

# THE DISTRICT 6880 DISPATCH

A NEWSLETTER FOR ROTARIANS IN SOUTH ALABAMA

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VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

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## **DISTRICT EVENTS**

### Important Dates

October 27-30 - RI Zones  
30/31 Institute; St. Louis,  
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District Governor Club Visits

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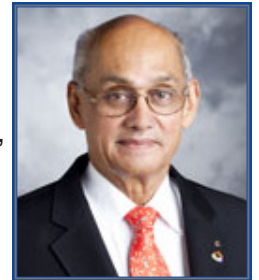
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My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

In the pages of this month's magazine, you will be introduced to the marvelous city of Bangkok, Thailand, which will play host to our 2012 Rotary International Convention. Please consider this my personal invitation to join me, my family, and our fellow Rotarians at what promises to be an incredible event in one of the world's most fascinating locations.



Thailand is a spectacular destination, truly the Land of a Thousand Smiles. I would particularly urge Rotarians who have never visited Thailand before to consider this as your chance. You'll be surrounded by gracious Rotarian hosts and friends, old and new, from around the world. Bangkok is a fantastic gateway for those wishing to explore Southeast Asia, and a wonderful experience on its own. For those who hail from countries closer by, take the opportunity to visit a major cultural capital, with all it has to offer – including shopping, dining, and sightseeing. Indeed, Bangkok will give you a wonderful value for your time and money.

But the very best reason to visit Bangkok, of course, will be the 2012 RI Convention itself, 6-9 May – the highlight of the Rotary calendar. All through the year, we reach out to Rotary communities around the globe. At the convention, we have the chance to see all those communities represented in one place – to hear all the languages, see all the people, and learn about all the projects of the past year. Nothing brings home the internationality of Rotary like a Rotary convention – and nothing else has the same power to inspire.

I firmly believe that every Rotary event should be a family event, and this is why Binota and I plan to bring our children and our grandchildren. Why not do the same, and make the Rotary convention part of your family's vacation next year? With so many wonderful events and activities to choose from, there is something for everyone, and plenty of opportunity to draw our families closer to our Rotary service.

Every year, I go to the convention excited to see old friends and make new ones, to celebrate our successes and learn from our experiences. And every year, I leave with a sense of pride in Rotary, eager to begin another year of service.

Bangkok promises to be the best convention yet. I urge you to register now at [www.rotary.org/convention](http://www.rotary.org/convention), and to begin planning your trip to our 103rd international convention!

Kalyan Banerjee  
President, Rotary International

# An Exciting Month for the Foundation

Bill Boyd, Foundation Trustee Chair

October is a busy month for The Rotary Foundation. While our Trustees meeting is usually held in October, this year, because the 2012 RI Convention is so early in May, it was moved to September. This meant that "Taiwan Day" was also held earlier.

On Taiwan Day, we inducted Rotarians from Taiwan into the Arch C. Klumph Society in honor of their contributions of at least US\$250,000 to our Foundation. We inducted five generous couples on Taiwan Day in 2009, seven in 2010, and as I write we've had eight in 2011. When you consider the population of Taiwan and the number of Rotarians there, this giving is humbling. We now have over 300 Arch C. Klumph Society members, with the highest number in the United States, and now the second highest in Taiwan. A challenge to the rest of us!

October is a month with many Rotary institutes, where current, future, and past Rotary leaders come together to discuss what is happening within Rotary. We have a trustee and Foundation staff at each institute.

Each October, we also select the next group of our Rotary Peace Fellows – up to 60 for the two-year master's, and up to 50 for the three-month certificate. The selection process is fascinating and resembles the draft system used by U.S. football teams to select their new players. All the applicants are scored and ranked by experienced Rotarians and the universities. Representatives from the universities come to the meeting with their "wish list" but take turns in choosing their actual scholars. Their choices may be influenced by a desire to have a wide geographical or subject spread, and sometimes they will "trade" choices. The result is that the best candidates become our fellows, and our program remains among the best.

## October 2011 - New Generations Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 DG Visit - Dothan	4 DG Visit - Troy	5 DG Visit - Tuskegee	6	7	8
9	10 <u>Columbus Day</u>	11	12	13	14	15
16 <u>World Food Day</u>	17	18 DG Visit - Prattville	19 DG Visit - Opelika	20	21	22 <u>Make A Difference Day</u>
23/30	24/31 <u>World Polio Day (24th)</u> Halloween (31st)	25	26	27	28	29

# Rotary's Support for Polio Eradication is Making a Key Difference

By Dan Nixon, Rotary International News

Rotary International has played a major role in helping the Global Polio Eradication Initiative make continued progress and overcome obstacles in the drive to rid the world of the disease. Since October 2010, Rotary has provided almost US\$40 million for polio surveillance, immunization campaigns, and technical assistance in several countries. In India, only one case of polio has been reported since January of this year.

