

To Have Arrived Is Tragedy: This Year Must Be Even Better!

THE RAZZBERRY

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

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The Founder of Rotary



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My Dear "Bob":

As you doubtless know, I came to Chicago in 1896 to practice law. I happened to dine with a brother lawyer one night in Edgewater and after dinner we went to walk about town and dropped in on several of his neighborhood friends who were local shop-keepers but no two were in the same line of trade.

I was at the time, a young lawyer of few clients, and almost no friends or acquaintances, having been brought up in a small New England town. I missed my friends very much.

The experience with my brother lawyer impressed me very deeply; he had everything I had been longing for.

I mulled over it for nearly five years and my ideas expanded considerably during that period. As far as I can remember, Sylvester Schiele, still a member of the Chicago Club, was the first to whom I spoke of the movement I had in mind.

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The Founder of Rotary—Contd.

The Chicago Club grew very rapidly and its success awakened the ambition to extend the movement much further and to direct its impetus of usefulness.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Harris.

The above letter was contributed by the founder of Rotary, especially for this anniversary number of the Razzberry, and as a personal message from the first President of our great organization to the Coldwater Rotary Club.

It is a recognition which is unique and exemplifies the fraternal spirit of Rotary, which is the predominating characteristic of Paul Harris.

In this message he portrays the very nucleus of the organization and allows us to fathom the innermost thoughts which led him to seek the companionship of his fellowmen and thus sowed the tiny seed which has multiplied by many thousand fold and has spread the beneficent influence of Rotary into the farthest corners of the earth.

Little did he realize when the group of four sat down to that first conference table on Feb. 23, 1905, exactly thirty-two years ago today, that it was to become one of the greatest organizations of its kind in the world.

It must warm his heart and cheer his soul to have been spared the years so that he has the bountiful pleasure and ultimate satisfaction of knowing what he has builded: a lasting and enduring edifice: one not made of stone, or brick, or mortar; but from the lives and energies of men, through whose influence his human sympathy and bountiful charity shall be carried far into the future until it shall touch the hearts of man in every home, every state, and every nation on the face of the earth.

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"WHAT ROTARY MEANS TO ME"—"A ROTATING BROWNIE"

R. Stands for Rotary, that you all know.

O. is for Others, unselfish, and so

T. to be ready to help out a Brother.

A. is for and, that means, one Another.

R. for Respect, and that's understood.

Yes, a real Rotarian, he has to be good.

Good to himself, and to all mankind.

There is no excuse, for he is not blind.

Tho he turns a deaf ear, whenever he chooses.

But in doing that, he the benefit loses.

As to your own lives, you must be your Master.

If you're not, your own Craft will sail on to disaster.

Put yourself in the back ground, go way back and sit down

And smile as you do so, forgetting to frown.

Don't act like a monkey, who has sore paws.

Remember, there's others, can wiggle their jaws.

Let's celebrate Rotary on Paul Harris' plan.

Read over its objects, then act like a man.

And say to yourself, were Paul here today.

Would I be his sort of a Friend, would he say.

"I'm proud of you fellows, you're doing right well
For a bunch of Rotarians, I think you excell."

—Rotary Ann Shattuck.

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WHY I LIKE ROTARY

Really, this is not such an easy subject if I am to be honest about it. Did you ever ask yourself the question, "Why do I like Rotary" and then try and write it?

I know well enough the proper thing to say, and should bear down on all of the spokes and cogs of the Rotary Wheel; everything this symbol stands for is ideal, but did you ever notice how many cogs there are? So I believe that if we can each get in gear once in a while, we at least belong to the wheel and are all a cog in it.

Now to my subject: My association with Rotarians has made me more tolerant with the other fellow's viewpoint; there is always the remote possibility that I might be wrong; to strive a little harder to be competent and to render the service in my profession that should be rendered.

I have learned a great deal from the discussions at Rotary meetings, both from our local members and the various talks and subjects taken up by outside speakers. Also this Service Motto has induced me to assume at various times, tasks outside of my regular work, which, had I followed my inclinations, would have been done by someone else. Upon studying this paragraph, I will add that the example established week after week by many of the officers, has had a very good influence.

