

Rotary Club of Kuching Central

9th Installation

10th July, 1994

*Sarawak Chamber
Riverside Majestic*

Kuching



BE A FRIEND

THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME
1994 - 95

Programme

- 7.00 p.m. - Arrival of Rotarians and Guests.
- 7.30 p.m. - Arrival of Guests of Honour YB Encik David Teng and wife Anne
- 7.40 p.m. - Toast to Yang Di Pertuan Agung by Outgoing President, Dr. Samuel Kiyui
- Toast to TYT Yang DiPertua Negeri Sarawak by Incoming President, Ee Guan Teck.
- Toast to Rotary International by DG Representative.
- 7.50 p.m. - Dinner Commences. Entertainment by band from Riverside Majestic Hotel.
- 8.30 p.m. - Address by President, Dr. Samuel Kiyui. Presentation of 100 Percentor 1993/94 Awards, Meritorious Service Awards and Special Awards.
- 9.00 p.m. - Installation of 9th President.
- 9.15 p.m. - Address by Incoming President, Ee Guan Teck and Introduction of Board of Directors 1994/1995.
- 9.25 p.m. - Address by Guest of Honour YB Encik David Teng.
- 9.35 p.m. - Vote of Thanks & Presentation of Souvenir to YB Encik David Teng by President Ee Guan Teck.
- 9.45 p.m. - Lucky Draw.
- 10.00 p.m. - Groups Photograph - Rotarians & Anns.



Rotary International Theme 1994 - 95

BE A FRIEND at home and at work by:

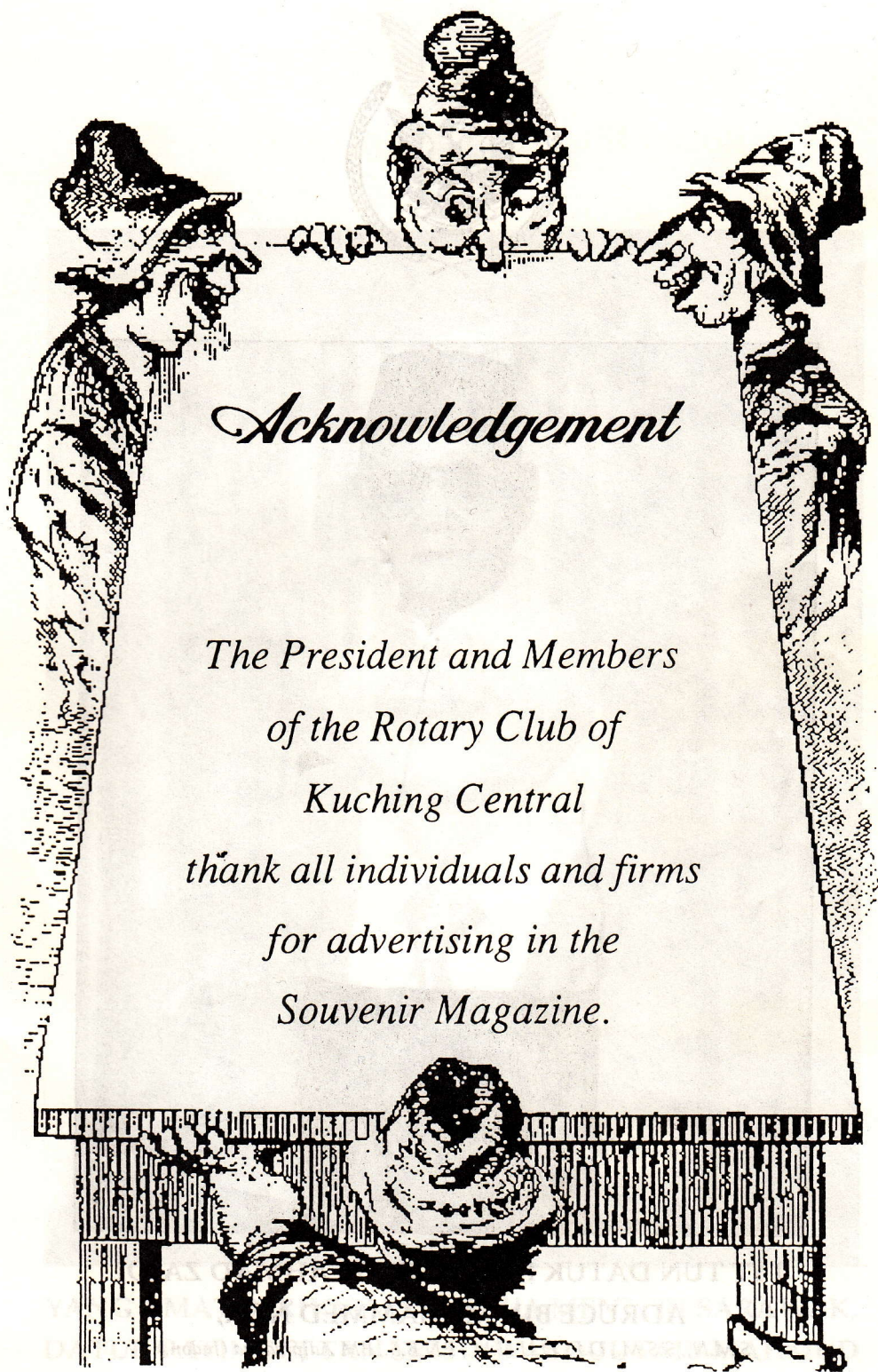
- expressing love in practical terms*
- reinforcing existing relationships with family and colleagues*
- comforting the bereaved and lonely*
- extending your concern to the community as a whole.*

