

CONSTITUTION

and

BY-LAWS

of the

Rotary Club

of

COLDWATER, Michigan

and

The Objects, Benefits, Obligations of a Rotary Club
The Rotary Code of Ethics for Business Men
The Rotary Platform

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FOR ADOPTION BY EACH ROTARY CLUB

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THE ROTARY CLUB

Meets once each week for luncheon or dinner.

Membership formed on the unique plan of one active and representative man from each line of business and profession in the community.

OBJECTS

To encourage and foster:

- (a) High ethical standards in business and professions.
- (b) The ideal of SERVICE as the basis of all worthy enterprise.
- (c) The active interest of every Rotarian in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of his community.
- (d) The development of a broad acquaintanceship as an opportunity for service as well as an aid to success.
- (e) The interchange of ideas and of business methods as a means of increasing the efficiency and usefulness of Rotarians.
- (f) The recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations and the dignifying of the occupation of each Rotarian as affording him an opportunity to serve society.

BENEFITS

Making the acquaintance of men you ought to know.
Genuine, wholesome good-fellowship.

Developing true and helpful friends.

Enlightenment as to other men's work, problems and successes.

Education in methods that increase efficiency.

Stimulation of your desire to be of service to your fellowmen and society in general.

Business returns that come from enlarging your acquaintance and inspiring confidence in you and your business.

OBLIGATIONS

To attend meetings regularly.

To pay my dues promptly.

To do my part when called upon.

To be a big-hearted, broad-minded man—a man of energy and action—a real man—a Rotarian.

The Constitution of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, adopted at San Francisco, U. S. A., July, 1915, requires that each Rotary Club thereafter organized shall adopt the prescribed standard constitution:

CONSTITUTION

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ROTARY CLUB

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COLDWATER, Michigan

ARTICLE I.

Name.

The name of this organization shall be Rotary Club of
Coldwater, Michigan

(Affiliated with the International Association of Rotary Clubs)

ARTICLE II.

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ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Section 1. There shall be two classes of membership, namely: active and honorary.

Sec. 2. The active membership shall consist of but one man in each classification of business or profession (except as provided in Sections 6 and 8 of this Article) and each mem-

ber's classification shall be that of his principal and recognized occupation.

Qualifications

Sec. 3. Active Membership:

Any adult male of good character and good business reputation,

—engaged as proprietor, partner, corporate officer or manager of any worthy and recognized business,

—or holding an important position in an executive capacity with discretionary authority in such business,

—or acting as the local agent or branch representative of any worthy and recognized business, having entire charge of such agency or branch in an executive capacity,

—or any man engaged in any worthy and recognized profession,

—may be eligible to membership.

Sec. 4. Honorary Membership. Any adult male who has distinguished himself by some unusual service may be considered eligible for honorary membership.

(Persons not holding active membership in Rotary may be elected to honorary membership only in and by the club within whose territorial limits they reside.)

Honorary members shall be exempt from admission fee and dues and shall have no vote. They shall be permitted to enjoy all other benefits of the club, but shall not be considered as representing any business or professional classification in the club, and shall have no interest in any funds or other property of the club.

Sec. 5. No local representative or agent of a foreign corporation shall be eligible to active membership when a suitable member may be available, whose principal place of business is within the territorial limits of this organization.

Sec. 6. Any member may recommend for active membership one additional representative of his concern, if such additional representative is qualified under the terms of Section 3 of this article.

Upon retirement from membership of the original member, the membership of such additional representative shall cease. Such additional representative may, however, be elected to original membership under the same classification, without obligation to pay a second admission fee.

Sec. 7. Persons holding elective or appointive public office, for a specified term only, shall not be eligible to active membership as a representative of such office.

This shall not be deemed to apply to persons holding office in schools, colleges, or other institutions of learning.

Sec. 8. The classification of "newspaper representative" shall be considered non-duplicative, the intent being to provide for an active member from each of the principal newspapers. Such members shall, however, occupy a position in keeping with the qualifications set forth in Section 3 of this article.

ARTICLE IV.

Duration of Membership.

Section 1. Active membership shall endure for life (unless forfeited as hereinafter provided). Membership shall terminate when any member shall sever his connection with the firm, corporation or institution with which he was connected when elected as a member, or, if he abandons the business or profession in which he was engaged when elected. If he makes new application whether under the same classification or another classification, his application shall be considered in advance of any other application for membership in the classification under which he now applies; provided that the Board of Directors in its discretion may reassign to a new classification any member in good standing if the circumstances warrant such action and no duplication of classification is caused by such action.

