rotary's more than 165 countries, their chimes serving as a reminder of Rotary's rich history and traditions. The bells will conclude their historic travels in Rotary's birthplace at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago.

Rotary Firsts

- Rotary first presented "Significant Achievement Awards" in 1969 to clubs with outstanding International or Community Service projects.
- Rotary's first Interact club was organized in Melbourne, Florida, in 1962 to become the pioneer for about 6,000 Interact clubs in 96 countries.
- Rotary's first convention held in the Southern Hemisphere was in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1948.
- Rotary was assigned the copyright on the "The 4-Way Test" in 1954 when its author, Herbert Taylor, became president of Rotary International.
- Rotary's first Community Service project took place in 1907 when Chicago Rotarians led a campaign to install a public "comfort station" in the city hall.
- Rotary's first appeal for aid to disaster victims was in 1913 when \$25,000 was given for flood relief in Ohio and Indiana, USA.