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District Governor

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Governor's Letter

Slowly but surely it snuck up on me and the new Rotary year has begun. I am off and running with three club visits this week. Last week I had the privilege and honor of inducting the new club officers for the RC of Port-Summit. During the same ceremony, the relatively small club actually inducted 8 (yes, eight!) Paul Harris fellows. It was very impressive to say the least. After I read all the names of the recipients and called them to the front of the room for the presentation there was only about an equal number of spectators left in the audience! The important message from this is that even small clubs can be active and engaged in the support of Rotary and our foundation. I would love to do this same ceremony during all of my club visits! Other club visits scheduled so far this month are: West Shore 7/16, Chesterland 7/17, Stow-Munroe Falls 7/24, and Hudson-Clocktower 7/24. Club Presidents, if you have not been in contact with me to discuss a club visit please do so quickly as this sometimes takes some time and effort to coordinate a date.

I have asked the District Membership co-chairs, Al Connors

and Tony Corrao to do their membership seminars earlier this year. They have obliged and have scheduled 3 events. The first is Sat., Aug. 3rd. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Beta Dr. just east of Wilson Mills Rd. & I-271. The event kicks off at 8:30 AM and the cost is \$12. Registration is online at the District WEB site rotarydistrict6630.org or checks can be mailed to : Rotary District Treasurer - P. O. Box 578 - Burton, OH 44021 and plainly marked "Membership Seminar 1". The second seminar is at Doogans Restaurant, 55 Barrington Town Square, in Aurora at 8:30 AM on Sat. Aug. 24th. Same procedure; mail in \$12. Checks to above address except mark them "Membership Seminar 2". The last seminar will be Sat., Aug. 31st at Strongsville Safety Town at the Strongsville Rec Center, 18300 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82) Strongsville at 8:30AM. "Membership Seminar 3"

Foundation Fundraising Chair Dale Smith and Annual Fund Chair Cheryl Warren will begin their foundation seminars on Oct. 6th. with 3 or 4 seminars planned. More on times and locations later. Club foundation Chairs and club

officers are urged to attend these sessions and return to their clubs to present the information to the general membership during foundation month in November. While we are speaking about foundation month in November, please set aside the date of Nov. 9th. as this is the when we will hold our "Foundation Event". Details are being worked out but please save the evening of this date.

Another fun filled event is District Indians Game at Progressive Field on Friday, Aug. 23. Great food, reduced price tickets and giant fireworks will light up the evening. All information for this event can be found at the "Rotary partners with the Cleveland Indians" link at the District WEB site at: rotarydistrict6630.org Please join us for a great evening of family fun.

I am off to Johnstown, PA this weekend for the Zone "Summer Success Seminar" for District leadership. Another great learning opportunity provided by Zone level and RI level instructors. Our District Foundation Chair Jim Lechko and District Governor Nominee Cheryl Warren will accompany me. Other Zone sessions

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will be attended by other district leadership in Romulus, MI and Syracuse, NY in upcoming weeks.

*Note to any members of Rotary District 6630: if you are reading this article; as I wish everyone were; and some of the upcoming events are not geared to you, such as membership or foundation, please do your club a great service

and mention it to your club membership chair, foundation chair and other members of your club leadership. Hopefully they already know about it. Ask if they are planning on attending these events that have been organized and put together for their benefit. Ask your club president to make copies of the newsletter and have them available at meetings and announce it to the



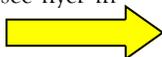
Rotary Night with the Tribe

WHAT: District # 6630 Annual Indians Outing

WHEN: August 23, 2013 Friday 7pm

WHERE: Progressive Field Section 548 Rows E through H

COST: Please see flyer in the next column



This will be a great night out. Pregame picnic at the Radisson Prospect Avenue at 5:15 PM -6:45 PM. Door prize after the picnic. See raffle winner throw out the first pitch. Watch the Indians win and then fireworks after the game from a perfect seat.

Things to know:

The Indians have been very "exciting" this year. They are always in the game. More hits, stolen bases, grand slam home runs, close plays, and great catches. All of these things happen on a consistent basis! So much more fun than the last two years.