BE A FRIEND to your community by:

- discovering the real needs in your area*
- carrying out programs and using resources in common areas of concern*
- fostering the sense of belonging, and helping to build unity.*

BE A FRIEND to those far away by:

- reaching out as a friend to those you have not yet met*
- supporting The Rotary Foundation*
- extending community concerns to global concerns for world understanding*
- combining your community efforts to achieve a global goal in world community service.*



Acknowledgement

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of the Rotary Club of
Kuching Central
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TYT TUN DATUK PATINGGI HJ. AHMAD ZAIDI

ADRUCE BIN MUHAMMED NOR,

S.M.N., S.S.M., D.P., D.U.N.M., P.N.B.S., BM Adipradana (Indon.),

P.S.L.J. (Brunei)

Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak



**YANG AMAT BERHORMAT KETUA MENTERI SARAWAK,
DATUK PATINGGI TAN SRI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD**

*D.P., P.S.M, S.P.M.J., S.S.D.K., D.G.S.M., S.S.A.P., P.G.D.K., KT. W.E. (THAILAND),
KEPN (INDONESIA), S.P.M.B. (BRUNEI), K.O.U. (KOREA)*

"BE A FRIEND"

1994 PRESIDENTIAL THEME SONG

Words & Music
Paul Bordeleau

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Intro

Be A FRIEND to ev - ry - one you
FRIEND to those who are in

meet, need, BE A FRIEND to an - y - one you greet; Friends are
BE A FRIEND with love in heart and deed, Win - ter,

car - ing and shar - ing, there is no de - ny - ing, to a friend, BE A
Spring, Fall or Sum - mer all friends are for - ev - er, to a friend, BE A

C C7 F C To Coda

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
BILL HUNTLEY
RI President 1991-92

G7 C F

FRIEND in RO-TA - RY. Friends are pa - tient and kind, al-ways

This system contains the first line of music. It features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The vocal line has a melody with lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and a simple bass line. Chord symbols G7, C, and F are placed above the vocal line.

C D7 G7

hap-py. Friends bring hope to the world through RO-TA - RY.

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D. S. to Coda Coda G7 C

BE A FRIEND in RO - TA - RY.

This system contains the third line of music. It features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The vocal line has a melody with lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and a simple bass line. Chord symbols G7 and C are placed above the vocal line. The system includes a double bar line with repeat signs, and the text 'D. S. to Coda' and 'Coda' with a diamond symbol are placed above the first few notes.

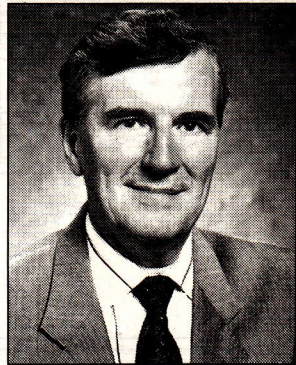
**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
BILL HUNTLEY,
RI President 1994-95**

The English poet John Donne wrote, "No man is an island, entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." Each of us is called to contribute, to act as an individual and to help develop our community. But, how do we lead hearts, foster a spirit of belonging and open opportunities for others to make more of their lives? My answer is a simple challenge of courage and character: BE A FRIEND.

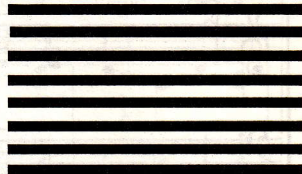
You do not need an organization to be a friend. Many people show magnanimity of heart, but we, as Rotarians, should also translate respect for human rights into respect for individual lives by our service. Every member of every community seeks justice, equal opportunity and dignity whether it is in the family, the neighborhood, at school or work. When we honor the individual, we are contributing to the community.