Sec. 2. Any member who by personal or business conduct violates any of the rules, purposes or ethics of Rotary may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors at a meeting called for that purpose, provided that said member shall have been given at least ten days' notice in writing of such pending action. Service of such notice may be made by personal delivery or by registered letter, mailed to his last known address. Said member may be represented at the hearing before the board of directors by counsel, and in case of being expelled by the board, may appeal to the club at its next regular meeting.

Sec. 3. Any member failing to pay his dues within thirty days after the prescribed time shall be notified in

writing by the secretary at his last known address, and if said dues are not paid on or before ten days from date of such notification said membership shall automatically cease.

Sec. 4. Any member who is absent from four consecutive meetings, which shall include both weekly and monthly meetings, shall automatically cease to be a member of the club unless he shall have been in attendance at a meeting of another club during the same week or unless excused for good and sufficient reason by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. Any member whose attendance average shall be less than sixty per cent, for any period of six months, unless otherwise excused, shall cease to be a member, providing, however, that the six month's period may be divided into two three-month periods in which the member may be permitted to offset a poor attendance record in the first period by an excellent one in the second.

Sec. 6. Honorary membership shall endure for life, provided however, that the board of directors may for good cause at any time cancel the membership of an honorary member on condition that each member of the club shall be served in writing with a notice at least ten days in advance of such action by the board.

Sec. 7. Resignations. The resignation of any member from this club shall be in writing addressed to the president or secretary, and shall be accepted by the board of directors provided that all indebtedness of said member to the club be paid.

Sec. 8. Forfeiture. Any member whose connection with this club shall be severed by resignation, death, expulsion or otherwise, shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to the club.

ARTICLE V.

Territorial Limits.

The territorial limits of this organization shall be as follows Branch County Mich.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings.

Section 1. This club shall meet regularly once each week as provided in the By-Laws.

Sec. 2. The annual meeting of this club shall be held in the month of April as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII.

Officers.

Section 1. The governing body of this club shall be a board of directors to be constituted as the by-laws of the club may provide.

Sec. 2. The decision of the board in all club matters shall be final, subject only to an appeal to the club. The Board shall have general control over all officers and committees and may, for good cause, declare any office vacant. It shall constitute a board of appeal from the ruling of all officers and actions of all committees. Appeal may be taken from any decision of the board of directors to the club and such appeal shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, notice of such appeal having been given by the secretary to all members of the club at least five days in advance of such meeting.

Sec. 3. The officers of this club shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, an immediate past president and a sergeant-at-arms, any or all of whom may or may not be members of the board of directors as the by-laws of the club may provide.

Sec. 4. These officers shall be elected annually in the manner prescribed in the by-laws of this club and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VIII.

Avoidance of Politics.

Section 1. This club shall at no time endorse or recommend any candidate for public office nor shall political candidates or partisan questions as such be discussed or voted upon at any club meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

Official Publication.

By accepting membership in this club, each person so doing voluntarily becomes a subscriber to the official magazine publication of the International Association of Rotary Clubs.

The subscription is understood to run in six-month periods and shall continue as long as a subscriber is a member of the club and to the end of any six-month period during which he may cease to be a member of the club.

The amount of the subscription shall be collected by the club from each member, semi-annually in advance, as part of or in addition to his regular dues.

The secretary shall enter such subscriptions and the amounts so collected in a special subscription account and forward them to the business office of said publication.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments.

Any amendment proposed to this constitution shall be referred in writing to the International Secretary and by him be submitted to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. Upon their written consent to such amendment, it may then be adopted at any regular meeting of the club, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment has been mailed to each member at least ten days before such meeting.

These by-laws are recommended only by the International Association and may be changed by any Rotary Club to meet its own conditions, provided such changes are not out of harmony with the club constitution or with the constitution and by-laws of the I. A. of R. C. If any doubt exists, the proposed changes should be submitted to the Secretary-General for the consideration of the International Board.

(Note: Where alternative sections are provided in these by-laws, only one of the alternatives is to be adopted by the club. The text of the other should be crossed out.)

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ARTICLE I.

Election of Directors and Officers.

Section 1. At the regular meeting one month prior to the annual meeting nominations shall be called for by the chairman for candidates for the board of directors; nominations may be made in any number by the members from the floor. These nominations shall be placed upon a ballot and voted for at the annual meeting and the..... candidates securing the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Sec. 2. The board of directors shall meet within one week after the annual meeting and shall elect from their members a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, provided however, that the secretary or treasurer at the discretion of the board may be elected by them from the membership of the club and when so elected shall be ex-officio a member of the board. The newly elected officers shall at once assume the duties of their respective offices.

