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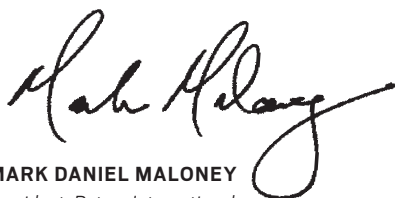
During 2019-2020, I am encouraging Rotarians and Rotaractors to grow Rotary. We must grow our service, we must grow the impact of our projects, but, most importantly, we must grow our membership so that we can achieve more.

Let us try a new approach to membership, one that is more organized and strategic. I am asking every club to form an active membership committee consisting of people of different backgrounds who will look methodically at the leadership of the community.

Your club's membership committee will then apply Rotary's classification system — designed to ensure that the range of professions in your community is well represented — to identify potential leaders with the skill, the talent, and the character that will strengthen your club. If your club's membership committee is unsure how to proceed, look to the club membership committee checklist on [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) for clearly defined steps to organizing its work.

How else will we connect to grow Rotary? We will also form new types of clubs — either independent clubs or satellite clubs — with different meeting experiences and engaging service opportunities, not just where there is no Rotary, but also where Rotary is already thriving. No Rotary club in the world can possibly serve all segments of its community. Therefore, we must organize new clubs to engage the community leaders who cannot connect with our existing clubs.

Growing Rotary is all about taking the connections that make our organization unique in the world and strengthening and multiplying them. Let us commit ourselves to growing Rotary and to welcoming the next diverse generation of women and men as *Rotary Connects the World*.



MARK DANIEL MALONEY
President, Rotary International



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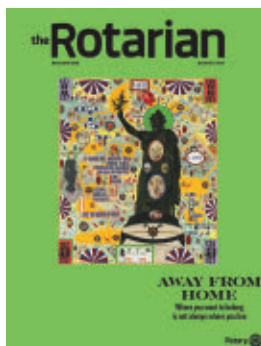
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“People need three things: to feel like they belong, to feel like they have a voice, to feel like they can make a difference.”

— Carl Michel, page 30



ON THE COVER *Marianne, and Her Fires of Liberty* (*The Mother of Paris Sings*) is a collage by Tony Fitzpatrick, who lived near the Place de la République in Paris. The square is overseen by a large statue of Marianne, the personification of the French republic.

OPPOSITE Teams in the Conquer Colombo scavenger hunt, organized by the Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School, tackled more than 20 challenges around the Sri Lankan capital, including moving a large tire without rolling it. Proceeds supported water projects. See page 17.
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It's the truth!

I have been a Rotarian since 1974 and have always looked forward to issues of *The Rotarian*. As with most of the publications to which I subscribe, I have found many issues to be outstanding and others, perhaps, less so.

In my opinion, however, the May issue is probably the finest I have ever read.

Congratulations to all who helped put it together.

ROBERT E. KELDGORD
Walnut Creek, California

The relevant questions

I was pleased to see the article by Joseph Epstein in the May issue, "The Four-Way Test in a Post-Truth Era." After reading it, I located the text of a speech given by John Dean, who served under President Richard Nixon and whose testimony helped spur Nixon to resign in 1974. (Nixon was an honorary Rotarian.)

Dean addressed the District 5670 (Kansas) conference in May 2003. In his speech, he applied The Four-Way Test to Watergate and the Iraq War. He summed up the reliability of The Four-Way Test this way: "Truth, fairness, friendliness, and community assistance are timeless necessities."

Dean said, "The key to this test is not necessarily the answers to the questions.

Rather it is what asking the questions forces you to do — to think."

He concluded: "I am going to tell you without fear of contradiction that had those of us in the Nixon White House who were involved in Watergate stopped to apply The Four-Way Test — even if only occasionally — there would have been no Watergate. In short, The Four-Way Test works."

As one who has been stressed almost daily in our post-truth era, I welcome the courage of *The Rotarian* to print Epstein's article. I intend to use The Four-Way Test as I judge the actions, speeches, and proposals of U.S. officeholders as they seek my vote and support.

TERRY L. GILBERT
Boise, Idaho

With regard to the article about The Four-Way Test in a post-truth world, I would posit that in a world of near-universal mendacity and manufactured reality, the only thing I can be sure of is that I cannot be certain of anything. Truth may be unknowable, but virtue is well defined.

BRIAN SCHOENROCK
Galena, Illinois

Joseph Epstein should have applied The Four-Way Test to his essay.

His assertion that the word "spin" is "much revered by politicians, public relations experts, and others for whom truth is often a serious inconvenience" is neither true nor fair, and certainly doesn't build goodwill and friendships among the global community of honest public relations professionals of which I have been a proud member for almost 20 years.

Communications professionals who have met the rigorous standards required to earn the APR (Accreditation in Public Relations) designation — as I have — shun the word "spin." We are dedicated to embracing truth, transparency, fairness, honesty, and other tenets of the Public Relations Society of America's Code of Ethics.

We acknowledge, regrettably, that there exist people who call themselves PR professionals who act unprofessionally, who are charlatans providing information that misleads, is inaccurate, or even fabricated, deceptive, or patently false. We also acknowledge that, as in any profession, the good guys are often painted with the same brush as the bad guys by people who need to do a little more research before making a judgment.

ANDREW BOWEN
Tampa, Florida

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"The Four-Way Test in a Post-Truth Era" was an outstanding article! I have long felt that the greatest strength of The Four-Way Test is that it is made up of questions to ask ourselves regarding what we say, think, or do, and not statements to use in judging others. Often what is perceived as truth by one person is not seen as truth by others, and very often, speaking what is perceived as truth will not be fair to all, or beneficial to all, nor will it necessarily build goodwill and better friendships. We will, however, be better people if we apply the test questions to ourselves. While this applies to all aspects of our lives, nowhere is it more evident than in politics.

DON BRECKON
Parkville, Missouri

I wish Rotary would bring The Four-Way Test into the current century. Most of the world now recognizes that while there might be some truths, such as $2 + 2 = 4$, most of what we think is true is not true for sure. Not long ago, most thought that the sun revolved around the earth. If you didn't accept that, bad things happened to you. And today when we hear politicians speak, we instinctively know that what they are saying is not true.

Instead of asking, "Is it the truth?" the right question is, "Am I honestly conveying what I believe to be true, while still leaving open the possibility that I am wrong?"

And the idea that something is "fair to all concerned" flies in the face of reality. Any good negotiator knows each side has to give something in order to reach a compromise, and the result will likely be slightly less than fair to all concerned.

Wouldn't updating this test be a good project for 2019?

MERV HECHT
Santa Monica, California

Better, but not for all

I read with interest the interview with Gregg Easterbrook in the May issue. He talks about

the world being better off than it was in previous generations. I find that comforting for those who are middle-class or above.

What does it say, however, to the family that lives well below the poverty line?

For many years, my brother worked as a minister to Native Americans in South Dakota. His church served a community of some 150 people. Only three families affiliated with his church had electricity and running water. The only store in town charged exorbitant prices for basic items such as bread or milk. Of course, if one had an automobile or could afford gasoline, he or she could drive 60 miles to the nearest town with a supermarket. For most of the people in that community, however, that was not an option.

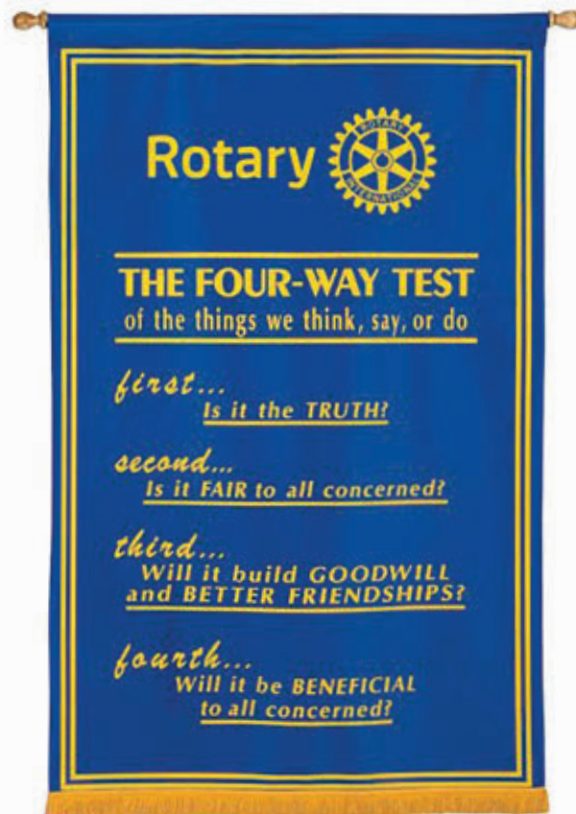
When we speak in generalities, it's easy for those who are well-off to say the world is getting better. However, as Rotarians we are called to change the systems that keep so many people in grinding poverty.

I will withhold my assent on the rosy assessment of our world.

WALTER H. EVERETT
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Climate debate

I read the articles on climate change in the April issue ["Climate Solutions Within Our Reach"] with much interest. I am going to suggest something very radical in answer to the question "What can Rotary/Rotarians do?" I know there is much value in all the activities at the Rotary International Convention, but if Rotary is going to lead the way in fighting climate change, some major changes need to be undertaken. A round-trip flight from New York to Hamburg



The tenets of The Four-Way Test serve as a guiding light to Rotarians around the world — but in his essay for the magazine, Joseph Epstein suggested that everyone should find them "of special interest in the current day."

produces as much as 2.3 tons of carbon dioxide per person. If 10,000 people attending the convention fly that distance, then upwards of 20,000 tons of carbon dioxide are added to the atmosphere because of the convention.

Rotary should consider a way to hold district meetings in a technologically innovative way, such as having Rotarians meet locally under their assistant governor.

I keep reading, with much surprise, about conferences on climate change where all the experts who know and understand the implications of air travel keep having these major meetings that everyone flies to. If Rotary can figure out a way to have our conferences without air travel, it would set the bar for climate change experts.

PETER BEYNON
Burnaby, British Columbia

According to 2018-19 RI President Barry Rassin, "This is Rotary's moment to start the conversation [on climate change]." Unfortunately, it is a conversation that should have happened years ago, as climate change is already forcing mass migrations of people, increasing diseases, sparking wars over resources, and negatively affecting food production and water resources. Young people around the world are rightfully begging adult leaders to do something now.

Rotary may be too invested in the economic status quo to be relevant on the most pressing global issue. Its members, especially the leadership, are too old (including myself) and too professionally connected to corporate interests.

We cannot wait for a future Rotary president to make it issue No. 1. If Rotary is to be relevant, we must listen to the scientists and youth who have solutions and act accordingly — now.

OUIDA MACGREGOR

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I was very disturbed to learn that Rotary International has embarked on an all-out campaign to attack global climate change. I am a longtime member of Rotary and believe in the organization's mission to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders." Rotary has come close to wiping out polio around the world, which is a laudable accomplishment that I am proud to have contributed to in a very small way. But, to me, finding solutions to the projected effects of climate change is not within the organization's mission. The issue is full of political pitfalls.

For argument's sake, let's assume mankind is affecting the world's climate in catastrophically negative ways. Is it Rotary's role to actively try to stop the burning of fossil fuels in underdeveloped parts of the world

where bottled gas, wood, and dung are used for cooking and heating? Will Rotary urge people in developing countries to stop raising livestock because the animals emit gases that are leading to climate change? How will the organization decide how far to go with initiatives to effect change? It is the role of governments to deal with this issue. Rotary should not take sides on political issues that will divide its members and alienate some of the people it is dedicated to helping.

GLENN VAWTER

Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Thank you for the interview with President Barry Rassin in the April issue and the articles on climate change. One of the aspects that I have always valued in Rotary is our acceptance of Rotarians with a diversity of views, ideas, and opinions. This topic brings out that diversity. We can no longer profess that climate change is not affecting our communities. Rotary has a responsibility as a pre-eminent community organization to take a leadership role at the local and global levels in the discussion on climate change. All Rotary projects need to take the environment into consideration to ensure that we do not exacerbate ecosystem challenges. It was rewarding to see Rotary Scholars Danny Catt and Sahar Mansoor quoted in *The Rotarian* and participating in this debate. Future Rotary Peace Fellows and Rotary Scholars focused on environmental topics are a contribution that Rotary can make to finding solutions to climate change.

CHRIS OFFER

Delta, British Columbia

The April issue speaks to my concerns on climate change. As mentioned by one of the people interviewed, "If we don't get climate change right, it doesn't matter what we do in our six areas of focus." This is because our good work will be overwhelmed by weather disruption, rising seas, migrations, conflict, and the return of diseases like polio.

Our Rotary club has started a climate action team to: (1) educate our own members on climate change science, impacts, and solutions; (2) do educational outreach to other clubs in our district and encourage them to start their own climate action teams; (3) do community projects with an eye to making the public more aware of the problem; and (4) support our city's efforts in developing a Northfield Climate Action Plan (currently being developed).

Rotary has global reach, credibility, and social capital. We have been making a difference in the world, and we can't ignore the elephant in the room — climate change.

If you or your club is interested in more information about our RCAT or forming your own, email us at luckyduck49@gmail.com. Your kids and grandkids will be glad you are taking action!

RICHARD DEBEAU

Northfield, Minnesota

The April issue enhances my faith in Rotary. I'm a 25-year Rotarian and a past district governor from San Diego. As one of my last acts as district governor, I persuaded my good friend, Bill Dean, a 30-year-plus Rotarian from Encinitas, to help me form the Solana Beach Eco Rotary Club. Like Karen Kendrick-Hands, my feeling then and now is that "if we don't get climate change right, it doesn't matter what we do in our six areas of focus."