The door prize raffle will include autographed pictures

and baseballs; suite tickets, T-shirts and much more.

Come one Come All! Join District # 6630 Rotarians for this annual fun outing. It is a chance to meet other Rotarians and also plan a family outing within your own club. Check the attached flyer for ticket order form, costs, and other details.

See you there!

District Membership Seminars

What Club Couldn't Use A Jolt To The Membership Development Effort? Your District Membership Seminars are intended to do just that!

Our first Seminar is scheduled for August 3 at Hilton Garden East, 700 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village.

Our agenda is as follows:

Body Building for Your Club-- Membership Recruitment Tips

Are You a Leader--some tips to help you respond positively Getting With It , New Generations Style ~ Put Social Networking on your membership

Team Continuity Planning-- Membership building takes more than 1 year

Head Hunting for Small Clubs ~ picking your 10 member club off the floor

Plugging the Drain in the Bathtub--Retention, retention, retention!!!

The Seminar begins at 8:30AM with a hearty breakfast and ends at noon!

The cost is \$12--covers the cost of the breakfast.

You can register on the District website or by calling Tony Corrao at 216/952/7434.

Tony will be your genial host for the event. There will be time for discussion and for you to ask questions.

Club Presidents, Past Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Assistant Governors, Membership

Committee persons and all interested Rotarians are invited.

Tony and Al



ROTARY PARTNERS WITH THE CLEVELAND INDIANS

The Cleveland Indians and Rotary District 6630 have partnered to set up a discounted ticket for all attendees to the Cleveland Indians game on Friday, August 23rd, 2013 against the Minnesota Twins at 7:05pm at Progressive Field. The two organizations have also reached an agreement to have a First Pitch donated, which will be the grand prize of the raffle.

Tickets can be purchased for the raffle by contacting

Bob Johnson at 440-834-8447; Steve Zabor at 330-569-4936; or Stew Buchanan at 330-940-2122.

Friday, August 23rd, 2013 will be the 7th Annual Rotary District Night at Progressive Field. All tickets will be located in the Upper Box sections on the first-base side of home plate.

These are great seats to watch the game and enjoy the post-game fireworks.

Pre-game picnic will be at the Radisson Hotel at 651 Huron Road, one block from the ballpark, from 5:00pm to 6:45pm. Menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. Also includes great door prizes.

To purchase tickets, please fill out the order form below.

For more information, please contact Stew Buchanan at 330-940-2122 or stewb1898@aol.com.
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS AUGUST 10TH, 2013

Cleveland Indians vs. Minnesota Twins Friday, August 23rd, 2013 at 7:05pm

Return All Forms to: Stew Buchanan, 73 Lake Front Dr., Akron, OH 44319

August 23rd, 2013 (Game Date)
Deadline: August 10th, 2013

Adult: Ticket Only @ \$15.00 = _____

Adult: Ticket and Meal @ \$39.00 = _____

Child: Ticket Only @ \$15.00 = _____

Child: Ticket and Meal @ \$31.00 = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

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| City, State, Zip | _____ |
| Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ | |
| E-Mail | _____ |
| Payment Method: (circle one) | |
| Credit Card: AMEX DISC VISA MC | |
| Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ | |
| Signature | _____ |
| Checks payable to: ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 Check # _____ | |

TRC Chesterland's Community Presence

By Reena Kanner

The Rotary Club of Chesterland took on the resetting of the bricks around the Chester Park which they had installed 17 years ago. To cover the expense and earn money for their coffers, additional brick were sold. Our goal was to sell 200 and we have exceeded our goal. The brick were removed and sent to the engraver and will be reinstalled in time for the Chesterland Community Picnic on August 24.



Again, the highlight of the Chester 4th of July parade was the precision(?) Briefcase Brigade with their high stepping coordinated march. This year to coincide with the brick campaign briefcases were covered with brick paper and the cadence reflected buy a brick. The real highlight was the Jones girls and their candy wagon.



