

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION: Giving it Life

“Every Rotarian, Every Year”

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The Challenge..

- Rotary Foundation as a subject of the Heart, not the Mind
- It is not about facts and figures – it is about feeling for our fellow human beings
- It is not about how much money has been collected – it is about how much happiness has been created, suffering relieved: The Focus

Philosophy (Remember Communion?)

- Obuntu; Ubuntu: - I am, because we are
- “No man is an island, entire unto himself....Ask not, for whom does the bell toll? It tolls for thee..”
- “Since it is in the minds of people that war is made, it is in the minds of people that we must start constructing peace ...”

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (1)

- Rotary’s chief agency of International Service (The 4th avenue...)
- If Rotary is the heart, The Rotary Foundation is the arms and the legs that take the heart where it wants to go – *“Emmeeme gyesula n’ebigere gyebikeera”*

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (2)

- It is about peace – peace through absence of deprivation and suffering; peace through cross-cultural understanding; peace through equity. *“Kaliba katono kaamaza ekyalo”*
- It is about lifting the siege mentality – that we CAN barricade ourselves from other members of the human race; create a falsehood peace.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (3)

- It is about: (Use a fact sheet – do not present figures verbally)
 - Ambassadorial scholars;
 - Group Study Exchange;
 - Matching Grants;
 - District simplified grants
 - Polio Plus;
 - Peace Academies;
 - Rotary Volunteers;
 - Individual grants;
 - etc

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (4)

- It is about **YOU** and the support you give it: without people of goodwill who look beyond themselves and see a world in need, the Foundation would not exist.



SOME Arithmetic (1)

- The Number of Members = x
- The Minimum contribution per year = \$100
- Minimum Annual giving = \$100x

SOME Arithmetic (2): Cost of social activities

- My DSTV annual bill =
- My Daily drink =
- My evenings out (family, spouse, companion) =
- My soccer matches =
- My wedding contributions =
- My kwanjula contributions =
- My graduation party contributions =
- My social entertainment at home =
- What about Christmas, Idd, etc =
- My Annual Social Cost =

Seeking the way...

- What must **I** do to promote world understanding and peace?"

The Gospel of Wealth

- *“The problem of our age is the proper administration of wealth, that the ties of brotherhood may still bind together the rich and poor in harmonious relationship..... This, then, is held to be the duty of the man of wealth: To set an example of modest, unostentatious living, shunning display or extravagance; to provide moderately for the legitimate wants of those dependent upon him; and after doing so to consider all surplus revenues that come to him simply as trust funds...” Andrew Carnegie, *The Gospel of Wealth**

Be the change you want to see in the world ..Mahatma Gandhi (1)



- Make contribution to the Foundation a part of your recurrent annual budget. **Every Rotarian, Every Year**
- Urge your colleagues outside the Rotary family to become PHFs – Most of them are at the top of the triangle of needs. They will enjoy the recognition.
- Ensure good stewardship of project funds

Be the change you want to see in the world ..Mahatma Gandhi (2)



- Give time as a Rotary Volunteer – use your accumulated wealth of experience to make the world a better place
- Identify and implement projects that TRF supports..
- Create awareness - the power of the word...



Our desire...



- *to leave the world a bit better* whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; *to know that even one life has lived easier because you have lived.* This is to have Succeeded....*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

