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One Man's Vision

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Every November we celebrate the Rotary Foundation. Yet the story of the Rotary Foundation cannot be told without the story of its founder **Arch Klump**.

Arch Klump was a self-made man. At the age of 12 he was forced to leave school to help with the family expenses. Later he would put himself through night school, working during the day, and walking 4 miles each way to attend school.

He started as an office boy at the Cuyahoga Lumber Company and in 1912 he became the owner of the company, turning it into one of the most successful building companies in the American mid-west



In 1911 he became a founding member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and described himself as a man **"who thinks Rotary, sleeps Rotary and dreams Rotary."** In 1915 he was instrumental in writing Rotary's constitution and in dividing Rotary into districts led by District Governors.

At the age of 44, he became Rotary International's (1916-1917) president and its 6th. In 1917 at the Atlanta convention, he brought up the idea of an endowment fund **"it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world"** he said.

A few days later a check was received for \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the amount in excess of the cost of a gift that they had been purchased for him. They requested that it be deposited to the Endowment Fund.

And thus, in 1917 the Rotary Foundation started with \$26.50. Today the Foundation is more than \$1 billion strong and has spent more than \$3 billion on humanitarian services worldwide.

One would have felt that the floodgates of contributions would come streaming in but his proposal was met with indifference and passive resistance from Rotary Leaders. **Arch Klump saw what others could not and he had the conviction that the vision could be achieved so he never stopped campaigning.**

It would take 30 years before the Foundation received significant contributions. And it was because of Paul Harris' last wishes. He said he did not want fancy statues in his name, for memorials of stones will crumble and statues of brass will tarnish, instead he requested that donations be made to the Rotary Foundation. **Within 18 months Rotarians contributed more than \$1.8 million.**

Arch Klump's contributions to Rotary are staggering and have stood the test of time. Rotary's centralized constitution, its organizational structure and of course the Rotary Foundation, but perhaps his most significant bequest to us is the reminder of the power that lies within each of us. **If you have the audacity to dream, the courage to withstand challenges and the dogged determination to never give up, in the end a door will open.**

It took 30 years for his door to open fully but it was well worth it. **Every minute of every day in almost every corner of the world someone's life is being impacted through the Rotary Foundation.** Every sick that has been healed, every illiterate that has been educated, every vulnerable that has been protected, through the foundation, is a tribute to the strength and vision of one man, Arch Klump.

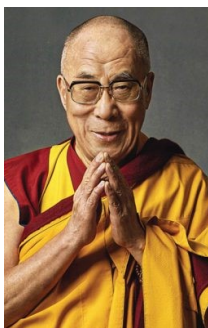
The Rotary Foundation started because of one person, and it will continue because of one person and that person is me and that person is you.



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The Dalai Lama and UBUNTU



"When someone is warmhearted, they are always completely relaxed. If you live with fear and consider yourself as something special, then automatically, emotionally, you are distanced from others. You then create the basis for feelings of alienation from others and loneliness...And if I relate to others, thinking that I am the Dalai Lama, I will create the basis for my own separation and loneliness. After all, there is only one Dali Lama in the entire world. In contrast, if I see myself primarily in terms of myself as a fellow human, I will then have more than seven billion people who I can feel deep connection with...A thousand people – same human being. Ten thousand or a hundred thousand – same human being – mentally, emotionally, and physically. Then, you see, no barrier. Then my mind remains completely calm and relaxed. If too much emphasis on myself, and I start to think I'm something special, then more anxiety, more nervousness. When you focus too much on yourself, you become disconnected and alienated from others.

In the end, you also become alienated from yourself, since the need for connection with others is such a fundamental part of who we are as human beings." (Excerpt from The Book of Joy.)

