



The Windjammer

Today's speaker

Keishan kicks off his closing countdown



Inbound exchange student Keishan Pillay poses with a Rotary snowman atop the Juneau Icefield during a trip there in July. Pillay has just a few weeks left in Juneau before he heads back to his native Johannesburg, South Africa.

The light of poetry in a dark world

Earlier this month, several Glacier Valley Rotarians visited their friend and fellow Rotarian Bill Ruddy at his home on the beach near Auke Bay. While there, he shared a poem his father wrote around 1939. The poem, titled "The Rotary Way," describes living in the darkness of an intolerant

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Rotary Foundation Month

Top trustee encourages ownership and pride

By Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee

November gives us the chance to build greater ownership and pride in our Foundation. PolioPlus is successful because Rotarians believe in our commitment and support it financially. We give to the polio eradication effort because we see clearly what our money is doing and what we are helping to achieve. We all take pride in knowing that the money we give is helping to fund a polio-free world.

But many Rotarians do not have the same pride and ownership of the Foundation's Endowment Fund and Annual Fund. We are still falling short of our goal of Every Rotarian, Every Year. Why? Because Rotarians do not know what good works the Endowment Fund and Annual Fund enable us to do.

The Endowment Fund and Annual Fund are what make Rotary more than

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Calendar

November:

Rotary
Foundation Month

December:

Family Month

- **Dec. 3:** Club meeting. Speaker: Sam Skaggs.
- **Dec. 7:** Interact Ugly Christmas Sweater Run.
- **Dec. 11:** Board meeting.
- **Dec. 24:** Kids' Christmas Lunch
- **Dec. 31:** Auld Lang Syne

Greeters

- **Today:** Ruth Hamilton Heese and Robert Weiss.
- **Next week:** Sharon Gaipman and Thyas Shaub.

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just an association of Rotary clubs. They allow us to share our resources, work together, and bring our work to a higher level. The greater our Foundation's resources, the greater our ability as Rotarians to meet the needs of our communities.

And when every one of us donates to The Rotary Foundation, it truly becomes our Foundation – and we all share the pride in the good that it does.

This is why we have Every Rotarian, Every Year. And this is why our goal for the Annual Fund in 2013-14 is \$120 million, which

EVERY
 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR

represents a donation from every Rotarian, averaging \$100 each.

If we want the freedom to be ambitious in our service, we must know that we have a strong Foundation supporting us. And if we want to know that Rotary will endure, we need a strong Endowment Fund – for whatever lies ahead.

— **Lee is chairman of the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He is a past president of RI.**

Auction could clear \$10K

Juneau Rotarians certainly took ownership of their Foundation — Along with a lot of really nice items — at last week's Foundation Auction.

The rough estimate is the auction will take in right around \$10,000.

Credit for the event's success goes to Chairwoman Karen West and her intrepid committee: Karen Morgan, Ann Metcalfe, Sharon Gaipman, Marian Clough and Marylou Gerbi. Thanks also to auctioneers Denny DeWitt and Bob Rehfeld.

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world until he discovers the Rotary way. It's fitting to share this poem when Keishan Pillay takes the podium today. He is from South Africa which, as we know, was racially segregated under apartheid rule until 1994. Young people such as Pillay are the first generation of South Africans who are coming of age with democratic freedoms that many of his preceding generation fought hard to attain. To celebrate his Rotary year, we received permission from the Glacier Valley Rotarians to publish Ruddy's poem. It should make a fitting send off for this young man who made our Rotary year much brighter.

The Rotary Way

"I knocked upon the door of
 Friendship

And found it locked.

For lo! A tightness' round my
 heart

Had blocked all possibility of
 light;

A darkness that seemed
 impenetrable

As the night

Had held me in its sway.

And soon that day

I found that darkness

To be Intolerance!

I walked upon the pathway of
 Life

And found it rough.

Because the worldly things that
 I

Had craved, were not enough

To bring me happiness.

The kind of joy I had
 envisioned

As my life's desire

It was but fire to set me mad;

And soon I knew that

Life to me was sad!

I trudged upon my lonely way

And life seemed dull.

But then one day, a stranger
 came to me

And whispered words of
 Rotary;

And soon all selfish thoughts

Had vanished from my mind;

I knew that I would leave
 Intolerance behind;

I'd find in Rotary that
 fellowship so true;

And then I'd pray to start my
 life anew

The Rotary way!"