36th Annual Strongsville Rotary Foundation Scholarship Golf Outing



When: Monday, August 12, 2013
Where: Weymouth Country Club - 5946 Weymouth Rd, Medina

Sponsorships

- ___ \$20 Flag Sponsorship (only 10 will be sold) released by sponsor after outing
- ___ \$20 Beverage Hub Sponsorship
- ___ \$100 Tee Sponsorship

Donations for Raffle and Gift Giveaway Items: CONTACT MATT FINKLER @ 440-552-7141

Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City, State: _____

Payment

___ Check (payable to Strongsville Rotary Foundation)
___ Credit Card MC VISA DISCOVER (circle one)
Name (as it appears on card): _____ Security Code & Expiration: _____
Card Number: _____ Address: _____

Mail or Fax To: Gerald E. Blair, c/o Strongsville Rotary, P.O. Box 300401, Strongsville, OH 44136
440.572.2475 Phone
440.572.3275 Fax

The Strongsville Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit organization under 501(c)(3) status.

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25% of the net proceeds will benefit local chapters of The First Tee

To purchase tickets or for more information please visit www.buytfc.com & click on WGC-Bridgestone Invitational or call Charlie Diamond at 201.444.5356

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ShelterBox Rotary and Boy Scouts

When this month's newsletter goes to print, Past District Governor Jack Young 2005-06 will be at the National Boy Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel in Mount Hope, West Virginia. This will be the first time that the National Jamboree will be held at the Summit on land donated to the scouts by the Bechtel Family. The land donated by the Bechtel Family will be the future home of the National Jamboree.

There will be over 40,000 scouts and volunteer leaders at the 2013 Scout Jamboree from throughout the United states and several countries. Jack will be representing the Board of Directors of Shelter Box USA along with several volunteers and staff members at an exhibit of the Shelter Box tent in the exhibit areas of the Jamboree. Shelter Box works with scouts from all over the world, using their help in deploying tents after major disasters. This is the second National Jamboree that PDG Young has attended in representing Shelter Box USA.

In addition to Shelter Box, PDG Young is the Ohio representative for the Fellow-

ship of Scouting Rotarians. Therefore, he will also be working at the display area with the FSR during the Jamboree. Jack will be attending a special Rotary lunch during the Jamboree and will be meeting with the National President/Director of Scouting in the United States.

This is a unique opportunity to bring Scouting, Rotary and Shelter Box together with the overall objective of serving and helping others in Service Above Self.. More information will be forthcoming in the next issue of the District News Letter.

2013 Bedford Rotary Five Star Veterans Honor Run 10K and 2 Mile Fun Walk/Run



Date & Time: Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Proceeds: 100% of net proceeds will be donated to The Bedford Memorial Day Parade and the Bedford Rotary.

Course: This is a 10K, 5K, and 2 mile course that starts through the Bedford Memorial Day Parade. It is a 100% net event. There will be no food or drinks provided.

Anyone may enter this race!

Registration: Pre registration for both events is \$20. Race day registration is \$25. Pre registration is available on line at www.bedfordrotary.com or via this form to: **Registration:** 100% of net proceeds will be donated to The Bedford Memorial Day Parade and the Bedford Rotary. Registration must be received by Wednesday, September 11, 2013 and online registration closes at 6 a.m. on Friday, September 13, 2013. For more information, call 216-323-9333.

Prizes: 5 awards for the 10K winners, water stops, give bags, free parking, refreshments, coffee and a celebration of our veterans.

Age: To overall Male & Female winners under 3 in the following age groups: 14 & under, 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 & over. There will also be awards for the top Male & Female Rotarian, Marine, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard veterans and their spouses.



LIABILITY WAIVER & REGISTRATION FORM

I have entered the 2013 Bedford Rotary Five Star Veterans Honor Run 10K and 2 Mile Fun Walk/Run in acknowledgment of your receipt of this form, its terms, conditions, and administration, and I understand that I am releasing you and your agents from all liability for any injury, loss, or damage of any kind, including but not limited to, death, personal injury, property damage, and any other loss or damage, that may occur or result from my participation in this event, whether or not such injury, loss, or damage is caused in whole or in part by the negligence, active or passive, of any person, the state or laws in which this race is held, their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all purposes and for all claims, including operation of the administration of medical aid in case of emergency. I understand that my participation in this event is at my own risk, and I agree to hold you, your agents, sponsors, volunteers, and other participants harmless for any and all claims, including operation of the administration of medical aid in case of emergency.