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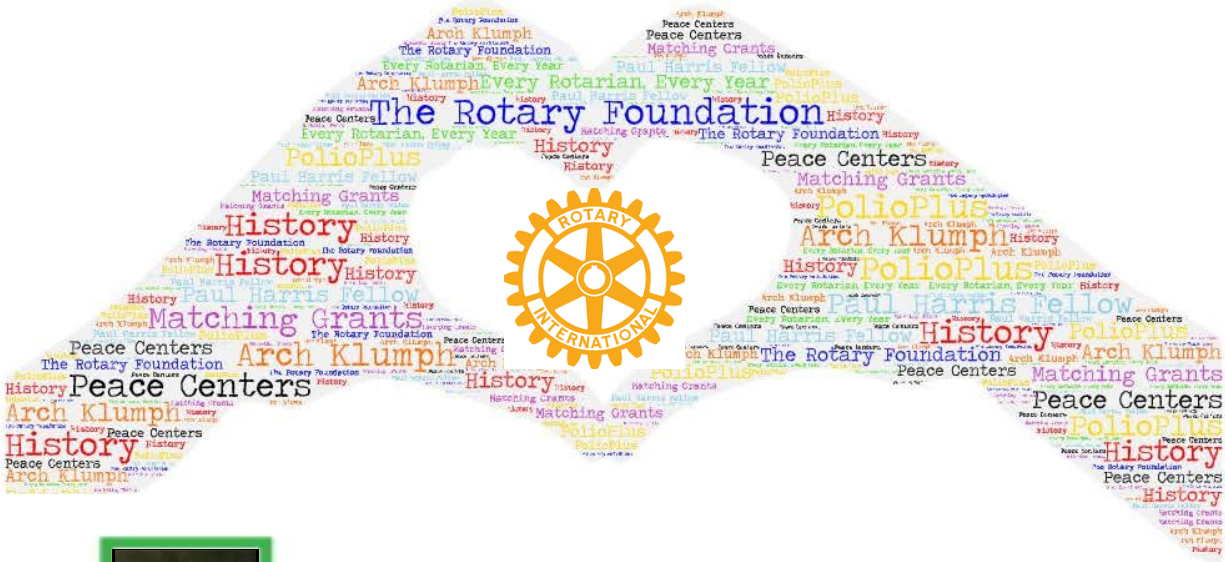
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In **1917** Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumpp, created an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than \$1 billion.



At the **1928** Rotary Convention in Minneapolis, MN, The Rotary Foundation is formally named.



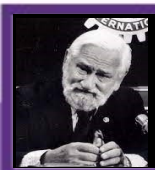
When Paul Harris passed in **1947** Rotary sent members a telegram telling them of Paul's desire that they make contributions to the Foundation.

In **1957** the Paul Harris Fellow was created.

The Matching Grants program is created in **1965**.



This is first time the Foundation has a regular program to fund club and district projects. Group Study Exchanges begin.



In **1980** Rotary commits to "eliminate polio through immunization."



