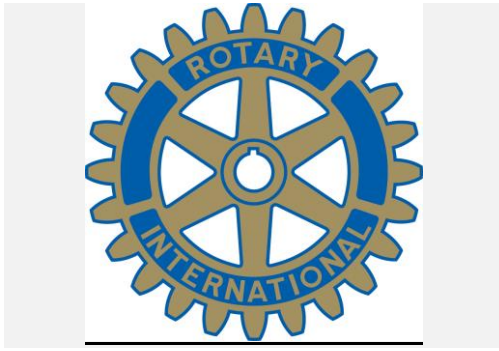


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**March 2017**



**GREETER AND INVOCATION**

*March*

Greet.....Paul Reed

Invocation.....Colm Breathnach

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Meetings: Mondays at Noon  
DJ'S Dugout  
10308 South 23<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Bellevue, NE 68123

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**MARCH SPEAKERS**

**March 6:** Mayor Rita Sanders

**March 13:** David O'Neil, Attorney -  
Hauptman, O'Brien, Wolf, and  
Lathrop

**March 20:** Meet and greet Ayaka's  
parents

**March 27:** Teresa Houser,  
Magdalene Omaha – sex trafficking

**Polio:**

**Question: Can a businessman's  
club eliminate polio?**

This was the question posed by the  
LA Times & The Economist in 2012.  
Two very good articles but some  
things did stand out.

- Rotary is more than a  
businessman's club, we are  
open to all walks of life, the  
only thing we ask is that  
person adhere to the 4-way  
test.
- It's called Rotary  
International for a reason;  
we have 33,000 clubs  
worldwide in 200 countries.  
We have more than a million  
members. We are the oldest  
networking group in the  
world. Our combined  
strength is considerable.
- Yes, we are business club,  
where personal connections  
can be made. In a world that  
becomes more  
impersonal/digital each day  
that face to face connection  
is vital in developing trust.

- Yes, we are a service club, who works on the local, national and international level are seen every year and the impact is extensive.

In short, the answer to the question is Yes, a businessman's club will eradicate Polio, we are getting closer every year through our efforts and input from other people e.g. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. But I think what the journalists don't quite understand just exactly who we are. After Polio is eradicated we will still be here helping our communities.

Something to keep in mind the next time you have a conversation with a non-Rotarian and they ask "who is Rotary?"

Colm Breathnach

### **FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

The recipient of this year's Rotary Alumni Global Service Award is Dr. Sadako Ogata, a former Ambassadorial Scholar and a past United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Born in Japan to a family of diplomats, Ogata was drawn to studying international relations after Japan's defeat in World War II. When she began graduate studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., USA, in 1951, she was part of the second class of Rotary Scholars from Japan.

Rotary International has awarded Dr. Sadako Ogata, a former High Commissioner for Refugees with the UN's refugee agency, with the 2016-17 Rotary Alumni Global Service Award.

"During that period, I also learned about the importance of community service and broadened my perspectives and experiences thanks to various exchanges with Rotarians," she says. "The Rotary motto of Service Above Self has left a deep impression and has guided me ever since."

After completing her doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, Ogata returned to Japan to teach at International Christian University, which now hosts a Rotary Peace Center, and Sophia University, where she taught until accepting the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (head of UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency) in 1991. She also represented Japan at the UN General Assembly, served at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, and chaired the UNICEF executive board.

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Yugoslavia, and Cold War-era strife in Afghanistan and former Soviet satellites. She has been credited with expanding UNHCR's budget and staff and strengthening its relations with the UN Security Council by emphasizing the link between refugees and international security.

"Protecting refugees is — by its nature — controversial," Ogata has said. "Carrying out this dynamic and action-oriented function requires us to challenge the sovereign preserve of states to deal with non-citizens and, in some instances, their own people."

Since leaving UNHCR in 2000, she has remained active in government and international affairs, serving as co-chair of the UN Human Security Commission and as a special representative of the Japanese government in Afghanistan. She led the Japanese International Cooperation Agency for two terms and advised then-Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

Her government work has shown her the power of private citizens and civic groups to effect change.

"We live in a rapidly changing world," Ogata says. "As the world is confronted with threats more complex than ever before, the role of civil society and the linkages among people has become more important than ever."

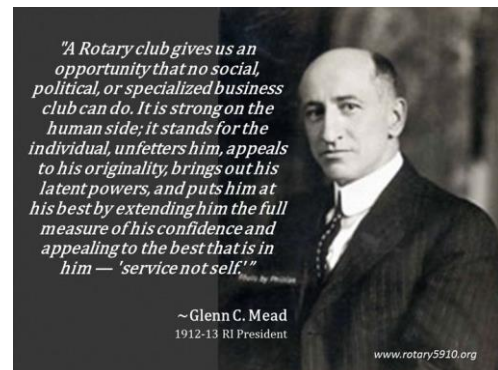
The award for Rotary Alumni Association of the Year went to

the Alumni Association of Rotary District 1210 in England. These alumni regularly visit club meetings and district events, and they lead a project to provide children's books to homes across the district.

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**THE FOUR WAY TEST**—of the things we think, say, or do:  
Is it the **TRUTH**?  
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?  
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH



### ROTARY TRIVIA

(Answer in next month's newsletter)

1. What is the "Secretariat of Rotary"?

### ROTARY TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH

1. What day this month is Rotary's birthday?

February 23

## **AREA MEETINGS**

### **Monday:**

***Omaha Millard***, Noon @ German American Society

***Omaha North***, Noon @ Eppley Airfield Conference Center

### **Tuesday:**

***Omaha Morning***, 7:00 am @ Happy Hollow Country Club

***Northwest***, Noon @ Champions Run

***Southwest Omaha Rotary Night Club***, 5:15pm @Millard Plaza Ballroom

### **Wednesday:**

***Council Bluffs Centennial***, 7:00am at HyVee

***Downtown***, Noon @ Field Club

***Plattsmouth***, Noon @ Plattsmouth State Bank

### **Thursday:**

***Suburban***, Noon @ Anthony's

### **Friday:**

***Omaha West***, Noon @ Champions Run