The people hardest hit by our changing climate will be the poorest from the Arctic, Asia, and Africa. Rising sea levels and ever-increasing temperatures, coupled with changing weather patterns, spell doom for billions of our fellow inhabitants of our planet.

Our Eco Rotary club has a unique focus. Virtually all our speakers deal with the "ground game" mentioned in this issue. We look at and learn about ways we can make a difference in addressing the new climate reality and shrinking planetary resources.

Marshall Saunders spoke to our club two years ago. We admired his laser focus in developing a program to turn around the dangerous carbon pollution we are dumping into the earth's atmosphere. One-third of our members own electric or hybrid vehicles, and many of us have solar installations. Please look at our club calendar of past and future programs at sbcorotary.org.

We take one field trip a month to see how local organizations are tackling sustainable practices. In March we visited EcoLife's aquaponics demonstration plant in Escondido. This facility gave us a glimpse into the future of sustainable food production. Not only does it grow plants at a remarkable speed, much faster than conventional agriculture, but it uses a fraction of the land and water we use today.

Our club's mission is "to educate ourselves and our community about environmental challenges and engage in implementing their solutions."

I have renewed faith that Rotary will lend its considerable weight and become a force needed to address climate change issues around the world. We do not have time to waste.

DICK STEVENS

Solana Beach, California

Thank you for giving so much coverage to climate change in the April issue. It is the issue of our era, and I am happy that so many Rotarians are helping to slow the change or to help adjust to it. However, I did not see mention of one of the most effective actions an individual can take against climate change — choosing to have a small family. This is because every child will not only be a carbon emitter, but also likely have their own children. This legacy of future generations will contribute large amounts to future climate change. The Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development is at the forefront of



As another example of Rotary's efforts to improve the environment, members of Dutch Rotary and Rotaract clubs initiated "End Plastic Soup," a project that removes plastic waste from waterways. Organizers began in the canals of Amsterdam and eventually hope to engage Rotarians worldwide.

helping people to have healthy and planned children and thus doing its part to limit climate change.

RICHARD GROSSMAN

Bayfield, Colorado

Climate change is not Rotary's business. What a disappointment!

PATRICIA TODD

Guilford, Connecticut

Correction

In the Our World section of the May issue, we reported that 400,000 Singaporeans live on less than \$5 a day. According to Caritas Singapore, that amount represents the daily income available to those 400,000 Singaporeans after they have paid for utilities, tuition, rent, loan installments, and health care. The Rotarian regrets the error.

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- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians



**A message from the
editor in chief
JOHN REZEK**

**Spending
months in
that new
place can
change your
perspective.
You learn to
see again.**

I first went to Paris with my family to celebrate New Year's when I was 15, and my brother George and I returned there later that summer. After a few weeks, we came back to the States — me to finish high school, George to start college — but neither of us had wanted to leave.

Fast-forward a few decades and a dozen more trips to Paris. I took my son, George, there for spring break when he was 15. We dropped our bags in Montparnasse, walked to the Île de la Cité, saw Notre Dame and the way buildings arranged themselves along the Seine, and he said, "I think I'd like to live here." That was the first of a series of endorsements of the city.

George and I traveled there again in the weeks before Christmas 2017. Paris was alert from the chill, and its famous painterly light brought the city into sharp focus. I knew that Tony Fitzpatrick, the Chicago artist and actor, was due to start a four-month residency while filming the second season of Amazon's *Patriot*. He arrived the day before we were flying out. We met for dinner.

On our walk to his favorite restaurant, Les Parigots, Tony pointed out a laundromat where the washers and dryers hid the entrance to a dance club. By the way, *un parigot* is a native Parisian and it's not an entirely polite characterization. That's what Tony aspired to be. We all had the roasted chicken, which is unlike anything available outside of France. On our walk back to Tony's hotel, we saw that a small kinetic crowd had formed in front of the laundromat, which had since acquired a doorman.

Sometimes you arrive in a place where you feel suddenly comfortable — at home in a way. Spending months in that new place can change your perspective. You walk around as if you were in someone else's shoes. You learn to see again. You imagine you have another chance to be someone you forgot to be.

Those were the thoughts I had at the dinner table that night. Tony said he had brought with him everything he needed to make drawings. I asked him to show them to me when he got home. He did, and we're sharing some with you along with his notes.

And so, we'll always have Paris.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Rezek".



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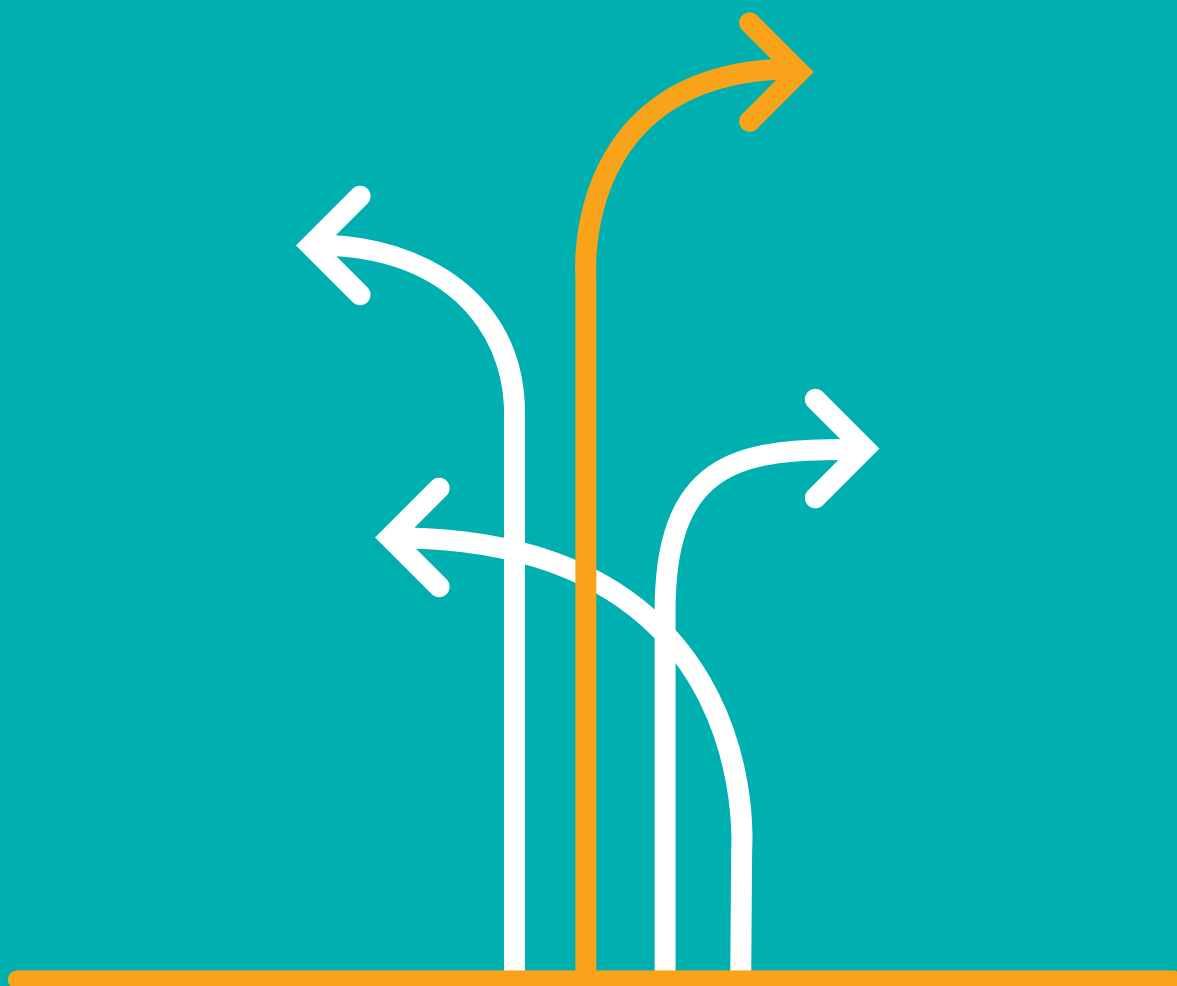
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ALAN EVANS

Rotary Club of Seaside, Oregon

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When Evans got caught, Sergeant Mark Whistler of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Department recognized the crime for what it was: a cry for help.

Whistler told him, "You're not a bad person. You're just sick." He urged Evans to get help. Evans took the advice and got clean.

In 2004, Evans started a nonprofit called Thugz Off Drugz that offered services to other ex-convicts who were struggling with homelessness and addiction. But after the economic crash in 2008, he started to see a new group of people — people who had never been in trouble with the law or involved with drugs. "The face of homelessness changed then," Evans says. "Average people were falling out of the system."

Evans realized that he needed to make some changes to the program. For one thing, the name didn't fit anymore — not with senior citizens and moms and children in need of help. And it needed to serve more people. In 2004, the organization ran one shelter with eight beds. Today, it's called Helping Hands and it operates 11 facilities with more than 200 beds in four Oregon counties.

One of the members of the Helping Hands board, Mike Caruso, was a Rotarian, and in 2008, Caruso invited Evans to a District 5100 conference to try to persuade Rotary to help his organization. At the conference, Evans saw a video about polio eradication and decided to join Rotary.

"I wanted to be like that," he says. "I had spent my life surviving and wanting to change, and I didn't realize that change happens when we give." Evans joined the club in 2010. This June, he finished a stint as club president.

"When I first joined Rotary, I was scared to death. I didn't ever think I would be accepted by this group of people," Evans says. "But I was wrong. I was welcomed with open arms, and this is my family now."

—NIKKI KALLIO



Class project

NESTLED IN THE HILLS of Guatemala City, Colonia Trinidad is a neighborhood at odds with itself. "It's a well-off area with huge apartments and lots of construction," says Mónica Davila. "But we also have areas that are home to a lot of poor people."

Davila is president of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Vista Hermosa Uwara, a satellite of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Vista Hermosa. While volunteering at a shelter for orphans, members of the Vista Hermosa Uwara club learned about Escuela Republica de Alemania, a school in Colonia Trinidad attended by 150 children between ages seven and 13. Some of the students live at the shelter, including some who lost family members when the Fuego volcano erupted in 2018 and killed at least 190 people. All of the school's students live in poverty.

The school building was in bad shape, with rotting wood and problems with the roof, and had few of the resources needed for education. "Most of our club members live close to that school," Davila says, and after seeing the conditions under which kids in their neighborhood were trying to learn, the members of the Uwara club knew what had to be done.

"We are trying to make a model school at Republica de Alemania," she says.

In a three-month fundraising drive, the Uwara club members raised \$1,000 and got

additional support from District 4250 (Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras). In May 2018, they installed 100 new desks in classrooms. In February 2019, they set up a computer lab using donated equipment from a local call center.

The Uwara club has more plans for the school, including replacing the remaining classroom desks, fixing the roof, and stocking a library.

The work of the Uwara volunteers has inspired parents at the school to pool their own funds to help pay for some renovations.

María Valladares, a new member of the Uwara club, says her experiences at Republica de Alemania have confirmed to her how important becoming a Rotarian was. "I joined this club because the members are dedicated

"We are trying to make a model school at Republica de Alemania."

to education and helping children," she says.

The Uwara volunteers see what a difference they're making whenever they come back to the school. In February 2019, when they arrived to build the computer lab, the students were excited to show off how well they had taken care of their desks. "They said, 'Can you come and see our desks? We have papers in them!'" Davila says. —FRITZ LENNEMAN

“It doesn’t feel right to focus all my energies after the fact, after the harm has occurred.”

Noelle Volin



Campaigning against exploitation

After graduating in 2011 from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, Noelle Volin was intent on a career with the FBI fighting human trafficking. But while waiting for the results of her bar exam, Volin, a 2006-08 Rotary Peace Fellow at Tokyo’s International Christian University, volunteered with Breaking Free, a nonprofit that helps victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. She realized that she wanted to work directly with victims and became the organization’s staff attorney and director of policy.

Volin is now the training and technical assistance director for the Don’t Buy It Project (DBIP), part of Men as Peacemakers, a Duluth-based organization that works with communities, schools, and individuals to prevent violence and sexual exploitation. DBIP is a campaign that encourages men, in particular, to recognize commercial sexual exploitation — from prostitution and strip clubs to online pornography — and to reject it.

THE ROTARIAN: What did you learn from working with victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking?

VOLIN: I went to law school, but the clients knew more about the system than I did. They didn’t know the technical terminology, but they knew how poverty and racism and sexism affected their lives. If I hadn’t heard those experiences from them, I wouldn’t understand the complexity of this issue. I would have just gone in and tried to be a superhero. I’m so grateful they trusted me and educated me.

TR: What drew you to working at Men as Peacemakers?

VOLIN: I’ve been on the response side. People are frustrated because they know that sexual exploitation and violence don’t have to happen in the first place. It doesn’t feel right to focus all my energies after the fact, after the harm has occurred.

TR: How does Men as Peacemakers combat sexual violence on college campuses?

VOLIN: It’s about changing the culture on campus, rather than accepting that this is a part of college life. We go into fraternities and talk to athletic teams and say, “You can party and have fun, but how do you do this without causing harm?” Everyone should feel free to party

and not be at risk of sexual assault. Getting drunk doesn’t give you an excuse to cause harm.

TR: What does the Don’t Buy It Project do?

