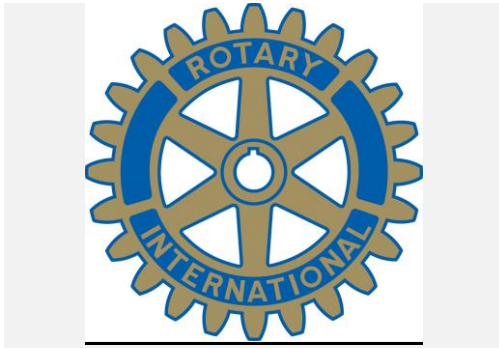


**BELLEVUE PAPILLION ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
**May 2017**



**GREETER AND INVOCATION**

*May*

Greet.....Denise Dolezal  
Invocation.....Fred Simon

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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

**OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017**

President.....Colm Breathnach  
President-Elect.....Denise Dolezal  
Secretary.....Herb Barelman  
Treasurer.....Denise Dolezal  
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Paul Reed  
Program Chair.....Jeff Smith  
Board Members.....Charles Adams  
Herb Barelman  
Paul Reed  
Fred Simon  
Jeff Smith  
Chris McMeekin  
Colm Breathnach  
Denise Dolezal

**MAY SPEAKERS**

**May 1:** An African Success Story  
**May 8:** Ryan Schultz, Lied Center  
**May 15:** Heather Chaney, Real Estate issues and challenges  
**May 22:** Thurber family- Ryan shares about trip to Bolivia  
**May 29:** Holiday – no meeting

The Bellevue Papillion Rotary Club has 10 Paul Harris Fellows, which is the recognition program that acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Our Rotary club even has members who are Paul Harris plus 7 and plus 8, which means they have reached Paul Harris status multiple times.

Paul Harris Fellows were established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

The first Paul Harris Fellows include 1937-38 RI Director Allison G. Brush and longtime RI Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin, both for donations made in 1946. Mrs. Adan Vargas was the first woman to receive the recognition, for a gift made in 1953. Mrs. Harry L. Jones was the second, and one of only five people recognized for contributions made in 1957.

Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the RI

Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Japanese metal artist Fiju Tsuda created the piece under the direction of then-past Foundation Trustee Kyoza Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to purchase a Paul Harris Fellow medallion.

Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others. Ida LeTulle Taylor became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978 when her husband, then-District Governor Vann Taylor, made a donation in her name in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary. The gift also made her the 25,000th Paul Harris Fellow.

At the International Assembly in 1979, then-RI President-elect James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, responded by making a donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. The entertainer Pearl Bailey also became a Paul Harris Fellow through a joint effort of the Rotary clubs in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Many other notable figures have been named as Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jonas Salk.

The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached the one million mark in 2006.

## **FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

### ***Weapons and Rotary Clubs, districts and other Rotary entities policy clarification***

In January 2017, Rotary International's Board of Directors clarified its existing policy regarding guns in relation to the use of the Rotary logo and sponsorships.

The wording of this long-standing policy was unclear, and as a result, Rotary members told our board they were often unsure what the policy did and did not allow. A key consideration was Rotary's risk if a weapon was purchased at a Rotary event and then caused serious injury or death. Another objective was to ensure consistency in how the Rotary logo is used in the 200 countries and regions where we have clubs.

The policy modifications made do not indicate an organizational stance on the appropriateness of gun use or ownership, nor do they limit anyone's right to own or use guns. This policy does not prohibit clubs from organizing sporting events such as duck hunts or skeet shooting. Instead, these policy clarifications address the questions raised by our members and provide clarity on our sponsorship guidelines and use of the Rotary mark.

Rotary is an international, non-political humanitarian service organization whose mission is advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace. We focus our efforts in six key areas including preventing diseases, providing access to clean water and sanitation, promoting peace, enhancing maternal and child health, improving basic education and literacy, and helping communities develop. We are

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especially dedicated to **eradicating polio** worldwide. Rotary members have persevered in this fight for more than 30 years, and have helped decrease the number of polio-affected countries from 125 to just three.

Rotary does not take positions on government policy in the United States or elsewhere, and the Board did not make the recent policy modifications for political purposes or effect. This policy was reviewed and modified by Rotary members elected to act in the best interests of clubs throughout the world.

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**THE FOUR WAY TEST**—of the things we think, say, or do:

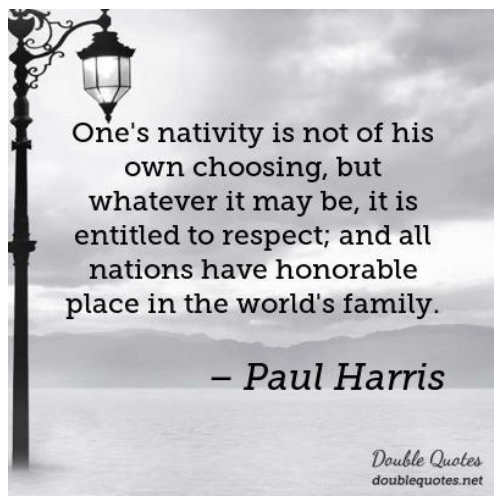
Is it the **TRUTH**?

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. When did the first women join Rotary?

### ROTARY TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH

1. What are the six areas of Focus for Rotary Foundation Global Grants?  
  
Peace, Water, Maternal Health, Child Health, Literacy, Economic Development

### 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 @ Anthonys

#### Friday:

**Omaha West**, Noon @ Champions Run