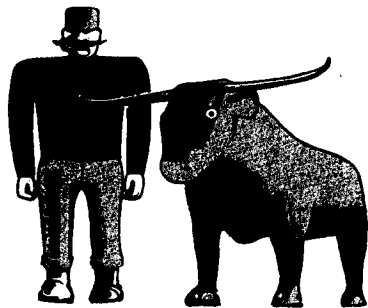


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**This Week's Program**

*Headwaters School of Music & The Arts and Paul Bunyan Playhouse – Janet Brademan*

**Next Week's Program**

*LARA (Latin America Rotary Aid)*

**Important Dates to Remember**

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

**June Birthdays**

Marilyn Heltzer	June 10
Daryl Knoer	June 10
John O'Boyle	June 13

**Project "Bemidji Green Up"**

Ten volunteers, many from Bemidji Rotary Clubs, recently planted more than 1,000 trees along a Highway 2 East hill just before Animal Land. The goal of "Bemidji Green Up" is to plant 10,000 trees a year over 10 years, and many organizations are taking part. Hurrah for our tree planters and their project to beautify our community for generations to come!

**LARA – A Mission of Goodwill & Service**

Each year since 1990, members of our local clubs along with others from Rotary District 5580 combine their energy and resources to work as a united group on Rotary International projects in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara, Honduras. Their general goals are to better the health of Santa Barbara residents through the building of latrines and establishing potable water sources as well as performing various medical, optometry and dental projects. They also aim to improve education with school construction and renovations.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the project's founding, and much progress has been made toward its goals. Buildings are painted, streets are paved, there is a sewage system, people are better clothed and an orphanage has been established. A water project is underway. Stay tuned next week for an update on this year's plans.

**Rotary Around the World**

Nearly 200 dogs received rabies vaccinations at a community service event sponsored by the Rotary Club of Padre Garcia, Batangas, Philippines. Local dog owners brought their animals to Rotarians, who assisted in preparing and giving the vaccinations against the often-fatal disease. The day's activities also included tree plantings and a seminar on beekeeping.

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Members of the Rotary clubs of Hermosillo Pitic, Sonora, Mexico, and SaddleBrooke, Arizona, USA, joined forces to distribute eyeglasses and provide vision exams in Mexico. Volunteers helped to treat problems ranging from infections to degenerative eyesight. Thanks to a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, the clubs provided nearly 8,000 pairs of glasses.

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With the Assistance of Rotary clubs of District 5420 (California USA), the Rotary Club of Braila, Romania, has expanded the local public library's collection. The library's holdings of foreign-language books grew from fewer than 100 volumes to more than 11,000. Now housed in their own wing of the library, the new books were donated by Rotarians and private organizations.

**Did You Know**

***Rotary in Africa and the Middle East***

**Clubs:** 1,197      **Members:** 31,352  
**First Club Chartered:** Johannesburg, South Africa, 1922

**Fun Facts:** One of Rotary's most multilingual districts, District 9150 in Africa encompasses nine countries in which Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, and Swahili are spoken, along with dozens of local languages and dialects.