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Children International

The following is an excerpt from the letter that was sent to the Interact Club regarding our sponsor child, Sornnath:

Dear Sponsors:

I'm writing today with some important information about your sponsored child, Sornnath Das.

I know how much it means to you to touch his life in a lasting way. That is why it is difficult to share the news with you that we have decided to close the project-area that serves your sponsored child. Sadly, this means that we will no longer be able to provide sponsorship support to Sornnath.

I know you must be disappointed to see Sornnath end his participation in our sponsorship program, especially since you've been so committed to sponsoring him for more than 5 years. I hope the following information will help you understand why we felt that closing the project was our only alternative.

Through careful management and supervision, Children International is dedicated to ensuring that sponsors' dollars are being spent in a cost-effective manner. Usually, project workers are eager and willing to abide by our policies. As a result, we've seen many positive developments in children's lives.

Unfortunately, during a regular program review, we found that the individuals in charge of administering our program in your child's community have not been following our stringent guidelines for operating an effective sponsorship program. It is distressing to discover that the people we trusted to serve the desperately poor would misuse funds intended for the children.

I want to assure you we have done everything possible to resolve this situation, and we have considered many options to replace the staff and maintain the program. Regrettably, in this case we are unable to find an adequate solution, and we are forced to cease operations in Sornnath's area. However, we are in the process of restoring any benefits due to the children that were not fully delivered before—so you can be sure Sornnath will receive the full benefit of your sponsorship.

This situation may not seem fair to your child, and I certainly understand your concern. We share your concern—our sponsors' relationships with their children are extremely important, and we always do whatever we can to see that they continue for as long as possible. But we must also ensure that donations are being used efficiently for the greatest benefit of the children.



Ashish Gomes 3-1103 873224 F

This is Ashish, our new sponsor child. Ashish is from India. He is 7 years old and his birthdate is November 1, 1996. Ashish attends school and his favorite subject is languages. He enjoys toys and cars, and drawing. The approximate monthly income for his family (in US dollars) is \$25. Ashish lives with his mother and father and does not have any siblings. They live in a one-room home with tile roof and mud floors. They have a kerosene stove for cooking and they all sleep in one wooden bed. Their water source is a community well, electricity is available, and there is a community latrine.

Service Above Self

The Four Way Test of the things we say or do

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build good will and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

2003-2004 Rotary Theme



Lend a Hand

The Four Avenues of Rotary Service

Vocational Service

Representing the dignity and utility of one's vocation to others.

Club Service

Activities to make a club function successfully.

Community Service

Activities to improve the quality of life in one's community. Assistance to youth, the aged, the handicapped and others.

International Service

Programs and activities to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. Meeting humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

Program

D. McGregor 1/12
T. McNamara 1/19
Club Assembly 1/26
D. Milner 2/2
T. Moreau 2/9
M. Myers 2/16
Club Assembly 2/23

Greeters

Walker/Turner
Walker/Turner
Tompkins/Stark
Tompkins/Stark
P. Spicer/L. Spicer
P. Spicer/L. Spicer
Souder/Sisson

Rotary/Interact Calendar

January is Rotary Awareness Month!

- Board meeting—January 12, 2004
- Spouse Night, Springbrook Inn—February 9, 2004
- Silent Auction—May 1, 2004
- Rotary Track Meet—May 15, 2004
- RI Convention, Japan—May 23-26, 2004
- District Conference—June 10-13, 2004

2003-2004 Rotary Int. President: Jonathan Majiyagbe
 2003-2004 Rotary Dist. 6290 Governor: Chuck Vonesh

Rotary Club of Houghton Lake 2003-2004 Officers and Chairmen

President Gary Gandolfi
Past President Laurie Wallin
President Elect Randy Seymour
President Nominee John Stark
Secretary Bob Pacella
Treasurer Bert Sisson
Board Members Denise Clasen, John Stark,
 Rick Hacker

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Sgt. At Arms Dan McGregor
Vocation Rodney Walker
International Wendy Turner/Rhonda Lamberg
Community Service Debbie Banks
Club Service Rick Hacker
Club Membership Robert Gandolfi
Strive Denise Clasen
Program Lou Boggs
Webmaster Gary Gandolfi
Bulletin Stacey Barnes
WCS Project
Foundation/Polio

