



December 20, 2004

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

"It's Just Water" – Dan Siems

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Magic Act and Comedy Show – Joe Dalessandro

Important Dates to Remember

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

*Annual Goodwill Conference, February 4-6, 2005
 Winnipeg, Manitoba – See President Warren for
 Details*

Playhouse Update

Playhouse Chairman Scott Turn reports that construction on the playhouse is underway. The first Saturday construction date will be January 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Mark Shough's garage. Workers are welcome. See Scott for details on this fundraising project.

Coming in January

January 3 – Alex Nadesan – BSU Foreign Student Recruitment

January 10 – Melanoma Monday – Dr. Natalie Roholt

January 17 – Bemidji State Park Outreach – Cindy Lueth & Chris Weir-Koetter

January 24 – Red Lake Reservation Fisheries – Pat Brown

January 31 – Bemidji Area Arts Endowment Activities – Sandy Kaul

Bell Ringers Alert

Ryan Baer, Chairman for this year's Salvation Army Bell Ringing Project, reports that as of 12/13 only four slots were left for volunteer ringers. Check with Ryan to see if your help is needed.

Rotary Centennial Early Registration Approaches

Calling the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, many Rotarians are registering early to make sure that they don't miss out on this historic event.

Those who register for the centennial convention by December 31 qualify for a discounted registration fee. To further encourage attendance, RI is offering a district registration incentive for districts that register more than 2 percent of their membership by March 31, 2005. Graduated rebates at US\$15 – 35 per registrant will be paid to these districts after the convention, depending on the number of eligible attendees who attended.

Ticketed events include an evening at the city's landmark Field Museum of Natural History (\$80); Rotary Centennial parade (\$300 until January 31); Midwestern host hospitality; the PolioPlus fundraiser Race to the Finish walk/run (\$25); several breakfast (\$45) and lunch (\$50) meetings organized by the Rotary Club of Chicago; and tours of the city. In addition, attendees who register by March 31, 2005 can add their names to the HOC's commemorative directory, which will be sold at the convention of \$15.

Trivia Galore

- Ice covers about 10 percent of the earth's surface. That is about equal to the land area used for farming.
- Bloodlines of 12 United States presidents are linked to royalty. Even Richard Nixon was related to kings.

A very Merry and Peace Filled Christmas to All!