Section 1. At the regular meeting one month prior to the annual meeting the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and two members of the board of directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both, as the club may determine. If it is determined to have a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the club may determine. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each officer and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The two candidates for directors receiving such a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors.

(Note: The sections in the right-hand column are given as an alternative plan which may be adopted instead of that given in the left-hand column. **CROSS OUT THE SECTIONS NOT ADOPTED.**)

Sec. 2. The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president, shall constitute the board of directors and shall meet within one week after the annual meeting and assume the duties of their respective offices. They shall be publicly installed into their respective offices at the first regular meeting of the club following their election.

Sec. 3. At the first meeting of the newly elected board of directors they shall appoint some member of the club to act as sergeant-at-arms.

Sec. 4. A vacancy in the board of directors or any office shall be filled by the remaining members of the board.

ARTICLE II.

Board of Directors.

Section 1. The governing body of this club shall be the board of directors, elected in accordance with Art. I, Sec. 1, of these by-laws.

(Note: If the alternative plan Article 1 has been adopted, it is necessary to adopt the alternative section given in the right-hand column here. **CROSS OUT THE SECTION NOT ADOPTED.**)

Section 1. The governing body of this club shall be the board of directors, consisting of seven members of this club, namely, two directors elected in accordance with Art. I, Sec. 1, of these by-laws, the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and the immediate past president.

ARTICLE III.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. President. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and board of directors and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to his office.

Sec. 2. Vice President. It shall be the duty of the vice president to preside at meetings of the club and board of directors in the absence of the president and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to his office.

Sec. 3. Secretary. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the records of membership, record the attendance at meetings, send out notices of meetings of the club, board and committees, record and preserve the minutes of such meetings, make the required reports to the International

Association, including the semi-annual reports of membership, which shall be made to the Secretary-General on January 1st and July 1st of each year, the report of changes in membership, which shall be made to the Secretary General on the first of each month, the monthly report of attendance at the club meetings which shall be made to the District Governor immediately following the last meeting of the month, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

Sec. 4. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for same to the club at its annual meeting and at any other time upon demand by the board of directors and to perform such other duties as pertain to his office. Upon his retirement from office he shall turn over to his successor or to the president all funds, books of accounts or any other club property in his possession.

Sec. 5. Sergeant-at-Arms. The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be such as are usually prescribed for his office and such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or board of directors.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings.

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of this club shall be held on the 4th Tuesday of April in each year, at which time the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place. (Note: Each club will designate the 4th Thursday or whatever day it chooses for its annual meeting.)

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Sec. 2. The regular weekly meetings of this club shall be held as follows: Tuesday noons at 12:15

Sec. 3. One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

Sec. 4. Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held on.....of each month. Special meetings of the board of directors shall be called by the president whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two members of the board, due notice having been given.

Sec. 5. A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum of the board of directors.

ARTICLE V.

Fees and Dues.

Section 1. The admission fee shall be \$.....¹⁰ to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Sec. 2. The membership dues shall be \$.....²⁰ per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of May and of November.

(Cautionary Note to New Clubs: Great care should be used on the part of newly organized clubs in fixing the amount of their annual dues, it being important that the income of the club be sufficient to cover all of its local expenses, and provide a fund in addition sufficient to send delegates to the district conference and the International Convention each year. The Directors of the International Association believe that anything less than a \$10.00 admission fee and \$20.00 annual dues will prove insufficient and they will not grant affiliation to any club that does not make its fee at least \$10.00 and its dues at least \$20.00.)

ARTICLE VI.

Method of Voting.

The business of this organization shall be transacted by viva voce vote except election of directors which shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees.

Section 1. The president shall, subject to the approval of the board of directors, appoint the following committees: Membership, entertainment, fellowship, public affairs, education, publicity, boys work, relations with I. A. of R. C. Headquarters, and any other committees that he may deem necessary, and also one member as the club correspondent

for THE ROTARIAN magazine. The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The committees shall consist of at least three members exclusive of the president.

Sec. 2. Each committee shall transact such business as is delegated to it in the by-laws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the board of directors. Except where special authority is given by the board of directors such committees shall not take final action until a report has been made to the board and approved by them.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of Committees.

Section 1. Membership Committee. This committee shall investigate the character, business, social standing and general eligibility of persons proposed for membership and shall report their decision on all applications to the board of directors.

