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### The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all CONCERNED?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?

## GREETINGS

### BIRTHDAY

28<sup>th</sup> Sep Rtn Kamal Mohan Thakur

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Undoubtedly the most important step to promote voluntary giving to The Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow recognition was first proposed. Although the concept of making \$1,000 gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity. The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to The Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world.

The companion to the Paul Harris Fellow is the Paul Harris Sustaining Member, which is the recognition presented to an individual who has given, or in whose honor a gift is made, a contribution of \$100, with the stated intention of making additional contributions until \$1,000 is reached. At that time the Paul Harris Sustaining Member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

By 1994, more than 450,000 Paul Harris Fellows and 160,000 Sustaining Members have been added to the rolls of The Rotary Foundation.

A special recognition pin is given to Paul Harris Fellows who make additional gifts of \$1,000 to the Foundation. The distinctive gold pin includes a blue stone to represent each \$1,000 contribution up to a total of \$5,000 in additional gifts. Paul Harris recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary Foundation which build goodwill and understanding in the world.

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S BEGINNING

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning.

In 1917 RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached \$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to \$50,000. In 1937 a \$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for the Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations." By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965 a million dollars was received.

It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$85 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

**Rotary International District 3250**  
**RY 2024 - 25 Projects**

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**Rotary International District 3250**  
 Is taking the initiative to contribute to the betterment of our nation.  
 Let us unite in our efforts to serve the nation.

## **ROTARY ANNS / ROTARY PARTNERS**

In many Rotary clubs throughout the world, wives of male members are affectionately called “Rotary Anns”. This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian’s Ann. This title soon became “Rotary Ann.” Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a “Rotary Ann” chant. On the train’s arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men’s shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance, and the name “Rotary Ann” was here to stay. Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the “first ladies of Rotary International.”

Very few clubs have Rotary Anns, but many have Partners organizations, some are still called “Inner Wheel.” The word Rotary Ann can be heard on a rare occasion, and now you know where it came from.

### **Minutes of RWM 3088 held on 21.9.24 at Hotel Nihar from 8.00 pm.**

1. Meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Ram Krishna Jha followed by National Anthem.
2. The four-way test recited by the members.
3. Minutes of the last weekly meeting no.3087 was confirmed by the house.
4. Greetings was announced by Act-sgt-Arms PP. Rtn Deepak Kumar Sultania.
5. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Lohia read out club business:-
  - 500 Books received from District for the distribution to the schools with Steel Almirahs for Library projects. 5 Steel Almirahs also procured by our club for the purpose.
  - 250 Thaila/Bags and 250 Dupattas procured for Literacy Seminar Kit purpose.
  - Know your number a Positive Health Project was organised at Sushila Hospitals on 19.9.24 under supervision of PPRtn. Dr.Anjana Prakash. Total 72 persons were screened for Blood Sugar/Blood Pressure, their height and weight were also measured. Rotarians presents were PPRtn. Dr. Anjana Prakash, PPRtn. Dr.Rajesh Kumar, Rtn. Ram Krishna Jha, Rtn. Ashok Lohia. Kudos to Rtn Dr. Anjana Prakash and Dr. Rajesh Kumar. Special thanks to PP Rtn Mithilesh Kumar Sinha for media coverage.
  - Some of Our club projects are highlighted in GML of September,24 edition.
6. Message received from Rotary Chankya for the upcoming AGTS scheduled for February 18-21, 2025 onboard the Singapore cruise.
7. Message received from District Governor for District Image cum Polio Seminar to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. The host is Rotary club of Muzaffarpur.
8. Historic moment for District 3250 as we are now the no.1 district globally in the EREY Category, leading in both the numbers of donors as well in percentage.
9. PP Rtn. Satyajit Sahay spoke on club website as well on Mr & Mrs competition.
10. Rtn. Rajesh Sinha spoke on Environment and importance of plantation of trees.
11. Rtn. Mithilesh Kumar Sinha conducted Rotary Quiz.
12. PP Rtn. Binod Baid suggested to help Flood victims.
13. PP Rtn. Roop Kumar spoke on Literacy and process of education.
14. PP Rtn. Ram kumar Mishra also spoke on literacy and suggested to teach signing.
15. Attendance 22, with greetings to RI and RC of Giridih Greater, the meeting was adjourned for fellowship.

**Rtn. Ram Krishna Jha**  
**President**

**Rtn. Ashok Lohia**  
**Secretary**

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