VOLIN: It’s about encouraging the average guy — who may feel helpless when he reads about these things — to understand that there’s a lot he can do. He has a huge role to play in preventing exploitation, in stopping it before it even happens. We also talk about messages in mainstream media that objectify other humans.

TR: How did the Rotary Peace Fellowship influence your career?

VOLIN: I learned that you don’t go in and tell people what they need and what they should do. When we work with survivors and survivor-led organizations, we ask, “What can we do for you? What do you need?”

TR: What do you tell people who say that your goals will be impossible to achieve?

VOLIN: We have to have realistic hope. We need to envision a future where sexual exploitation doesn’t happen. We might not see the end of it in my generation, but what do we need to do to move toward that goal? What are some tangible things we can achieve in this generation so that we can have a future without sexual exploitation?
— ANNESTEIN



People of action around the globe

United States

The Rotary Club of Shady Brook in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, adopted a school in one of Philadelphia's poorest neighborhoods as a signature project. The William Dick School, 20 miles from Langhorne, serves more than 500 pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade, and over the past decade the club has donated more than \$16,000, including matching grants from District 7450, to the school. "Not only have we raised money, we've obtained a lot of supplies and equipment," says club member Dick Newbert. Club members and friends also hand-knit hundreds of caps to lend a personal touch, and visit the school to read with the students.

Portugal

Since 2005, the Rotary Club of Fafe has hosted Solidarity Day, a fundraiser and celebration of the performing arts. In June 2018, spectators lined a grassy hillside to enjoy a program of orchestral selections and fado, a genre of deeply melancholic Portuguese torch songs. Proceeds from the concerts, including sponsorships and the sale of balloons and glow sticks, amount to \$2,300 to \$2,800 annually. Each year, the club decides on a different cause to fund. In the past three years, it has donated equipment to the local music school, the Academia de Musica de José Atalaya; bought a clarinet for a gifted student at the school; and helped pay for medical care for a local girl with cerebral palsy.

Nigeria

Disheartened by the mayhem pervasive during national elections, the Rotaract Club of Agege wanted to promote peace and conflict resolution. The Rotaractors' solution: a social media campaign to educate the public about the perils of vote-buying and violence. To discourage electoral fraud during the February voting for president and the National Assembly, club members wrote letters to local media outlets and took to Twitter using hashtags including #voteandnotfight and #shunelectionviolence. Deep challenges remain for Nigeria — 39 people were reported killed in election-related violence — but the club plans to continue its drive for clean campaigns.

Fado was added to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list in 2011.



Sri Lanka

The Conquer Colombo scavenger hunt, staged in late January by the Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School, set 500 competitors on a nine-hour scramble — by car, kayak, and tuk-tuk — to take on more than 20 mental and physical challenges. The event, held every year since 2013, has become a popular fixture on the local calendar.

Not for the faint of heart or short of stamina, the challenges the four-person teams tackle include “paintball, eating a sub sandwich and guessing the ingredients, moving a heavy tire without rolling it, and decorating a cupcake blindfolded,” says club member Tusari Ekanayake.

This year, the winners earned a trip to Jakarta, Indonesia, while other teams won prizes for best costumes and vehicle decor. Entry fees of about \$23 per team and sponsorships generated money for the club’s Project Life initiative to provide rainwater harvesting tanks and reverse-osmosis water purification systems in rural areas of the country. “The top 15 teams were awarded prizes from gift baskets to vouchers,” says club member Nadun Ranasinghe. “Regardless of whether our participants managed to break into the top 15, everyone left with a feeling of satisfaction and eagerness to participate again next year.”

Australia

In 1954, the Rotary Club of Wollongong built the road up the steep approach to what is now Mount Keira Summit Park, a 1,522-foot peak with expansive views of the Illawarra coastline south of Sydney. The project was carried out to mark Rotary’s golden anniversary in 1955, and on 23 February this year, the club commemorated that endeavor with a community day organized with the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council and the park’s botanic garden. About 120 people joined guided walks exploring the mountain’s significance to aboriginal culture and its flora and fauna. Rotarians and other visitors shoveled mulch and pulled weeds to honor a legacy project.

— BRAD WEBBER

Aboriginal people have lived in the Wollongong area for at least 30,000 years.

SNAPSHOT **Bayan-Ölgii, Mongolia**

In the far western Bayan-Ölgii province of Mongolia, hunters have used golden eagles to catch foxes, hares, and other game for centuries. The few eagle hunters who remain make part of their living by hosting a growing number of tourists. **FANG KEONG LIM**, a member of the Rotary Club of Bandar Utama, Malaysia, was visiting Mongolia with Dondi Joseph, a member of the Rotary Club of Cebu West, Philippines, who shares Lim's interest in documenting the lives of indigenous people. They stayed with a family of eagle hunters who dazzled them with a display of the birds' hunting prowess. "We could appreciate the ability of mankind to adapt and live in harmony with nature," Lim says.







AUGUST events

2nd-4th Eyes to the skies

EVENT: Hot Air Balloon Rally

HOST: Rotary Club of Suncook Valley,
New Hampshire

WHAT IT BENEFITS: Local charities

WHAT IT IS: Hot air balloon launches, carnival rides, food and beverages, and other attractions make this a much-anticipated summer tradition. There are things to do all day long, and even a fireworks show on the evening of the 3rd (once the balloons are safely out of the air).

10th Gettin' crafty

EVENT: Lititz Craft Show

HOST: Rotary Club of Lititz, Pennsylvania

WHAT IT BENEFITS: Community projects

WHAT IT IS: This show draws more than 500 crafters to display their wares; up to 25,000 visitors attend. Find some unique pieces of art and enjoy a day outdoors.

11th I like my bike

EVENT: Annual Bicycle Ride

HOST: Rotary Club of Naperville Downtown,
Illinois

WHAT IT BENEFITS: Naperville Rotary Charities

WHAT IT IS: This ride offers 21-, 41- and 62-mile (metric century) options. There is also a 1.4-mile family fun loop that can be walked, cycled, or run. A light lunch follows for participants.

17th Down and dirty

EVENT: Ohana Mud Run

HOST: Rotary Club of Morganton,
North Carolina

WHAT IT BENEFITS: Food bank and backpack program for local children

WHAT IT IS: 'Ohana is Hawaiian for family. A one-mile run through sprinklers and past obstacles will put families to a test that is equal parts mud and fun. Put on your least favorite clothes and get ready for a down and dirty good time.

24th Put me in, coach!

EVENT: McCall Ball

HOST: Rotary Club of McCall (Payette Lakes),
Idaho

WHAT IT BENEFITS: Local charities with youth focus

WHAT IT IS: Don't fret if you never made it past the T-ball league; McCall ball is easy to learn. This three-person game is played with a plastic bat and an oversize softball. Hit the ball to a target without the opposition catching it, and you've scored a run.

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Don't play it again, Dad

A father changes his tune after a game of musical shares

by JEFF RUBY

When my daughter was an infant, her sleepy-time playlist did not involve Mozart or Raffi. No Baby Einstein for Baby Hannah. She listened to *Swordfishtrumpbones*, Tom Waits' notoriously creepy 1983 LP. On repeat. All night.

If you aren't familiar with *Swordfishtrumpbones*, it's basically 40 minutes of cockeyed tales from an underground world populated with freaks and misfits, herky-jerky howling and whispering accompanied by angry trumpbones and rusty marimbas being played in a bathtub. It sounds like steam oozing from a sewer grate outside a pawn shop at 2 a.m. Unless you want your offspring to grow up to be a boxcar-hopping grifter, *Swordfishtrumpbones* may be the absolute worst album to play in a baby's nursery.

"What the hell is she listening to in there?" my wife asked while slipping back into bed after a 3 a.m. feeding.

"The 11th-best album of the 1980s, according to *Pitchfork*," I mumbled. Then I rolled over.

This, my friends, is what happens when a grumpy failed hipster has chil-



dren. I cared not a whit whether Tom Waits was developmentally appropriate — or what twisted dreams were unspooling in my daughter's evolving brain. I just knew I didn't want her brand-new neural connections clogged with Kidz Bop and anthropomorphic dinosaurs singing B-I-N-G-O. No, sir. My tyke would listen to music about real life. Loss. Longing. Sailors on shore leave drinking forties of Mickey's Big Mouth and shooting pool with dwarfs.

A closeted music geek, I spent much of my awkward young life standing in

the back of sweaty music venues making sure I had on the right T-shirt, the right sneakers, and the right beer in my hand, tapping my foot but keeping a safe, ironic distance from it all, even if my heart was beating so hard I could feel it pushing against my chest. Only in the privacy of my home could I show genuine love for the music. But I married a woman who has no musical opinions whatsoever beyond *turn it down!* so in Hannah I was ecstatic to have someone with whom I could share my passion. The fact that this someone was not yet

potty-trained, or even ambulatory, barely occurred to me.

By the time my daughter was four, I had her on a steady diet of Johnny Cash, Yo La Tengo, and Stevie Wonder (circa 1972-76, of course). By five, she was singing along with the Clash. The day she requested Bob Dylan's original 1963 version of "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right" from her car seat, I knew I had done my part.

Of course, it all came crashing down. When Hannah was six, I happened upon a story in the satirical online newspaper

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The Onion. Its headline: “Cool Dad Raising Daughter on Media That Will Put Her Entirely Out of Touch with Her Generation.” The accompanying photo shows a father watching proudly as his daughter pulls a Talking Heads record from its sleeve, while she gives the impression she would be more comfortable at a Taylor Swift concert. The father looked a little like me. And the girl was a dead ringer for Hannah.

It was a punch in the jaw. At the most crucial time of my daughter’s social and mental development, I had made it all about myself. Call it snobbery, call it the fragile male ego run amok; I was guilty of both. I had lied for years, to myself, to my wife, to anyone else who would listen, that I was helping to mold a human being who would grow up to be sharp and literate, fluent in what I called “the classics” — when all I really wanted was to create a perfect Frankenstein monster of pop culture references. A mini-me, but more hip.

There’s a possible biological explanation for my actions. “From the beginning, we tempt [our children] into imitation of us and long for what may be life’s most profound compliment: their choosing to live according to our own system of values,” writes Andrew Solomon in *Far From the Tree*, his 2012 book about families adjusting to children with disabilities and differences. Then Solomon twists the knife in further: “Though many of us take pride in how different we are from our parents, we are endlessly sad at how different our children are from us.” This may clarify why, 30 years after running as fast as possible from the Bach cantatas my father was always humming, I was force-feeding my daughter Ramones albums.

On its face, this is entirely rational. What is parenting, after all, but an attempt to instill values in your progeny that will live on once your time is up in this world? A desperate stab at immortality — the ultimate ego trip.

But without a moral code to impart, what’s the point? Once I got past the most basic principles (be nice! work hard! um ... help people?), it became clear that I didn’t have much left to offer. The rest of my knowledge was trivia. Values are one thing; making sure a kindergartner knows the difference between Lennon songs and McCartney songs — and demanding that she care desperately which is which — is another completely. Worse, most of my input for my daughter seemed to revolve around being “cool,” which in my middle age I had managed to forget was a constant burden that suffocated my teen years.

So I backed off. Or tried to, anyway.

OK, so Marvin Gaye might happen to be in the CD player when Hannah got in the car, or Elvis Costello on the turntable when she popped into my office. If she asked what was playing, I would tell her. When she gave a song a thumbs-down or, worse, expressed indifference, I felt strangely wounded, and when she went her own way and inevitably developed her own interests, my stunted heart broke. Not because I had to let go of my daughter, but because she would be shaped by influences that were not my own. Influences I perceived as inferior.

Hannah is 14 now, and we’ve both grown up considerably. She’s smart, anxious, and sarcastic, a terrific writer and a mezzo-soprano in the Chicago Children’s Choir. She has good friends and good sense and is always searching. And I stayed out of her face while she found her own offbeat diversions: episodes of *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* on Netflix; the infinite minutiae of Greek mythology; the joys of online animatics, which I didn’t even know was a thing, by an obscure Polish artist. Best of all, she’s eager to share them all with me.

Last September, I took my daughter to her first concert. It was by Dodie Clark, a waifish British chanteuse whose aching vulnerability has made

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her something of a sage to quirky teen-age girls. I had heard Hannah talk about Clark's 1.8 million YouTube followers and was naturally suspicious — but also flattered that she was willing to have me there. Plus, she needed a ride.

The concert blew me away. Clark's lilting performance was raw and endearing, every lyric conveying unironic, life-affirming messages I had forgotten existed. Social anxiety? *Totally normal*. Worried no one will ever love you? *It's OK*. Sexually confused? *Join the club*.

The crowd — young, enthusiastic, and unjudgey — included girls and boys of all ages, shapes, sizes, colors, and orientations, each of them dressed how they wanted, singing how they wanted, laughing and crying and losing themselves in the music in a way I had never been able to with someone watching. Hannah could not stop smiling. And I cried. Because at 14, my daughter had learned how to be comfortable in her skin in a way that I never could.

Hannah's own peculiar music playlist today includes everything from lo-fi pop to Croatian choral music. And yes, she has managed to enfold Queen and the Beatles into the mix. "I don't mind when you recommend a song you like," she said recently. "I like your taste in music." This may mark the first time in history that a child has said that to her parent. And, as it turns out, I like her taste too. ■

In our March issue, Jeff Ruby, the chief contributing dining critic for Chicago magazine, explained how his son Max got his name.

