

Set an Example

In all human affairs there is a constant relationship between the performance and achievements of the leaders. The leaders set the vision and the standards. An effective person leads by example. The greatest example is the dedication to the mission of the organisation.

The first priority of a Rotarian should be to strive for excellence in the field of service to humanity. This is our primary aim. Rotarians have immense potential to help others. But unfortunately, we do not use all our strengths. Random surveys have revealed that Rotarians just use only thirty percent of their inherent potential. We can make a huge difference by utilizing our potential to its fullest. Quality of our work counts, not because it makes such a difference in the quality of work done but because it makes such a difference in the person doing the work or serving others. If our work is shoddy then there is no self-respect or personal growth.

The Rotary Foundation assists us in doing a good job. It is the vehicle that can bring solace and comfort to millions of people. It is a unique organisation that strives for peace with volunteers and is achieving it in ample measure. Hence, it becomes the duty of Rotarians to support the foundation with their contributions.

If the ultimate goal of the foundation is to bring peace into this world, then the road to peace is not going to be a smooth one. A doctor has to treat patients and at the same time fill up voluminous quantity of reports.

Nursing the patients is his job, all the rest are impediments. It is something procedural. Similarly while working towards peace with the procedures of the foundation, our goal should be

service projects. But when the project is completed and people are served, it becomes a gift to them. This is the gift of Rotary Foundation.

While working for world peace through the arms of the foundation, we will have to work with different types of people who have their own style of functioning. But when the common goal is clear, Rotarians will know how to clear the real and imaginary hurdles.

Rotarians who make a really special contribution enable the organisation to see itself having a bigger role to play than what they originally thought it can do. Each Rotarian must support the foundation. The people who look after the

Rotary Foundation are called trustees because they are trusted. Over the past several decades the trustees of the foundation have been working with the way the mission of the organisation has been stated. There is an old saying that every soldier has a right to competent command. Similarly, every Rotarian, who has contributed to the cause of peace through the foundation, has a right to know how his generous contribution is working. Rotarians should set an example. They should ask themselves, "Why can't we do more? Why can't we do better?"



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to reach the benefits of service to the people who need it. The procedural aspects of the operations still have to be gone through. The challenge is not get bogged down by procedures which are essential, but look at the far reaching benefits to humanity. I am reminded of a story of a King who organized a race along a highway which was strewn with boulders and stones. Most of the participants found it difficult to navigate. However, one competitor would not give up. He stopped at every hurdle and lifted the boulder and moved it out of the way. Under one such big boulder, much to his delight and surprise, he found a bag full of gold and diamonds. He took the bag to the King who asked him to keep the bag of treasure as a gift for his determination in removing the obstacles. Rotarians will face obstacles while taking up massive