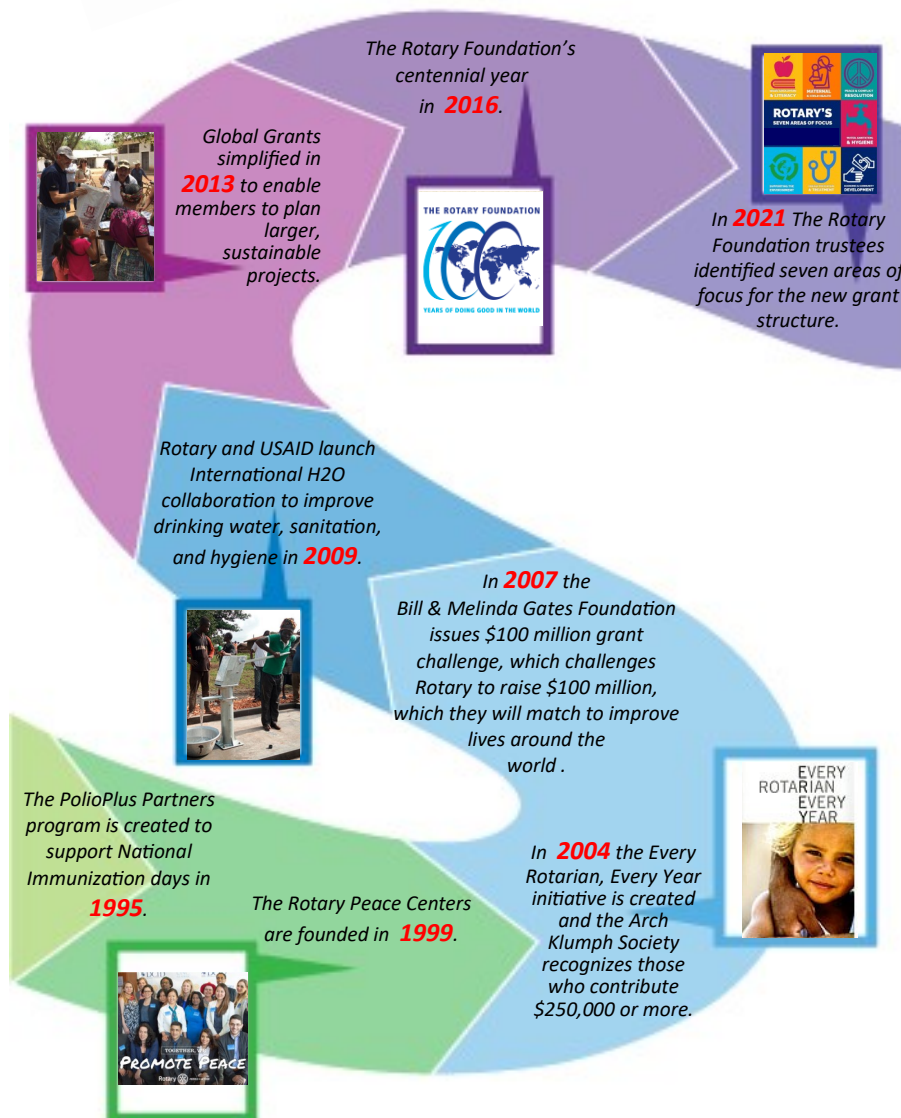
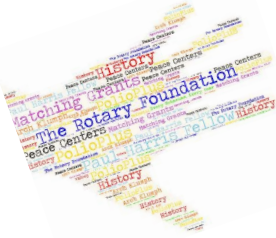
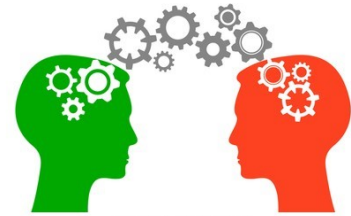
Trustees decide in **1981** to create an Endowment

Fund with earnings to support the Foundation's future ability to do good.

In **1985** the PolioPlus program is launched and in **1988** the campaign raises almost \$247 million.



The Rotary Foundation



The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary . . . we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."

Arch C. Klumph

In Case You Don't Know, Now You Know

Rotary International has never done a humanitarian project. It is the Rotary Foundation that does this, and it is supported by voluntary contributions. The dues that Rotarians pay to Rotary International is to cover Rotarians administrative costs.

What do the Rotary clubs of Quito, Ecuador, Libreville, Gabon, Singapore, Kampala, Uganda have in common? They all meet approximately on the equator.

The first 2 men to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were both Rotarians. Out of everything he could have chosen, Buzz chose the 4 way test pin to leave on the moon.

"Honorary" is one of the two types of membership a person may have in a Rotary club. According to the Manual of Procedures: "Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership." Honorary members cannot propose new members to the club, do not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and club dues. Many distinguished public personalities have been honorary members of Rotary clubs, including King Gustaf of Sweden, Charles Lindbergh, explorer Sir Edmund Hillary, Thomas Edison, Walt Disney, Pope Francis, several US Presidents.



