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## EDITORIAL FOR DECEMBER 10

### M&M's and the World

If you can correctly finish the phrase, "melts in your mouth, NOT... "with" ...in your hand," then you're among the millions of Americans who have probably enjoyed M&Ms, the chocolate-flavored candies. These tasty treats have been around for decades but according to Dr. Marilyn Kern-Foxworth, they can teach us a timeless lesson about living together peaceably as a human race. here are her observations for the world from M&Ms.

"I have always liked M&Ms. They are the most diverse, multicultural, integrated candy in the world. There are red ones, yellow ones, orange ones, brown ones, green ones, blue ones (and now, even custom-colored ones). All in one package, all co-existing, all together. One color doesn't discriminate against any of the other colors. All colors are the same size, shape and weight. All colors look different on the outside but all have the same ingredients on the inside. M&Ms are all the same flavor and they all taste G-O-O-D but not all M&Ms are perfect; some are nuts!

Wouldn't it be nice if, like M&Ms are prejudices melted into the abyss like chocolate melts in our mouths? And what if all people were judged by what was inside, rather than the color you see on the outside?

If candy can be prejudice-free, why can't we?"

Joel Ames

## WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

Today, Rotary Club of San Francisco, the second club of Rotary will celebrate with a gala ball at their original place of gathering, the famed Palace Hotel in San Francisco. They are now the second club to reach the young age of one century of service to others.

In the last article before his death, Paul Harris made reference to SF#2. This was published in The Rotarian, in February 1947, a month after the founder's death.

Our peace and tranquility soon burst their bounds, however. We ceased to be content with isolationism and began Community Service, built upon the rock of fellowship and goodwill, and that foundation has never been shaken. Rotary became known as a beneficial influence in the city of Chicago.

Almost contemporaneously, I started a campaign for Rotary Clubs in other cities. Most of the membership considered it a vagary beyond the bounds of reason. So, I went forward alone, but with the sympathy of all. It is a matter of history how Club Number Two was organized in San Francisco, how Rotary went across the Canadian border to Winnipeg and eventually across the sea to the British Isles, where it became an influence throughout the length and breadth of Britain. Cuba came in, and, eventually, Rotary spanned the world. Rotary's Two score and Two, by Paul P. Harris, 1947

Paul Harris worked for the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper in 1891. In This Rotarian Age, written in 1935, he tells how the City by the Bay got its first club.

Early in the year 1908, Manuel Munoz, a member of the Chicago club, was prevailed upon to carry the message to San Francisco. He pledged himself to interest some suitable resident of the city of the Golden Gate in the organization of a club. In Homer Wood, a young lawyer, he found the right man. Homer not only organized a club in his own city, but in conjunction with other friends organized clubs number three in Oakland, and number \*four in Seattle and Los Angeles #5.

That the San Francisco club took itself seriously is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Charles M. Schwab was the speaker at the first meeting. From San

Francisco the good word was speedily carried to Seattle.

San Francisco Rotarians take pride in the fact that theirs is club number two, and well they may; it is no small honor to be number two in a list of three thousand, seven hundred. The Rotary Club of San Francisco may also well take pride in the way Homer and other charter members of the San Francisco club threw themselves into the effort. Californians are hard to beat, particularly in games calling for cooperation. They break from the scratch like whirlwinds. They are true sons of the Forty-niners, the most intrepid and indomitable of American pioneers.

## WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID 2

RGHF has a new feature at [www.whatpaulharriswrote.org](http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org) where you will find the complete website of all of Rotary's founder's writing and is chaired by Mike Raulin of Ohio, USA. At that website, you'll find "Newsletter Nuggets." Here is one example.

The basic principles of Rotary have been remarkably stable for over 100 years. Nevertheless, Rotary is a dynamic organization. Paul Harris paid tribute to its dynamic nature in 1935, recognizing that the organization he founded was finding its own way and making itself even better.

"Whether it is that Rotary was born under a lucky star, or whether it is that its "will to be" was undeniable, the net results of the clash of ideas and ideals among the members of the first club marked the beginning of the renaissance of Rotary."

(Paul Harris, This Rotarian Age, pages 67-68)  
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**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Carmen Cavezza  
Joe McClure

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (11/24)  
Meets Monday 12:15  
Central Activities Bldg.**  
Joel Ames  
Greg Camp  
Patty Cardin  
Peggy Connell  
Terri Parodi  
Jim Martin  
Jerry Rothschild

**MUSCOGEE (11/27)  
Meets Thursday 7a.m.  
River Club**

**North Fulton**  
Lamar Johnson

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Al Gaston  
Newt Aaron  
Jim Ballengee  
Ken Crooks  
Jack Key III  
John Martin  
Madden Hatcher  
Art Fultz  
Michael Willey  
Gloria Dodds  
Tom Butler  
Sharon Borger  
Paul Berry  
Jim Laycock

**NORTH COLUMBUS  
(11/25)**

**Meets Tuesday 12:30**

**Green Island**  
Perry Alexander  
Lori Auten  
Walter Calhoun  
Alan Feagin  
Robert Granger  
Jack Key III  
Dan Parker  
Roy Reese  
John Sheftall  
Ernie Smallman  
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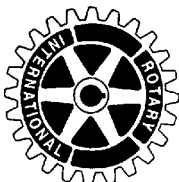
**ANN JOHNSON ROTARY FOOTBALL**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>CUMUL.</b>
Alabama	36	385
Auburn	0	208
Citadel	19	333
Davidson	Completed	286
Florida	70	511
Florida State	15	392
Georgia	42	385
Georgia Tech	45	314
Iowa	55	363
Maine	Completed	319
Miami	33	340
Newberry	Completed	246
Oklahoma	61	639
Tennessee	28	208
Tulane	Completed	200
South Carolina	14	260
Vanderbilt	10	233
Washington & Lee	Completed	236

**TOTAL ROTARY DOLLARS RAISED TO DATE  
\$14,918**

**ALABAMA ROUTS AUBURN AND MOVES TO 12-0!!! GEORGIA TECH STINGS THE BULLDOGS 45-42! OKLAHOMA IS THE FIRST TEAM TO EVER SCORE 600+ POINTS IN ROTARY FOOTBALL!**

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