

Our Neglected Assets in Rotary

Dear Club Presidents,

Rotary's valuable assets are young men and women. They bring new ideas, new dreams and new "modus operandi" to the areas of service, new resources and new commitment. They are the future of Rotary.

However, let us accept and stress the important part played by our very senior, devoted and knowledgeable past leaders – especially Past District Governors. They gave us not only their best, when they occupied the Chair but many of them continue to enrich Rotary. They are an invaluable delta of resources — human resources — and they have witnessed and experienced the growth of Rotary from what it was to what it is.

We tend to take these great men and women for granted. What we need is to reaffirm our love for them, recognise them, felicitate them and ignite in them new sparks of commitment. True, there are some who have become relatively inactive due to the process of aging. There are some who may not be enjoying good health. However, there are many who are still active and are a great asset to Rotary.

I suggest that Clubs respond to my request and recognise them for their service rendered and for services they are still rendering. At a regular meeting of the club, or by arranging joint Club meetings, I urge the

Club Presidents to invite one or more of these dedicated past leaders and applaud their services to Rotary. Even a flower given with love and sincerity is enough to re-ignite the flame of excellence. The Club leaders can invite these distinguished Rotarians in the month of April and demonstrate their love, their respect and their appreciation.

I leave it to the wisdom of Club leaders on planning out a special programme for this. If there is a very senior dignitary (such as Past RI Director or Past RI President) who agrees to participate in the felicitation programme, the recognition of our PDGs can be in their hands.

My son presented me a lap-top computer some years ago. I did not know how to use the computer at that time and used the computer as a paper weight till I realised the boon I had in my hands and I learnt and used the computer as it is meant to be used many a time. We use our excellent "computers — our PDGs" as paper weights. Let us learn how to use them and get the most mileage out of them.

Please give it a serious thought.



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