Working with Rotary to eradicate polio

In 2007 Bill Gates Sr, an honorary Rotarian, was invited to address the 2007 Rotary International Convention. He spoke passionately about the possibility of eradicating polio and urged Rotarians to continue thinking big.

After his speech, Gates rode back to the airport accompanied by some of Rotary's leaders. They asked Gates if the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation would consider making a grant to Polio Plus. He was literally walking up to the steps of his jet and he turned and said, "I will have my people call your people."

About one week later the Gates Foundation called and in November 2007, a bank transfer came into Rotary for \$100 million. And thus started the partnership between Rotary and the Bill and Melinda Gates to eradicate polio.

"One cannot be passionate about immunizing the world's children without coming to revere Rotary," said Bill Gates Sr.

Now in it's 14th year, this 2-to-1 match is continually extended year after year. According to Bill Gates, "there's another thing about this funding match, which people don't often know: The money helps us fight more than polio. At the same time that we're delivering the polio vaccine to communities, we're also bringing them bed nets to protect against malaria, improving access to clean drinking water, and helping immunize kids against other vaccine-preventable diseases. We're making sure that every dollar we raise counts.

Rotary was the first organization to push for a polio-free world. And for the past 30 years, Rotarians have been part of fundraising, vaccination, and advocacy efforts that have brought us close to the magic number of zero cases. The final steps to a polio-free world are the hardest — and we'll need the help of every Rotarian to end polio together.

District 5300 Beers and Brats for Community Needs

On Saturday morning, September 25th, the Brat-grillers from the Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club, started grilling the more than 4,000 brats, sausages, and hot dogs during this one-day event. In addition to food, refreshing soft drinks, water, margaritas, wine, and beer was served by Sunrise Rotarians. There were also food trucks with other assorted menu and drink items beyond traditional bratwurst and hot dogs and live entertainment during the day.



The Würst Dam Car Show showcased unique and fun vehicles and the silent auction included donations from local and valley merchants, Rotarians, and friends, including jewelry, theme baskets, gift certificates, artwork, and lots of easy on the wallet items. For the delight of the children there is a no charge play area overseen by Rotarians and friends.



The largest piece to this fundraiser is the live auction featuring an array of items including golf and vacation packages, furniture, sports memorabilia, and other donations from businesses and Rotarians.

This popular and successful annual event is Sunrise Rotary's annual fundraising project, and the proceeds go

back into community activities, the largest of these being the alcohol and drug-free, "All Night Graduation Party" hosted for the Boulder City High School graduating seniors. Planned to keep young adults safe on graduation night, the event takes lots of manpower and costs a great deal.



District 5330

Golf Tournament Benefitting First Responders

A full field of golfers – 144 – came out on Saturday, September 11th to play 18 holes of championship golf at the Eagle Falls Golf Course at Fantasy Springs in Indio, CA. The District-wide event was planned to raise money for first responders! And what a success it was with more than \$23,000 being raised!



The day was beautiful and started with a yummy breakfast for our golfers, a round of golf that was filled with contests on course, an opportunity to win raffle prizes, and a fabulous awards banquet and prizes! The event was planned on the anniversary of 9/11, and in honor and commemoration of that solemn day a military fly over was held.



Wells, Rod Hendry and Larry Rice (PDG, Melanie Rice's husband) for his donation of the goodie bags and all the golf polo shirts. Thank you also to the Shadow Hills High School Cadets from Indio.

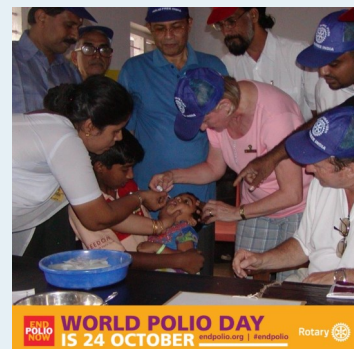


Thanks go out to the First Responders 9/11 Golf Committee, DG, Dan Goodrich, DGE, Don Casper, RC Indian

District 5240

Iron Lung on Display

In honor of World Polio Day each year, an iron lung is put on display throughout the district thanks to Jim Lewis—a Moorpark Rotarian and polio survivor.