Name _____ Age on Race Day _____ Sex _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Check One: 10K or 2 Mile Fun Walk/Run

Branch of Military Service _____ Check If USMC Employee Retiree

T-shirt Size S M L XL Gender Male Female

Mail to: Hermes, 1624 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114. Check payable to: Hermes Sports & Events

Signature of Participant (parent/guardian if under 18) _____



TRC Hudson & Hudson Clocktower Membership Mixer

The Rotary Clubs of Hudson & Hudson Clocktower invite you to the 5th Wednesday Member and Guest Mixer detailed below. To register for this event email Pat Meyers at pmeyers56@gmail.com

Event:

5th Wednesday Member and Guest Mixer
Date

Jul 31, 2013 at 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM

Location

Zeppes Italian Pizzeria & Bistro
5483 Darrow Road
Hudson, OH 44236
United States
Details

Please come to our Rotary Mixer at Zeppes in Hudson!

All Rotarians and their spouses or significant others are invited!

Pizza and Salad is provided by our club, free of charge.

Cash Bar

Please RSVP so we have an accurate count of attendance.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you
For Rotary Club of Hudson Clocktower
Kathleen Cybulski (Event Chair)

Membership Seminars

By Al Conners

District 6630 has scheduled three of these events—August 3, August 24, and August 31. Our intention is to offer an identical, or nearly identical agenda, at all three. On the third, we will meet at the Hilton Garden East, 700 beta Drive, Mayfield Village. On the 24th, the venue is Doogan's Restaurant (Barrington Shopping Center located at the intersection of Routes 82 and 306) in Aurora.. On the 31st, we will return to the Strongsville Safety town, adjacent to the Senior Center in Strongsville. In all cases, we will start with a full breakfast beginning at 8:30 am and conclude by noon. The cost is \$12 per attendee, to cover the cost of the breakfast.

Club Presidents have been invited to offer agenda items for discussion at these Seminars. We will honor these suggestions and answer any membership related questions.

We scattered the venues for these Seminars in an attempt to reduce the travel time commitment needed to attend a Seminar. Nevertheless, any District 6630 Rotarian is invited to attend any of the Seminars and to participate in their club's membership program.

News From TRC West Shore

By Luisa Heimburger

OMNI (Orphan Medical Network International) presented to the West Shore Rotary Club on May 21st, a plaque of appreciation for their work on the Zambia Truck Project. It was presented by Mary Sue Claus, OMNI board member to Club President, Dan Fronczak.

The plaque reads:

“With great appreciation to the Rotary Club of The West Shore for your exceptional compassion for orphans and the impoverished in Africa.”



News From TRC Berea

By Linda Kramer

Three area graduating high school seniors received Berea Rotary scholarships this year. The winners are:

Kelly Capellas of Berea graduated from Berea High School in May. She plans to attend Miami University of Ohio. Kelly received Academic Achievement Awards and was on the honor roll all four years of high school. She was a member of the volleyball team, played trumpet in the Marching Band and Symphonic Winds, and was a member of National Honor Society and Physics Club. She also volunteered as a counselor at Camp Mi-Bro-Be, was a teachers' aide and helped with the Coe Lake Outdoor Science Education Center. She also volunteered with Very Special Arts. Kelly plans to major in strategic communications at Miami and hopes to work in the entertainment industry.

Jacqueline Swinerton graduated this spring from Olmsted Falls High School. She will attend St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., to major in theology and education with a minor in Spanish and would like to teach at the high school level. Jacqueline is the first in her family to attend a four-year college. She was a member of French Club for four years and president her senior year, and was a member of National Honor Society and the Mathematics, French and Social Studies Honor Societies. She volunteered at St. Mary of the Falls Catholic Church with the youth ministry. She also was an Altar Server and taught Vacation Bible School. She took part in Relay for Life and volunteered at the Holy Name Soup Kitchen.