"My country has benefited greatly from your support and I thank all of you," said Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of health and family welfare, speaking to Rotary leaders and staff at RI headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, on 23 September. He credited Rotary with "not only the mobilization of funds, but the active participation of Rotarians in the field with our operations" for helping his country near the goal of polio eradication.

"Rotary has invested heavily in surveillance in India over the last 12 months," said Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization's assistant director-general for polio eradication and related areas, at a mid-September meeting of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "That's the reason we can say with confidence that we think we're getting close to zero [cases] in India."

Endemic countries

The wild poliovirus (types 1 and 3) is endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Nigeria has maintained a 95 percent drop in polio cases in the past 24 months. Even though the number of cases in Pakistan has increased by 70 percent in 2011 compared to last year, only one case of type 3 polio has been reported.

"[Rotary's] funding for Pakistan has helped us to bring type 3 to the verge of eradication in all of Asia," Aylward said.

After transmission of the wild poliovirus had been reestablished in Angola and Southern Sudan, Rotary's support for immunization campaigns made a critical difference in stopping them, he said. Rotary helped stem the tide in the Republic of the Congo as well. Calling the spike in polio cases there "the worst, most fatal outbreak we had seen in years," Aylward said that Rotary's funding spurred both government action and substantial support from other donors. Rotary is also funding research to evaluate new vaccine strategies and how they can enhance the quality of immunization campaigns.

Over the last 12 months, Rotary's investments in polio eradication "underpinned the largest coordinated public health operations in the world," Aylward said. "They leveraged the use of 1.7 billion doses of OPV [oral polio vaccine] to vaccinate 400 million kids in 183 campaigns in 47 countries. They were right on the mark, and all of them can be linked to real progress."



## District 6880 Club Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following District 6880 Clubs who are celebrating their anniversaries in October.

Geneva	October 22, 1934	76 years
Ozark	October 20, 1958	52 years
Dothan-Houston County	October 21, 1977	33 years

## World Food Day



World Food Day (WFD) is a worldwide event designed to increase awareness, understanding and informed, year-around action to alleviate hunger. It is observed each October 16th in recognition of the founding of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945. The first World Food Day was in 1981. In the United States the endeavor is sponsored by 450 national, private voluntary organizations.

WFD planning is done at the community level. Individual groups can hold a special event, but the most successful observances happen when organizers work together with affiliates of national sponsors. Local coalitions, representing the diversity of national sponsors, can share ideas that will involve schools, businesses, worship centers, governments, service groups, the media, etc.

- Increase Awareness -- provide a briefing on the issues for the media; promote WFD.
- Increase Understanding -- work with schools and colleges; plan a community seminar.
- Increase Information -- help in coordinating a research project on community food security.
- Increase Support -- hold a fund raiser for local and/or international projects
- Increase Advocacy -- seek policy commitments from public officials (or candidates).
- Increase Networking -- use WFD to bring together people, ideas and resources.
- Increase Year-Around Action-- seek to involve people in on-going service/support.
- Increase Impact -- devise a means to measure the year to year progress you are making; consider World Food Day the "annual meeting" for hunger activists.

2011 will be the 31st observance of World Food Day. In every community there are people already involved; the challenge is to coordinate community planning and increase what happens.

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## District Simplified Grant Deadline is November 15th

District Simplified Grants are designed to support the service activities and/or humanitarian endeavors of districts. A district can request up to 20 percent of its District Designated Funds for a grant that can be used to support multiple projects locally or internationally.

In the past, the District has funded projects including purchasing infant car seats for needy mothers, constructing a handicapped ramp, providing classroom books for Young Leaders of America, improving a food pantry, constructing a playground, supplying a well in the Dominican Republic, and funding a lunch program for low income children. The amount of the grants last year ranged from \$200.00 to \$1,600.00.

This is a simplified grant process designed to encourage Clubs to engage in community projects and I encourage each Club to submit an application. If you are concerned about whether your project will quality, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Gontarski at your convenience to discuss your proposed project.

The deadline for District Simplified Grants applications for the 2011-2012 Rotary year is Tuesday, November 15, 2011. If your Club desires to apply for a DSG, you must return the completed application to District Chair Shawn Alves by the deadline. Applications are available at: [www.rotary6880.org/financial/dsg](http://www.rotary6880.org/financial/dsg)

A complete list of the guidelines for the District Simplified Grant is available at RI website at [www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/dsg\\_terms\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/dsg_terms_en.pdf). Please review the guidelines before submitting an application.