On World Polio Day each year, global health experts and partners share their progress on the road to polio eradication.



An iron lung, also known as a tank ventilator or Drinker tank, is a type of negative pressure ventilator (NPV); a mechanical respirator which encloses most of a person's body, and varies the air pressure in the enclosed space, to stimulate breathing. Physicians who treated people in the acute, early stage of polio saw that many patients were unable to breathe when the virus's action paralyzed muscle groups in the chest. Death was frequent at this stage, but those who survived usually recovered much or almost all of their former strength.



From January through October 2021
there have been **no**
new cases of the Wild Polio Virus.
It remains at 2 cases us in the world.

Rotary Moment

Nick Frankle, Rotary Club of Westlake Village Sunrise
2016-2017 5240 District Governor,



In my eighteen years in Rotary, I have had many opportunities to see Rotary in action in my own community and in communities throughout the world. I have experienced many Rotary moments.

In Itsoseng, South Africa, I met a young girl whose mother had HIV-AIDS. Because the mother had been treated during her pregnancy at a Rotary Clinic, the baby was born healthy and she is thriving.

In Tegucigalpa, Honduras, I met Juana Perez, a nine-year old girl who was born with her feet turned

backwards. A team of podiatrists supported by a Rotary Foundation grant operated on her to correct her condition. Juana is now walking and able to lead a normal life.



Near San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, I visited a village that had access to clean water thanks to Rotary. When I visited the village with other Rotarians, the villagers presented us with a note of thanks and invited us to lunch.

In my own backyard in Ventura, California, I have met Reyna Chavez, a Hispanic entrepreneur who



Changing a Village

In 2008, the Rotary Clubs of Westlake Village Sunrise and Simi Sunrise in District 5240 California, USA and the Rotary Clubs of Tegucigalpa and Real de Minas Tegucigalpa, District 4250 Honduras, formed a partnership and adopted the village of El Marillal.

Over the four years of the project, the Rotary clubs equipped each home with an eco-stove that vented smoke to the outside and could burn fuel other than wood. They drilled a 250 foot well to provide a reliable water source to the community and built a new 35,000 holding tank. Latrines and hand-washing stations provided sanitation to support the new water source. The desks and equipment in the local school were upgraded and a medical facility was created and equipped to support the village.

But there was more that needed to be done – the villagers needed jobs. Rotary had an answer – a \$65,000 micro finance project that provided small loans so that people in the community could create their own businesses. After one year, the village now had an Avon lady giving manicures; a Chiclets distributor selling to the local bodegas; a woman who purchased a tortilla maker and selling them to local restaurants; and a watermelon man who started with selling melons off his truck, then to opening a stand on the road, and now growing his own melons.



needed a funds to increase her inventory and open her first store. When banks refused to provide a loan, Reyna received funding from a Rotary Foundation grant. Today, she owns three stores and employs eight people.

The list goes on and on. However, the experience that is at the top of my Rotary moment list was meeting the people in the community of El Marillal, Choluteca,

Honduras and listening to the changes that Rotary had made in their lives, the lives of their families and members of their community. (See sidebar—*Changing a Village.*)

After visiting with the villagers from El Marillal, I looked around the village at the changes that had taken place with the help of Rotary. I saw the new water tank serving the village from the new well. I saw homes with clean



walls because of the eco-stoves. I saw latrines and hand washing stations. I saw the school and the new medical clinic. What struck me the most were the changes in the people. The villagers stood tall and confident.

They were proud of their accomplishments made possible with the help and support of Rotarians and the Rotary Foundation.