Sec. 2. Entertainment Committee. This committee shall prepare and arrange programs for the regular and special meetings. They shall prepare and arrange such social functions as may be directed by the board of directors or president.

Sec. 3. Fellowship Committee. This committee shall promote acquaintance and friendship among the members and do such work in pursuance with the general objects of the club, as may be assigned by the president or the board of directors.

Sec. 4. Public Affairs Committee. This committee shall report from time to time upon matters affecting the public welfare. They shall devise and execute plans for the benefit and improvement of the community.

Sec. 5. Education Committee. This committee is to educate the members as to the accepted meaning, purpose, responsibilities, and limitations of Rotary.

Sec. 6. Boys Work Committee. This committee shall acquaint itself, through surveys and by other means, with the needs of the boy life of the community. It shall recommend to the club such action as it believes may promote the development of boys into good citizens, and carry out such boys work as the club may authorize.

Sec. 7. Relations with International Headquarters Committee. This committee shall study ways and means of promoting a closer relationship between this club and the International Association and shall prepare itself to enlighten those club members who may need enlightenment regarding the problems and activities of the International Association and the club's responsibility for co-operation with the International Association.

Sec. 8. Publicity Committee. This committee shall devise and execute plans which will tend to secure proper publicity for Rotary in general and for the club in particular.

ARTICLE IX.

Leave of Absence.

Upon written application to the board of directors, setting forth good and sufficient cause leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for a specified length of time. (Note: Such leave of absence does operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership but it does not alter in any way the member's attendance record nor that of the club.)

ARTICLE X.

Finances.

Section 1. The treasurer shall deposit all funds of the club in some bank to be named by the board of directors.

Sec. 2. All bills shall be paid only by checks signed by the treasurer upon vouchers signed by any two officers. A thorough audit by a certified public accountant or other qualified persons shall be made once each year of all the club's financial transactions.

Sec. 3. Officers having charge or control of funds shall give bond as may be required by the board of directors for the safe custody of the funds of the club, cost of bond to be borne by the club.

Sec. 4. The fiscal year of this club shall extend from May 1st to April 30th, and for the collection of members' dues shall be divided into two semi-annual periods extending from May 1st to October 31st, and from November 1st to April 30th. The payment of per capita dues and magazine subscriptions to the International Association shall be made on July 1st and January 1st of each year on the basis of the membership of the club on those dates.

(Note: Magazine subscriptions for members joining during a semi-annual period are payable upon invoice from International Headquarters.)

Sec. 5. At the beginning of each fiscal year the board of directors shall prepare or cause to be prepared a budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures for the year, which, having been agreed to by the board, shall stand as the limit of expenditures for the respective purposes unless otherwise ordered by action of the board.

ARTICLE XI.

Method of Electing Members.

Section 1. The name of the newly proposed member, having been proposed by a member in good standing, shall be submitted first to the board of directors, through the secretary, on a blank form known as the proposal card (use form prescribed by I. A. of R. C.). The board of directors shall then refer it to the membership committee. The membership committee after making due investigation shall then proceed to vote and if not to exceed one negative vote is cast the name of the proposed member shall be considered eligible. The membership committee shall then report back to the board of directors the action that they have taken thereon. The board of directors shall then review the action of the membership committee and sustain or reject the decision or refer it back to the membership committee for further consideration and action.

If the membership committee has reported favorably upon the name of the newly proposed member and the board of directors has sustained the action, the proposer shall be notified by the secretary and the regular form of application blank shall be filled out by the newly proposed member and signed by him. If the membership committee reports adversely and the board of directors sustains the action the proposer shall be so notified by the secretary.

After the application has been secured from the proposed new member the secretary shall notify each member of the club in writing, giving the name of the proposed candidate, the firm represented and the classification under which he seeks membership. A ten-day period shall then be allowed during which any member objecting to the election of the applicant shall notify the board of directors in writing, stating reasons for his objections.

After the expiration of the ten days the board shall meet and consider such objections as may have been submitted.

They shall then proceed to ballot and, if not to exceed..... negative votes are cast, the proposed member shall be considered duly elected. The applicant and the proposer shall then be notified by the secretary of the applicant's acceptance or rejection.

Sec. 2. Honorary Members. The names of proposed candidates for honorary membership shall be submitted to the board of directors in writing, and the election shall be in the same form and manner as prescribed for an active member, no signed application being required.

(Suggestion: Clubs so desiring may substitute in lieu of a final ballot for members by the board of directors, a ballot by the club members at a regular meeting, and a three-fourths vote of all members in attendance be necessary to an election, a quorum being present.)

