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## The tale of two monks and a woman

This is a well-known Buddhist parable. The story goes that two monks were traveling together, a senior and a junior. They came to a river with a strong current where a young woman was waiting, unable to cross alone. She asks the monks if they would help her across the river. Without a word and in spite of the sacred vow he'd taken not to touch women, the older monk picks her up, crosses, and sets her down on the other side.

The younger monk joins them across the river and is aghast that the older monk has broken his vow but doesn't say anything. An hour passes as they travel on. Then two



hours. Then three. Finally, the now quite agitated younger monk can stand it no longer: "Why did you carry that women when we took a vow as monks not to touch women?"

The older monk replies, "I set her down hours ago by the side of the river. Why are you still carrying her?"

"The story is a reminder to not dwell on the past in a way that interferes with living in the present moment. I'm glad to have remembered it today-I'm feeling much better now."

This simple Zen Story has a beautiful message about living in the present moment. We should not carry past hurt, resentments when the only person we are really hurting is ourselves.

PROGRAMME TODAY

AT 7.00 PM

ANNUAL GENERALBODY MEETING

Anns & Annets Invited

Tea Meeting

NEXT WEEK 29.12.2020 AT 07.30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS WITH ROTARACTORS

Anns & Annets Invited

Dinner Meeting

Highlights of Recent RI Board and Trustee Decisions. Few of the decisions recorded for the 2021–22 annual goals for Rotary International are as follows:

#### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 1 – INCREASE OUR IMPACT**

- Eradicate polio and highlight Rotary's role.
- 2. Increase contributions to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus while building the Endowment Fund to \$2.025 billion by 2025.
- 3. Improve and effectively communicate the measurable impact of:
  - a. Service projects by clubs;
  - b. District grants, global grants, programs of scale, PolioPlus and the Rotary Peace Centers.
- Build new partnerships, including opportunities with government agencies, to enhance the global foot print of humanitarian projects.
- 5. Focus our program efforts to increase our impact.

#### GOALS FOR PRIORITY 2 - EXPAND OUR REACH

- 6. Grow Rotary membership to 1.3 million by:
  - a. Emphasizing "Each One, Bring One" as the call to action for attracting new and more diverse members into our existing clubs:
  - b. Increasing and diversifying participant base by starting new and innovative clubs and participant engagement channels.
  - c. Increasing the coordination and accountability of the directors, regional leaders and district membership chairs.
- 7. Strengthen Rotary's brand and image including increased focus on social media.

#### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 3 – ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT**

- 8. Enhance engagement with an emphasis on leveraging technology among Interact, Rotaract and Rotary club members and other Rotary participants.
- 9. Increase collaboration between all participants, in particular between Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs.
- 10. Use our core values as a focus for engagement.
- 11. Enhance engagement through business networking opportunities amongst Rotary participants.

#### GOALS FOR PRIORITY 4 – INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- 12. Support and encourage the use of virtual connectivity to optimize in-person meetings, trainings, fundraising and service projects.
- 13. Review our volunteer leadership structure and improve responsibility and accountability.
- 14. Support regionalization of governance and service delivery.

# Highlights of TRF Trustee decisions:

- To align with the RI Board's recent decisions to elevate Rotaract and engage Rotaractors in training opportunities, fundraising, and support of The Rotary Foundation;
- Encouraged Rotaract clubs to appoint club leaders to support The Rotary Foundation:
- Encourage Rotary clubs to include Rotaract club leaders in their club Foundation committee;
- Agreed to appoint Rotaractor members of the Rotaract Committee to advise the Trustees on matters related to Rotaract:
- Requested Trustee chairs to appoint a Trustee liaison to the Rotaract Committee & invite the Rotaract Committee to advise the Trustees directly on matters related to The Rotary Foundation.

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## WHAT WORK IS GOD SUPPOSED TO DO?

A King called his 'Minister and posed him a puzzle, "Each of us have been assigned a specific task. A king governs his kingdom. A soldier fights battles. Traders carry out commerce, and teachers educate children. Gurus impart knowledge and character. There is somebody or the other for every conceivable task in the society. If so, what is the nature of God's - the Creator of the universe - mission? What is left for Him to do at all?" The Minister was dumbstruck, never having imagined that he would face such questions. He responded cleverly after some hesitation, "Your Majesty, I have also been troubled by this issue. Since my task is to only advise you on matters of governance for your kingdom, I am ill-suited to answer this query. Only the Raj-Guru can clarify it."

The King called the Raj-Guru and put forward his dilemma. The latter admitted that the matter was very complex, and requested the King to allow him one week to come up with a suitable response. As the Guru was returning home, a shepherd boy was coming with his herd of sheep. The boy saw the crestfallen look on the Guru's face and enquired humbly as to the nature of his troubles. But the latter brushed him aside saying, "How can you expect to solve a problem which is proving inscrutable to me?" But when the boy persisted, the Guru explained the situation to him. "Is that all? Please do not get so troubled by this query. Please explain to the King that it is a very simple matter, and even a shepherd boy can provide the answer. Please tell him to call me." said the boy. The Guru pleaded with him, even begged him, to part with the answer, but the boy would not budge at all. He was very firm that he would only explain it to the King.

Accordingly the Guru went back to the King and advised him to call the shepherd boy. On getting the summons, the boy came running to the palace. The King saw the boy and was doubtful. "How can you answer a question whose answer is beyond our experts?" he enquired. The boy boldly replied, "Your Majesty, please have confidence in me. Now that I am in your Court, we need to observe correct procedures for clarifying this matter. You are now my disciple and I am your guru. Is it appropriate that the disciple is at a higher elevation than the guru?" The King agreed that it could not be so. He vacated his throne, came down and asked the boy to occupy it. The boy sat on the throne and started grinning with great joy. The King lost his cool and demanded the answer for his question. The boy explained, very patiently and very gently, "Sir, it is God's responsibility to ensure that egoistic persons are brought down, and the gentle ones are brought up in society!" Wisdom dawned on the King. God is omnipresent; He looks after those free of ego and full of love and devotion.

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- 1. Promoting Peace
- 2. Fighting Diseae
- 3. Providi Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- 4. Saving Mothersvand Children
- 5. Supporting Education
- 6. Growing Local Economies
- Supporting the Environment (This has become a new area of focus).

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In real life.... \* \*
WE talk of principles but
act only
as per our
Interests..... \* \*

**Happy Wedding Anniversary** 



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