# Vocational Service Month promotes business integrity, professional development

By Ryan Hyland; Rotary International News

Carlos Früm, governor of District 6440 (Illinois, USA) and a member of the Rotary Club of Northbrook, teaches business principles and entrepreneurship to Maya high school students as part of his district's ongoing service project in Guatemala.

"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect," Früm says. "As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation."

Through vocational service, Rotarians contribute their professional expertise and skills to address societal problems and needs, and to promote high ethical standards in the workplace.

"Rotary's focus on ethical practices as part of vocational service has been a central part of my success in my business, professional, civic, and personal life since I became a Rotarian," says Paul A. Netzel, vice chair of the Vocational Service Promotion Committee and past RI director.

Rotarians have two benchmarks for promoting professional integrity: The Four-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions.

"Rotary's Four-Way Test has served as an easy template for me in weighing the pros and cons of countless issues and decisions I've had to address over my career," Netzel says. "It has helped make me a better Rotarian." Netzel says vocational service sets Rotary apart from other service and humanitarian organizations.

Rotarians can support vocational service by

- Strengthening the emphasis on professional diversity in member recruitment

- Identifying ways to emphasize professions in club activities

- Placing a stronger emphasis on business networking with integrity at the club and district level -- which also is a means of attracting and mentoring the next generation

- Emphasizing the connection between The Four-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions, and their importance to the values of Rotary

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## DG Mann Addresses Rotary Flotilla

On September 8th, District 6880, Fairhope Sunset Rotary Club and the IYFR Mobile Bay Compass Rose Fleet made exquisite history by conducting DG Tom Mann's visit aboard a flotilla of 4 vessels, among 40+ friends, out on Mobile Bay.

The weather was beautiful, the friendship and fellowship were wonderful, and yes, a DG's speech is better aboard boats, with food, drinks, etc.

Thanks to Mike Lyons and Teddy Faust(Sunset Club), Skip Jones and David Daniell(Pt. Clear Club) and Russell Steiner (Mobile Club) for making their vessels available. Thanks also to Sunset Club President Steve Davis for helping put this together. Thanks also to Sujin Kim who had been a member of Mobile Rotary for only 5 hours when she stepped onto one of the boats! Members of 5 Rotary Clubs were present last evening.



All those on board have claimed this to be an annual event in the future. We hope to see all fleet members and guests, along with any other Rotary friends.

Special thanks to IYF Chairman Gary Moore for arranging the event and making it happen.

# Support World Polio Day

Rotary International News

Demonstrate support for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign and promote Rotary in your community by planning an event around World Polio Day, 24 October. Many Rotarians have already gotten started. Australian club members are working with the Global Poverty Project on a petition drive to persuade world leaders to fully fund the critical work of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Supporters can sign the petition online.

The Global Poverty Project is planning an End of Polio Concert on 28 October to coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, Australia. Rotarians have teamed up with the group to lobby leaders to put polio eradication on the agenda. Hugh Evans, cofounder and CEO of the Global Poverty Project, will be a speaker at the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

Since 1985, eradicating polio has been Rotary's top priority. Largely through the efforts of Rotarians and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the campaign is "this close" to its goal. Polio cases worldwide decreased by more than 40 percent during the first eight months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010. And India -- one of the four countries where the virus remains endemic (the others are Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan) -- reported only one case during that time.

As of September, Rotarians have raised US\$190 million toward Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge to match \$355 million in grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Though the polio eradication campaign has made great progress, challenges remain. Seeing the job through to the finish will require redoubled effort and commitment. World Polio Day puts the campaign in the spotlight, providing an excellent opportunity for clubs and districts to promote the End Polio Now message in their communities.

Here are a few ways you and your club can help:

Create your own "This Close" ad and make it your Facebook profile photo.

Host a walk, run, or bikeathon. Be sure to send out a press release about the event.

Download a World Polio Day Proclamation for your town to commemorate World Polio Day.

Get an op-ed about polio into your local newspaper.

Use "This Close" resources from the Rotary Media Center.

Make a donation toward polio eradication.

Begin planning for an End Polio Now lighting to celebrate Rotary's anniversary on 23 February.

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## Selma Rotary Delivers Dictionaries to Cedar Park Elementary



# Chilton County Rotary Club Distributes Dictionaries

*The Clanton Advertiser* By Stephen Dawkins, October 5, 2011

Students may not be fond of tests, but they are being given one that might benefit them in the years to come. The Rotary Club of Chilton County is in the middle of its annual project of handing out dictionaries to every public school third grader in the county.

