



Service Above Self

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Remarks of Rotary International President, Sakuji Tanaka January 4, 2013 Ft. Collins Hilton

by Hammel, Ronald

It is wonderful to be here today, and to talk to you about our theme of Peace through Service. I would like to begin today with a story, about a man whose name you have all heard: Alfred Nobel.

Alfred Nobel was, of course, the person who established the Nobel Prize. Today, they are the world's most famous awards in literature, medicine, the sciences, and, of course, peace. Today, we all know and respect the Nobel Prize. Anyone who wins one knows that they will always have a place in the history books. When we think of the name Nobel, we think of great achievements, and we think of peace.

But it was not always that way. During his lifetime, Alfred B. Nobel was not a peacemaker. He was not a statesman, a writer, or a doctor. For most of his life, he thought very little about helping humanity. Few people today know that Alfred Nobel was a weapons manufacturer. He invented dynamite. He made his great fortune by producing and selling explosives.

Why, then, did he establish these prizes? It happened because of an accident. Alfred Nobel's brother died. He was not famous, and his death was not in the news. But when he died, a newspaper in France made a mistake. They thought that Alfred Nobel had died. The next day, they published his obituary.

This is how Alfred Nobel had an opportunity that few people have. He saw, as others would see it, what he had left the world. And what he saw was terrible. His obituary said that he was the man who had made it possible to kill more people, more quickly, than anyone else who had ever lived. It called him "a merchant of death."

Not a word was said about one good thing he had done for another person. This experience changed his life. He realized that the way he had seen his life was not the way others would see it. He had thought of himself as an inventor and a businessman. But now he realized that his legacy would be very different. And he realized it when he still had time to change.

This is why he made the decision he did: to found, and fund, the Nobel Prizes. He changed his will, and he changed his legacy. Today, when we think of Alfred Nobel, we think of the people who have done the most for humanity. We think of the people who have done the most for others. And we think of peace.

Most of us will never have the chance to know which of our achievements will live after us. But every day of our lives is our opportunity to do our best, to make sure that we leave the world better than we found it.

Every day that we wake up, we have a decision to make. How will we live that day? What will our priorities be? Will we choose to live for ourselves, or for others? Will we put our energy into doing what is most pleasant for us, or into what is best for everyone?

I believe that the best thing in life is to be useful to other people. This is a lesson that I have learned through Rotary. There are many ways to find satisfaction in life. But the satisfaction we find through helping others is the best. In the end, it is what makes us happiest. In the end, it is what gives us the most fulfillment.

It is human and natural to want to share our lives. Whether we are happy or sad, facing success or difficulty, we want to know that we have others close by. And as much as we want other people to be there for us, we each have a need to be there for others.

Service Above Self is a living motto. The words are not empty words. They are words that guide how we live.

We live in our families, and our communities. Everything that we do, we do not for ourselves alone, but for others as well. This gives a deeper meaning to everything that we do. And I believe that through serving others, we contribute to a better world. When we live our lives not for ourselves, but for others, we change our own perspective. We change the way we think, and the way we make our decisions.

We begin to think more about what is good for everyone, and less about what is best

just for us. Of course, we must take care of ourselves and our families. But this does not mean that we should not make others a priority as well.

We should all be looking out not just for ourselves, but for each other. Because this is the way to a world of greater happiness. And this is the way to a world of greater peace. This is why our theme in 2012-2013 is Peace through Service. Because when we serve, we help to build peace.

We talk a lot about peace in Rotary. But I think that sometimes, we do not think about this idea enough. What is peace? What does it mean to us? Peace is not just a word. It is an idea. It is what happens when we make service to others, a way of life for ourselves.

When you serve your community, when you go yourself to teach someone a skill, to help paint a house, to participate in an NID, you become more fully involved with your community. You think more about other people. And this makes you into a better person as well.