When a group of friends gather together in heartfelt concern, to celebrate, to weep, to cherish each other, then we have a community. We find human suffering both at home and far away. The community either helps or neglects people in their time of need. Our history as leaders makes every Rotarian particularly well qualified to address those times and respond with concern. You don't need a program to be a Rotarian, but if you are a friend, then you will be a Rotarian in the true sense of the word. We must work to strengthen and sustain our own community.

Together, friends support one another and spontaneously develop community. A friend sustains hope, increases faith, expresses love in practical terms. Our Rotary fellowship must exist not only for fun but for accepting responsibility. Therefore, we must use our abilities to put ourselves in place of those in need, and not to stand one step removed. Let us have the vision to see, the vigor to act, the heart to care. To all those who wait, to all those who yearn, to all those in need, BE A FRIEND.

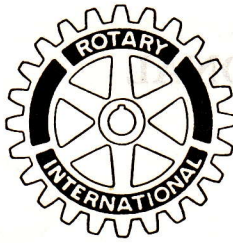


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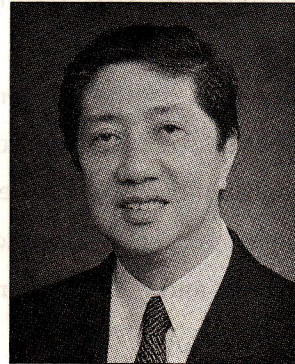
Bill

DG'S MESSAGE



Dear President,

My most sincere congratulations to you and your Board of Directors on this auspicious occasion of your installation. For the outgoing club officers may I extend to them a vote of thanks and appreciation for their fine achievements for 1993/94.



Come July 1st 1994, your year of preparation will be a reality - hence there is no turning back but to implement and succeed.

In your pursuit and deliberation of your club and district goals, let us also promote the Rotary International Presidential theme "Be A Friend" with special emphasis on Unity and Community Concerns.

I wish you a successful and fruitful year.

Your friend

Ben

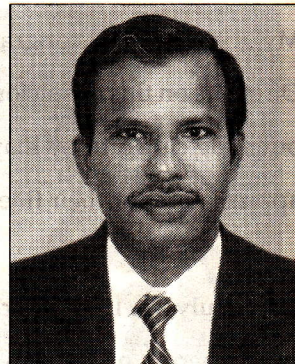
BEN CHNG KEE CHEONG
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 1994/95
R.I. DISTRICT 3310

Message from ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

ETICAN RAMASAMY, P.H.F.

Governor, District 3310 (1993-1994)

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the outgoing President Rtn. Dr. Samuel Kiyui and his Board of Members, for the excellent service rendered at both Club and District level during the Rotary year 1993 - 1994. Your service and contributions would have touched the hearts of so many unfortunate people in the world. Service to humanity is an unending process and the joy of service should be the hallmark of every Rotarian.



I am confident that the good work of Rotary would be carried on by the Incoming President Rtn. Ee Guan Teck and his Board members for the Rotary year 1994 - 1995 with the support of all the Rotarians of Kuching Central. I wish to express my hearty congratulations and best wishes to the incoming President and his Board members and request them to do their best to further enhance the objects of Rotary International.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Etican Ramasamy', written over a horizontal line.

(ETICAN RAMASAMY)

District Governor
1993 - 1994

Message from Y.B. David Teng

Assistant Minister for
Environment, Tourism & Housing

1. The "Installation Night" is an occasion of importance and great significance especially on the eve of a decade of the Club's existence. It is the moment to celebrate your success and at the same time to install the people who will be entrusted to carry on the excellent work of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central. I wish therefore to congratulate the President and all those elected on the occasion of their installation for rotary year 1994/1995. The responsibility and the challenges are undoubtedly very great. Nevertheless with their experience, dedication and commitment I am confident that the future of your club is in good hands.

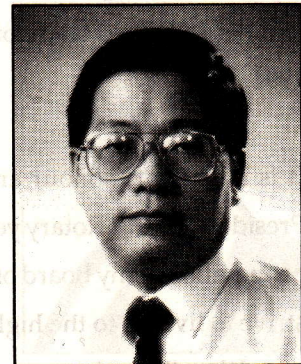
2. Your club's theme for the year 1994/1995, "Dedicated to Service Excellence" is very appropriate and commendable. There is indeed a great need for more voluntary organization to come forward to give a helping hand, especially in the field of social welfare. There is a need to bridge the gap on the social and welfare services rendered by the government to that which still needs to be done.

3. In any service organization the prime concern should be to achieve customer's satisfaction. In this connection it is important that we identify their needs. The focus on customer's satisfaction will enable us to build an excellent work culture in our strive for excellence.

4. To conclude I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Kuching Central for giving me the opportunity to say a few words. I wish the club every success in it's endeavors.



