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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Friends,

As the regular meaning of “**Family**” goes, a Family is a group of people staying under same roof having blood relations like parents grandparents, grandchildren etc. and as far as flora and fauna is concerned they are the plants or animals of particular characteristics. But as far as **FAMILY OF ROTARY** is concerned, according to me each letter of family has a specific meaning. Here

**F**-fellowship, friendship & feelings.

**A**- attitude approach & affection

**M**-manners & morals

**I**-intimacy idealism & impartiality

**L**- leaders love for each other

**Y**- yearning for noble service

That is where the Rotary Pariwar is built with a strong bond of co-operation & co-allitation. The letter “Y” although is last in the word, this is 1 which brings every Rotary member together as everybody's intention is “**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**”. They yern for Service. Their 1st love after profession is Noble Service towards Humanity Community & Society. The Rotary Pariwar

through out the world has over 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 34000 clubs who are the members of Rotary International.

Well friends only the Rotarians is not the only strength of Rotary Pariwar but its has it's members like Interact Club, Rotaract Club, Rotary Community Corp. So also innerwheel & Probus also play the Important Role along with the Rotarians in Serving Needy & deserving people of society and community.

So friends, every Rotarian of **Rotary Pariwar** is a person with a strong feeling, affection, mannerism, & intimacy towards each other. They always look forward for every oppurtunity to serve society community, needy, & deserving people.

So come on let us join together to “**ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES**” as Rotary Family is capable of service in best possible manner with the ultimate motto “**Service above Self**”

Thank You.

Yours in Rotary,

**Rtn. Dr. Alpesh Toprani**

### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Dear friends in Rotary,

The month of February is special in the Rotary Calendar since it is designated as the 'World Understanding Month'. This month also includes the anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Rotary held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1905, now designated as the World Understanding and Peace day. R.I Board asks all the Rotary Clubs to plan programmes in their weekly meetings, arrange discussion on the International Issues and undertake special activities to emphasis

'Understanding and goodwill as essential for World Peace'.

I wish you all a wonderful 'World Understanding' month and it is a change for every club to plan and promote Rotary's continued quest of goodwill, peace and Understanding among people of the world. And if you like to do something special in honour of Rotary on its Birthday, then make contribution to the Rotary Foundation or do any project in which you give your precious time, your treasure and your commitment for your bettering the world.

With Regards  
Rtn. Nagaraj Nashi

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd Annet. Ashatosh D. Hiremath  
4th Rtn. Preeti Patil  
5th Annet. Shubhasr Nashi  
8th Ann. Sunita Hanamshet  
11th Rtn. Jayant Hanamshet  
18th Ann. Rekha Nashir  
20th Rtn. Ravindra Karhadkar  
20th Annet. Vihan Dargashetti  
20th Rtn. Vikrant Kalakundrikar  
20th Ann. Laxmi Swamy  
22nd Ann. Jayashri Naik  
22nd Rtn. Manoj Sutar  
23rd Annet. Sanjana Kulkarni  
23rd Ann. Manjiri Patil  
23rd Rtn. Nandu Shah  
24th Ann. Rupali Bang  
24th Rtn. Manoj Chavare  
25th Rtn. Sashidhar Chonnad  
27th Annet. Aditya C. Kulkarni  
30th Annet Lokesh Godse



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

20th Jan Ann. Laxmi, Rtn. Satyan Swamy  
24th Jan Ann. Surekha, Rtn. Sanjeev Deshpande  
28th Jan Ann. Netra, Rtn. Manoj Sutar  
29th Jan Ann. Rekha, Rtn. Nagaraj Nashi

## ROTARY INFORMATIONS

### • INTRODUCTION

These short articles about Rotary were first published in the weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of North Stockton, California, U.S.A. That was well before their author, Cliff Dochterman, became president of Rotary International for the year 1992-93.

Originally called "Did Ya Know?" the pieces were prepared to share interesting facts about Rotary International with members of the North Stockton club. Later, in response to requests from other Rotary clubs, the articles were reprinted in

collected form. Now, President Cliff has brought the collection up to date in keeping with one of the emphases of his year in office as RI president-to help Rotarians learn more about the colorful history of their organization, its customs and traditions, and the current status of its global programs.

The articles may be reprinted in Rotary club bulletins or presented as Rotary information at weekly club meetings

### • DEFINITION OF ROTARY

How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

### • THE OFFICIAL ROTARY FLAG

An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The words "Rotary" and "International" printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the keyway of the wheel are white.

The first official Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City, Missouri, in January 1915. In 1922 a small Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Winchester, Virginia, Rotary Club. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole.

Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances it is appropriate to print the words "Rotary Club" above the wheel symbol, and the name of the city,

state or nation below the emblem.

The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at the World Headquarters as well as at all conventions and official events of Rotary International.

#### • **ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM**

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

#### • **SOME ROTARY "FIRSTS"**

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the United States was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918.
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921. (original idea from "Scandal Sheet")

#### • **OBJECT OF ROTARY**

In some areas of the world weekly Rotary club meetings begin with all members standing and reciting the Object of Rotary. This statement, which comes from the Constitution of Rotary, is frequently seen on a wall plaque in Rotarians' offices or place of business.

The Object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise." The statement then lists four areas by

which this "ideal of service" is fostered: through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one's personal, business and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

The Object of Rotary has not always been expressed in this manner. The original Constitution of 1906 had three objects: promotion of business interests, promotion of good fellowship and the advancement of the best interests of the community. By 1910 Rotary had five Objects as increased emphasis was given to expanding Rotary. By 1915 there were six Objects. In 1918 the Objects were rewritten again and reduced to four. Four years later they had again grown to six and were revised again in 1927.

Finally, at the 1935 Mexico City Convention the six Objects were restated and reduced to four. The last major change came in 1951, when the "Objects" were streamlined and changed to a single "Object" which is manifested in four separate ways. The "ideal of service" is the key phrase in the Object of Rotary. This ideal is an attitude of being a thoughtful and helpful person in all of one's endeavors. That's what the Object truly means.

#### • **ROTARY MOTTOES**

The first motto of Rotary International, "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," was approved at the second Rotary Convention, held in Portland, Oregon, in August 1911. The phrase was first stated by a Chicago Rotarian, Art Sheldon, who made a speech in 1910 which included the remark, "He profits most who serves his fellows best." At about the same time, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, commented that the proper way to organize a Rotary club was through the principle his club had adopted—"Service, Not Self." These two slogans, slightly modified, were formally approved to be the official mottoes of Rotary at the 1950 Convention in Detroit—"He Profits Most Who Serves Best" and "Service Above Self." The 1989 Council on Legislation established "Service Above Self" as the principal motto of Rotary, since it best explains the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service.

#### • **THE 4-WAY TEST**

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "4-Way Test." It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production,

advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy. Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954- 55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians. "Of the things we think, say or do: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

