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From the Editor's Desk

Friends,

As we enter the last quarter of this Rotary year, *Lead The Way* will slowly give way to *Rotary Shares*, but the emphasis on four key service areas - **literacy, water management, health and hunger**, and the **family of Rotary** - will remain.

This is another good time to invite someone to the fellowship of Rotary for as Rotarians, "*For tomorrow we see hope in a drop of vaccine, a jug of clean water, and a handshake that reaches around the world.*"

Enjoy Rotary! Share Rotary!

Sanjay Khendry

Paul Harris Fellows



The following members of the Rotary Club Hyderabad East family became Paul Harris Fellows during the year.

- Arindam Aggarwal s/o Rahul Aggarwal
- Dheeraj Reddy s/o Mohan Reddy
- Divya Reddy d/o Mohan Reddy
- Priyanka Mekala d/o Surendernath Mekala
- Sandhya Reddy w/o Bhaskar Reddy
- S Lall Khendry f/o Sanjay Khendry

NOW, MORE THAN EVER: STOP POLIO FOREVER.

April – Rotary Magazine Month

Besides 'The Rotarian', more than half of the Rotarians worldwide are served by one of the 30 other magazines - these publications are produced independently by Rotarians and are distributed in 133 countries, published in 22 languages, and have a combined total circulation of 715,000. Each magazine is unique, with a local editorial slant. At the same time, they include required articles and photographs of international Rotary interest that they receive from *The Rotarian*.



TRF & PHF – Changing Perspectives

[From an email on the Rotarians On The Internet [ROTI] newsgroup, published here with permission from the author, Rotarian Barry McQuay from the Rotary Club of the Glasshouse Mountains, District 9600, Queensland, Australia]

You are right. Becoming a Regular Contributor is really what it is about today, not being a PHF.

In the 50 years since the PHF was introduced, the needs have changed, and we as Rotarians have accepted the benefits of what the Foundation does for us, and the world, without truly appreciating the responsibility that goes with it.

In 1957 there 12 PHFs were awarded and while it was a good deal of money, it was only a drop in the ocean, compared with what is required today. There were no Matching Grants, Group Study Exchange Teams, Health Hunger and Humanity Programs, World Understanding and Peace Programs, Polio Plus Program, or a great number of other programs.

In fact the Rotary Foundation was a fairly small affair - Over the years it has grown in size and what it achieves has also grown. We as Rotarians are all proud of it and see it as a natural part of Rotary and what Rotary achieves. However I am not sure that we have all kept up with what we need to do to keep it viable.

In 1957 The Paul Harris Fellowship was introduced, but the trustees soon realised that they had set the goal posts a little high, \$1000 US was (and is some places still is) a great deal of money, and the original requirement was that it be donated in one year. Very few ordinary Rotarians saw themselves as being able to achieve this.

The rules gradually changed, they did away with the one year requirement, they allowed people to pool their money and award a PHF as a group (be it a few members or a Club or a District) and they kept the amount the same, so that it has gradually reduced in real terms.

The idea of allowing people to pool their money and award a PHF as a group worked and it became the most common way. A Club would award a PHF as a mark of achievement to an exceptional Rotarian. I thought that this was an Australian, New Zealand,

United Kingdom thing, but I am assured it was the common thing throughout the Rotary World.

As the price has dropped the attitude has changed. In some Clubs the emphasis became to encourage individual to do it themselves, in others the emphasis was on maintaining the value of the 'Award for Excellence'.

In most Australian Clubs, I believe that the second option has prevailed. In fact in some clubs and with some Rotarians, it has prevailed to the point where many Rotarians actively discourage new Rotarians from donating to the Foundation.

I do not mean saying straight out that they shouldn't, but by implying that to do so in such a way as to accrue PHF Recognition Points, is undermining the prestige of outstanding Rotarians who they admire, something to be ashamed of.

For many years I agreed with this, and while I have given to the Foundation, it was always in a way that did not accrue points. At the same time, I have only given a few hundred dollars and could have afforded to give much more.

The simple fact is that you need to become creative to donate in such a way as not to accrue points.

I have changed my mind.

I still respect those Rotarians who were awarded a very special honour in 1960, or even 2006, but I can not accept that an award that was equal to a new car in 1960 is equal to one that costs half the price of a new fridge in 2007. If my giving reduces the value of their award, then I am sorry, but I do not believe I am doing so. The Rotary Foundation and time has done that, and will continue to do so, as long as it brings in more funds.

I know that the Rotary Foundation and those of you on District Staff are promoting \$100 per year per Rotarian, but I feel personally that it is not the true answer. Some Rotarian can easily afford \$1000 while in some parts of the world, people in an equal position of respect in the community can only afford \$25, some can put in hundreds of hours, others only a few.

I feel strongly that being a Rotarian is a personal commitment - it can be Money, Time or Skill, in any ratio. The ratio between them will vary from person to person, but they are all important.

Each of us must choose what we can afford and commit ourselves to it. How we do it is up to us, it is not about what others think, but how we as Rotarians believe that we should act. Any Rotarian who is giving what he can should feel proud. Setting worldwide figures, simply makes membership appeal to different classes of people in different countries, and is probably detrimental to overall membership.

Perhaps each District or Country should set its own target, but in the end it is up to each Rotarian to give what he can feel proud of.

