

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dennis Montgomery, Council of Non-Profits – First City Experience

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Students

Important Dates to Remember

Barcelona, Spain – Rotary International Conference

- June 23-26, 2002

Visiting Rotarians

Barb Lander, Grand Forks

Sunrise Club Moves Location

The Bemidji Sunrise Rotary will hold its regular 6:45 a.m. Tuesday meetings at the Northern Inn.

Proposed for Membership

Dennis Dolden – Pioneer Publishing

Brad Breuer – Tax Accountant

New Member Mini Profile

Charlie Mann

Business: Bemidji Postmaster

Originally From: Langdon, North Dakota

Family: Wife DeeDee, School Teacher

Two grown children, Jennifer and Wade,
both married

One granddaughter

Interests/Hobbies: Enjoy outdoor activities,
fishing, pheasant hunting, bicycle trails,
snowmobiling.

Rotary Around the World

RI Campaign Against Polio in Africa

Tens of thousands of vaccination teams have fanned across central Africa, going door-to-door to protect millions of children against polio in the first-ever coordinated polio immunization campaign in the conflict-affected region. During several days in

July, August and September, this massive effort will result in the protection of a targeted 16 million children against polio in Angola, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Gabon. The “Synchronized” National Immunization Days (NIDs) campaign is a major step in the global effort to eradicate the crippling disease, as Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo are considered two of the few remaining bastions of the wild poliovirus.

You're Putting Me On!

Ties that Bind

The necktie fashion originated with a band of Croatian soldiers who showed up in France in the mid-1600s. Part of their uniforms were fancy scarves made of linen or muslin; and this looked so impressive to the French that they began wearing fancy linen scarves themselves. They called the scarves *cravats*. Meanwhile, King Charles II of England picked up on the fashion – and when cravats became part of *his* daily wear, the rest of England followed. Over the next century, the cravat evolved into the modern tie.

Sneaking Around

The modern sneaker was introduced in 1917, when the National India Rubber Company came up with Pads. Or at least, that's what they wanted to call their new shoe. It turned out that the name *Pads* was already registered; so they quickly changed the name to *Kids* (with a K for “kids”). The original sneakers had black soles and brown tops, because those were popular colors for traditional footwear.

Wrangling Around

The Blue Bell Overall Company was the largest manufacturer of denim bid overalls in the world, but after World War II, they wanted to expand – and decided to add blue jeans to their line of clothing. The name they picked for their new product was Wrangler. At first, since Levi-Strauss had the better stores all sewn up, Blue Bell sold its Wranglers only to discount chains, like J.C. Penney's. But eventually they hired Hollywood stars to plug the jeans, and they became as fashionable as Levis.