Rotary Club of HL meets each Monday at Coyle's-12:15pm

Rotary Membership:

Terry Anderson-PP	Rick Hacker	Mike Ryan
Stacey Barnes	Amy Hance	Rich Saterlee
Debbie Banks	David Hanson	Randy Seymour-PP
Charlie Berg	Steve Hunter	Anita Sheppard
Lou Boggs	Vickie Kalmbach	Bert Sisson
Dick Brown	Jim Kent	Barb Souder-PP
Gavin Carnegie	Rhonda Lamberg	Louise Spicer-PP
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Bret Cook	Dan McGregor	John Stark-PN
Jim Deamud	Tom McNamara-PP	Diane Tompkins
Allison Docherty	Darrell Milner-PP	Wendy Turner
Dick Follrath	Tom Moreau-PP	Rodney Walker
Bob Gandolfi-PP	Marv Myers	Laurie Wallin-PP
Gary Gandolfi-P	Bill Oliver-PP	Sindy Winkler
Art Gonzalez-PP	Bob Pacella	
Matt Grover	Mike Rankin	

HL High School Interact Club 2003-2004 Officers and Chairmen

President	George Davis
Past President	Elise Jury
President Elect	Mary Domsitz
Secretary	Lauren Lambert
Treasurer	Kate Lepper
Sophomore Directors	Amanda Davis
	Jessica McClenathan
Junior Director	Courtney Yoder
Senior Director	John MacKenzie II
Advisors	Alison Docherty
	Bill Oliver

Interact meets twice monthly during seminar

Interact Membership:

Kelsey Barber	Lauren Lambert	Sam VanY
Sara Buccilli	Kate Lepper	Jenny Wagner
Anni Clayton	Kelly Lepper	Elizabeth Wall
Devon Clifford	Chelsea Lockwood	Rachel Walsh
Amanda Davis	Emily Loy	Paige Warden
George Davis	John MacKenzie II	Chrissy Watrous
Mary Domsitz	Dani Marquedant	Amanda Weideman
Michelle Fitzgerald	Keri McCann	Courtney Yoder
Katie Gierszwiski	Jessica McClenathan	
Leanna Harvey	Sara Mills	
Brittany Herbst	Rachel Nauikow	
Marissa Janco	Nikki Neal	
Joe Jurkovich	Kathryn Pothoof	
Andrea King	Andrea Randall	
Becky King	Ashley Tilman	

January 5, 2004 retrospect:

Program: A six month update from Jenny Wagner and Susanna Vuorinen.
Interact Guests: Chelsea Lockwood, Nikki Neal, Elise Jury (past-president), Jenny Wagner
Other Guests: Rosalie Myer, Ron Hilman, Roy Spangler (Roscommon), Gary Gandolfi's family, Bill & Jeanine (Cadillac), Tina Gibson, Susanna Vuorinen
Birthday: Sindy Winkler (\$20 duet)

HL Rotary news:

- Matt Grover is looking for sponsors and assistance with the Pumpkin Run Car Festival. The festival is in jeopardy unless he gets some volunteers to help coordinate it.
- Bill Oliver has more procurement forms for the Silent Auction, scheduled for May 1, 2004 at the Playhouse. Storage for Auction items will be in Bill Oliver's warehouse.
- A sign-up sheet is going around for Spouse Night. Money needs to be collected in advance. Spouse Night is February 9th at Springbrook Inn.

HLHS Interact news:

- New sponsor child from Children International—7 year old, Ashish Gomes.

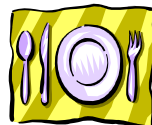
Proposed Members:

Name	Classification	Business/Company	Sponsor	Week
Greg McMillan	School Administration	HL Community Schools	R. Saterlee	@
Sheryl Tester	?	Radco Mfg. Housing	D. Banks	1

Any objections to proposed members must be submitted to the Rotary board before the third week on this list. A @ in the Week column indicates "Approved for membership".

Inbound Exchange Student: Susanna Vuorinen
 Home city, country: Ilmajoki, Finland

Outbound Exchange Student:
 Host country:



Meetings can be made up lunch time at:

Monday: Hotel Kalkaska, Kalkaska
Tuesday: McGuire's, Cadillac
Wednesday: Patti's Townhouse, Grayling
Thursday: BJ's, Gaylord
 Fred's Tavern, Roscommon

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