So I am coming out of the closet - from now on my giving will be such that others will know about it, and perhaps do more themselves. The Rotary Foundation pays for many of the things that make me proud to be a Rotarian - it is time for me to be proud to help it.

Regards,
Barry McQuay
Rotary Club of the Glasshouse Mountains
District 9600, Queensland, Australia

The Metamorphosis

[By PP Ernie D. Delfin, Newport-Irvine Rotary Club, District Chapter Development Chair]

**Together Everyone Accomplishes Miracles (TEAM)
in our District**

An unexamined life is not worth living for. - Socrates

Every day, I read about Rotary on the Internet as I now belong to several Rotary newsgroups. It is truly amazing and inspiring to learn so many ideas and projects of Rotarians around the world.

Like Disney's vision of a "Small World After all", the Rotary World has become a very small village, as we are basically *wired* with each other. For instance, as Bob Selinger, a member of our Newport Irvine RC does his missionary work in Africa several months a year, we can almost see on real time what he is doing every week as he writes his very touching blog.

Rotarians have this SOLIDARITY of purpose doing Service Above Self, despite our DIVERSITY, every day somewhere in the face of the earth. I believe

that these positive acts of service to humanity will make Rotary International last another 100 years!

That is just one of the reasons why I am a Rotarian, and not just RINO (Rotarian In Name Only) variety. I truly believe that Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life!

As a Rotarian for about 8 years now, after being very active in the Jaycee movement for many years, it has always baffled me why many Rotary clubs in our district (I have now visited more 30 clubs the last 3 years) seemingly lack the zeal, the enthusiasm, the fun and energy that we used to experience when we were much younger.

I believe that many Rotarians are relatively successful people in their businesses, careers or professions but when they attend their Rotary meetings they become just an "ordinary" person who apparently leaves their hat as a leader, as a motivator or as a business leader, in their offices.

Their presence oftentimes does not even add even an ounce of energy in the room.

Why? Why? Why?

Is it because many people, including Rotarians, actually die at age 40 (the maximum age of a Jaycee before he is "roasted") but only buried at age 80? Just asking ...

Let me advance one theory: Many people, Rotarians included, are afraid of change which is a must in order to continue on living productively and not just existing. They have also lost that youthful enthusiasm to experience new or do some exciting things - like trying Japanese sushi or Indian or Middle Eastern food or learning another language, like my friend Dr. Steve Sherman who now can read and speak fluent Japanese and Spanish, going for some wine tasting or riding on an hot air balloon in the Temecula Valley, taking another course in college or teaching a Poetry course in college, like PDG Jim Young aka Paul Harris or to learn how to play guitar or a poker game with fellow Rotarians - that made them stationary like a heavy rock just watching the waves in the ocean until a tsunami forces them to move into another place.

What a lonely and wasted life just waiting for things to happen rather than causing some things to happen while they are alive!

Arthritis Awareness Forum

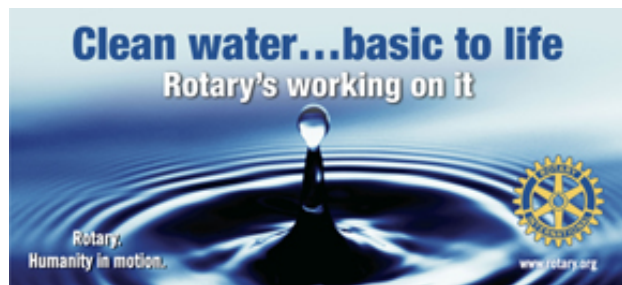
RCHE is organizing an Arthritis Awareness Forum in April. This is further to the extremely successful program we had in July, with Dr. AV Guruva Reddy of Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences.



Targeted at those who suffer from knee / hip pain - they can come and learn how to cope effectively with this problem from an eminent panel of Orthopedic Specialists consisting of Dr. Neelam Ramana Reddy and his team from Wockhardt.

To know more about:

- Rotating Platform & High Flexion Knee
- Minimally invasive knee replacement
- Innovations in Knee/Hip surgery



The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

April Calendar

Sunday April 1	Arthritis Awareness Form Ravindra Bharathi Time: 10 AM – 12 Noon
Friday April 6	Regular Meeting
Friday April 20	Regular Meeting

*Board meeting and fellowship dates will be informed separately.

What Paul Harris Said



“Can personal friendships grow into national friendships in such manner as to promote the interests of peace? ...

Yes, but it is a dream that we can make come true. Our confidence must never falter. I believe that there is justification for our faith, in the lives of great men such as these, who were faithful to their trusts, who could be friendly, and who were "what they seemed."

Paul Harris, in The Rotarian magazine, 1925

Announcements

Birthdays

04-Apr	Nishka (Sanjay Khendry & Anu)
16-Apr	Fatima (Sikander Mohammed)
17-Apr	Shyamala (Sandeep Nath)
19-Apr	Arnav (Sreenivasa Reddy M & Radhika)
27-Apr	Prithvi (CJJR Raju & Usha Rani)

Anniversaries

30-Apr	Amarnath Prasad & Ahalya
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“Whatever you are, be a good one.”

***Abraham Lincoln
(1809-1865)***

Attention RCHE Rotarians, Anns & Annets: With a strong focus on family of Rotary we look forward to your contributions to "The Rising Sun".

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