Sarah Cochrac of Olmsted Falls is a graduate of Olmsted Falls High School and Polaris Career Center. She will study nursing at Hiram College and was enrolled in the medical professions program at Polaris, where she was named Outstanding Student and received awards for academic excellence. She also was English student of the year at Olmsted Falls High School. She was president of National Honor Society and volunteered at St. Mary of the Falls Catholic Church with the youth ministry, music ministry, retreat team and parish council. She has worked with dementia patients in a nursing home and with the Cleveland Clinic's Science Internship Program. Her Clinic research project dealt with patient care. Sarah's father passed away in 2012 after receiving a liver transplant at the Clinic. "This experience helped me to learn firsthand what it's like to be on the other side of care. I realize how big of an impact healthcare professionals have on many aspects of the patient's life."

Rotary loves a Parade



Jeremy Rexroad, John Spooner and Linda Kramer with help from Rachel Rexroad took part in Berea's Grindstone Festival Parade on July 5. Here they show off the club's new banner.



In Memoriam
Edward W. Wiles
President of Berea Rotary
1979-80
Rotarian of the Year 1985-86
Paul Harris Fellow
U.S. Marine Corps veteran
Passed away June 22, 2013



News From TRC Chagrin Valley

By Lori A. O'Neill

The Chagrin Valley Rotary Club is proud to announce that it will sponsor the 2013 Chagrin Documentary Film Fest Gala on Saturday, October 5 at South Franklin Circle! The CDFF Gala celebrates the documentary filmmakers whose films will be screened at this year's film fest at the Chagrin Valley's party of the year!

The Chagrin Documentary Film Fest, a five-day celebration of the spirit and passion of the documentary filmmaker, was named one of 2013's "Top 50 film festivals worth the entry fee" by MovieMaker Magazine. At just four years old, the CDFF is already regarded as a premier event for filmmakers around the world, and a must-see for the 5,000+ people who attend the festival each year to view more than 50 films screened throughout the Village of Chagrin Falls.

As a service organization that performs charitable work locally and throughout the world, Chagrin Valley Rotary Club supports CDFF's mission to provide a

showcase for up and coming filmmakers to share their stories documenting the human condition. The work of documentarians provides a window into the lives of others whose challenges, tragedies and triumphs enlighten and inspire us to make the world a better place. That's why a partnership between the two organizations is a natural match.

Most importantly, the gala is the primary annual fundraising event for the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club, which will use the proceeds from the event to advance our humanitarian work around the globe. Beneficiaries of this year's gala are:

El Porvenir. A non-profit organization that provides self-sustaining water, sanitation and reforestation projects in rural Nicaragua where 55% of the population lacks access to safe drinking water. El Porvenir improves the health and lives of Nicaragua's children and families giving them hope for the future.

Gift of Life. Gift of Life is a Rotary program that provides life-saving heart surger-

ies to children from developing countries. Since its inception, Gift of Life has saved hundreds of children and provided medical equipment, consulting and physician training to establish pediatric cardiac surgical suites in Egypt, Kenya, Nicaragua and Haiti.

Chagrin Valley Rotary Club is offering a variety of ways that local companies and individuals can support the CDFF Gala through sponsorships and ticket sales. Please contact Bill Koons, event co-chair, at wnek3@roadrunner.com or Lori O'Neill, event co-chair, at lonellpost1@aol.com for more information. We hope to see you there!

The 9th Annual Rotary Farmers Market

By Dean Olson

The market is located at The Christ Lutheran church in Mantua. The market is open every Saturday morning from 9am - 12:30pm. This year the market is specializing in heirloom vegetables and several varieties of baked goods. A favorite is the homemade cinnamon and pecan rolls. For some of you on a special diet our baker is selling Gluten Free baked goods. The market also sells Goodell's maple syrup products, breads, candles, fresh cut flowers, live plants, canned jellies, jams, relishes, and anything that is in season.

The Farmers Market held an heirloom plant sale on June 1st that was very successful. Please stop at the market and tell us the results of your plants.

On July 27 the market is hosting a pie contest. The pie must be made from any fruit ripe in July. Judging will be for the best tasting pie and the best looking pie.