(Y. B. DAVID TENG)



Message from EE GUAN TECK – Incoming President Rotary Club of Kuching Central 1994 – 1995

My heartiest congratulations to President Dr. Samuel Kiyui and his dedicated team for a successful Rotary year 1993/1994.

It is indeed an honour and privilege to serve as the 9th President for this Rotary year 1994/1995. Together with the cooperation of my Board of Directors and Rotarians we will strive to live up to the high standards set by my predecessors. We will work as one towards achieving a fruitful and exciting year so as not to betray the trust and confidence you all have placed in us.

“Be A Friend” is the Rotary International Presidential theme for this year (1994/1995). While we carry out various projects, let us not forget to be a friend to our neighbours, a friend to our fellow Rotarians, a friend to our Associates and colleagues, a friend to the needy ones, a friend to our community and our society etc and a friend to our environment.

Your Friend in Rotary

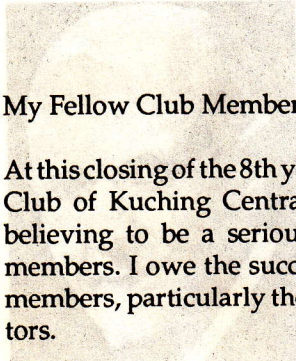


EE GUAN TECK
Rotary Club of Kuching Central



Message from OUT-GOING PRESIDENT

Dr. Samuel Kiyuui President 1993/94



My Fellow Club Members,

At this closing of the 8th year of Rotary services within the Rotary Club of Kuching Central, it had been inspiring and equally believing to be a serious partner in service among the club members. I owe the success of this passing year to all the club members, particularly the member of the Club's Board of Directors.

As we enter into the 9th Rotary year of Kuching Central, I wish the in-coming President, Rtn Ee Guan Teck and his Board of Directors every success in Rotary Service.

We had carried out our services with the theme of 'Believe in What you Do, Do What you Believe in', may we continue to pursue our service venture in Rotary for the coming year in the belief that we will "Be a Friend" in service.

Yours in Rotary,

DR SAMUEL KIYUI
President 1993/93



THE MAN WHO STARTED IT ALL...

PAUL PERCY HARRIS was the founder of Rotary. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA on April, 19, 1868. He received the Bachelor of Physical Culture and LL. B. degrees from the University of Vermont and the LL. B. degree from the University of Iowa.

He received an honorary PH. D., in 1933 from the University of Vermont. The Boy Scouts of America gave him the Silver Buffalo Award, and he was decorated by the governments of Brazil, Chile, Dominican, Ecuador, France and Peru.

He worked as a newspaper reporter, a business college teacher, a stock company actor and as a cowboy. He travelled as a salesman for a marble and granite concern in the US and Europe. These varied experiences broadened his vision and were of material assistance in the early extension of Rotary.

In 1896, Paul Harris went to Chicago to practice law.

In 1900, after dinner with a lawyer in a residential section of Chicago, Paul Harris was impressed by the fact that his friend stopped at several stores and shops in the neighbourhood and introduced him to the proprietors, who were his friends.

This experience caused him to wonder why he could not make social friends out of at least some of his law clients and he resolved to organise a club which would band together a group of representative business and professional men in friendship and fellowship.

By 1905, he had formulated a definite philosophy of business relations. Talking it over with three of his law clients - Silvester Schiele, a coal merchant, Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor-he decided to organise with them the club which he had been planning since 1900.

On Feb. 23, 1905, they held the first club meeting, and the nucleus was formed for the thousands of Rotary Clubs which were later organised throughout the world.

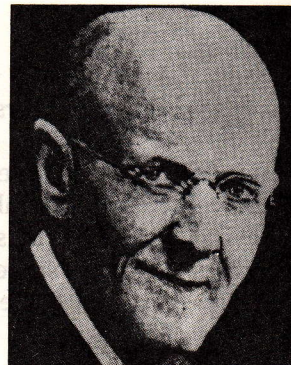
Paul Harris named the new club "Rotary" because the members met in rotation in their various places of business. This met with general approval and club membership grew rapidly.

Almost every member had come to Chicago from a small town and in the Rotary Club they found an opportunity for the intimate acquaintanceship of their boyhood days. When Paul Harris became president of the club in its third year, he strove to extend Rotary to other cities because he was convinced that the Rotary Club could be developed into an important service movement.

The second Rotary Club was founded in San Francisco in 1908. Other clubs were organised until, in 1910, when there were 16 clubs, it was decided that they should be united into an organisation which would extend the movement to other cities and serve as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas among the clubs.

Representatives from the clubs met in Chicago in August 1910 and organised the National Association of Rotary Clubs. When clubs were formed in Canada and Britain, the name was shortened to Rotary International.