In 2012-2013, I ask all of you to think more about what peace means to you. I ask you to look at peace as a real goal that you can help achieve. And I will ask you to work toward that goal—of a happier and more peaceful world—through Rotary service.

Thank you.

Club Member Larry Atwell with the Rotary Float at the 2013 Rose Bowl Parade

by Atwell, Lawrence T.



Welcome New Member

by Adleman, Billie

Please take time to welcome our newest member, Christine Trent, Sales and Catering Manager, Little America, sponsored by Billie Adleman

Cheyenne Club Hosts Rural Recognition Program

by Rosenlund, Phillip

Rotary's rural appreciation program was started in 1998. One farmer or rancher is selected to present a program to our Cheyenne Rotary club. Pictures of family members, agriculture operations, County and State fair honors are part of the power point presentation. A member of the honored family speaks about how the ranch/farm has grown and changed over the years. Most have multiple generations of family members as part of the family operation.

This year the club recognized the Lerwick Farms It is operated by Jim Lerwick and his family. It represents 5 generations of farming here in Laramie County.

Rotary Leadership Institute

by Schwem, Mary

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is designed to improve knowledge of Rotary International and to develop leadership skills of future club

leaders. While club presidents need to complete these courses, RLI provides valuable information to Board members, program chairs, and committee chairs. While RLI is designed for future club leaders, it also provides a great learning experience for members who want to learn more about Rotary and meet other Rotarians outside of their local club. It is an excellent opportunity to share ideas and club experiences. RLI is composed of three courses that must be attended in order. Topics covered include: A Look Outside the Club, Introduction to Leadership, Creating Service Projects, Problem Solving, Effective Communications, International Service and Motivating and Effecting Change. George McIlvaine, currently an RLI trainer, believes that "if people can learn about Rotary, they will embrace Rotary. This will make themselves and Rotary better."

Ron Hammel, a 25 year member of our club and President for 2012-13, chose to attend RLI after seeing the enthusiasm expressed by the graduates with whom he spoke at the District Conference in Casper last year. He asked me to write about RLI in the COG to encourage others to have the same experience. He said, "even though I have been a Rotarian for 25 years, I learned a lot about Rotary programs that I wasn't aware of and things that had changed over the years. I am now more prepared to help with programs in the club and hopefully will be a better Rotarian."

Jean Martinez also has attended RLI. Her reasons for attending included a "need to have a better understanding of how Rotary works-at the District and international levels. I felt lost when district grants were funded and how it was determined which club would receive them." After attending she reports, "I feel more informed but also, I have a better understanding of who is where in the District and who they are. It does not mean I am well-recognized by others or that I have tremendous knowledge about Rotary. I just feel more comfortable knowing more about Rotary on a whole and knowing others who share the Rotary vision." She said she "would encourage others to attend the trainings because it will just make a more informed member and the opportunities to talk to other members from other clubs helps expand the definition of "club". You feel connected to other members from other clubs.

If you are interested in attending the RLI training and learning more about your Club, District and Rotary International, you may find the schedule at the District Website: <http://rotary5440.org/>. When attending, our members frequently carpool with a group either attending or teaching the session. Reimbursement for the \$40.00 fee is available through the club.

We Care Announcement

by Schwem, Mary

Our condolences were sent to the family of long-time member, Leno Menghini.

Cranium Cup Date Set

by Schwem, Mary

The annual Cranium Cup will be held on April 12. It's not too early to scout out those trivia pros who could be the winning asset to your team!

Have You Considered a Recurring Gift to the Rotary Foundation?

by Schwem, Mary

One of the ways we can give to the Rotary Foundation is through recurring giving. Registration is easy. You choose the amount and it can be automatically charged to your credit card monthly or quarterly however you prefer. Follow the instructions through the link: <http://www.rotary.org/contribute>. You'll be glad you did.

Please Report Make-Up Meetings on the Back of the Attendance Card

by Moore, Teresa S.