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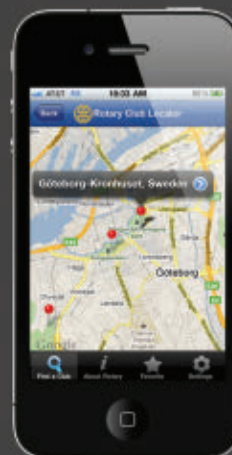


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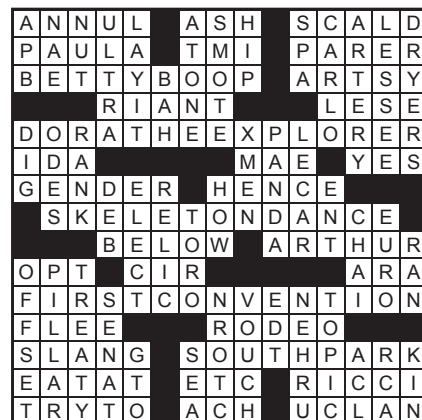
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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SAY YES TO ROTARY

by Frank Bures, Alain Drouot, Paul Engleman, Anne Ford, Diana Schoberg, and Claudia Urbano



“Being able to communicate even though you don’t speak the same language — that inspired me to join Rotary.”



Rotary Club of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

MEGAN LAW

Megan Law had been traveling in Poland and Ukraine for weeks before the cornflakes appeared.

By that time, Law — who was on a 2008 Group Study Exchange trip — had learned to enjoy the standard local breakfast of vegetables, yogurt, and dark bread, with maybe some sliced meat or cheese. But when the daughter of her last host family asked what she typically ate for breakfast, Law was homesick enough to answer truthfully: “I said, ‘If I could have anything, it would probably be a bowl of cereal and a piece of toast.’”

The next morning, that’s exactly what was waiting at the breakfast table, with fresh homemade apricot preserves.

And after the mother of the family saw how much Law loved the jam, she made her a cake filled with the same preserves. “Being able to communicate even though you don’t speak the same language — that inspired me to join Rotary when I got back,” says Law.

Since then, Law has helped charter a new club and served as a GSE team leader to India, GSE district chair, and governor of District 5750. The overseas experience she has gained in Rotary has helped Law, who works for a staffing agency, work with Oklahoma City’s large international community. “I wouldn’t be where I am now professionally had I not had that experience,” Law says. “And I have a ridiculous love for Polish food now.”

Rotary Club of Gresham, Oregon

DIANE CORDERO de NORIEGA

After Diane Cordero de Noriega's husband urged her to run for governor of District 5100, she agreed under one condition. "I can only do this," she said, "if you're going to be with me every step of the way."

Noriega is now the governor of the district. But her husband died of an aggressive form of cancer three months before she became governor-elect in the summer of 2018.

The devastating experience left Noriega with an even deeper appreciation of and connection to her fellow Rotarians. "My Rotary family was there for me every step of the way," she says. "My Rotary friend who's a retired nurse stayed with me so I could sleep at night. My Rotary friend who's an oncology social worker was here to counsel me. My club came and helped with yardwork. We all know how it feels when you go out and do something good for others. But I had the privilege of being on the receiving end."

As governor-elect, Noriega kept busy by visiting clubs, planning budgets, establishing committees, and holding trainings. "I never planned to do it by myself, but here I am," she says. "But I'm not by myself. I've got my Rotary family."



Rotary Club of San Francisco, California

ERIC SCHMAUTZ

When Eric Schmautz's daughter Molly was born, it was less than two months before the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil. But there was never any question: Of course the baby would go. Schmautz had been a Rotarian since he was 18 years old himself, and Rotary is where he met his wife and many of his friends. "Rotary has been integral to our social fabric," he says. "The majority of our friends are Rotarians, not necessarily in our club, but across the board. We probably have friends in 30 or 40 clubs." And Molly, now four, is growing up Rotarian. "She interacts with the Rotarians as if they're her peers," says Schmautz. "She's been to every district conference, every Rotary institute, every service project, most club meetings." This year she took a trip to Germany. "Hamburg," says her proud father, "was Molly's fifth convention."





Rotary Club of Basse Terre, Guadeloupe

DOMINIQUE VÉNÉRÉ

After Dominique Vénéré became governor of District 7030 in July 2018, she got a crash course in international relations and comparative politics. Her district encompasses southern Caribbean islands and several South American countries, and it has a mix of mostly French and English speakers. “I soon realized how different Guadeloupe, which is still part of France, is from other former colonies such as Antigua and Barbuda and Guyana,” she says. “Now I am ready to develop relationships with the surrounding countries rather than remaining turned toward France and Europe.”

As district governor, Vénéré had the opportunity to meet with heads of state. After Hurricane Maria, she talked at length with Dominica’s president, Charles Savarin, about recovery efforts as well as other economic and societal issues. To top it off, she also attended the country’s festivities for the 40th anniversary of its independence. “Hearing the crowd in a stadium sing their national anthem sent shivers down my spine.”

COURTESY OF DOMINIQUE VÉNÉRÉ

Rotary Club of Muthaiga, Kenya

GEETA MANEK

When Geeta Manek’s husband joined Rotary, she didn’t know what it was, and she didn’t understand why he would drop everything and run off to Rotary. “For a while, I thought Rotary might be another woman,” she confesses. A few months later, Manek joined the club. These days she recruits young Rotarians, who ask what keeps her in Rotary. Manek tells them that in a country where national politics are very divisive, Rotary is completely nonpolitical. She tells them it’s a place where, as a minority, she is fully accepted. She tells them that Rotary allows her to “reach the heights I would not have reached if I was not part of it.”



TOBIN JONES

Rotary Club of Herning International, Denmark

DELI LEVI-JENSEN

When Deli Levi-Jensen's father-in-law first suggested she join Rotary, Levi-Jensen said no. "From what I knew, it was a bunch of old men drinking cognac and smoking cigars on a weekly basis," she recalls.

But during a November 2013 visit to Israel, she saw images of children waiting to get polio vaccines. She realized the people in yellow vests giving the drops were Rotarians.

When she returned to Denmark, she chartered the Rotary Club of Herning International in April 2014. "The first day I stood in front of a crowd, my legs were trembling," she says. A short time later, she was asked to speak in front of 500 people at a Rotary institute. "That five minutes made me want to grow and become a speaker."

Today, Levi-Jensen works in the leadership development field as a speaker, coach, and trainer. She plans to take her speaking talents on the road to educate and inspire people to raise money to end polio. "Rotary is my life," she says. "I'm proud to be a member."



Rotary Club of Gardner, Kansas

JASON CAMIS

Nearly half of the 50 members of the Rotary Club of Gardner also belong to the chamber of commerce. "Part of the beauty of Rotary is its tie to local business," says Jason Camis, the president/CEO of the Gardner Edgerton Chamber of Commerce. "Rotarians join Rotary because of the good that we do, but also to help grow their business or at least make some contacts." Camis applies Rotary values to his chamber responsibilities. He tries to make decisions that will be fair and beneficial to as many members as possible. "My job is to be truthful — like being willing to tell one of our members that their marketing is bad."





Rotary Club of Denver Lodo, Colorado

CHARLIE HUNT

In 2005, when he was 55 years old, Charlie Hunt and his wife, Nancy, were looking for a change. Hunt, then a member of the Rotary Club of Utica, New York, sold his office equipment business. He and Nancy joined the Peace Corps and served for two years in the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu. When the Hunts returned to the United States, they settled in Denver. Charlie joined the Rotary Club of Denver Lodo and became president of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Colorado. “It’s not surprising that former Peace Corps volunteers might be attracted to Rotary,” he says. “The focus of the two organizations is almost identical.” Hunt thinks his experience with RPCV and Rotary has changed him. “When I was younger, I identified myself as an introvert, a person who would rather be at the back of the room,” he says. “I find it so amusing at this point in my life to find myself at the front of the room.”

COURTESY OF CHARLIE HUNT

Rotary Club of Mid-City New Orleans, Louisiana

CARL MICHEL

When a friend asked Carl Michel to join an Irish networking organization, he said yes, even though he isn’t Irish. When, at one of that organization’s happy hours, he met a past Rotary district governor who asked him to check out an area Rotary club, he said yes, even though he was in his mid-30s and didn’t think he matched the Rotary stereotype. And when, at his second visit to the club, he was asked to become its president — even though he hadn’t even joined Rotary yet — well, you can guess what happened.


“I had been president of my undergraduate fraternity chapter,” he says. “If you can survive that, you can handle a bunch of true altruists. People need three things: to feel like they belong, to feel like they have a voice, to feel like they can make a difference.”

When his term was over, Michel asked his Rotary mentor, “What next?” She suggested he get involved at the district level. He became assistant governor and started a new club, one that now meets twice a month in a pub with a second-floor art gallery, rotates a happy hour at a different establishment each month, and does “a whole lot of hands-on service work.”

“Anything can happen if you give people a chance,” he says. “I know I was willing to say yes. I was looking for a way to make a difference, and Rotary has given me that opportunity many times.”



HARLIN MILLER



“Rotary has completely changed my outlook on life. Rotary is my lifestyle.”

Rotary Club of Jacksonville, North Carolina

VANESSA ERVIN

Vanessa Ervin got the phone call inviting her to her first Rotary meeting in 1992. She remembers thanking the caller (a work colleague), hanging up, and saying out loud to no one: “What would a group of white men want with an African American woman?”

“All I knew about Rotary was that it was a white man’s organization,” she says. But she was curious enough to find out more — and, eventually, impressed enough to join.

“What I learned is that it wasn’t about the color of my skin,” says Ervin, past governor of District 7730. “It was about my passion to serve. Rotary has completely changed

my outlook on life. Rotary is my lifestyle. I wear Rotary. I’m the brand. If you’re looking for what Rotary is, I’m it.”

Her understanding and appreciation of Rotary’s diversity have only grown since that fateful phone call. The leader of a vocational training team trip to India and a Group Study Exchange trip to the southern Caribbean, Ervin delights in working with what she calls “my fellow Rotarians, who are diverse in color and creed and origin.”

“I never saw myself as the first African American woman in the Jacksonville Rotary club,” she explains. “I saw myself as a person invited in to make a difference. And Rotary has afforded me that opportunity.”

Rotary Club of Junction, Texas

LISA HERRING

Every week when she was in high school, Lisa Herring and her fellow Interactors would visit a local nursing home and spend time with the residents. Other days she would help the local Rotary club with their projects. Today, she can see how that time changed her view of the world. “When we’re young, we’re focused on ourselves,” she says. “But to see that there are needs outside my own, and that I can make a difference in someone else’s life, that was really important.” Two of her kids participated in Rotary Youth Exchange. Her daughter traveled to Italy and Ecuador, and her son went to Switzerland, where he unwittingly found his calling: One of his host fathers was an engineer and a general contractor, and Herring’s son decided that’s what he wanted to do. But he also wanted to be a Rotarian. It’s a family tradition.



JOSH HUSKIN

Rotary Club of Invercargill Sunrise, New Zealand

KAREN PURDUE

In 2006, Karen Purdue’s laundry business in the southern New Zealand city of Invercargill burned to the ground. Her fellow Rotarians helped Purdue get back on her feet, with a new workspace, new office furniture, even a new photocopier. “When I think about my life — my family, my personal life, my business life — Rotary is part of all of those,” she says. And Rotary helped Purdue find her purpose in life *and* her dream job. “I now work in community engagement and community development,” she says. “I know my Rotary and volunteering background was the reason I was selected against others. I wouldn’t have gotten it if I wasn’t in Rotary.”



MACAELA HAWKINS

GLADYS MALDONADO RODRIGUEZ

When Gladys Maldonado Rodriguez talks about Rotary, she gets so excited that no one can stop her. She says the years since joining her club in 2001 have been a journey of discovery. Formerly afraid to face a crowd, Maldonado learned, for example, that she loves giving speeches — so much so that she now trains senior Rotary leaders in public speaking. And Maldonado is not the only one benefiting from her membership: Her children are learning the values of leadership and service by attending Rotary activities.

A past governor of District 4271, Maldonado also discovered that Rotary could help her achieve some of her aspirations, such as assisting a local children's home. "Before becoming a Rotarian, I was not able to help my community so easily," she says. "Rotary, as if by magic, made my dream come true." With her club's help, the children's home received an aqueduct, a water treatment plant, and musical instruments.

Maldonado believes that Rotary also helped enhance the joy she takes in her life. Where once she was exclusively devoted to her career and children, she now shares her time with a diverse group of friends from different parts of the world — and the difference in languages is no barrier to communication. "It is in *la sonrisa, el abrazo*" — the smile, the embrace — "that we Rotarians can understand each other."



PAUL BUCUREL

When Paul Bucurel first joined Rotary, he was a young radio station manager, and it seemed like a good way to drum up business. New leads didn't exactly flood in from the club, but he stayed, mostly out of habit. He rose to leadership, and when he was district governor, he saw how dramatically Rotary could change someone's life. "I was absolutely humbled that somehow I was asked to be part of the leadership of the world's greatest humanitarian organization," he says. Bucurel says Rotary has made him more generous with his time, his money, and his efforts. "When we say yes to Rotary, I don't think many people really understand the scope of what they're saying yes to. The great joy is finding that out."



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I’ve received
from Rotary.”*



Rotary Club of Chuquiago-Marka, La Paz, Bolivia

MERCEDES LUQUE TERCEROS

Rotary helped Mercedes “Mechy” Luque Terceros fulfill her lifelong love of learning; it also introduced her, a woman who had “*cerrado las puertas al amor*” — closed the doors on love — to the man who would become her husband. But her passion for Rotary grew even greater after it helped save her niece’s life.