Included in the dictionaries is Rotary's "Four-Way Test":

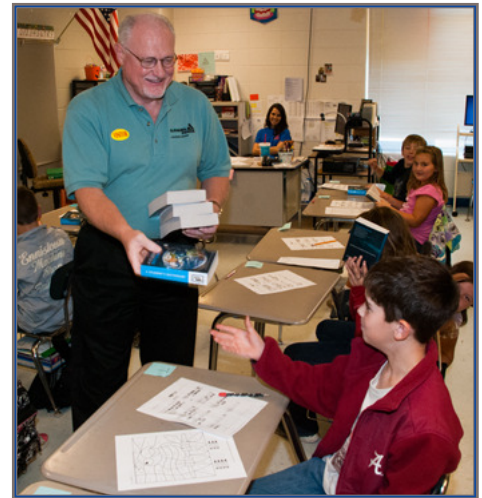
1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

"For some of them, this may be the first dictionary that they've ever had," said Dennis Cobb, principal at Clanton Intermediate School, whose 228 students received dictionaries on Wednesday. "We appreciate everything the Rotary Club does for our school."

The local Rotary club has been distributing dictionaries since 2004. By the end of the project, Rotary members will have distributed Webster's Student Dictionary to about 630 students in Chilton County. Rotary District 6880, which includes all the clubs from Clanton south to Mobile, will give away about 23,000 dictionaries this year.

"Education is very important in anybody's life," said Roger Yeargan, president of the Rotary Club of Chilton County. "The younger we can get people reading, that helps them the rest of their lives. "Third grade is the right time to do this because they have an appreciation of the gift, and it helps build interest in school. We're giving them the right start."

Shannon Wyatt's third-grade class was some of more than 200 Clanton Intermediate School students who were given dictionaries Wednesday by member of the Rotary Club of Chilton County.



The class includes (back row) DeAusha Freeman, Jamarrean Coleman, Jada Lockhart, Bracie Adams, Josiah Richards, (front row) Keycentayo Jones, Abby Cornelius, Nathan Scarbrough, Daelin Cameron, Javien Parker and Destiny Bowen. The class is shown with Rotary club President Roger Yeargan, far left; CIS Principal Dennis Cobb, far right; and Wyatt.

# Foley Rotary



Register at [active.com](http://active.com) OR [www.foleyrotary.org](http://www.foleyrotary.org)

Saturday, November 12, 2011 • 5k Run at 8:00am / 1m run at 9:00am  
Orange Blossom Square, Foley, AL



Rotary Club of Foley, Alabama serving Foley  
with "Service Above Self" for over 60 years.

## The 19th Foley Rotary Oyster Run 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run, Foley, Alabama

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:**

Local Foley Rotary Club charities

For More Information, Call Dr. Art Holmes at (251) 943-4948

## District and Club Announcements/Events

### Luverne Rotarian John Dicks

Last month, Mr. John Dicks passed away. With his passing, came the end of work for one of the great Rotarians of Luverne Rotary Club #4085, District 6880. A great void now exist in our club and in our hearts that cannot be filled.

"Word for the night is coming, Work thru the morning hours;  
Work while the dew is sparkling, Work 'mid springing flowers.  
Work when the day grows brighter, Work in the glowing sun;  
Work for the night is coming, When man's work is done."

(Annie L. Coghill).

In Luverne Rotary, Rotarian John Dicks worked until the end and he worked in many areas and on many committees.

He was invited to join Rotary in 1992, where he served as President and was selected to be a Paul Harris Fellow, one of the highest honors in Rotary. He loved and worked hard for Rotary and he did it well, willingly and with a humble spirit. Until lately, he was at nearly every meeting. He was active in the complete month of August. He was always willing and glad to do whatever he was asked to do and he did it with passion. As Rotarian Lisa Rolling put it in a prepared statement, "We could always depend on Mr. John's willingness to help every year with Family Day at the park. He was always excited to see young people enjoying the day and he wanted to be a part of it. He was also the Chairman of the Fishing Rodeo Day held on Saturday that followed our Fishing Rodeo for Crenshaw County Honor Students. Mr. John served as a Luverne Rotarian proudly and he will be missed."

Rotarians knew that when Mr. Dicks supported an effort, he supported it deeply. Rotarian Danny Rolling states, "Mr. John Dicks always supported Crenshaw County businessmen and was a voice for the small businessman. He loved Rotary and what it stands for and he always signed up for his part of the work."

"May the work I've done speak for me, May the work I've done speak for me,  
When I'm resting in my grave, There is nothing that can be said.  
May the work I've done speak for me.(Sullivan Pugh).