Paul Harris was the first president of the National Association and the first president of Rotary International.

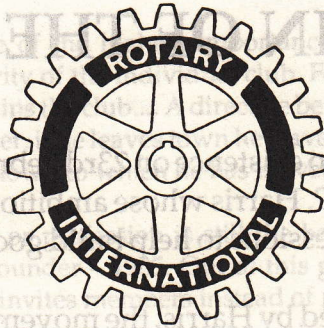


Founder of
Rotary

What is Rotary



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Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

There are trends within Rotary too, and they may offer some guidance to those who would essay to guess the future. One is attentiveness to Youth as a new source of power".....

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ORIGIN OF THE CLUB

The first Rotary Club came into existence on 23rd February 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. The founder was Paul P. Harris whose ambition it was to bring together men of different business and professions to help build goodwill and peace in the world.

From this original Club mooted by Harris, the movement spread rapidly first in the U.S.A. and then worldwide. It soon became an organisation of business and professional men united worldwide. Its aims was to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

It was called ROTARY because the Club met in rotation at each member's place of business. As the membership grew, this was found to be inconvenient so Rotarians began gathering for lunch. As something more than comradeship was needed to keep the club going, Rotarians decided whole-heartedly to devote themselves to service to the community. This is exemplified by the Rotary motto "SERVICE ABOVE SELF." To-day so popular is the Rotary movement that there are nearly 1.15 million Rotarians in 187 countries belonging to more than 26,000 Rotary Clubs.

One can join a Rotary Club by invitation only. To ensure that as wide as possible a cross-section of the community is represented a classification system is followed to ensure that one representative of each business, profession or institution is represented. Membership is open only to adult male persons of good character and good business or professional reputation.

Rotary came to Malaysia on 4th December, 1929 when the first club in Seremban was given its charter. Rotary clubs of Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh were also formed the same year.

What is Rotary



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.... "One feature that seems to me of the highest importance in the workings of Rotary is the autonomy, the selfhood, the integrity of the individual club. For all that far-flung internationality that has evolved, the real unit remains the club.... A direct tie between each member and a local club is basic.... A member cannot transfer, if he leaves town he leaves Rotary. He may be duly elected to become a member of a club in the town to which he has moved... but if so he starts all over"

....."One man from each vocation or profession is still the basis of Rotary Club membership as introduced by Paul Harris – the founder – 1905. Out of this guaranteed diversity, which Rotary deems so vital that it chooses and invites members instead of permitting applications"

...."The club is the medium by which the programme of Rotary is promoted and the object of Rotary is attained... The first policy of Rotary International is the advancement of the Object of Rotary by the individual Rotarian"

....."Emphasis on the club and its multifarious affairs lead to making the weekly meeting and the attendance upon it a ritual. Four consecutive absences and you are out"

..... "To begin with, the meetings start on time; more important they end on time and at an hour one can count on.... Speeches are short pointedly so... one speaker was given a cake of ice and told he could speak as long as he could hold it!.... We do know that something takes place when men break bread ceremonially... the luncheon, or dinner (or in a few clubs, the breakfast or tea) is an essential ingredient of the weekly Rotary gathering"

...."The name 'Rotary' was adopted because in the early days meetings were held in rotation at the offices and stores of members. The emblem is the wheel and it denotes rotarian. It is a cogwheel and officially is not given any symbolic significance, but it does stand for mobility. The wheel does represent one of man's first technological devices and it bespeaks the movement of a man and ideas from place to place in rapid order"

..... "Rotary grows in two way: by bringing new members into existing Rotary Club or by creating new clubs.... Rotary's growth did not just happen, any more than it happens in a business, a religion or in any organisation. There had to be an objective and a plan. Paul Harris set that objective at Rotary's first convention held in 1910, when he said that it was his belief that sooner or later, the Rotary Club idea would spread throughout the land. There were many who doubted, bu there were even more who accepted the challenge.....

....."Thus Rotary extends itself and its purpose, all of its activities growing out of the service movement which it launched. It is not alone but highly representative – singular, if not unique".

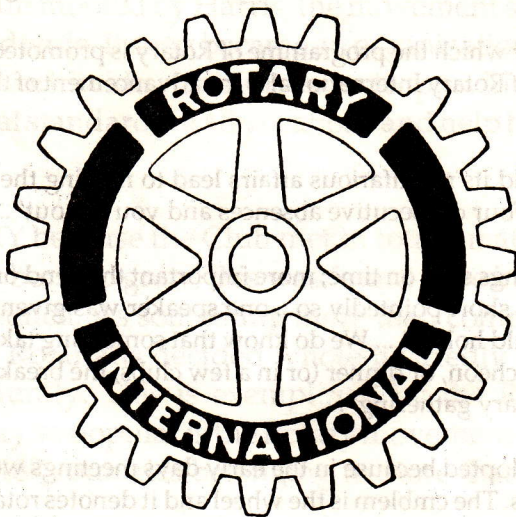
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....."Rotary was founded to make men less lonely and more useful!.... The meeting and eating together, the talking and listening, the laughing and learning together – this shared experience does something to each Rotarian – something significant and stimulating in his life and in the life of others, inside and outside his club..... Rotarians are realistic enough to know that Rotary is not the key to all doors, and not the answer to all problems... But the Rotary spirit of friendly service is tangible and intangible, part of our hopes and plans for better world."