Most importantly, I learned that no matter how big a difference Rotary had made in the lives of the villagers, at that moment, the life that was most changed by Rotary was my own.

That moment is now a part of my life and the story that I tell whenever anyone asks me what was my best Rotary moment.

A Look at Our Three Rotary Districts

Rotary District 5240



Arroyo Grande
Atascadero
Bakersfield
Bakersfield
Breakfast
Bakersfield East
Bakersfield North
Bakersfield
Twilight



District Governor
Dana Moldovan

Bakersfield West
Buelton
Camarillo Rotary
Camarillo Sunrise
Cambria
Carpinteria
Carpinteria
Morning
Carpinteria
Sunset
Cayucos
China Lake
Conejo Valley
Delano
E-Club of One
World
Fillmore
Goleta
Goleta Noontime
Grover Beach
Indian Wells
Valley
Kern River Valley
Lompoc
Los Olivos Rotary
Los Osos
Montecito
Moorpark
Moorpark
Morning
Morro Bay
NexGen
Nipomo
Ojai
Ojai West
Oxnard
Paso Robles
Rotary
Paso Robles
Sunrise
Passport Club of
the Central Coast
Pismo Beach-Five
Cities

RC5CE
Rotaract Santa
Barbara
Rotaract Santa
Maria Valley
Rotaract Cal
Rotaract UCSB
Rotaract Ventura
San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo
de Tolosa
Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara
North
Santa Barbara
Sunrise
Santa Maria -
Noon
Santa Maria -
Breakfast
Santa Maria
South
Santa Paula
Santa Ynez Valley
Shafter
Simi Sunrise
Simi Sunset
Simi Valley
SLO Daybreak
Solvang
Taft
Tehachapi
Templeton
Thousand Oaks
Vandenberg
Village
Ventura
Ventura East
Ventura South
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Westlake Village

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District 5300

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Apple Valley
Arcadia
Azusa
Barstow
Boulder City
Boulder City
Sunrise
Chino Valley
Claremont
Covina
Covina Sunrise
Downtown Las
Vegas
Duarte
East Los Angeles
Five Points/El
Monte/South El
Monte
Glendora
Greater Chino
Hills
GSGV
Green Valley
Henderson
Industry Hills
La Verne
Lancaster
Lancaster
Sunrise
Lancaster West
Las Vegas
Las Vegas After
Hours
Las Vegas Red
Rock
Las Vegas
Southwest
Las Vegas Spring
Mountains
Las Vegas
Summerlin
Las Vegas West
Las Vegas WON



District Governor
Elizabeth Barry

Monrovia
Montebello
Mesquite
Sunrise
Moapa Valley
(Logandale)
Monterey Park
North Las Vegas
Ontario -
Montclair
Pahrump Valley
Pasadena
Pasadena After
Hours
Pico Rivera
Pomona
Rancho
Cucamonga
Rancho Del
Chino
San Dimas
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Cathedral City
Evening
Coachella East
Coachella Valley
Colton
Corona
Corona-Circle City
Crestline-Lake
Gregory
Desert Hot Springs
E-Club of San
Bernardino
E-Club of World
Peace, D5330
Fontana
Greater Eastvale
Hemet
Hig
hland
Idyllwild
Indian Wells
Indio
Indio Sunrise
Joshua Tree
Jurupa Valley
La Quinta
Lake Arrowhead
Lake Arrowhead
Mountain Sunrise
Lake Elsinore
Menifee
Moreno Valley
Moreno Valley
Morning
Murrieta
Norco
Old Town
Temecula



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Redlands
Redlands Sunrise
Palm Desert
Palm Desert
Sunset Club
Palm Desert-Palms
Palm Springs
Palm Springs
Sunup
Rialto
Riverside
Riverside East
Riverside Sunrise
San Bernardino
San Bernardino
Crossroads
San Bernardino
North
San Bernardino
Sunset
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San Jacinto
Sin Fronteras
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