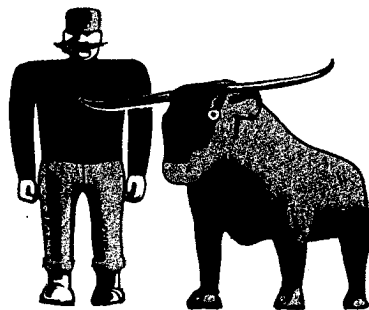
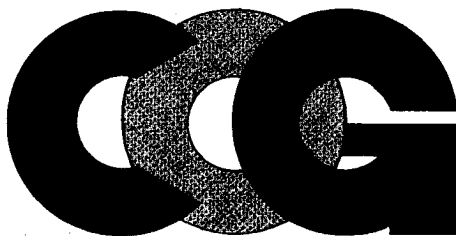


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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM
The World Food Prize – Jamie Owens
NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM
Motivational Speech – Dan Hegstad

Important Dates to Remember

*Chicago, USA – Rotary International Conference
(Centennial Celebration) – June 18-25, 2005*

Welcome New Member

Del Olson
(Proposed by Ted Will)

Honduras Trip

Chris Keenan and Ted Will will be visiting Honduras in November to prepare for the larger humanitarian group that will go there in February. For over 14 years, District 5580 Rotary Clubs have worked with the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara, Honduras on a variety of projects to better the lives of Hondurans. In the past, these have included a sewage system and potable water, medical, optometry and dental projects as well as school construction and renovations for a population desperately in need. When Chris and Ted return, we will hear about this year's project. This alliance is truly a powerful example of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

Journey to Italy

Rotarian CarolAnn Russell Schlemper is the Academic Director of a Study Abroad Program through BSU scheduled for May 12-24, 2005. Among the highlights of the trip are Rome, Napoli, Pompeii, Sorrento, Florence and the Isle of Capri. You can even try a visit to the Trevi Fountain, where, according to custom, a coin thrown into the fountain guarantees a return visit! For more information, contact Carol at 755-2029. (But hurry, a \$150 deposit is due on November 15.)

Thanks from the Chamber

On behalf of the "First City of Lights", I would like to thank Bemidji Rotary for their generous contribution of \$500 to help "Light Up" Bemidji

this upcoming season. Rotary truly is a bright star of the north. Thank you.

Lori Paris
Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce

Rotary Around the World

Many New Zealanders became victims of freak weather conditions that triggered cyclonic winds and rainstorms in February, a normally pleasant month. Damages to farms, homes, and infrastructure totaled an estimated NZ\$245 million (US\$160 million). Rotarians in districts 9940 and 9970 established disaster relief funds for affected communities.

Most of Ecuador's 51 Rotary clubs participated in the country's first-ever international project fair on 28 February. In addition to more than 200 local Rotarians, the Quito event drew 65 Rotarians from Canada, England, France, Italy, Spain, and the United States. Most of the 150 projects on display reflected the 2003-2004 RI presidential emphases: literacy and education, health concerns, poverty alleviation, and the family of Rotary.

Quotables

"In 1988 the World Health Assembly agreed that it would commit to eradicating polio in time for the world to be certified polio-free by 2005. Since then, Rotary International, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been leading this massive undertaking.

- Mia Farrow, UNICEF Special Representative

"Thank you, Rotary, for recognizing that a world without polio is possible. You have been the catalyst for the world to accept and carry out the challenge of eradicating polio from the earth."

- Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation