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From the Editor's Desk

Friends,

A National Immunisation Day, the district conference and another birthday (Rotary's 102nd) – February has been a busy Rotary month. Further the family of RCHE (with a record turnout of annets) had a great family fellowship at Runway 9 hosted by Mohan-Padma, Jawahar-Padma and Shiva-Indra.

With all the effort around polio eradication, we have an AFP case reported in Vizak, after a gap of 3 years – more details are awaited – this just makes it more critical that we all apply the final push to eradicate polio together.

March is literacy month – a continuing area of emphasis for several recent RI presidents and carried forward by PE Wilf. As we have all seen, literacy projects come in many shapes and sizes – and the importance of education for all in an increasingly global world cannot be understated.

All those planning to attend the RI convention at Salt Lake City [June 17th - 20th], you can register by March 31st at the discounted rate of U\$315 [\$355 thereafter].

Enjoy Rotary! Share Rotary!

Sanjay Khendry

NOW, MORE THAN EVER: STOP POLIO FOREVER.

Never regard study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs.

Albert Einstein

March is Literacy Month

Rotary Literacy Month highlights literacy and education issues around the world. Celebrated in March each year, Rotary Literacy Month is an excellent opportunity for Rotary clubs and districts to raise awareness about literacy, launch new literacy initiatives and projects, and recognize literacy accomplishments from the past year.

Rotarians everywhere are encouraged to participate in Rotary Literacy Month by engaging in service activities that specifically address literacy and education issues either in their communities or abroad.

Why is literacy important?

“Like nothing else, literacy is a stepping stone away from poverty. It is a gift of self-reliance, one that can be freely passed on from generation to generation. Once there's literacy in a family, it's almost always there to stay, as literate parents raise literate children. Literate parents are also more likely to raise healthier children, whose horizons will stretch far beyond their own homes and villages. Literacy, quite literally, opens up a new world.”

Rotary International President Bill Boyd

Literacy is part of the ongoing presidential emphasis for all Rotarians, over the last few years. This will continue into 2007-08 with RI PE Wilf Wilkinson (2007-08 theme 'Rotary Shares').

Utsav 2007 - District Conference



Held on the Feb 17/18 at RTC Kala Bhavan.

RC Hyderabad East was one of the few 100% registration clubs at the conference.

Meet Early Rotarian EL Skeel

E. L. Skeel Of Seattle, Washington - The Man Who Made Rotary A "Service" Organization

One of the charter members of the Rotary Club of Seattle, Washington, Ernest L. Skeel, loved Rotary. Not only was he the first Secretary of the Seattle club when it organized in June, 1909, and later its fourth President in 1913, Skeel had a passion to spread Rotary.

About the middle of February, 1911, Skeel went to Spokane, Washington to discuss, with a gathering, the possibilities of starting a club in Spokane, which chartered in July 1911. In March, 1913, while President of the Seattle club, Skeel led a delegation of eleven Seattle Rotarians to Vancouver for a banquet for nineteen Vancouver men to establish a club there. Vancouver chartered in April, 1913.

But Ernest L. Skeel should be remembered not just for Rotary extension - his greatest contribution to the development of Rotary as we know it today was his passionate and idealistic appeal for this new self-centered, business-boosting club to take up "service" to others as its purpose.

Skeel's initial appeal outside of his own club came at the first Rotary convention, held in Chicago in 1910, when the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed. Most of that convention had been devoted to a discussion of methods of spreading business among Rotary members - so-called "reciprocity." No one was surprised, therefore, when it came Skeel's time to speak, he also verbalized the concept of "reciprocity." What Skeel said, however, did surprise many present but his elegant words captured the imagination of the some 60 men present.

"I believe", Skeel began, "that the greatest development of reciprocity will bring about the greatest influence and good in our club, so far as the membership itself is concerned, but I believe that the limitation of membership and the idea of reciprocity is merely an incidental feature of our organization.

I believe that it is a means of sustaining interest so that we as clubs can be of great service to the cities in which we are located, and to the country at large. Reciprocity in the largest sense means, not getting, but giving. It means not getting our business alone; it means giving our money, our influence and our ideas; and who can place a more noble meaning upon the word reciprocity than that. We of the

individual clubs should, of all people, be the most willing to give our time and our money to the advancement of those ideas which make for the uplift of our people."

Ernest Skeel pursued his idealism at the second convention of the National Association held in Portland, Oregon. Past Director Joe Caulder describes the event in his summary of the 1911 Rotary Convention:

"[A] Civic Committee for the National Association was appointed. As discussion proceeded it was noted, with surprise, that more men were interested in civic welfare than personal. It was stated that with limited membership Rotary could not claim to represent the community. Each club was asked to report to the Association whether or not his club was willing to engage in civic affairs. The decision was to recommend the clubs to be active in public affairs. E. L. (Ernie) Skeel of Seattle led in this discussion."

It was not surprising, therefore, that Skeel was asked to chair the Civic Committee and to report again to the 1912 Convention in Duluth. Here's how Rotary's Centennial history book, "A Century of Service", reports on that Convention:

"Rotarian E. L. Skeel of the Seattle club headed the Civic Committee of the National Association of Rotary Clubs and his report to the 1912 Rotary Convention, along with the stirring speeches advocating the ideal of service, sent delegates back to their home clubs motivated to launch community service projects of their own."

