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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

15th Dec Rtn Nirmal Kumar Gaur
 20th Dec Rtn Prerna Santhalia
 20th Dec Rtn Sangeeta w/o Rtn
 Anand Shankar Rajhans

Congratulations, Rotarians of District 3250!
 "Today is a moment of immense pride for every Rotarian in our district! Your generosity and dedication to The Rotary Foundation have made us the #1 District in the World in terms of highest donor percentage! "Adding to this remarkable achievement, our district is among the few districts in India to have crossed \$1,00,000 in the Annual Fund by 15th November! This incredible milestone reflects the magic of Rotary and the collective efforts of every Rotarian in our district? "At the Rotary Institute in Kochi, President Stephanie Urchick honored us in the presence of esteemed leaders, celebrating this exceptional success. Let us continue this momentum and strive to make this Rotary year truly unforgettable! Congratulations once again to each one of you! The Rotary world applauds your spirit and dedication!



A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made (1905) by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization, Movement and Service work in action." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads.

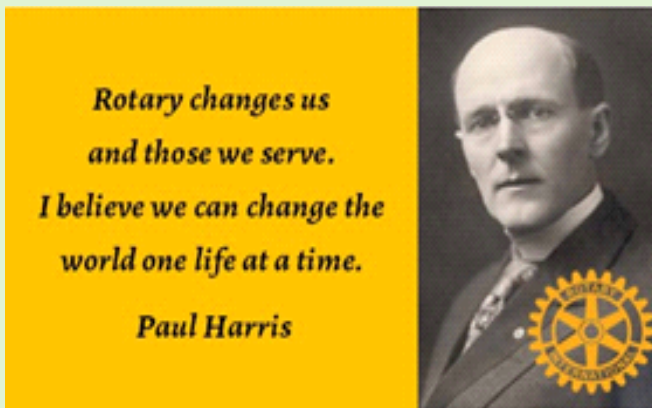
In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. So, the present gear wheel, with 24 teeth and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." The gear teeth around the outside represent the fact that work is to be done. The six spokes represent the inner direction and path of our Vocational Service, through the representation of our membership via the classification system. Similarly, these same spokes represent an outward distribution path of Rotary's ideals of service and the Four Way Test... going out toward the community, vocations and businesses that our members represent.

A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the centre of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added to signify the wheel was a "worker and not an idler". The keyway in the centre of the hub is of great significance, because it represents the individual Rotarian member, who is the key factor in every club. Quality members are the keys, needed for the hub to engage with the shaft and turn, putting the energy into motion and creating the power for the gears to do their work. At the 1929 Rotary International Convention, it was determined that blue and gold would be the official colours of the organization, so the wheel was designed with these colours. The four blue bands within the outer radius of the gear represent our four avenues of service. And the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

The Rotary wheel is also referred to as "The Mark of Excellence".

Here are some facts about Rotary:

- **Rotary's motto:** Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" with a secondary motto of "One profits most who serves best".
- **Rotary's emblem:** The Rotary emblem is a gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes. The first design was a wagon wheel drawn by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear.
- **Rotary's first project:** The first Rotary Club project was installing public toilets in Chicago in 1917.
- **Rotary's scholarships:** The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are the world's largest privately-funded scholarships.
- **Rotary's programs:** The Rotary Foundation has programs like the Group Study Exchange, which pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams.
- **Rotary's history:** The first international Rotary club was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in 1912.
- **Rotary's membership:** Women were not allowed membership in Rotary clubs from 1905 until the 1980s.
- **Rotary's ethics:** The 4 Way Test was introduced to Rotary during the Great Depression and officially adopted as its standard of ethics in 1942.
- **Rotary's avenues of service:** The original four avenues of service in Rotary were Club, Community, International, and Vocational Service. The fifth avenue of service, Service to Youth, was introduced in 2010.



The Wisdom of Paul Harris

"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood."

"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

"Rotary is a cross-section of the business and professional life of the community."

Minutes of RWM 3098 held on 07.12.24 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 was recited by the members.
3. Minutes of the last weekly meeting no. 3097 was confirmed.
4. Greetings was announced by Act-sgt-Arms Rtn. Deepak Kumar Sultania.
5. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Lohia read out club business: -
 - District Membership cum Foundation Seminar II was held on 30.11.24 at Darbhanga. Members attended were President Rtn. Ram Krishna Jha, Rtn. Satyajit Sahay, Rtn. Deepak Kumar Sultania.
 - Our club is awarded with a certificate of Appreciation for achieving 10 percent or more growth in membership in first five month of Rotary Year 2024-25. DG and District Membership chair extended their sincere appreciation for the enthusiasm and dedication of the members of the Rotary club of Bhagalpur.
 - Mail received from District Secretary General, RI District 3250 regarding postponement of DG 2027-28 election process, which was scheduled to be held during District Conference at Bangalore. Date of election will be communicated later on along with candidates' name.
6. Attendance 21, with greetings to RI and RC of Chapra the meeting was adjourned for fellowship.

Rtn. Ram Krishna Jha
President

Rtn. Ashok Lohia
Secretary

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