If you attend another Club's meeting, a committee meeting or participate in any club sponsored activity, please be sure to note it on the back of the attendance card. You just need the activity, your name and the date. By doing so, you will be given credit for attendance.

2012-13 Club Directors and Committee Chairs

by Schwem, Mary

<p>Club Service/Meetings - Sabrina Lane</p> <p>Programs - Brittany Ashby</p> <p>Inspiration - Janet Lewis</p> <p>Music- Sylvia Hackl</p> <p>Valentine's Day Lunch - Darcee Snider</p> <p>Historian - Dave Foreman</p> <p>Banners - Jeannie Martinez</p> <p>By-Laws - Scott Meier</p>	<p>Club Service/Public Relations - Kim Withers</p> <p>National Honor Society Insert - Amanda Esch</p> <p>Media/Photographer - Katharine Kunz-Wilkinson</p> <p>Website - Mary Schwem</p> <p>COG - Mary Schwem</p> <p>Club Directory - Tim Ellis, Mick Finnegan, Ed Wallace</p> <p>We Care - Mary Carroll</p> <p>Facebook - Brittany Ashby</p> <p>Radio & Print PSA's - David Bush</p> <p>Television PSA's - Lee Wagner</p>
<p>Club Service/Activities - Randy Ford</p> <p>Cranium Cup - Lee Wagner</p> <p>New Projects - Bob Womack</p> <p>Polio Plus - Mick Finnegan</p>	<p>New Generations/RYLEA - Chris Church</p> <p>Highway Cleanup - Wayne Johnson</p> <p>RYLEA - Lori Schoene</p> <p>Young RYLEA - Sharon Green</p>

<p>Rotarian Spotlight - Harry LaBonde</p> <p>Peaches - Derek Baker</p>	<p>LCCC Rotaract - Jerri Griego</p> <p>Community Rotaract - George McIrvine / Darcee Snider</p> <p>Interact - Ted Adams</p>
<p>Membership/Vocational Service - Lori Millin</p> <p>Rotary 101 Orientation - Bill Gentle (Chair), Lucie Osborn</p> <p>New Member - James Bowers</p> <p>Career Day - Katharine Wilkinson</p> <p>Rotary Party - Lori Millin</p> <p>Teacher of the Month - Jamie Markus</p>	<p>Community Service - Derek Baker</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day Lunch - Chris McRady</p> <p>Rural Appreciation - Phil Rosenlund</p> <p>Discretionary Giving - Dave Cook</p> <p>VA Santa Visit - Billie Addleman</p> <p>Meals on Wheels - Rod Hartshorn</p>
<p>International Service - Ann Nelson</p> <p>World Community Service - Brent Lathrop</p> <p>Rotary International Foundation - Roger Schreiner</p> <p>World Peace Fellow/Amb. Scholarship - Lucie Osborn</p> <p>Picnic - Chris McRady</p>	<p>Community Service/Education - Don Day</p> <p>Student of the Month - Robyn Sims</p> <p>National Honor Society - Donna Beaman</p> <p>Read to Me - Jamie Markus</p> <p>Dictionaries - Brittany Ashby</p>
<p>New Generations/Youth - Anne Miller</p> <p>Christmas Party - James Bowers</p> <p>Four Way Test Scholarship - Eric Todd</p> <p>Youth Exchange - Beth Van De Wege</p> <p>Summer Youth Exchange - Beth Van De Wege</p> <p>Children's Christmas Party - Jarad Black</p>	<p>Nominating Committee</p> <p>Co-Chairs: Jim Applegate, Fred Baggs</p>

Attention Committee Members

by Schwem, Mary

If you are a committee chair beginning in July and I have not created your user name, please contact me, Mary.Schwem@erau.edu or call me at 307-640-5699.

We have added a Committee Management Component to the member side of our website. With these changes you will be able to add committee members, communicate with your members, save your minutes and other documents, set up subcommittees. We will be demonstrating how to use the component at the July 11th meeting.