On August 24 there will be a Free Toma-

to tasting contest. Bring your homegrown tomatoes to be judged. Everyone is welcome to attend and be a judge of the best tomatoes in the area.

September 11 is a Salsa contest. Do you make a great salsa to go with your favorite football game? Let us be a judge of that. Bragging rights come only when you enter one of the contests. They are FREE to enter and who knows what winning can lead to.

Finally on October 12, the last day of the market there will be a pumpkin decorating-carving contest. Anyone may enter. The pumpkins used are free to keep. Limit one pumpkin per person. The market is always looking for new vendors. For more information contact: Dean Olson 330-351-3035

TRC Solon Partners to Build Safety Town

Rotary Club of Solon Opens Permanent Safety Town Facility



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Saturday, June 22 to celebrate the opening of a permanent Safety Town facility in the Solon Community Park.



The project - which went from concept to execution in less than a year - was a part-

nership between the City of Solon, the Solon Recreation Department, the Kiwanis Club of Solon and the Rotary Club of Solon.



The permanent Safety Town includes operating traffic signals, crosswalk signs, street signs, and even a railroad crossing, and replaces worn temporary structures set up in elementary school parking lots. Placement of a permanent facility in the Community Park also allows for evening Safety Town courses to be held during the summer.

The new facility already has become an integral feature of the Solon Community Park

and is regularly used as a play feature by visitors.

The Rotary Club of Solon was involved from early in the project, immediately pledging financial support, working with the city to define features for the facility and identifying the vendor for the traffic signals.



Rotary members also assisted in the preparation of the facility, including the planting of flowers and the spreading of a significant quantity of mulch. The Safety Town project was supported by the Rotary Club of Solon's first District Simplified Grant, which helped to

pay for the traffic signs and signals.



Please turn the page to read a reprint of an article written by Paul Harris that appeared in the National Rotarian Magazine in 1911

Please click on the article to find a larger print, easier to read version

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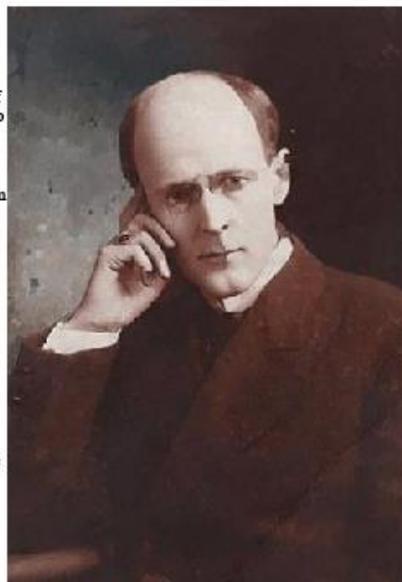
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RATIONAL ROTARIANISM

By Paul P. Harris,
 National President.

If by interposition of Providence I some day were to find myself standing on a platform in some great Coliseum looking into the eyes of every living Rotarian, and were to be told that I could have one word to say, without an instant's hesitation and at the top of my voice, I would shout "Toleration!"



It was in pursuit of it that the pilgrim fathers embarked in their frail craft upon the stormy waters. It was from the chrysalis toleration that lustrous winged liberty, awakened by the music of the sweetest toned bell on earth, sprang and floated away that July day in Philadelphia, while the world dreamed and wondered.

"Whether or not it is dishonorable to join a club for business purposes depends upon the club, its principles and what one professes to join it for. There is no more culpability about joining a business club for business purposes than there is about joining a social club for social purposes, an athletic club for athletic purposes, or a political club for the acquisition of a pull."

If this Rotary of ours is destined to be more than a mere passing thing, it will be because you and I have learned the importance of bearing with each other's infirmities, the value of toleration.

Rotary is entirely without precedent in the history of clubdom. We have had no rules except such as have been gathered from the creative imagination of the men who have been responsible for our destinies. As mariners, long before the invention of the compass, successfully navigated perilous and unknown seas by the guidance of the stars, so they, the forefathers of Rotary, observing the rules that have from time immemorial influenced the lives of men, skillfully guided their craft in perilous, unknown and trying circumstances. May we never, in time to come, depart from the safe course of rational toleration and humane consideration of the convictions of others.