Ernie Skeel also advocated other changes in the basic structure of Rotary. For example, the first issue of the R.I.B.I. official magazine, then called "The Rotary Wheel," reprinted an Ernest Skeel article earlier published in *The Rotarian*. In the article Ernie Skeel reasoned that the single classification rule would be disastrous to Rotary's future and should be scrapped. Although Skeel's arguments were not well received at the time, very early in Rotary's history the rationale for his thinking became apparent and a long series of exceptions chipped away at the "single classification" rule.

Obviously, had Ernest L. Skeel gone on to serve as an R.I. President, he would be much better remembered today. It is unfortunate that when that opportunity was handed to him, he let it slip away. How that happened is recalled in a fascinating

article by Past R.I. President Russell F. Greiner appearing in the April, 1934 issue of The Rotarian. Called "Confession of a Rotary Politician," Greiner wrote of Skeel:

Ernest Skeel, of Seattle, an outstanding man who had written Rotary's platform of principles, finally permitted us to enter his name [as a candidate for R.I. President in 1915]. At a great banquet in the Palace Hotel with two thousand people at the tables, Skeel's name was nominated in a speech that was a classic.

Then up came Skeel, looking around modestly and prepared to speak extemporaneously. With his modesty, he gave out the impression he was refusing the nomination and we had to withdraw his name. We went through with Allen Albert, who was elected.

Although Ernie Skeel never achieved the Presidency of Rotary International, he received many honors in his home town of Seattle, Washington. In 1948, for example, the Seattle-King County Realtors honored him with their prestigious "1st Citizen Award" in recognition of his many, many contributions. In a write-up about Skeel receiving the award, it reads:

E. L. Skeel was a practicing attorney in Seattle. He was President of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, chairman and an organizer for the Citizens' Traffic Committee, worked with the board of trustees of the Public Appeals Board, was chairman of the King County Committee for Economic Development, was president of the Pacific N. W. Trade Association, was a director of the Institute of Pacific Relations, was a member of the board of the Salvation Army, life member of the Washington Press Association, co-founder of Rotary in Seattle, organizer of the Rotary Youth foundation, and active in the Seattle Community Fund, as well as president of the Community Chest and Council.

Nearly forgotten in Rotary today, Ernest L. Skeel was truly the man who made Rotary a "service" organization.

[From the Joseph A. Caulder Collection]

Learning is like rowing upstream: not to advance is to drop back.

Chinese proverb

Why I am a Rotarian

[Jerry Barden (Classification: Telephone Services), Director, Rotary International, 1995-97, Member of the Rotary Club of Madera, California, USA]

Somehow I cannot imagine not being a Rotarian. Reflecting back over the past 38 years in Rotary, my purpose has changed and evolved.

When I first joined my Rotary club, it was like being adopted into a new family with lots of understanding old uncles. They were more than willing to advise, counsel, instruct, and build a sense of ethics and integrity.

They set an example of community and world concern that gave me a glimpse of what leadership is and should be, and more importantly, what being a Rotarian truly meant.

Time passed, and my fellow Rotarians seemed more like brothers.

Men who were willing to share ideas and opportunities of leadership. Brothers who now were listening to me. Brothers who truly understand the concept of Service Above Self.

Suddenly, it was no longer just men in Rotary. We now had women! I proposed the first woman in our club. I'm proud to say that she soon became president. She did a great job, displaying the same leadership qualities of her male predecessors.

I started to realize that my Rotary family reached far beyond the boundaries of my club and district. This was truly an international family. A family of which I am exceedingly proud.

Today I realize that I have fewer brothers and sisters; my Rotary family is getting younger, more like nieces and nephews, and yet somehow I feel even more needed. Now, it is my job to supply leadership and training as was provided to me so long ago.

The only difficult thing about being a Rotarian is that no matter how hard I work, I will never be able to repay all of the things that Rotary has given me.

But I'll keep trying.

Jerry Barden

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?



Animated RCHE Anns – Game of Charades

What Paul Harris Said



“In the pursuit of happiness, men most frequently turn to wealth; in it they hope to find enduring happiness. Some look for it in the possession of gold, King Midas’ sad experience notwithstanding. They hoard it beyond all possible needs.

Others expect to find it in the things which money can bring them: influence, power, business, and social prestige, the envy of those who are less opulent, and endless, interminable things.

... If we heed the guide posts and danger signals which seers have hung out for the benefit of travellers’ on life’s highway, we shall not look for happiness in the possession of money, nor in the possession of things which money will buy.”

Paul Harris, in his message on 30th anniversary of Rotary 1935



March Calendar

Fri March 2	Regular Meeting
Fri March 16	Regular Meeting

*Board meeting and fellowship dates will be informed separately.

Announcements

Birthdays

04-Mar	Monogna (Madhu Babu & Sai Padma)
09-Mar	Subba Row CV
10-Mar	Biswanath Das
11-Mar	Sandhya (Nageshwar Rao)
13-Mar	Chandralekha (Surendernath Mekala & Mithilesh)
18-Mar	Sham (Mamta Sagar)

Anniversaries

01-Mar	Rammanohar Rao & Medha
10-Mar	Binod Sitani & Shashi
12-Mar	Bhaskar Reddy & Sandhya

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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In Pictures



Budding Rotarian? Ruzhbiyan at the NID