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ROB'S RHETORIC

(WORDS FROM OUR ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT)



Wow! Where did 2002 go? Welcome to 2003, and I hope everyone enjoyed the true meaning of the holidays. Now, let's get our noses back to the grindstone placing service above self.

Our chicken dinner is scheduled for January 24th at the Eagles Club on Missouri Boulevard. Nancy Gratz has graciously agreed to coordinate this fund-raising effort, so please see Nancy if you need additional dinner tickets or raffle tickets. We are pleased to donate the proceeds to the Senior Nutrition Center and the Samaritan Center this year. The key to the financial success of this event lies in the ticket sales, so please sell as many as possible. Awards will be given to the top four "sellers" via contributions to the Paul Harris Sustaining Member program (\$250.00 for the top "seller" and three \$50.00 donations for the other three winners).

Our annual Christmas party continues to draw rave reviews. Thank-you's are due to Kit and Roger Freudenberg (and Anne and Robert) for hosting the 2002 party. Everyone had a great time, and as far as I know, my children did not break anything in their home. Thanks Kit (send me the bill if anything is broken)!

Our club received word a couple weeks ago that our matching grant towards helping an indigent children's home (we are purchasing kitchen supplies and equipment) in Sao Paulo, Brazil has been approved by

the Rotary Foundation. As you will recall, we are pursuing this project in honor of Kathy Jordan, who led a GSE team to Brazil and who was instrumental in alerting us to this very worthy international project.

Speaking of international, Claudia has now made a successful transition to Ryan Burson's home. Thank-you's are due to the Dean Lawrence family for their hospitality with Claudia since last August. Please try to invite Claudia to join you and your family on any type of special trip or activity so that we can give her a broader experience of mid-western Americana over the next few months.

On a more local note, our quarterly Community Service Award winner for the last quarter of 2002 was Delores Weiman. Delores was nominated by Don Alberti and Jim Wieberg. Delores has a masters degree in education and guidance counseling and is the charter president of the "Learning in Retirement" program; she started the predecessor to the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters program locally; she started the nighttime "hotline" for the abused prior to the creation of the Rape and Abuse Crisis Service; she started the youth retreats that led to the "Teens Encounter Christ" program; and she was the founder of the ecumenical marriage enrichment program known as "Marriage Encounter." Delores was active in the Vietnam and Cambodian family resettlement programs locally, and prior to the Agape House existing, she and her husband housed, in their own home, families visiting inmates in Jefferson City. Delores is truly a gem, and Val'iantly applies the ideal of service above self every day.

Rotary History

Rotary Goes Global

Rotary became international in 1910 when a club was formed in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. By the time Paul Harris ended his term as president in 1912, Rotary had spread across the Atlantic, with the formation of clubs in the British Isles. After his term, Harris continued his involvement in Rotary as president-emeritus, traveling extensively to promote Rotary both in the US and abroad.

In 1916, witnessing the growing popularity of the clubs in various regions worldwide, Rotary set up a district system. The organization became truly global — transcending national boundaries, race, language, and religion — as clubs mushroomed throughout Europe, South and Central America, Australia, Africa, and Asia. Rotary was represented on six continents by 1921. To reflect this worldwide presence, the name Rotary International was adopted one year later. By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members. The organization's distinguished reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks — among them composer Jean Sibelius, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, author Thomas Mann, and diplomat Carlos P. Romulo.

During World War II, many clubs were forced to disband, while others stepped up their service efforts to provide emergency relief to victims of the war. In 1942, looking ahead to the postwar era, Rotarians called a conference to explore international educational and cultural exchange that served as the inspiration for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Rotary also played a significant role in the birth of the United Nations itself, with 50 Rotarians serving as delegates, advisors, and consultants at the UN Charter Conference in 1945. "Few there are who do not recognize the good work which is done by Rotary clubs throughout the free world," British Prime Minister Winston Churchill once declared.

January Programs

January 8th - Rotary in Europe
Tem and Tony Hiesberger
(Introduced by Pres. Rob Angstead)

January 15th - Life at Home in
Germany - Claudia Goebel
(Introduced by Pres. Rob Angstead)

January 22nd - New Performing
Arts Center - Ms. Gara Loskill
(Introduced by David Luther)

January 29th - Hospice
Jaala Bode
(Introduced by Stephen Stark)

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word code of ethics for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

"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?"

(from <http://www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/history>)