

Make Dreams Real

A famous philosopher said, “The only thing that will stop you from fulfilling your dreams is you.” Only human beings have dreams. Remember, you are never too old to set another or dream a new dream. Rotarians are dreamers. They dream for the welfare of human beings around the world. Then, they make their dreams real. They dream for the good of the world as if they will live forever, but work towards fulfilling the dreams as if they will die today.

Every project that is conceived by a club for the good of the community is born out of a dream. The Rotarians then promise to themselves that they will make it a reality. When the project is completed it is a moment in their lives that is filled with joy and they wish that they could hold on to them forever.

Rotary changes lives in every corner of this world.

Rotary bring hope. It brings literacy, good health and a host of benefits to people who are even unable to sleep. People have been walking long distances to fetch a pail of drinking water. Mothers have been shedding tears seeing their loved children dying of malnutrition, diseases such as polio and being exploited. Youngsters have been wandering aimlessly without proper guidance for a vocation. Rotary, has not only helped these people from being consigned to a hopeless future but also made them dream of a life where they can

live with dignity, get water at their doorsteps and see their children run, learn and play. All these and more was made possible by Rotarians from every country who dared to dream.

When a person joins Rotary he should be made to think about the people of the world, not just his immediate surroundings. This will



make them dream. Teach them to keep their dreams alive. Educate them to understand that to achieve anything what is required is faith and belief in themselves, vision, hard work, determination and dedication. Rotarians must remember all things are possible for those who believe.

Rotarians must open their eyes to the needs of the people, in their community and in communities far away. Only then, they can have a dream. This dream will not allow them to sleep. But the reward is that they will see dawn before the rest of the world.

The biggest dream of Rotary is to bring peace in this world. This is possible. If you flatter people they may not believe you. If you criticize people they may not like you. If you ignore people, they may not forgive you. If you encourage people they will not forget you. And if you love people they will be forced to love you. This is the surest way to bring peace. Dreaming is important because the more dreams you have the better chance you have of one coming true.

So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable. Life is never easy for those who dream. Rotarians know this. They are prepared for the challenge. This faith has given the courage to the leaders of Rotary International to accept the challenge grant from Bill

and Melinda Gates Foundation. They know that every Rotarian will test his limits to contribute to The Rotary Foundation because that is their courage to succeed.

Remember the famous quotation, “Yesterday is but today’s memory, tomorrow is today’s dream.”



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