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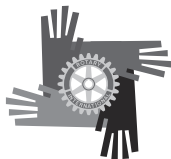
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LET'S BE A 100% ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUB

Our Club has set a goal to be a 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club, which means that every active member will personally contribute \$100.00 or more to the Annual Programs Fund during this Rotary year which began July 1, 2009. I have been asked to help in that effort. If we achieve that goal, we will also be an EREY Club, which means Every Rotarian Every Year makes a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. It is the contributions to the Annual Programs Fund that support Rotary programs throughout the world. In the Dominican Republic, for example, before the Rotary Foundation matching Grant project installed bore wells there, waterborne diseases claimed the lives of one out of every five children. After the wells were drilled, the children stopped dying from the waterborne diseases. For each \$100.00 contribution to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, you can truly make a meaningful difference in someone's life. It is important for our Club to be a 100% ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUB, not for the recognition to the Club, but for the positive impact that it will make in the lives of others. If you are not already committed to make at least a \$100.00 contribution to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, please do so. Mary and Shirley can help with quarterly billing, etc. I think that you will be glad that you did.

Ed Sprouse

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

“PARENTHOOD”

Of course, the outstanding event in the life of Paul was the birth of his charming daughter. Had she never been born, his life, though eventful and more or less colorful, would nevertheless have been simply one of many. He would have gone to his grave in course of time mourned by a few, but unsung except by the mixed quartette from the neighborhood church. Emerson has given us his immortal essay, “Compensation,” whereby we learn that, in the final accounting, all things balance, for every up there is a down, for every hot a cold, for the good a bad, for sorrow a happiness, and so many a mediocre parent has been blessed by a glorious offspring. So it has been with Paul, his life has been made worth while through the birth of the child of his imagination, his glorious daughter who was christened [named] on the evening of February 23, 1905, under the nondescript name, Rotary.

Before daughter had even attained her majority, her fame had encircled the world and the precocious minx has now enrolled one hundred and thirty odd thousand enthusiastic...” More of this quote can be found on page 103 “The Founder of Rotary” Paul P. Harris, 1928
<http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/founder/book/>

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Do you know the author of the Four-Way Test? Herbert J. Taylor. The Four-Way Test was written by Rotarian Taylor in 1933 as a step to help save a business on the verge of bankruptcy. It proved so successful that Rotary later adopted it as part of the avenue of vocational service.

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?

IF ROTARY IS TO REMAIN EFFECTIVE

It is our obligation “to ensure that Rotary’s program remains relevant to the needs and challenges and demands of today’s world; for the world of tomorrow is being shaped already by what is happening today - and particularly among young people.”

This challenge from Clem Renouf, the president-nominee of R.I. at the 1972 international assembly, remains a vivid challenge today.

YOU’LL LIKE THESE

The direction we are facing has a lot to do with our destination.

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It is always easier to hate something than it is to understand it.

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Goodwill is the one and only asset that competition cannot undersell or destroy.

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Success isn’t how far you got, but the distance you traveled from where you started.

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

Rotary is the one place where it does not matter who you are, other than in how you can use your skills, knowledge and abilities to be of service to others.

My greatest joy as a Rotarian has been to see the smiles on the faces of those that we have been able to help in some way - big or small.

Those smiles on the faces of hungry children, poor old people, and the hapless many we are involved with are the reward which I and every Rotarian cherish, and keep us going in this wonderful organisation.

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Reggie Luther	12/5
Mike Helms	12/10
Ralph Puckett	12/8
Riley Stansell	12/8
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Julian Sizemore	12/10

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (11/23)

Meets Monday 12:15

Quality Inn
 Ed Adams
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 Lamar Johnson
 Mark Lupo
 Mac Plummer
 Jerry Rothschild
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RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND

Bill Ploger
 Joe Zanga

NORTH COLUMBUS (11/24)

Meets Tuesday 12:30

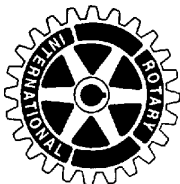
Green Island
 Rick Alexander
 Perry Alexander
 Tommy Boyter
 Joey Loudermilk
 Joe Lucas
 Mac Plummer
 Lynne Taylor
 Ricky Wright
 Robert Granger

MUSCOGEE (11/25)

Meets Thursday 12:00

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