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Rotary Wisdom: Reflections On Service *By Frank Devlyn and Torsten Berglund*

It's been more than 20 years since I was invited to join Rotary. It's hard to remember why I went to that first meeting or why I accepted becoming a Rotarian, but joining Rotary was the turning point of my life.

As I look back, it must have been because I realized that Rotary was not just any other organization. I knew that Rotarians were distinguished leaders in our community. Being selected to join this prestigious organization was similar to being selected to a prestigious fraternity in school. As I learned more about Rotary, I became all the more impressed, involved, and supportive of its ideals and programs.

I have made many observations about Rotary, and I have come to the conclusion that Rotarians are people who need people. Some years ago there was a popular song whose lyrics said: "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world."

Rotarians know that more can be done by working together to help our communities than by working alone, and all the while we enjoy it. Through our weekly programs I've learned a lot about other activities that were being carried out in my community, of which I had previously been only vaguely aware.

Rotary taught me the importance of internationality. I am able to contact Rotarians worldwide at my club, district conferences, and conventions. Rotary has indeed become a way of life for me and my family. I have learned that Rotary offers so many different possibilities and opportunities to help this world of ours.

When people ask me, "Why Rotary?"

Why do you give so much importance to Rotary?" I sometimes feel that it is almost like explaining why other key aspects in life are important. How can you explain the importance of religion, marriage, or of having a proper education?

Rotary can be explained from different cultural and philosophical backgrounds, and you will always come to the conclusion that, thanks to Rotary, this is a better world and Rotarians are better off for being in our ranks. Yes, as I look back, joining Rotary was the turning point of my life For a better life.

Frank Devlyn

President, Rotary International
2000-2001

In 1953 I was invited to join the worldwide society of Rotary. I did not know much about it and I accepted the invitation mostly because I was curious about Rotary's organization, its methods of operating, and its Object. I found an open and simple association concentrated on service to people and community. That it was not an order appealed to me and I knew instinctively how valuable the service programs are to us all, both givers and receivers. But most attractive to me was—and still is—that part of the Object of Rotary which emphasizes the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

Torsten Berglund

Director, Rotary International
1982-84

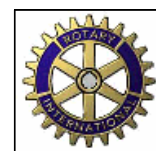
R.I. Permanent Fund Reaches Milestone

The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund has hit the \$500 million mark. In September the fund reach a total of more than \$505 million in expectancies and net assets, thanks to the contributions of dedicated Rotarians and supporters worldwide.

The fund, established in 1982, secures a strong future for the Foundation by providing additional income for all Foundation programs. Its dramatic growth has helped increase program support more than sixfold since 1994. For example, last Rotary year, the spendable earnings from the fund totaled \$4.9 million while the principal remained untouched.

Since its inception the fund has benefited millions of people in need and helped take Rotary closer to realizing its major goals. An outstanding example of initiatives established with fund contributions is the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. Currently, several funds within the Permanent Fund support the program, which opened its doors to the first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows in 2002.

Reaching the \$500 million milestone signals just the beginning of what the fund can help Rotary accomplish. If the fund's next target of \$1 billion in assets and expectancies by 2025 is achieved, the Foundation's programs may benefit from approximately \$18 million in earnings instead of the current \$5 million. An increase of that size will enable Rotary to do more good in the world.





Club Bulletin Board

Invocation/Pledge Assignments

- November 10—**Frank White**
- November 17—**Larry Blumberg**
- November 24—Club dark
- December 1—**Suzanne Babbitz**
(rescheduled)
- December 8—Club dark
- December 15—**Alfred Lewis**
- December 22 & 29—Club dark

Club Service

During the October Board of Directors meeting, Director **Nat Webster** informed the Board of

Directors that **Frank White** will serve as chair for the annual holiday social to be held in December.

District Council

The next District 5340 Council will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at the La Jolla Marriot. Fellowship 5:30 PM; dinner 6:30; program 7:30. The program is about organ donations. Registration deadline is December 8th.

Paul Harris Gala

The annual Paul Harris Gala will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006, at the Sheraton Harbor Island. Black tie optional; reception/check-in, 6:00 PM; dinner, 7:00. Cost per person is \$75.