What is Rotary in conclusion?

In the home it is kindness.. In business it is honesty. In society it is courtesy; In play it is fairness; In the Club it is co-operation and Fellowship. In the Community it is service. In International Relations it is sympathetic understanding and goodwill. Towards the fortunate it is congratulations; towards the unfortunate it is compassion; towards the weak it is help, towards the penitent it is forgiveness, and towards God, it is reverence and love. Rotary is the talents of experts working in harmony for the betterment of mankind."

Excerpts form "The Rotarian."



The Rotary Emblem

Rotary's early emblem was a simple wagon wheel (in motion with dust) representing "civilization and movement." It was designed in 1905 by Montague M. Bear, member of the Chicago Club, who was an engraver, and most of the early clubs adopted the wheel in one form or another. Eventually, in 1922, authority was given to create and preserve an emblem for the exclusive use of all Rotarians.

Accordingly in 1923, the present gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted, and a keyway added to signify that the wheel was a "worker and not an idler". An official description of the emblem was adopted at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. Royal blue and gold were chosen as the official Rotary colors, and the flag of Rotary was designated as a white field with the Rotary wheel emblazoned on its center. The emblem, worn as a lapel button, now identifies Rotarians around the world.

What Rotary means to the community and to the member

A few of the benefits accruing
to the community

The Rotary Club

- tends to make the community a friendly one by promoting genial fellowship and thoughtfulness of others
- helps to obliterate factions by providing a common meeting group and appealing to unselfish motives
- co-operates with and thereby strengthens other local organizations
- is a group striving to develop a spirit of whole-hearted co-operation in the handling of questions of public welfare
- is a non-partisan, non-sectarian group in a position to win popular support for plans for community betterment, however initiated
- serves as a training ground for constructive leadership an invaluable asset to the community
- can, through Rotary contacts, in the interests of its community, avail itself of the experience of hundreds of other towns and cities in improving themselves
- links the community into a chain of many thousands of other communities in more than 150 countries and geographical regions, all having Rotary clubs, thus giving it world affiliations and keeping it in the stream of world progress.

to the individual member

The Rotary Club

- affords the member an opportunity to express in a practical way those nobler desires found in every man who wants to make his contribution to the betterment of society
- gives the member a new and increased opportunity to express in action his desire to be helpful to others
- increase the member's knowledge of business and professions other than his own, and gives him a sympathetic understanding of the problems of others
- encourages and supports the member in his efforts to conduct his business or profession according to the highest stands of correct practice
- serves as an ideal means for developing the member's talents and capacities to the utmost (more than one man has found new interests and new activities through the Rotary club)
- gives the member a friendly contact and a hearty welcome in almost every important city in the world
- increases the member's knowledge of world affairs; gives him a keener appreciation of the true character of other peoples
- gives the member the satisfaction of participating in a movement which is building international understanding



ROTARY VOCATIONAL PRINCIPLES

I BELIEVE that the objectives of my vocation are to perform my duties and responsibilities in accordance with the following principles:-

1. Responsibilities

Four areas of responsibility are generally recognised:-

(a) **To shareholders/partners/principals**

To protect shareholders'/partners'/principals'/ interests and investments and provide a fair and reasonable return.

(b) **To Employees**

To provide, promote and encourage:-

(1) good and safe conditions of work;

(2) good and competitive terms and conditions of service;

(3) the mental and physical development and best use of human talent and equal opportunity employment.

(4) the involvement of employees in the planning and direction of their work.

(c) **To customers/clients and the general public**

To develop and provide products and services which offer value in terms of price, costs and quality, supported by the requisite professional, technological and commercial expertise.

(d) **To community and society**

To conduct business as responsible members of the community/society, observing applicable laws of the country and giving due regard to safety and environmental standards and societal aspirations. These four areas of responsibility are seen as an inseparable whole.

2. Economic Principles

Profitability and productivity are essential to discharging these responsibilities and staying in business. It is a measure both of efficiency and of the ultimate value that people place on one's products and or services. Without profits and productivity, it would not be possible to fulfil the responsibilities outlined above.