ARTICLE XII

Resolutions and Subscriptions.

Section 1. No resolution or motion to commit this club on any matter shall be considered by the club until it has been considered by the board of directors. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred, without discussion, to the board, which after having given consideration to the matter, shall submit its recommendations to the club. Having received the recommendations of the board, the club may then proceed to take such action as may seem proper to the majority.

Sec. 2. Any appeal for charitable or other subscriptions to be made by the club or its members as Rotarians shall conform to the procedure prescribed in Section 1 of this article.

ARTICLE XIII.

Order of Business.

Opening. Roll Call.
Reading of minutes.
Report of Committees.
Unfinished business.
New business.
Adjournment.

ARTICLE XIV.

Amendments.

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these by-laws can be made which is not in harmony with the club constitution and with the constitution and by-laws of the International Association of Rotary Clubs.

Article XV.

Fines assessed in this club shall be a 10⁰ minimum & 25⁰ maximum.

The Rotary Code of Ethics

For Business Men of All Lines

Adopted by the Sixth Annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs at San Francisco, July 19-23, 1915.

My business standards shall have in them a note of sympathy for our common humanity. My business dealings, ambitions and relations shall always cause me to take into consideration my highest duties as a member of society. In every position in business life, in every responsibility that comes before me, my chief thought shall be to fill that responsibility and discharge that duty so when I have ended each of them I shall have lifted the level of human ideals and achievements a little higher than I found it. As a Rotarian it is my duty:

FIRST: To consider my vocation worthy, and as affording me distinct opportunity to serve society.

SECOND: To improve myself, increase my efficiency and enlarge my service, and by so doing attest my faith in the fundamental principle of Rotary that he profits most who serves best.

THIRD: To realize that I am a business man and ambitious to succeed; but that I am first an ethical man, and wish no success that is not founded on the highest justice and morality.

FOURTH: To hold that the exchange of my goods, my service and my ideas for profit is legitimate and ethical, provided that all parties in the exchange are benefited thereby.

FIFTH: To use my best endeavors to elevate the standards of the vocation in which I am engaged, and so to conduct my affairs that others in my vocation may find it wise, profitable and conducive to happiness to emulate my example.

SIXTH: To conduct my business in such a manner that I may give a perfect service equal to or even better than my competitor, and when in doubt to give added service beyond the strict measure of debt or obligation.

SEVENTH: To understand that one of the greatest assets of a professional or of a business man is his friends and that any advantage gained by reason of friendship is eminently ethical and proper.

EIGHTH: To hold that true friends demand nothing of one another and that any abuse of the confidences of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary, and in violation of its Code of Ethics.

NINTH: To consider no personal success legitimate or ethical which is secured by taking unfair advantage of certain opportunities in the social order that are absolutely denied others, nor will I take advantage of opportunities to achieve material success that others will not take because of the questionable morality involved.

TENTH: To be not more obligated to a Brother Rotarian than I am to every other man in human society; because the genius of Rotary is not in its competition but in its co-operation; for provincialism can never have a place in an institution like Rotary, and Rotarians assert that Human Rights are not confined to Rotary Clubs but are as deep and as broad as the race itself; and for these high purposes does Rotary exist to educate all men and all institutions.

ELEVENTH: Finally, believing in the universality of the Golden Rule, **All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them**, we contend that Society best holds together when equal opportunity is accorded all men in the natural resources of this planet.

THE ROTARY PLATFORM

Recognizing the commercial basis of modern life as a necessary incident in human evolution, the Rotary Club is organized to express that proper relation between private interests and the fusion of private interests which constitutes society.

To accomplish this purpose more effectively the principle of limited and representative membership has been adopted, the Rotary Club consisting of one representative from each distinct line of business or profession. Each member is benefited by contact with representative men engaged in different occupations and is enabled thereby to meet more intelligently the responsibilities of civic and business life.

The basis of club membership insures the representation of all interests and the domination of none in the consideration of public questions relating to business. On account of its limited membership the Rotary Club does not constitute itself the voice of the entire community on questions of general importance, but its action on such questions is of great influence in advancing the civic and business welfare of the community.

The Rotary Club demands fair dealings, honest methods and high standards in business. No obligation, actual or implied, to influence business exists in Rotary. Election to membership therein is an expression of confidence of the club in the member elected, and of its good will towards him. As his business is an expression of himself, he is expected actively to represent it.

Membership in the Rotary Club is a privilege and an opportunity and its responsibility demands honest and efficient service and thoughtfulness for one's fellows.

Service is the basis of all business.

He profits most who serves best.