Rotarian Dicks' journey has ended. He worked long, hard and steady for Rotary until he could work no more. Now he is resting, and his work is speaking for him. When time comes, and you and I go, will our work speak for us? This, too, is a part of the true Rotary story.



### Brundidge Rotary Club Selling Chance for UA/AU Tickets

The Brundidge Rotary Club is selling changes on a pair of Alabama vs Auburn tickets, which includes \$100 spending money. Any Brundidge Rotarian will have these tickets.

You do not have to be present to win and the money raised will help fund our scholarship program.

Anyone interested in buying a \$5 ticket can call Sandy Boutwell at 334.268.0846 or any Brundidge Rotary member.



## District and Club Announcements/Events

### EREY Contributions

Encourage each of your members to donate at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation's Every Rotarian Every Year campaign. Be a part of Rotarians leading the way to help people here and around the world. Please do not wait until too late in the Rotary year to mail in these monies because it often takes a while for RI to process the information and it is very important that we get credit during this Rotary year. Your AG will be contacting you about this to see if you need any assistance.

### Polio Contributions

Please join Rotary International's groundbreaking campaign to eradicate polio. District 6880 is suggesting the each club donate \$17/member for polio. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk.

## 2011-2012 Presidential and Changemaker Awards

Rotary President Kalyan Banerjee has set forth some new goals for Rotary Clubs to achieve recognition for their work in their community and around the globe with the newly updated Presidential Citation goals and the brand new Changemaker Award. Download the information you need from the District website to get your club qualified for these awards and submit your applications as soon as you are finished with your qualifying service projects! Hurry, Clubs must submit their results to the district governor no later than 6 April 2012 for the Presidential Citation and no later than 15 March 2012 for the Changemaker Award.



*WHAT IS YOUR CLUB DOING?*

*WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT YOUR CLUB IS DOING!*

*SEND YOUR PICTURES AND SHORT ARTICLE TO -  
DG6880TMANN@GMAIL.COM.*

Club	Members 06/11	Current Members	Net Change	Meetings Held	Attend %
Andalusia	60	60	0	5	61%
Atmore	38	36	-2	5	60%
Auburn	118	118	0	5	64%
Bay Minette	34	34	0	5	82%
Brewton	65	61	-4	5	66%
Brundidge	29	28	-1	5	93%
Chilton County	13	11	-2	5	81%
Daphne/Spanish Fort	33	32	-1	5	55%
Demopolis	43	44	+1	5	84%
Dothan	172	172	0	5	79%
Dothan-Houston County	136	135	-1	5	68%
Elba	19	17	-2	5	81%
Enterprise	83	79	-4	5	68%
Enterprise Sunrise	13	13	0	4	84%
Eufaula	41	43	+2	4	66%
Evergreen	20	19	-1	4	74%
Fairhope	80	79	-1	5	82%
Fairhope Sunset	27	25	-2	4	66%
Foley	53	55	+2	4	68%
Geneva	23	25	+2	5	65%
Greene County	14	14	0	4	98%
Greenville	41	42	+1	4	55%
Gulf Shores/Orange Beach	24	25	+1	4	78%
Jackson	32	33	+1	5	79%
Lee County Sunrise	32	33	+1	5	71%
Linden	10	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Luverne	30	30	0	5	96%
Mobile	264	265	+1	3	43%
Mobile Sunrise	102	100	-2	4	62%
Mobile West	37	38	+1	4	61%
Monroeville	14	14	N/A	N/A	N/A
Montgomery	120	120	0	5	56%
Montgomery Capital	42	41	-1	4	64%
Montgomery Sunrise	35	38	+3	4	73%
North Mobile	26	23	-3	5	40%
Opelika	48	56	+8	5	62%
Opp	22	22	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ozark	67	67	0	5	56%
Phenix City	42	45	+3	5	74%
Point Clear	83	85	+2	4	64%
Prattville	47	46	-1	5	53%
Prattville/Millbrook Sunrise	21	22	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robertsdale	53	53	0	5	62%
Selma	45	45	0	4	63%
Tallassee	29	27	-2	4	59%
Troy	86	86	0	5	67%
Tuskegee	16	14	-2	4	60%
Wetumpka	26	25	-1	5	64%
York	8	8	0	5	80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67%</b>

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**Rotary International The 4-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?

For six decades Rotarians have been using The 4-Way Test as a practical yard stick in their business, community, and personal affairs.

The 4-Way Test, you will note, does not provide answers. It asks questions which the user must answer. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

In 1943, Rotary International adopted The 4- Way Test.