

Arch Klump Society

Undoubtedly the most important step to promote voluntary giving to The Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow recognition was first proposed. The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to The Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world. Paul Harris recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programmes of The Rotary Foundation which builds good will and understanding in the world.

Few foundations are fortunate as TRF to have a workforce of over 1.2 million people worldwide who devote themselves in service to the goals of promoting world understanding and peace. Rotary's world view is much larger. This means we must have larger donations from individuals who have the desire to make the world a better place for everyone. A large donation can be from a Rotarian or any noble individual in the society who is willing to commit himself to some goal of his. The Rotary Foundation can make his dreams real. The suffering in the world seems to grow far faster than we can keep up. This means we have to send more aid and in times of need more quickly. This calls for a larger donation. A large donation of US \$2,50,000 to TRF gets a recognition of being a member of the Arch Klump Society. Blessed are those who give and every dollar given means that somewhere, someone will enjoy better health, educational



opportunities and freedom from hunger that otherwise would not exist.

Today, we have just five donors from India who have given US \$2,50,000 or more and have been recognised in the Arch Klump Society. It is the dream of PRIP Rajendra K Saboo that there should be more members to the Arch Klump Society from India. At the recent meeting of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (India), he expressed the desire to see each of the 31 RI districts in India produce at least one member who can donate US \$2,50,000. The time span for this would be four years, if not earlier.

PRID Kalyan Banerjee, Chair, The Rotary Foundation (India) and PRID Panduranga Setty, Vice-Chair, have shown their willingness to promote the concept to every district.

Rotary is at war against disease, poverty and other invasions on human life and dignity. We see people and governments allocating bigger

budgets every year for personal security and defence of the nation. Your increased allocation every year for the safety and security of mankind through the programmes of TRF will ensure that peace is nourished.

There is no dearth of noble intentions. When you promote the goals of the TRF it may result in people giving a larger portion to the causes they believe in. There may not be opportunities for getting huge donations every day, but there will be occasions for people to extend a helping hand at the right time. This will surely produce at least one donor from each district who can be gratefully recognised as a member of the Arch Klump Society.



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