3. Personal Integrity

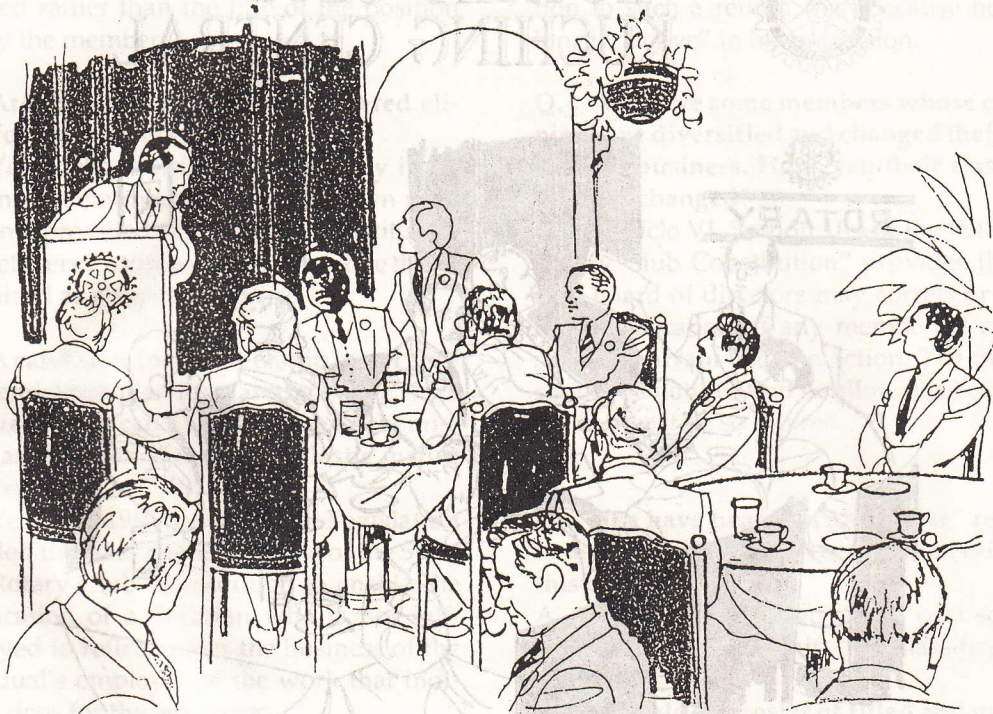
I must exercise honesty, loyalty and integrity in all aspects of my business; avoid conflicts of interest between my personal and official activities in the conduct of my business. The offer, payment, soliciting and acceptance of bribes in any form and any unprofessional and unfair conduct are unacceptable practices.

4. Welfare

It should be my policy to conduct my activities in such a way as to take foremost account of the health and safety of others, and to give proper regard to the safety and conservation of the environment.

5. Service to the Community

The most important contribution that I can make to the social and material progress of a country is in performing my basic activities as efficiently as possible. In addition, the need is recognised to take a constructive interest in societal matters which may not be directly related to my business. I must endeavour to take advantage of the opportunities available for me to be involved in community, educational and youth programmes.



SELLING ROTARY..... AND PROPOSING A NEW MEMBER

SHOULD WE SELL ROTARY MEMBERSHIP?

NO! - Not as a commodity to be "peddle" from house to house - or even from store - or from office to office.

YES! - If by "selling" we mean presenting Rotary for what it really is - a service organization - to the community as a whole, and especially to those qualified leaders who should belong to the local Rotary club.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How many times is a good prospect for Rotary membership lost because the explanation of Rotary was entrusted to a member who was woefully uninformed?

Will a busy person be inclined to invest both time and money in a club in which members display a lack of interest - in such ways as carelessly planned programs, poor fellowship and clannishness, and lack of service objectives?



ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL



Procedures for proposing and electing a new member

Every Rotarian who sponsors a new member should understand the correct procedure for proposal and election. The steps are specified in the folder "How To Propose A New Member," Appendix II; in the Recommended Rotary Club By-laws (Article XI), Appendix XI; and in the Membership Committee leaflet, Appendix VII. Here's a summary:

- The club board of directors receives the confidential written proposal submitted by the Membership Development committee or a member in good standing
- The Classifications committee is then asked to determine the accuracy of the proposed member's classification. Remember, after 1 July, 1989, that classification may represent either the principal business or professional activity of the proposed member or of the firm with which that individual is connected.
- The Membership committee is asked to evaluate the prospective member's per-

sonal eligibility and business or professional and community standing

- The board then reviews the recommendations of both committees. If they are sustained, the club secretary notifies the Rotarian who proposed the new member.
- The proposed new member is then informed and is asked to formally submit an application

The rest is routine – club members are notified (they have ten days if they wish to file written objections), the new member pays the admission fee, receives a membership card, is inducted into the club, and is subsequently given post-induction orientation.

