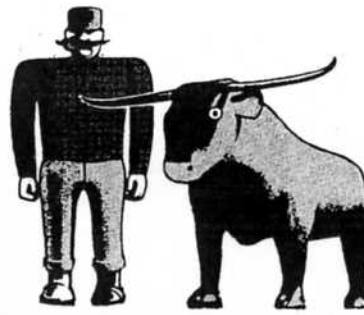
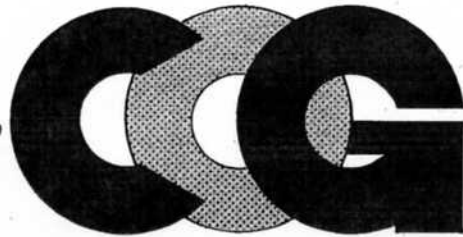




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### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Larry Benveniste, Dean of the Carlson School of Management

### NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bob Melchior – Our Geology

#### Important Dates to Remember

*Brisbane, Australia – Rotary International Conference*  
June 1-4, 2003

#### Visiting Rotarians

Dick Smith, Winnipeg  
Gloria Jordan, Mpls. #9  
Barb Lander, Grand Forks, ND  
Wayne Cease, Bagley

#### RI president asks Rotarians to "Sow the Seeds of Love"

With *Sow the Seeds of Love* as the theme for the 2002-03 year, RI President Bhichai Rattakul is emphasizing love as the motivating force behind all of Rotary's work.

"When love is infused into our actions, we do not stop to question the time or money we are sacrificing," the president said. "We are inspired to do more, to give more."

President Rattakul affirms that Rotary's greatest strength lies in its grass-roots network of more than 30,000 clubs. He will promote the strengthening of club autonomy with a Presidential Citation program that requires clubs to set their own goals.

"I believe in the 'bottom-up' style of leadership, as opposed to 'top down,'" the president said.



President Rattakul urges Rotarians to work within the four Avenues of Service and seize opportunities to experience the joy of service through hands-on participation. He points to the rich variety of service activities, such as Lighthouse Literacy projects, the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, and microenterprise programs, many of which need Rotarian hours, not just checks.

The president is also asking Rotarians to focus on membership development, with an emphasis on member retention. Another major priority will be closing the PolioPlus funding gap.

#### Rotary Around the World

##### Canadian Rotary Joins Polio Effort

A group of 16 Canadian Rotary club members from the Toronto area will travel to the West African country of Nigeria where they will assist local members in their efforts to vaccinate every child under the age of five against polio.

The group will leave Toronto for Nigeria on January 8 and will return January 17. While in Nigeria, the volunteers will administer drops of oral polio vaccine to children, assist parents in getting their children vaccinated, transport health workers, deliver the vaccine to health clinics and recruit fellow volunteers during Nigeria's National Immunization Day (NID).

Since Rotary made eradicating polio its main philanthropic goal in 1985, it has contributed US\$16 million to polio eradication efforts in Nigeria, US\$140 million to eradicate polio throughout the African continent and US\$462 million worldwide.

#### Ice Cream Miscellany

**Ice Cream Sodas.** In 1874, soda-fountain operator Robert M. Green sold a drink he made out of sweet cream, syrup, and carbonated water soda. One day, he ran out of cream . . . so he used vanilla ice cream instead.