In 2005, Luque’s sister, Silvia, suffered severe complications while pregnant. Doctors insisted that they could save only the mother’s life. Luque refused to accept that prognosis. After visiting several medical centers, she found a place that might be able to help — except that, with the baby’s birth imminent, it had no room. Luque

persisted. With an assist from the chief doctor, a *compañero Rotario*, her sister was admitted, and both mother and baby were saved.

Shortly after, Luque’s newborn niece, Mía, developed hydrocephalus and needed a valve that was difficult to obtain in Bolivia. Once more Rotary stepped up, and the Chuquiago-Marka club provided the valve in time.

Luque now serves on a committee that oversees District 4690’s Hydrocephalus Valve Bank, which, with help from its partners in District 2710 (Japan) and from a global grant, recently accepted delivery of its 1,000th valve. “I am returning the favor of all the benefits I’ve received from Rotary,” Luque says, “and for Rotary saving the life of my niece.”

Rotary Club of Metropolitan Lubbock, Texas

SUSAN BRINTS

Susan Brints joined Rotary in 1998, and a few years later she wrote her first grant. It was nothing she had ever thought she would enjoy, but the experience was a revelation. “Rotary gives you a bullet-pointed slate,” she says. “I’m a bullet-point person, so I admired that.” The more grants she wrote, the more she liked it. In 2005, she wrote her first international grant. Soon she was traveling for projects and communicating with clubs around the world, and her whole life felt different. “Rotary affected our family’s growth,” she says. “Four of our children have traveled internationally. One is attending university internationally. So it has really widened our scope. There is a saying that your passion pushes you to your purpose. And once you become passionate, that flows over to your family, your friends, your club, your district. Passion is catching.”

CHIARA VERGESI



Rotary Club of Haute Rive, Mauritius

DINESH GAJEELEE

Not long ago, Dinesh Gajeelee was a guest at an important social-religious event. When the master of ceremonies failed to show up, organizers approached him. “They said, ‘Dinesh, we are stuck! Can you step in?’” Gajeelee didn’t know the format, but thanks to his years in Rotary, he did know how to run a meeting. “I said, ‘OK, no worries,’” he recalls. “After the event, people came and said, ‘Thank you very much. You saved us!’” But Gajeelee believes it was Rotary that had saved the day. “I said, ‘Thank you, Rotary. *We* did it!’” ■



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JONATHAN QUICK

**When it comes to addressing epidemics,
the public health expert says we have the solutions.
We simply have to embrace them**

JONATHAN QUICK THINKS on a grand scale. His book *The End of Epidemics: The Looming Threat to Humanity and How to Stop It* argues that we can end not just one particular epidemic, but all epidemics. He lays out a seven-point call to action (e.g., “Invest wisely, save lives”; “Active prevention, constant readiness”) to prevent the inevitable outbreaks of diseases from growing into epidemics that kill thousands or even millions. The scale of his ambition is matched only by the scale of the problem and the price tag on his proposed solution: Quick calls for an investment of \$7.5 billion annually for the next 20 years in prevention, but he points out that a severe pandemic — when an epidemic goes global, something made more likely by our interconnected world — could cost the global economy up to \$2.5 trillion.

When it comes to public health and disease prevention, Quick knows what he’s talking about. He earned his M.D. at Duke University and spent 10 years at the World Health Organization, working with local governments on access to medicine, particularly AIDS medications, in Pakistan and Kenya. During his time in Kenya, he was a member of the Rotary Club of

Nairobi-South and was involved in the club’s polio vaccination efforts. When he returned to the United States in 2004, he led Management Sciences for Health, a nonprofit focused on helping governments develop effective health systems management.

Quick decided to write *The End of Epidemics* in 2014 during an Ebola outbreak in West Africa. He viewed with alarm the failure of governments, non-governmental organizations, and affected populations to learn the lessons of recent epidemic outbreaks. “Based on what I’d seen with AIDS, with SARS [severe acute respiratory syndrome] in 2003, with Ebola, I asked myself where we would be in three years,” he recalls. “And my sense was we’d be just as vulnerable because we tend to go through a cycle of panic and neglect. I fear we’re going to leave my daughters’ generation a world that’s in more danger of pandemics if we don’t really get a good, solid, persistent response.” Senior editor Hank Sartin spoke with Quick about the factors that make for robust public health infrastructure, how engaged individuals have made a difference, what we should be focused on now, and the recent measles outbreak.

THE ROTARIAN: Since your book came out, we've faced a serious measles outbreak. What happened? And does this temper your optimism about the end of epidemics?

QUICK: The recent measles outbreaks in the United States and around the world are no surprise to those of us who have been tracking the rise of the vaccine resistance movement and the resulting global decline in measles immunization in many countries. This is a surmountable setback, but it must be confronted with utmost urgency.

The decade of the 2010s has seen an alarming decline in measles immunization. Between 2010 and 2017, more than 20 million children worldwide missed their first measles vaccination.

The global rise in vaccine rejection has been driven largely by a discredited and retracted 1998 article in a prestigious medical journal. The purported link between measles vaccine and childhood autism has been repeatedly disproven in rigorous scientific studies. As important, we now know much more about the real causes of autism, which include a combination of genetic and environmental factors, both prenatal and postnatal.

Our greatest challenge is not the microbes. Our greatest challenge today is combating the disinformation and underlying distrust of science that lead to vaccine rejection. The first step is to strengthen epidemic literacy, including vaccine literacy, from primary to graduate school and in continued public education. The second step is to acknowledge and respond to sincere concerns about past vaccine safety issues and to ensure the safety of new vaccines. The third, and most daunting, step is to develop local, national, and international vaccine acceptance efforts capable of turning around a well-organized global anti-vaccine community that has a simple, emotive message — “measles vaccine causes autism” — is highly effective on social media, and has enlisted stars and political leaders.

TR: You argue in the book that we need to move into prevention mode when it comes to epidemic diseases. But every time we've faced a previous epidemic, we have gone through a cycle of funding during the crisis and then defunding after. Is there any reason to think we will support a prevention strategy now?

QUICK: We had the combination of Ebola in 2014 and then the Zika virus in 2015. Coming so soon after Ebola, the Zika outbreak focused public attention on epidemics. And then in 2018, we had 80,000 flu deaths in the U.S. That accelerated the research on the flu vaccine. We have something new, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, dedicated to developing new vaccines. We have more funding put in the right places, and we also have much greater attention to building good public health systems. The global public health community put the SARS virus back in the box in 2003. We did that without a vaccine because of good public health: Go find the cases, isolate them, get their contacts, and stop it that way. The innovation, the funding, and the work on systems — those are the reasons I think it is possible.

TR: You write a lot about the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Why was that outbreak so serious?

QUICK: Just about everything that could go wrong did go wrong. Before the West Africa outbreak, which infected over 28,000 people and killed more than 11,000, Africa had experienced 22 outbreaks since Ebola was first discovered there in 1976. Each of those previous outbreaks involved fewer than 1,000 cases and even fewer deaths. Most of the time these outbreaks were 50 or 100 cases. In this outbreak, the region wasn't prepared. The conventional wisdom was that Ebola wasn't in West Africa. In fact, there was evidence that it was there going back several decades, but that evidence was sitting in Europe, not with the people in Africa. Experts also said that Ebola was

a “dead-end event” because it would burn out too quickly to spread. These three countries [Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone] had all experienced horrific civil wars and resulting poverty, so people didn't trust the governments. And they didn't have the basic health systems to be able to identify Ebola and quickly respond.

And the leader of the World Health Organization in 2014 [Margaret Chan] had not prioritized the emergency response and was more of a consultative decision-maker. It took the director-general of WHO four months before a global emergency was called; back in 2003, when the SARS outbreak occurred, the director-general at that time [Gro Harlem Brundtland] made a decision in four hours, and SARS was stopped within six months. In West Africa in 2014, we didn't have decisive leadership and we didn't have the early communication around safe burial and prevention. People panicked after SARS and made a lot of promises, but by 2008 the message had been forgotten, and when the financial crash started pinching the budgets, both the World Health Organization and to some extent the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention started defunding and de-staffing some of the emergency response capabilities. So it really was a perfect storm of all the things that could go wrong.

TR: What lessons can we draw from that outbreak about things that work?

QUICK: The story that took hold in the West about the Ebola outbreak in West Africa is that it was a disaster. That's true about the start, but the success story that doesn't get told is how quickly the epidemic came to an end once all the communities were mobilized. Mohammad Jalloh is a Sierra Leonean social scientist who runs a nonprofit that did a lot of work on immunization and was able to use communication and social engagement to get immunization rates up. When outsiders came in and tried to bring the messages, it was a disaster. Eight health

workers and journalists drove into a town in Guinea and were killed by the population and thrown in the school cistern because the locals believed these outsiders were spreading the disease.

Jalloh was part of a team that went out and surveyed to find out what people believed. Then they mobilized the 4,000 market women — the small-business owners in the marketplaces where a lot of people gather. And they also involved the thousands of traditional healers, the religious community, and the popular press. With a consistent message, they were able to capitalize on the trust these community leaders had built. In times of real fear, it's not facts that are going to convince people; it's having the message from people they trust. And those trusted people were all carrying the same message.

TR: Rotary has helped put systems in place for polio vaccination and surveillance. Do those systems help in approaching other epidemics?

QUICK: Yes, absolutely. In Nigeria in July 2014, just when Ebola was coming up, a Liberian American lawyer was on his way to a conference. He collapsed in the airport in Lagos, Nigeria, and was hospitalized and found to have Ebola. Immediately the government mobilized the emergency command center that had been set up to detect polio. They got a rapid response team of 100 Nigerian doctors and identified 900 possible contacts this lawyer had made. They made 18,000 face-to-face visits to check on the temperatures of these people. They were able to get 100 percent follow-up of potential contacts. Building on the system that had been set up for polio, they were able to prevent an outbreak in Nigeria.

TR: In the book, you seem more concerned with influenza than Ebola or Zika. Why?

QUICK: Influenza is harder to stop. First, it is transmitted through the air. And typically, there is not one flu in one sea-

son; the different flu strains travel in packs, so that complicates it. The vaccine development process involves making a scientifically informed best guess of what strains of flu will be prevalent in the coming year. Then you make the vaccine with those strains. There are typically three or four different strains of flu viruses that go into the vaccine because in any one year, two or three or four different strains of flu are circulating. And they will evolve during the epidemic, and that's why the epidemic can sometimes in one season look different in the United Kingdom, say, than it does in the United States.

And the genes of influenza mutate very fast. If the virus changes suddenly, you get people who don't have any immunity. We always have some partial immunity to the flu, but when you have significant mutations, you get a pandemic. Influenza is constantly exchanging genes among humans, pigs, wild birds, poultry.

We have been really slow to recognize how inadequate the flu vaccine is and to properly invest in developing a flu vaccine that can outsmart the virus or at least keep ahead of it. We are used to one-and-done or two-and-done vaccines like what we have for measles, but we have not invested in doing the same thing for influenza. One of the major achievements in the past few years has been an explosion of work on a universal flu vaccine. In early 2018, the National Institutes of Health released its Strategic Plan for Influenza vaccine and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced its Universal Influenza Vaccine Development Grand Challenge. While a universal flu vaccine is at least five to 10 years from routine use, several promising universal flu vaccines are already in clinical trials.

TR: You argue that epidemics should be a concern not just for governments, but for businesses too. What should business leaders be doing to prepare for possible epidemics?

QUICK: Look at what companies do in terms of business preparedness planning. They think about what happens if there is a tsunami in Indonesia, what happens if there is an active shooter in a corporate facility. They prepare for a problem with global IT systems and cybercrime. What they don't think about is what happens when we have an epidemic disease event that will affect suppliers, employees, and customers over perhaps a two-year period. Every business needs a pandemic preparedness plan. Businesspeople need to ask themselves, "What is our plan for a pandemic or for regional outbreaks?"

TR: You seem generally hopeful about our ability to stop small outbreaks from becoming epidemics. Is that partly because of technological advances that have made us better able to deal with viruses?

QUICK: The scientists and public health people know what to do. It's really clear. It wasn't anywhere near as clear five or 10 years ago, so that's what gives me hope. Since the book came out, I've spent a year doing lectures about this topic. I know there are many committed people. We're not moving quickly enough yet, because there are not enough people in enough positions of authority among political leaders and business leaders that are going to keep the policies going. Only one out of three countries worldwide have the systems in place to prevent, detect, and respond to epidemic outbreaks. The United States had provided incredibly good leadership in initiating a global effort to build epidemic preparedness worldwide, but we've stepped back. The support to do the things that need to be done is still subject to both political pressures and complacency. ■

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WHAT WE LEARN BY LIVING SOMEWHERE ELSE

**A Chicago artist and actor spent
a season away from home
and found another place to belong**

ART and STORY by TONY FITZPATRICK



THE TUMBLER PIGEON OF SACRÉ COEUR (For Anaïs Nin)

I left Paris over a year ago, and not a day goes by that I do not long to go back. I walked by Notre Dame four or five times a week while I was there as an actor filming the second season of Amazon's series *Patriot*. Day or night, it was never less than breathtaking. Being next to it always stunned me. We filmed until just before Christmas, and to walk by Notre Dame in the evening during vespers, seeing the majestic illuminated stained glass and hearing the music, was early-winter magic. It was a landmark and it was life-changing. Living away from home made me grow in unexpected ways. My drawings show some of the things I noticed. What follows may explain a little more.

Construction of the Cathedral of Notre Dame began in 1163 and was largely completed around 1250. Since then, there have been almost constant refurbishing and revitalizations. It is one of the most astonishing achievements of humanity. Although I am a lapsed Catholic, I am in awe of the majesty of the soaring architecture and history of Our Lady of Paris.