I could continue to ponder and analyze my reaction to various incidents connected with visits to other clubs, their very fine hospitality, and the weekly contact with our club members, a great many of whom we would only meet occasionally and then not get to know them if it were not for our club.

The above are mainly my reasons for liking Rotary.

George Vail.

The first reason that I would like to give for liking Rotary, is quite personal. When I was asked to represent my profession in the club, I felt that a signal privilege had been granted me and in the years that have passed since then, that first feeling has been greatly deepened.

During these years I have had the privilege of fellowship and comradeship with my fellow Rotarians from practically all of the business and professional classification in the community. This has meant much to me and I feel that I have been very distinctly the winner. Moreover I like Rotary for its "Four Lane Highway" of principles, neatly summed up in the term of "Service". I like Rotary also for its world-wideness and, I believe that in proportion as the spirit and works of Rotary prevail, the chances for international good will are greatly increased.

Herb Hurrell.

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OBSERVATIONS OF A ROTARY ANN

As a cateress at the Rotary luncheons for several years, I have made the following observations: I know that Herb Lee hated corn bread; that George Branch does not like pumpkin pie; that Si Treat did and still may prefer Swiss steak to chicken Melba toast, and that Charlie Pollock takes green tea when he has a headache; also that Bill Frankhauser cannot stay in his seat during the time lunch is being served, he roams around and takes the butter and rolls from any table that has a surplus.

I think the club very wise in backing public projects only at long intervals and in this way it will not become too commonplace and thus will maintain the interest of the public and secure their support.

I wish to thank the members of the club for the many delightful ladies' night entertainments which I have enjoyed and I am sure that this expresses the sentiments of the entire Rotary Ann membership.

Sincerely, Rotary Ann Milnes.

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Yost Day Today

The City of Coldwater honors itself as well as an outstanding citizen of Michigan in the celebration of Yost Day today.

Fielding H. Yost is more than a football coach. He is more than the director of athletics at a University. He is a great force among the youth of Michigan today. His influence for clean living, clean sportsmanship and high standards of morals cannot be over-estimated.

In these days of alarming relaxation from the old standards of conduct, the importance of such an influence must not be overlooked.

Mr. Yost commands the respects of all boys for his achievements in athletics. He has never stooped to win games by tricks or artifice and has not approved of low grade physical, moral or ethical practices.

To hold him up as an example to the youth of Coldwater is a deserved compliment to him but it means much more to this city in furnishing the right kind of ideal for its budding manhood.

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WHAT ROTARY HAS MEANT TO ME

Rotary has for eight years been an opportunity to me—a wide open door of opportunity. This open door has made possible for me a fellowship with men of this community which would have been impossible if the door had been closed.

Rotary has provided me with an open door of opportunity for practical service. This service has been effective and practical because it was offered by joint thought and effort of fifty men to needy causes in the community.

Rotary has been an open door in a third sense. It is easy to get so concerned in one's own business that a fellow loses interest in the many problems of society. The regular Rotary programs with their varied subjects provide one with a continuing course in general education, and in this way Rotary opens a way of escape from the deadening ruts of daily routine.

Bob Sharer.

"Often, before having the opportunity of becoming a Rotarian, I had the impression that it was just a luncheon club, but, starting from the time Bob Wade gave me the Principles of Rotary, I have found some worth while advantage and enjoyment with every meeting.

Now, Rotary appeals to me as an institution offering the means of public service to your community; an opportunity to broaden one's self through intimate contact with an excellent group of representative business men.

Rotary offers a place for young men to learn to give service in co-operation with others where they will receive the satisfaction of accomplishment without personal glory.

The social part of Rotary is pleasant and entertaining; its value, however is personal and acts as a means of keeping the organization intact.

I sincerely believe that Rotary can take just an ordinary man and make a good man of him.

M. J. Hungerford.

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TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FROM BOB KERR

Aren't there quite a number of fellows in Coldwater who would qualify for some unfilled classification in Rotary?

I believe that without a doubt the greatest satisfaction the most of our members get from the Rotary club comes from the contacts and the associations with a good many fellows that we do not get together with very often except at Tuesday meetings.

This satisfaction perhaps could be broadened if some of each of us could recommend a couple of likely prospects to our Membership Committee.