See also "Charting Progress Of Proposed Members," Appendix XVI.

Q. Can a member's title or executive position be used to describe that individual's classification?

A. No. A classification must describe the principal and recognized activity of the institution or firm with which the member is connected or that which covers the member's principal and recognized business or professional

activity. In either case, the classification describes the activity in which the individual is involved rather than the title of the position held by the member.

Q. Are divisions of a firm considered eligible for separate classifications?

A. Yes, if the division is sufficiently independent to determine generally its own policies, and provided its activities constitute a complete service to the community—one that is recognized as a separate service.

Q. A candidate for membership in our club is a chemist in a plastics manufacturing firm. Is it true that we can now loan him a "chemistry" classification instead of "plastic manufacturing?"

A. Yes, the 1989 Council on Legislation amended the classification section of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to enable the classification of a Rotarian who is not self-employed to reflect either the business of the individual's employer or the work that individual does for the employer.

Keys to effective committees

1. Inform committee members of agenda in advance of meeting.
2. Contact personally those members who are to report to the meeting.
3. Keep meetings short and to the point.
4. Avoid unnecessary paper work.
5. Give each person a chance to voice his opinion.
6. Keep track of assignments and follow-up.
7. Promptly replace members who must withdraw.
8. Encourage members and congratulate them upon completion of tasks.



Q. There is a retired airline pilot in our community who has never been a Rotarian but who would have lots of time for Rotary.

What classification can we loan to him?

A. There is no basis for loaning a classification to such a retired man because he is no longer "active" in his profession.

Q. We have some members whose companies have diversified and changed their main lines of business. How can their classifications be changed?

A. Article VI, Section 1(c) of the "Standard Rotary Club Constitution" provides that the club board of directors may correct or adjust the classification of any member, if circumstances warrant such an action. The member should be notified and be allowed a hearing in the matter if he so desires.

Q. We have heard "senior active" referred to as a classification. Also "past service." Is this correct?

A. No. "Senior active" and "past service" are kinds of membership - not classifications.

Q. Should our roster of filled and unfilled classifications include specialties in medicine, dentistry, and law?

A. Yes, if the practices of these professions are recognized as specialized in your community. The same could apply to other professions that have specialties.

B. GENERAL

2. Is Rotary club membership personal? Or does it represent the membership of the firm with which the members is connected?

While a classification loaned to an active member may be based on the activity of a firm, membership in a club is personal. An invitation to membership is based not only on a person being an executive or professional, but also on having good character and reputation.

3. Is a Rotarian a member of Rotary International?

No. Rotary International is an association of Rotary clubs. A Rotarian is a member of one of those member clubs.

4. Can someone who is retired be elected to Rotary club membership?

If the person has never been a Rotarian, the answer is "No." A former Rotarian who meets the qualifications for their past service or senior active membership might be able to be elected.

5. Can a member of another service organization be elected to Rotary club membership?

There is nothing in the constitutional documents that would prevent a Rotary club from electing a qualified individual to membership who was also a member of another service club. However, the Board of Directors of Rotary International does strongly discourage such a practice, as one would have to question a person's ability to devote a 100-percent effort to both clubs.

6. Is it possible to transfer one's membership from one Rotary club to another?

No. Each club has the right to determine its own members. However, a club may recommend potential candidates for membership in other Rotary clubs.

7. Can a member of a sponsoring Rotary club become a charter member of the new club?

Yes, There is nothing to prevent a Rotarian from becoming a charter member of a new club. In fact, it is desirable for a charter list to include a few members with Rotary experience. In resigning from the current club, the Rotarian does not give a specific date, but can simply state that it is effective upon the provisional club's admission into membership in R.I.

8. Can someone be a member of more than one Rotary club?

A person cannot be an active (including additional active), past service, or senior active member in more than one Rotary club. Rotarians can, however, hold honorary membership in more than one Rotary club but not in the same club in which they hold another kind of membership.

C. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP - ARTICLE V, SECTION 3

9. Must each active member's place of business be located in the club's territorial limits?

No. A member's place of business or residence must be in the club's territory, within the corporate limits of the city in which the club is located or within the territorial limits of an immediately adjoining club. The R.I. Board has ruled that a club may also admit to active membership a person whose place of business or residence is in an adjacent rural territory that is not within the territorial limits of any other Rotary club.

10. May a club bring into active membership more than one representative of a classification?

Yes. This can be done, per Article V, Section 8, of the "Standard Rotary Club Constitution," in regard to representatives of religious denominations, the news media and the diplomatic corps and, per Section 4, by additional active membership.