When later I opened my Facebook page and saw that Notre Dame was burning, I felt my soul ache. When you give your heart to the City of Light, its pain becomes viscerally your own.

In addition to the quick-thinking staff and firefighters, the structure itself was saved by those who designed and built it. They made this jewel of the human imagination very hard to burn down.

Both Paris and Chicago have flocks of nonindigenous birds. A huge population of green monk parakeets lives in and around the University of Chicago. They've been there since the late 1970s.

Paris has a slew of canaries, probably escaped cage birds that have somehow adapted to the climate. Caged songbirds are still a big business in Paris and are especially prized for their lovely songs. Place Louis Lépine is where you'll find the Marché aux Oiseaux, or Bird Market, on Sundays. Near Notre Dame, it does a brisk trade in canaries, parakeets, lovebirds, and many other songbirds. There is also a flower market, which somewhat sweetens the sadness and ugliness of the bird trade. I thought I saw a scarlet tanager while we were shooting in the Luxembourg Gardens. But when I got closer, I had no idea what it was. Then, when I walked through the Bird Market — bummed at the sight of all these gorgeous birds in small cages — I realized what I had seen was a red factor canary, which was bred for the cage bird trade. I like to think of those birds, escaped from their admiring captors, free in the huge parks of Paris, like beautiful fugitives.

Many people fall in love with Paris. I fell hard and fast. But I had the luxury of living there for four months, absorbing the city and soaking up its rich cultural broth with its incomparable baguettes. Familiarity with the place takes time and curiosity. The rewards are both heart-stopping — like first seeing the Eiffel Tower up



BEAUTIFUL FUGITIVES (A Paris Nocturne)



EMERALD BIRD (Absinthe Bird for Leonora Carrington)

close — and on a smaller scale, like the small treasures one finds while combing the streets. In some arrondissements, there are shops with ceramics, old costume jewelry, posters, scarves, ancient theater programs, wooden and clay figurines — things from a hundred years ago and things from a hundred days ago bump up against each other. Paris is a city that is loath to dispose of beautiful things just because they are old. Many rooms and hotel lobbies have the clean lines and glass walls of modernity but coupled with a timeless quality. It is that kind of place. A place one longs to belong to.

Paris is a city of neighborhoods, and mine was République. It surrounds La Place of the same name, which is anchored by a 75-foot monument topped by a statue of Marianne, who personifies the French republic. She overlooks an 8-acre public square where I witnessed protests, musical performances, and kids doing amazing things on skateboards.

The morning after the terror attacks in November 2015 at the Bataclan theater and several restaurants, a young man wheeled his keyboard out to the République Square. The city, still in shock from the horror of the previous night, was quiet and numb. The man started playing John Lennon's "Imagine," and a crowd gathered, some weeping, some quietly singing along.

It was a near-perfect balm for what had happened. Parisians would not give in to savagery and fear. They would go on making music, making art, and living their lives. I became obsessed with the statue of Marianne while I was staying there. Most mornings, I walked around the Place twice, a little over a mile. I began collecting photos of this statue. She is a powerful symbol to the French and a fierce reminder that liberty, equality, and fraternity are what their country is built on. She is a wonder. And she is a reminder of what we owe to our own republic and to one another.

Paris has traffic of every kind — four-wheel, two-wheel, motorized, and human powered; it is everywhere around you, and you have to step into the street gingerly or you'll get pasted. I saw scooters banging into cars, bicyclists getting "doored," and much traffic-related calamity. But the recklessness of it is deliriously musical in a way. And don't try to cross the 12 lanes of traffic that swirl around the Arc de Triomphe. There's a tunnel that will get you there.

The city has a bike rental program. The bikes are lovely objects by themselves — elegant and beautifully designed. Their functionality is almost an afterthought for me. I found myself taking pictures of them, parked alone or when I saw a whole station of them. I don't know why. Maybe it's because of how the French are mindful of how much beauty there is in their surroundings and infuse it in the objects they make.

My wife and I rode with a cabdriver named Monique who festooned her taxi with all manner of Mickey and Minnie Mouse plush figures as well as lavender candies that she insisted we



AUTUMN SAINT (The Saint of Red Children)



sample. She smiled a coquettish smile and told us she loved us and explained that she was driving her cab because she was on the prowl for love. “I am only 76 and not ready for the shelf quite yet,” she told us. She sang an Edith Piaf song to us when we got out of her taxi.

It’s odd to stroll around Paris and imagine Charles Baudelaire, Pablo Picasso, André Breton, and Camille Pissarro having walked those very same cobblestones. While there, I read Roger Shattuck’s *The Banquet Years*, a history of the avant-garde around the turn of the last century. It traces the path of four flawed men who possessed creative genius in spades: writer Alfred Jarry, painter Henri Rousseau, composer Erik Satie, and poet/art theorist Guillaume Apollinaire. They ran around Montmartre and were fond of throwing banquets and getting pie-eyed on absinthe. Montmartre still hosts the ghosts of that generation, and we’re rewarded for losing our way in its twisty streets.

It’s not lost on me that laying my head to rest every night in the cradle of surrealism has had its way with me. It’s also not lost on me how much I love this city, and how I would like to live here part time at least, because it has a way of unlocking ideas about what is and is not possible with great poetry and great hope.

Nearing the end of my four months in Paris, I realized that it would be hard to leave — and that when I did, part of myself would be missing. I felt so alive and connected to the ghosts here, I wanted, in some way, to belong to this magical place. Close to my final day of filming, I went to the Père Lachaise Cemetery to honor the ones who lit the way for me.

I’m astonished by the list of luminaries who occupy the afterlife there. Many Americans make a beeline for Jim Morrison’s grave. I sought out Max Ernst, Honoré de Balzac, Honoré Daumier, and Colette. I listened for nocturnes from Frédéric Chopin’s grave and arias from Maria Callas’. I hope that Edith Piaf found love among the gray stones and that Oscar Wilde found peace. I like to believe Marcel Proust is still busy with his remembering in this quiet ether.

It’s impossible not to want to be part of this city’s landscape and among its luminous ghosts, the ones who shaped its poems, music, dance, paintings, and all the other forms of magic.

No tragedy, hardship, or darkness can extinguish her joy. No matter what, she dances, she sings. She is a poem, and she awakens a singing hope in me. ■

Tony Fitzpatrick plays Jack Birdbath on Amazon’s Patriot. His artwork is included in the Play It Loud exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

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Rotary Club of South Bend, Indiana

South Bend, Indiana, is undergoing something of a renaissance. Reminders are everywhere — from the many buildings under construction to the city's welcome sign that asserts South Bend is “building a 21st-century city.” There's even a new “Renaissance District” where the former Studebaker auto manufacturing plant

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is being redeveloped to attract high-tech manufacturing, data centers, and startups.

At a Rotary club meeting in May, Andrew Berlin, owner of the South Bend Cubs, the city's minor league baseball team, reiterates that message.

"South Bend is a story of resilience," Berlin tells about 120 club members who are gathered to hear him speak over lunch on a Wednesday. "In 2011, I came to a city that clearly had seen better times. We signed the contract to buy the team on 11/11/11 at 11:11 a.m." He pauses and adds, "Baseball fans are superstitious."

Berlin goes on to outline a dramatic turnaround in the team's fortunes. "In 2012, only 13 percent of people said they would recommend seeing a game at Four Winds Field," he says. In 2018,

"Wonderful things are happening here," he says. "We're happy to be a small part of it."

The good things happening in the city are reflected in the club itself. After the meeting, 2018-19 President Heather Goralski looks back on the eventful year the club has enjoyed. "Rotary International President Barry Rassin visited, and our district, 6540, raised \$2 million for The Rotary Foundation," she says. The large donation was the result of a districtwide "million-dollar dinner," held in February, which participants pledged at least \$10,000 to attend.

One of the club's own, John Conlon, became a member of the Arch Klumph Society last year. And the club celebrated its 105th anniversary with acts of service related to the number 105 — for example, it recently donated 105 baby onesies to a women's shelter.

The past year has been a particularly inspiring one, but much of what the club does, it has been doing for a long time. Mary Mathews mentions the club's Phoenix scholarships: Every year, two high school students are selected by the club to receive a four-year, \$2,500-per-year scholarship, funded by the club's own foundation. "We look for students who have overcome obstacles and really need the help," Mathews says. The club also addresses local needs through its annual philanthropic fund award, which gives \$10,000 to an area nonprofit in need of capital improvements. In 2019, Dismas House, an organization that supports men and women transitioning back into society after serving time in prison, received the grant.

Through it all, club members haven't forgotten about South Bend's tougher times; many of them have a personal perspective on the city's ups and downs. Before the Studebaker plant closed, the

automaker employed thousands of local residents. Club member Bob Annis remembers the day in 1963 when Studebaker closed and his dad lost his job just before Christmas. "It was a blow," Annis says. "My father was a union guy, and finding work at the same pay was difficult. When Studebaker left, the city just went into tremendous decline."

"South Bend had some issues when our key manufacturing plants closed," says member Bill Coleman, an architect. "I've lived through three recessions, and the last one was very serious. A lot of architects couldn't make it here anymore. I was fortunate to survive that."

But for the past five years, Coleman says, "we have had nothing but boomtown."

The club is taking advantage of the city's growing population and the new industries moving in to recruit younger members, and the average age of club members has already dropped by a couple of years, says Coleman. Several members mention that a monthly happy hour called Second Tuesdays has contributed to the club's success in attracting younger members. It's hosted at LaSalle Kitchen & Tavern, a popular spot run by club member Mark McDonnell. "You get two appetizers and two drinks for \$15," Goralski explains. "It's a great way for prospective members to get to know our club in a more relaxed setting."

Coleman notes that many clubs are struggling to hold on to members, but he believes that Rotary's focus on service is what will draw the next generation of Rotarians. He also thinks it's important to think big. "The question is," he says, "how do we keep people invigorated?"

One thing is certain: The future looks bright in South Bend.

— VANESSA GLAVINSKAS

"Wonderful things are happening here. We're happy to be a small part of it."

50 of 77 games sold out. Berlin says the team improved the fan experience in a number of ways, including remodeling the field and importing the "best" hot dogs in baseball (the same ones served at Fenway Park). Betting on more growth ahead, he is building apartments that overlook the field.

Previous page: South Bend Rotarians Bob Shreiner (from left), Mary Mathews, Becky Fletcher, Bill Coleman, and Heather Goralski.

4 QUESTIONS ABOUT

International project partnerships

with Beth Keck

International service chair, District 6110



1 What was your first international partnership project?

My club [the Rotary Club of Bentonville, Arkansas] had not done an international project in its 90-year history. While in India on a family trip in 2016, my husband [Ken Leonard, also a Bentonville Rotarian] and I looked up the Rotary Club of Jodhpur Padmini, an all-women's club. Over a cup of tea, they said they were interested in doing a global grant project. We stayed in touch, discussing options. We settled on a sanitation project for Jodhpur's public schools that renovated toilets and linked them to the city sewer system and also helped set up washing stations for kids and kitchen workers through a Rotary Foundation global grant.

One of Rotary's strengths is making you think about sustainability and the social aspects of projects. So we also put training and other systems into place to ensure that the new toilet blocks would be maintained and cleaned, and we addressed the dropout rate of adolescent girls by partnering with a non-governmental organization that gives girls reusable and washable sanitary pads. So far we have helped eight schools and more than 2,000 students.

2 What are good ways for clubs to find international partners?

Rotary Ideas at ideas.rotary.org is where clubs post projects they are working on. Rotary project fairs take place all around the world; districts can now use district grant funding to send a Rotarian to one. Many Rotarian Action Groups and some major international projects have booths in the House of Friendship at the Rotary Convention.

Not everybody has the opportunity to travel internationally, so at my next district training assembly we are prequalifying three projects from international clubs and districts that fall under certain criteria, such as having a good track record for being responsive. We will then match interested clubs in our district with a coach to reach out to the project's host club.

3 What happens after we find a project to work on?

It's my job as district international service chair to identify people who understand project planning, design, and implementation, as well as how Foundation global grants work — how to do a community assessment, what sustainability means for us. They can coach other Rotarians to get grants underway.

Rotarian Action Groups also can help. We went to the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group for our project, and their experts taught us about international sanitation standards and other technical information that we, as everyday Rotarians, were not aware of. Another global resource is The Rotary Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisers, who all have specialized knowledge in one of the six areas of focus and can help you shape a project. The Foundation staff is excellent. The regional grants officer really helped us improve our project by doing reviews and coaching us along the way.

4 Any advice for working with other clubs on global grant projects?

For funding, clubs can pool their resources as a district and work together. Many of our clubs are small, so donating \$5,000 may feel out of their reach. But if you can pool together multiple donations of \$500, then you can quickly get to \$5,000, which is a great point of entry for substantial projects. Working with other clubs also makes it easier for smaller clubs to get involved if they haven't had any international engagement, and it helps promote more communication and exchange among clubs within the district.

— JOSEPH DERR



Natural wonders

**Rotary Club of Northern Shenandoah Valley,
Virginia**

Chartered: 2019
Membership: 25

CLUB INNOVATION:

Thursday evening meetings rotate among sites in the region. Members can attend remotely via Zoom conferencing. Members appreciate low dues, which start at \$12 a month, with the opportunity to give more as they are able. While social gatherings may be held at a bar or restaurant, there is no set meal requirement.