November Birthdays

- Larry Brenner**—November 13
- Brenda Marsh-Rebello**—Nov. 3
- David Saad**—November 29

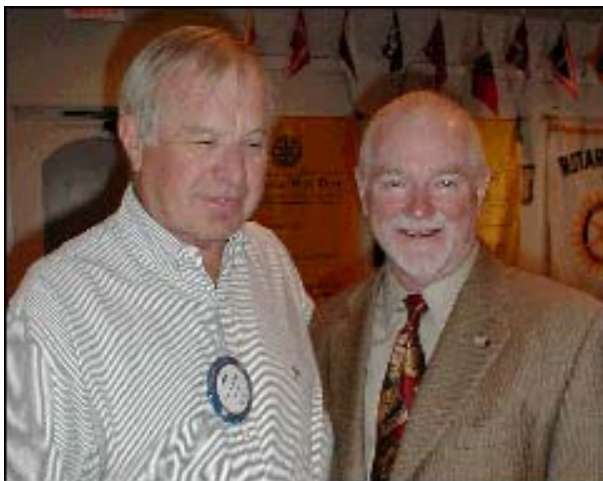
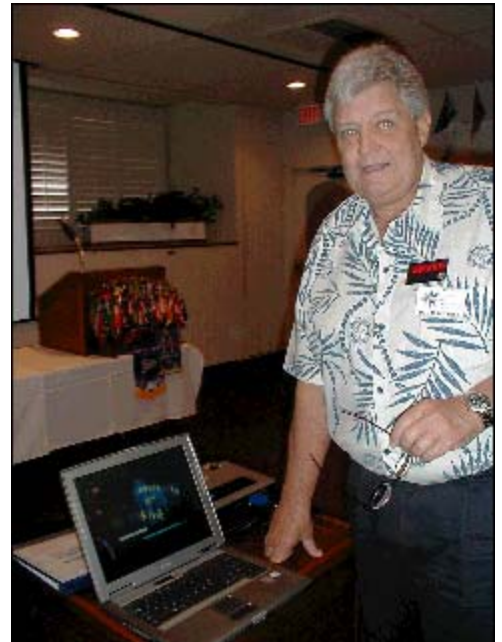


Recent Visitors to the PLRC

(Top left) **Bruce Boland** addressed the club on

October 6th regarding the airport proposal to relocate to MCAS Miramar. With him is PLRCer **Tony Calabrese**. (Top right) On October 13th, District 5340 Governor **Bob Watson** spoke about the next "Rotarians at Work" day, scheduled for April 28, 2007. (Bottom Left) On October 20th, **Ian Campbell**, General Director of the San Diego Opera, discussed the company's forthcoming season. He is accompanied in the photo by PLRC President **Pete Hedley**. (Bottom right) **Lydia Goularte-Ruiz**, City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency, presented aspects of the

North Bay project and shared plans for the Midway District during her October 27th visit.



PLRCers Welcome Youth Exchange Student



The PLRC is hosting **William Simoes**, an exchange student from Brazil, for the current academic year. Accordingly, the club contributes \$100 per month to him for spending money. In the photo, Vocational Service Director **Dan Johnston** shakes hands with William as **Bob Baker** and **Rich Stakelum** look on. William has just received \$300 in what is the first of three \$300 installments. According to Dan, the thinking behind the disbursement scheme is that every three months William can be coaxed to visit the club.

— Photo courtesy of **Dan Johnston**



Rotarians attending the international conference in Salt Lake City in 2007 almost certainly will visit Temple Square in the heart of the city. Pictured is the Mormon Temple, the religious and cultural center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which dominates the Square.

Today's Thoughts

To stand at the edge of the sea, to sense the ebb and flow of the tides, to feel the breath of a mist over a great salt marsh . . . is to have knowledge of things as nearly eternal as any earthly life can be.

— Rachel Carson

The sea never changes and its works, for all the talk of men, are wrapped in mystery.

— Joseph Conrad

Calendar of Events		The Board, 2006-07
<p>Saturday, November 11: Paul Harris Gala, Sheraton Harbor Island; reception and check-in, 6:00 PM; dinner, 7:00. Black tie optional.</p> <p>Friday, November 17: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Paula Corderro, dean of the USD School of Leadership and Education Sciences, will discuss the Doctorate of Leadership program and the new building under construction.</p> <p>Friday, November 24: Club dark. No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!</p> <p>Friday, December 1: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Bob McElroy of Project Alpha will talk about homelessness in San Diego.</p> <p>Friday, December 8: Club dark. Annual PLRC holiday songfest at St. Paul's Manor in Hillcrest.</p> <p>Tuesday, December 12: District 5340 Council, La Jolla Marriott; 5:30</p>	<p>PM Fellowship; 6:30 Dinner; 7:30 Program.</p> <p>Friday, December 15: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Annual Christmas party for members and their guests, especially children and grandchildren.</p> <p>Friday, December 22: Club dark. No meeting. Happy Holidays!</p> <p>Friday, December 29: Club dark. No meeting. Happy New Year!</p>	<p>Officers Pete Hedley President Rich Stakelum President-elect “Flip” Heintz Secretary Bob Baker Treasurer</p> <p>Directors Nat Webster Club Service Judy Byram Community Service Larry Brenner International Service Dan Johnston Vocational Service Byron Dyck Immediate Past President</p>
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