If I, as above said, were by Providence to be placed on a platform in some great coliseum where I had the eye and the thought of every Rotarian on earth, I would like to propound this question. "What is the philosophy of Rotary as you understand it?"

In my mind's eye I can see a multitude of hands go up and I can see myself realizing the hopelessness of arriving at accurate conclusions through process of haphazard individual expression of opinion.

However, I might well ask another question.

"How many believe that Rotary philosophy is to give and to influence business and to get business from fellow members and persons influenced by them?" The result would probably be that all, except a very few, would arise.

To narrow the question down to an even finer point, I might ask: "How many, if any, of those present think it either dishonorable or unethical to join a club for business purposes?" That shot would reach home. A few might arise amid numerous murmurs of disapproval.

However, if such result were to be, I would think it but fair to give the minority hearing. I would ask, "Mr. Ethical Standard" to express his views. I can readily anticipate them. He would just about say:

"This business-getting feature of Rotary looks dangerous to me. What will people think of us? I am a member of several clubs and societies all of which rank high in our city and I know it to be a fact that in one of them at least soliciting business is strictly prohibited and in all it is tabooed. In my personal estimation it constitutes the personification of bad form. Clubs are meant for club purposes and not for business purposes. If a man is to continue to grind away at business all day and all night, why does he not remain at his desk or store? One of the chief purposes of clubs is to take one away from business cares, to afford one rest and recreation. I have lived for forty years now and have never in all my life known or heard of a club whose very constitution and by-laws violate this fundamental principle."

Here a cynic might interpose, "Did the thought that your great grandfather lived all of his life without ever having been on a train of cars, ever enter your head? And if so, did you ever happen to arrive at the conclusion that your grandfather's inexperience constituted no valid argument against cars?"

But were it to be my good fortune to choose, I would certainly ask to hear from "Mr. Vigorously Definite" on the subject. From what I know of the man, I can tell you in advance many of the points he would score. Some of his words might be:

"Whether or not it is dishonorable to join a club for business purposes depends upon the club, its principles and what one professes to join it for. There is no more culpability about joining a business club for business purposes than there is about joining a social club for social purposes, an athletic club for athletic purposes, or a political club for the acquisition of a pull."

"If any one tells you that it is reprehensible to try to make a dollar or two for the wife and babies from club associates in straight forward business transactions tell that person that some foreign substance has gotten into his carburetor. Legitimate business transactions are profitable to both sides. If it was necessary to skin a man every time one does business with him, there might be reason in the view point, but I know my goods, and I know that I am doing the other fellow just as great a favor as I am doing myself, when I give him a chance to trade with me. The trouble with the philosophy of Mr. Ethical Standard is that he has gleaned the information that in certain particular clubs of which he is a member, business soliciting is either prohibited or tabooed, and the moment he gleaned that information his lights went out.

"If they had stayed lit a second longer he could not have escaped getting rationality back of his conclusions. He would have come to a realization that straightforward business is never what the lawyers would call *manum per se*, that is wrong of itself. It may be what they would call *malum prohibitum*, that is, wrong because prohibited or made wrong by some rule of conduct which we are bound by law or by our oaths to respect.

"No true Rotarian ever permits his tail feathers to droop just because some outsider makes the remark that business is one of the key notes of Rotary. Then is when he gets cocky. "Business? Yes, of course. Why not? I'm proud of it, aren't you? If your business is good enough to talk in your shop, and even your home is not too sacred for its consideration, on what theory do you exclude it from your club?"

For us to be ashamed of business would be unpardonable in view of what business has done for each of us. With nearly equal reason and propriety a man might be ashamed of his own father or mother. Business is the mainspring of civilization. Cut business out and the great hands of time will whirl backwards to eons B. C."

I never like to have a good subject exhausted at one brief hearing and so I would give an instant's thought to the possible proximity of the rock "Intolerance" and modify my question. I would ask: "Does Rotary stand for anything beyond or besides giving business and influencing business to fellow members and getting business from fellow members and persons influenced by them?"

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