EXPANDING HORIZONS:

The Rotary Club of Northern Shenandoah Valley was started with a plan to enlist young professionals who wanted to fit service into their busy schedules. A flexible format, club organizers figured, would appeal to the tech-savvy. Within a few months, they had assembled a far more diverse group that ranged in age from their mid-20s to the early 70s. Many had already established themselves as fixtures in the local volunteer community, but they could not accommodate weekday Rotary meetings.

The Shenandoah Valley is known for its natural splendor, but that is not the reason behind the club's nickname: the Area ONE|ders. Instead, the sobriquet is a nod to their slice of District 7570 — and to the “excitement and passion that was associated with the early days when the concept of the club was conceived,” says Doug Sexton, charter president.

Sexton, an information technology analyst, had no knowledge of Rotary's mission until the Rotary Club of Front Royal, one of the five other clubs in the district's Area One, selected him to join a Group Study Exchange to District 7030 in the southern Caribbean in March 2018. “Upon returning, I was unable to join a club in the area because none had an evening meeting,” Sexton says. He decided to form the club he needed. George Karnes, then district governor, put Sexton in touch with others in a similar situation.

By November, when an informational meeting was held, five core members had grown to 25 potential Rotarians — people who, “in most cases, had not previously met,” Sexton notes.

One of them, Julia Kogut, was no stranger to Rotary. A biology teacher at John Handley High School in Winchester, Kogut has been adviser to the school's Interact club for more than a decade. “I've always felt a part of Rotary due to Inter-

act, but always on the fringe,” she says. The Interact club's sponsor, the Rotary Club of Winchester, has been “wonderful,” making Kogut a Paul Harris Fellow multiple times and honoring her at awards dinners, but she could not make the club's noon meetings. “Thanks to the creation of the much more flexible Area ONE|ders, I now have the ability to officially be a Rotarian,” she says.

The five nearby Rotary clubs — Clarke County, Frederick County, Front Royal, Warren County, and Winchester — have embraced their new neighbor. “The other clubs have been so wonderful, so open to us,” says Sexton. “We want to be involved with their projects. It's a perfect way to prove that we are trying to augment the region's clubs rather than poaching members.”

The new Rotarians have rolled up their sleeves, organizing a Red Cross blood drive and picking up trash alongside members of the Front Royal and Warren County clubs, Rotaractors, and Interactors. Members joined Handley Interactors in a tree planting at a local university campus.

“We are passionate about joining with other clubs in our area,” says Sexton — and living up to their club's lofty appellation.

—BRAD WEBBER



From top: Members enjoy one of their social meetings; a blood drive was the club's first service project.

What is your club doing to reinvent itself?
Email club.innovations@rotary.org.



CONVENTION COUNTDOWN

Honolulu museums

In Honolulu, you will find natural beauty, adventure, and relaxation. The Hawaiian capital, which will host the 2020 Rotary International Convention from 6 to 10 June, is also home to fascinating museums. So as you make plans to hit the beach or experience a luau, be sure to set aside time to visit a few of these institutions.

Learn about the history of the Hawaiian Islands at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum (pictured, bishopmuseum.org), which boasts the world's largest collection of Polynesian cultural artifacts and natural history specimens.

View Hawaiian art, along with Japanese woodblock prints and European and American prints and drawings, at the Honolulu Museum of Art (honoluluuseum.org).

Tour the Iolani Palace (iolanipalace.org), which was the royal residence of the rulers of the Kingdom of Hawaii and contains a collection of artifacts ranging from glassware to military insignia.

Remember those who sacrificed their lives in war and reflect on Rotary's commitment to peacebuilding at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial (nps.gov/valr) and the USS *Arizona* Memorial. Plan your visit and reserve your tickets before you leave for Hawaii (limited walk-in tickets are also available). —HANK SARTIN



Don't miss the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu. Register at riconvention.org by 15 December to save.



**A message from
Foundation Trustee Chair
Gary C.K. Huang**

Ni hao, Rotarians!

We have some very good problems that I want to discuss with you. The number of Rotary global grant requests is exploding. Rotarians are seeing the amazing impact of our grants, and they want to harness the power of global grants to take on ambitious projects.

One crucial aspect of our global grants is the emphasis on sustainability when planning a project. When we come together to tackle a problem, we do not just drop off a check and leave. We change lives. We bring sustainable solutions. The growth in the number of applications for global grants is a good problem to have; it shows Rotarians' dedication to service. But to fund more global grants, we need to keep The Rotary Foundation growing.

**Donate today,
then drop by
my Facebook
page and tell
everyone just
how good giving
made you feel.**

Another good problem we have is how best to support Rotarians' desire to provide relief in the face of disasters. Through our disaster response program, clubs can get grants from a new fund when a disaster strikes — but only if you fund it. We can help our fellow Rotarians rebuild quickly, but we need you to step up.

And we are so close to ending polio forever. All of us have done great things in our lives. But just imagine that you make the donation that funds those final drops that rid the world of polio forever. You will never do anything so great and so important in your life.

There is an old bit of wisdom that says, "Wherever you go, go with all your heart." So open your heart and give to your Foundation. It may be the most important thing that you ever do.

Donate today, then drop by my Facebook page and tell everyone just how good giving made you feel. Let's connect and change the world together.

Gary C.K. Huang
FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR

New directors and trustees take office

The RI **Board of Directors** has 19 members: the RI president, the president-elect, and 17 directors, who were nominated by their zones and elected at the Rotary International Convention. The Board manages Rotary International affairs and funds in accordance with the RI Constitution and Bylaws. Nine new directors and the president-elect took office on 1 July (read about the president-elect on page 61).

The **Trustees of The Rotary Foundation** manage the business of the Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary that funds service activities. The RI president-elect nominates the trustees, who are elected by the RI Board to four-year terms. The trustee chair-elect and four new trustees took office on 1 July.

DIRECTORS

Tony (James Anthony) Black

ROTARY CLUB of Dunoon, Scotland



James Anthony (Tony) Black is a veterinary surgeon who ran his own practice covering western Scotland's Cowal peninsula before retiring in 2008. He served on the boards of numerous sporting organizations, including the Cowal Rugby Football Club and the Dunoon Swimming Club.

Since joining Rotary in 1982, Black has been active in youth programs, with appointments as youth activities chair with Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and as chair of the RI Youth Exchange Committee. Black volunteered during a National Immunization Day in India in 2012. He has served Rotary in many capacities including as Public Image Resource Group coordinator, vice chair of the Council on Legislation Review Committee, and training leader, which he says was one of his most memorable expe-

riences in the organization. "You've got people from all over the world," he says. "It was phenomenal having them all talking to each other — it gave me such a buzz."

Black and his wife, Elspeth, who is also a Rotarian, support The Rotary Foundation as Bequest Society members.

Mário César Martins de Camargo

ROTARY CLUB of Santo André, Brazil



Mário César Martins de Camargo was president of Gráfica Bandeirantes and is now a consultant to the print industry in Brazil. He serves on the board of Casa da Esperança (House of Hope), a hospital that has been sponsored by his Rotary club since 1953 and that provides services for 150,000 children with disabilities every year.

A Rotarian since 1980, de Camargo

was a trustee of The Rotary Foundation in 2015-19, during which time he served on committees including the Foundation's Finance and Strategic Planning committees, helping analyze the Foundation's grant model and consider future corporate programs and partnerships. As a director, he looks forward to growing a bigger, more diverse Rotary.

De Camargo and his wife, Denise, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Jan Lucas Ket

ROTARY CLUB of Purmerend, The Netherlands



Jan Lucas Ket retired in 2011 from Waterland Hospital in Purmerend, where he had been a pediatrician for 30 years — treating 20,000 children and one baby gorilla — and served as chair of the hospital's

medical staff. Ket has participated in national and regional teams and networks for pediatrics and public health. He is now vice president of the Waterland School for Music.

Ket coordinated logistics for a package grant scholarship awarded to an Indian sanitation official to study at the IHE Delft Institute for Water Education in the Netherlands. "As Rotarians, we are lucky because we have had opportunities," Ket says. "I think the point of Rotary is to bring chances to others."

A Rotarian since 1988, Ket has been a member of The Rotary Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisers and a lecturer on Rotary's role in preventive health care for mothers and children at various international conferences. During his year as club president, he co-founded the Rotary Club of Jihlava, Czech Republic.

Ket and his wife, Milou, have hosted Rotary Youth Exchange students and Group Study Exchange members. They are Major Donors, Benefactors, and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation.

Kyun Kim

ROTARY CLUB of Busan-Dongrae, Korea



Kyun Kim is owner and executive chairman of a chemical products enterprise. He joined Rotary in 1993 and has been a member of the same club ever since. "When I first became club president, I thought that was the most I could give to Rotary, so that year I gave Rotary all I had," says Kim. "But that experience opened my eyes to the bigger service of Rotary,

and I saw that I could do much more."

As district governor, Kim helped bring in 1,439 new Rotarians, the most of any Korean district for 2011-12. He went on to serve Rotary in numerous other roles, including as assistant RI public image coordinator and as a member of the board for *The Rotary Korea*, the official Rotary magazine in that country.

Kim received the Service Above Self Award in 2014. He and his wife, Hye-Suk, support The Rotary Foundation as Chair's Circle members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Floyd A. Lancia

ROTARY CLUB of Anthony Wayne (Fort Wayne), Indiana



Floyd Lancia began his professional life in education, first as a secondary school teacher and band director, and later as a school superintendent. He spent the second part of his career on his real estate development and construction business, which he has since sold. He has served on the boards of several organizations, including the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society.

Lancia joined Rotary in 1970 and has been a member of his current club since 1992. He has spearheaded Rotary Foundation grant projects that have provided free eye surgeries in Nicaragua and clean water for communities in Mexico, among many others. He has served as RI president's representative five times and as training leader at the International Assembly.

Lancia is a recipient of The Rotary

Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award, and the RI Service Above Self Award. He and his wife, Betty Lou, are members of the Arch Klumph Society and the Bequest Society and sponsors of Rotary Peace Fellows.

Bharat S. Pandya

ROTARY CLUB of Borivli, India



Bharat Pandya is a practicing general and laparoscopic surgeon. He and his wife, Madhavi, a gynecologist, own a private hospital in Mumbai. He is a fellow of the International College of Surgeons and has served on the board of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan vocational training institute, sponsored by the Indian government.

Pandya joined Rotary in 1989 as a charter member of his club. During his year as governor of District 3140, his district contributed over \$2 million to The Rotary Foundation, making it the top contributor worldwide for 2006-07. He has led numerous projects, including water and sanitation projects funded by Foundation grants that installed check dams so that villagers no longer needed to walk up to 4 miles per day to collect water.

Pandya has held many roles in Rotary, including regional RI membership coordinator, training leader, and member of Rotary's Membership and Convention Promotion committees and of the India PolioPlus Committee.

He has received RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and Madhavi are Level 2 Major Donors to the Foundation.

Kamal Sanghvi

ROTARY CLUB of Dhanbad, India



A graduate of Kasturba Medical College in Manipal, India, with a degree in pharmaceutical sciences, Kamal Sanghvi is managing director of a family-owned banking, financing, and construction conglomerate.

Sanghvi joined Rotary in 1991 and has served RI as training leader, committee member, president's representative, and in numerous other capacities. He helped establish 28 vocational training centers for women and coordinated 11 polio corrective surgery camps that treated thousands of patients. Sanghvi says one of his proudest achievements was leading a Rotary initiative that helped 200 Pakistani children get heart surgeries in India.

Sanghvi has received the Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Sonal, who is also a Rotarian, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members.

Johrita Solari

ROTARY CLUB of Anaheim, California



Johrita Solari is board chair and chief visionary officer of Solari Enterprises Inc., a property management company with 300 team members specializing in affordable rental housing. The company, which she co-founded with her husband, Bruce, was inspired by Rotary's guiding ethical principles. "The Four-Way Test hangs in our lobby, and every team member sees it as they come into work," Solari says.

Solari joined Rotary in 1993. As governor of District 5320, she organized that district's first million-dollar dinner fund-

raiser for The Rotary Foundation and helped it become the second known district consisting of 100% Paul Harris Fellow clubs. She has served on the committee for the Foundation's Peace Major Gifts Initiative.

The Solaris are members of the same Rotary club and support the Foundation as Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society. During Solari's second year as director, her daughter Gianna will serve as a district governor, making it the first time in Rotary history that a mother and daughter have served in these two leadership roles simultaneously.

Stephanie A. Urchick

ROTARY CLUB of McMurray, Pennsylvania



Stephanie A. Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has been honored by organizations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotarian since 1991, Urchick first joined the home club of Past RI President Chuck Keller, who served as her mentor. Her service to Rotary has taken her to Vietnam to help build an elementary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Urchick has served Rotary in many roles, including as a Foundation trustee and as chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She is a Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation.

TRUSTEES

K.R. Ravindran, CHAIR-ELECT 2019-20

ROTARY CLUB of Colombo, Sri Lanka



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is a third-generation Rotarian, joining Rotary at age 21. As RI president in 2015-16, he introduced the Rotary

Global Rewards program and led a delegation of about 9,000 Rotarians to the Vatican for an audience with Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square.

Ravindran was the first president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association, which today is the leading agency fighting drug addiction in Sri Lanka. He headed a national committee consisting of Rotary, his country's health ministry, and UNICEF for the eradication of polio, and worked closely with UNICEF to negotiate a cease-fire in the ongoing civil war with the northern militants to facilitate National Immunization Days. Sri Lanka became the first country in South Asia to become polio-free. He also headed a Rotary project to build 25 modern schools across the country to replace those destroyed by the 2004 tsunami at a cost of over \$12 million.

