



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The 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 of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

The Four-Way Test

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?

Rotarian Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

AS A ROTARIAN, I will

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

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team leader of a Group Study Exchange project through The Rotary Foundation in Argentina in 1993. This awesome experience opened up a global perspective of the Rotary world for me.

But more importantly, the real essence of Rotary is *The Rotarian*. Why? When reading *The Rotarian*, one can't help but immerse oneself into the global fabric of languages, clothing, customs, food, people helping people, etc. Each article entices you to read the magazine from cover to cover.

When I travel for a weekend or visit a doctor's office, I always take several *Rotarian* magazines with me. The articles are always inspiring, and it continues to remind me why I am and continue to be a Rotarian.

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Opening doors

I am still energized by 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran's message in the May issue – women as important partners in brainstorming and establishment of sustainable community initiatives. His message dove deeper to talk about women in Rotary, the need for clubs to be more receptive to admitting women, and how the last

quarter of Rotary's history has been by far the most productive because of women!

As the current president of Pikesville-Owings Mills Rotary Club, a Paul Harris Fellow, and an advocate for women and girls, I believe President Ravi's message is a reminder that women make significant contributions in ensuring that Rotary and our legacy live on. I am honored to have my club's support to be its president and be among those who shall one day rewrite the story of Rotary – as Paul Harris once said, "The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again."

Following in my mother's footsteps, I am proud to be a woman in *Rotary Serving Humanity* and am ready to work with President John Germ and fellow Rotarians to open doors for more women to find their place in Rotary.

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Speed it up

My letter is really for the Rotary leadership and nominating committee. It has been about 30 years since women could become Rotarians. We have countless women as club presidents, district governors, and in Rotary International and

Foundation leadership positions. We have many women who serve as presidents and prime ministers of their countries, heads of institutions like the U.S. Federal Reserve and the International Monetary Fund, and in many other international leadership positions.

I have to say that the turtle-like pace of nominating a woman to be president of Rotary International is the one area that makes me embarrassed to be a Rotarian. If a female Rotarian is being considered, please speed up the process. If a female Rotarian is not being considered, then speed up the process.

I am proud when I suggest Rotary membership to professional women, but I'm not proud that it has taken so long to have a woman as president of our organization. I'm only speaking for myself and not my club and district, even though many other male Rotarians feel the same way that I do.

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