Ravindran is the CEO and founder of a publicly listed company engaged in the print and packaging industry with a worldwide clientele. His company, Print-care Plc, is a winner of national and international awards for excellence.

He is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and Service Award for a Polio-Free World. His country conferred on him the title of "Jewel of Sri Lanka" and released a postage stamp in his honor.

Jorge Aufranc

ROTARY CLUB of Guatemala Sur, Guatemala



Jorge Aufranc is a chemical engineer and director of *Corporación Instatec*, which designs and builds networking telecom systems. He first saw the power of The Rotary Foundation in 1995, when he led a project to bring clean drinking water to an orphanage using matching grants. Today, he is the primary contact for the \$600,000 WASH in Schools competitive grant program in Guatemala, which is bringing water, sanitation, and hygiene to 48 schools in the country.

Aufranc has served Rotary in many roles, including as RI director; founder and president of *Rotary en el Corazón de las Americas*, the Rotary regional magazine for Central America; and director of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group. He and his wife, Débora, participated in a National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India, in 2009.

He is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Major Donor, and Bequest Society member, and is a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service.

Hipólito S. Ferreira

ROTARY CLUB of Contagem-Cidade Industrial, Brazil



Hipólito Ferreira is an engineer and the president of a group of engineering and mining companies led by *Paineira Engenharia*. He is the director of SICEPOT, the State of Minas Gerais Heavy Construction Industry Association.

A Rotarian since 1970, Ferreira has served Rotary in many capacities, in-

cluding as RI director, training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, member of the Operations Review Committee, and chair of the Literacy Task Force for Latin America. During his term as president of ABTRF (the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation), donations doubled from the previous year.

Ferreira is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. His three sons participated in Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange, and two of them are Rotarians. Ferreira and his wife, Marilene, are Benefactors and Major Donors.

Jennifer E. Jones

ROTARY CLUB of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario



Jennifer Jones is the president and CEO of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning television production company in Windsor. Jones has served Rotary in many roles, including as RI vice president in 2016-17. She is co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign to raise \$150 million. She has been a leader in cultivating experiential fundraising opportunities such as Rotary's Polio Golf Day with Jack Nicklaus in Jupiter, Florida, which raised over \$5.25 million for polio eradication.

Jones has been recognized with many awards and recognitions, including the Service Above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, the YMCA Peace Medallion, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and she was the first Canadian to receive Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award.

Jones and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of the Arch Klumph

Society and the Paul Harris Society, and are charter members of the Bequest Society.

Ian H.S. Riseley

ROTARY CLUB of Sandringham, Australia



While RI president in 2017-18, Ian H.S. Riseley challenged every Rotary club to plant one tree per member as a way to increase Rotarian involvement in environmental issues. He estimates at least three times that many were planted, likely upwards of 3 million trees. "I was really thrilled at the way at which the Rotary world embraced my request," he says. "Everywhere we went, they were planting trees."

Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. His honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, and the Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

Riseley and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Rotary Foundation Major Donors and Bequest Society members. They live on 7 hectares at Moorooduc, where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living.

Council elevates Rotaract and votes to preserve club flexibility

EVERY THREE YEARS, representatives from Rotary districts around the world meet in Chicago to consider changes to the constitutional documents that govern Rotary International. The 2019 Council on Legislation, which met in April, considered more than 100 proposals and made several decisions that will shape the future of Rotary.

Among the most important, the Council elevated the status of Rotaract clubs. The change, which broadens the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs, is intended to increase the support that Rotaract clubs receive from RI and to enhance their ability to serve.

“We need to be an inspiration to our young partners so they will continue doing the great service that they do,” said 2018-19 RI President Barry Rassin when he presented the measure. “This sends a strong message that they are truly our partners in service.”

In many ways, the Rotaract experience will not change. Rotary clubs will continue to charter and sponsor Rotaract clubs. Rotaract clubs will still have their own standard constitution and their own unique club experience. Members of a Rotaract club will not be called Rotarians. And Rotaract clubs will not immediately pay dues or receive other benefits, such as the official magazine that Rotary members receive. The Board will determine a dues structure over time.

The measure simply expands the definition of membership in Rotary International to include both Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

Representatives authorized the Board to pursue changing RI’s charitable status to a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. It is currently a 501(c)(4). A task force has been studying the possible change for 18 months and says it will offer benefits that include tax reductions and vendor discounts that will lower expenses.

As for dues, the Council approved a modest increase of \$1 a year for each of three years, beginning in 2020-21. The previous Council set dues for 2019-20 at \$34 per half-year.

With the increase, the dues that clubs pay to RI per member will increase to \$34.50 per half-year in 2020-21, \$35 per half-year in 2021-22, and \$35.50 per half-year in 2022-23. The dues will not be raised again until a future Council votes to change them.

The Council also changed the name of the General Surplus Fund to RI Reserve, because that more accurately reflects the purpose of the fund. In another vote, the Council approved calling the general secretary a chief executive officer (CEO) in circles outside Rotary, to increase his stature in dealings with other intergovernmental organizations.

A seemingly small but intensely debated action will reduce the number of nonvoting members at future Councils, by removing past RI presidents and allowing only one RI director to attend but not vote.

In some respects, the Council defined itself as much by what it did not do.

This year’s representatives resisted pressure to limit some of the flexibility that the 2016 Council granted clubs, rejecting several measures that would have placed restrictions on clubs. One unsuccessful measure would have required clubs to meet at least 40 times each year.

Many clubs have been using the innovative and flexible club formats to attract new members and meet their current members’ needs.

Representatives also rejected proposals to make it optional for members to subscribe to an official Rotary magazine and to reduce the size of the Council by half and have it meet every two years.

Several representatives commented on the democratic nature of the proceedings.

“All of the delegates have been very responsible and respectful, no matter what their opinions,” said Adriana De La Fuente, the representative from District 4170 and a member of the Rotary Club of Plateros Centro Historico, Ciudad de México, Mexico. She has attended three previous Councils. “That elevates the trust and respect for our organization.”

Glen K. Vanderford of District 6760, a member of the Rotary Club of Jackson-Old Hickory, Tennessee, said he appreciated the opportunity to represent the people of his district and gather with like-minded people to voice opinions.

“The process allows us to have a road map forward,” he said. “I was excited by the outcome of enhancing Rotaract and that we didn’t weaken future Councils, but preserved the ability for everybody to have a voice.”

— ARNOLD R. GRAHL



Holger Knaack selected to be 2020-21 RI president

ALYCE HENSON / ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



HOLGER KNAACK, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, has been selected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2020-21.

The Nominating Committee's decision follows the resignation, due to health reasons, of President-nominee Sushil Gupta in April.

To build a stronger membership, Knaack says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of women members and on making a smoother transition from Rotaract into Rotary.

Knaack believes that the People of Action campaign offers new public awareness possibilities for Rotary. "This campaign conveys our global image while still respecting differences in regions and cultures," he says.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as

treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, and training leader.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2020-21 President of Rotary International are Elio Cerini, Rotary Club of Milano Duomo, Italy; Manoj D. Desai, Rotary Club of Baroda Metro, India; Bradford R. Howard, Rotary Club of Oakland Uptown, California; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Paul Knijff, Rotary Club of Weesp (Vechtstreek-Noord), The Netherlands; Michael D. McCullough, Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan; Michael K. McGovern, Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine; Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, India; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Ghana; Kazuhiko Ozawa, Rotary Club of Yokosuka, Japan; Juin Park, Rotary Club of Suncheon, Korea; Gideon M. Peiper, Rotary Club of Ramat Hasharon, Israel; José Ubiracy Silva, Rotary Club of Recife, Brazil; John C. Smarge, Rotary Club of Naples, Florida; John G. Thorne, Rotary Club of North Hobart, Australia; Guiller E. Tumangan, Rotary Club of Makati West, Philippines; and Karen K. Wentz, Rotary Club of Maryville, Tennessee. — RYAN HYLAND

In memoriam

With deep regret, we report the deaths of the following Rotarians who have served RI as district governor:

NICHOLAS A. CARLISANO Etna-Shaler, Pennsylvania, 1987-88

TOSHIO ITABASHI Ashikaga East, Japan, 1987-88

JOHN B. EGAN Rensselaer, Indiana, 1991-92

YUHICHI UEHARA Kofu, Japan, 1991-92

ADOLF J. ILLICHMANN Kelowna Capri, British Columbia, 1994-95

SELJI OSHIMA Takada, Japan, 1994-95

CARLO MICHELOTTI Bellinzona, Switzerland, 1996-97

YOZO NAGASHIMA Ichikawa East, Japan, 1996-97

ARTHUR E. MUEHLHAUSEN Naperville Sunrise, Illinois, 1997-98

THOMAS J. DIENER East Louisville Sunrise, Kentucky, 1998-99

OSAMU KOMETANI Kobe South, Japan, 1999-2000

ANN MEAGHER WILLIAMS Osterville, Massachusetts, 2002-03

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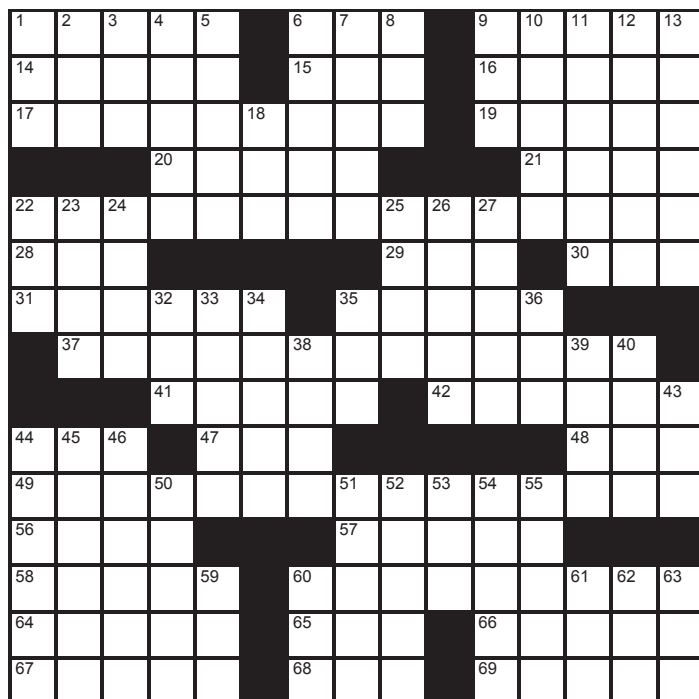
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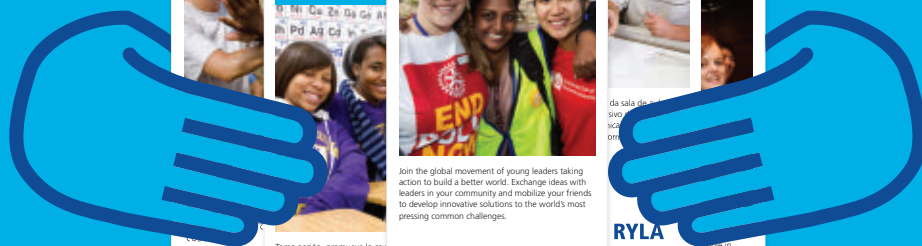
Across

- 1 Invalidate
6 Volcanic dust
9 Burn with hot water
14 Prentiss or Poundstone
15 Sentiment toward an oversharer, briefly
16 Kitchen instrument
17 Flapper who debuted 8/9/1930 in Paramount pictures
19 Affectedly creative
20 Smiling
21 ____-majesty
22 World traveler who debuted 8/14/2000 on Nick Jr.
28 Sun Valley's state (abbr.)
29 Wild West?
30 "You're correct!"
31 Masculine, for example
35 As a result
37 Disney short that premiered 8/22/1929, with "The"
41 Down under
42 Dudley Moore title role
44 Make a pick
47 Round rd.
48 ____ Parseghian (1964-74 Notre Dame football coach)
49 Rotary gathering that started 8/15/1910 in Chicago
56 Hightail it
57 Roundup
58 Street vernacular
60 Sitcom that premiered 8/13/1997 on Comedy Central
64 Bother greatly
65 And others (abbr.)
66 Couturier Nina ____
67 Make an attempt
68 Stereotyped German's "18-Down!"
69 *Daily Bruin* reader, familiarly

Down

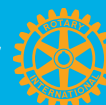
- 1 NYPD alert
2 Stereotyped Scot's "18-Down!"
3 Pecan, for one
4 Violet lead-in
5 ____ on the line
6 Make up (for)
7 Walloped, old-style
8 ____-hop
9 Healthful retreat
10 *La Strada* producer Ponti
11 Big vessel
12 Tenant
13 Washday machines
18 Dickensian epithet
22 Archaeological site
23 Volume of Horace
24 Offensively odoriferous
25 Marvel Comics supergroup
26 National Zoo favorite
27 Words on a Renault
32 Belle of the ball, for short
33 Put in office
34 Archaeological sight
35 "____ goes it?"
36 Tolkien's Treebeard, e.g.
38 Spanish charger
39 Spiced tea of India
40 Money in Italy
43 Bled or fled
44 Counteract
45 Society stalwart
46 Hostilities ender
50 Place for Parisian politicians
51 College org. for ensign wannabes
52 Give a guarantee
53 D.C. summer clock setting
54 Beatles' jacket choice
55 Debate issue
59 Pontiac in a '60s song
60 Marlin's milieu
61 Often-torn knee pt.
62 Co. that once owned NBC
63 They're all in the family

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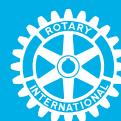
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