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OUR FOUNDER

Paul P. Harris

Jean P. Harris

The Founder of Rotary

Paul P. Harris the Founder of Rotary Was born on April 19, 1868 at Racine, Wisconsin, USA. He was the second of six children and spent his childhood with his grandparents in New England who embedded in him upright values and Scottish Prudence while being kind and warm. Paul's grand parents filled him with the zest to live a purposeful life. Paul was married to a Scottish bride, Jean Thompson Harris (1881-1963). They had no children. As young man he was adventurous and inquisitive with a passion to explore life, places and people. He was the leader of a youth called "Conspirators".

Paul worked as a newspaper reporter, a business college teacher, stock company actor and as a cowboy. He traveled extensively as a salesman for a marble and granite concern in USA and Europe. In 1896, he went to Chicago to practice law. As a practitioner of law, Paul did not find instant success. He said that he went hungry and forlorn for many days. These days were mainly instrumental for the genesis of "Rotary". Lonely days of Chicago promoted him to find friends for fellowship and to share mutual concerns. With Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey and Silvester Schiele the movement began and became history.

Paul and Jean helped Rotary grow. He confessed "having no children of our own, Jean and I adopted Rotary", Paul was never assertive inspite of being the Founder of the Rotary movement. He never sought prominence and would always take a back corner seat at the weekly meetings.

Nevertheless he was a great human being. He was a great friend also. When he died on 27 January, 1947 he had desired in his will that he should be buried besides his great friend Silvester Schiele who was the first President of the first Rotary Club of Chicago. Such was the intensity of his friendship. He left behind him a rich legacy of fellowship and brotherhood for international understanding and service to humanity.

Ray Klinginsmith

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Ray Klinginsmith is an attorney in Kirksville, Missouri, USA, who now works primarily in the areas of commercial and corporate law, real estate, and estate planning. He retired in August 1995 as general counsel and professor of business administration for Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) in Kirksville after 22 years of service. During his tenure at the university, he also served as dean of administration for five years during the university's transition to a liberal arts and sciences institution. Since his retirement from the university, he served a four-year term (2001 -04) as a county commissioner for Adair County.

Ray has served as a director of the Macon Atlanta State Bank in Macon, Missouri, since 1971, and he was one of the initial trustees for the Missouri Family Trust, which was created by the Missouri legislature in 1989. He has been the president of Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens since its organization in 1982, and he was accorded the 1988 Parent/Caretaker Award by the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities. He is a former member of the executive board for the Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the holder of its Silver Beaver Award for adult volunteers. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville and a former lay speaker for the church.

A Rotarian since 1961, Ray has served Rotary as district governor, chair of the 1998 Council on Legislation in New Delhi and the 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee. He was a member of the RI Board of Directors for 1985-87 and chaired its executive committee in 1986-87. Ray joined The Rotary Foundation Trustees in 2002, serving as vice chair in 2005-06, and was a member of the Future Vision Committee from 2005 to 2008.He is a Major Donor and a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Ray's wife, Judie, is a former elementary school teacher in Macon and Kirksville and a former consultant for the child development assistant program at the Kirksville Area Vocational Center. Ray and Judie have two children, Leigh and Kurt, and three grandchildren, Morgan, Grant, and Sydney Perkins.

District Governor, R I District 1975-76

Director, Rotary International, 1985-87

Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, 2002-06

Trustee Vice Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2005-06

President-elect, Rotary International, 2009-10

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MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT

Ray Klinginsmith

Rotary International 2010-11

What is Rotary? What does a Rotary club do? These questions are often asked of Rotarians by prospective members and other interested people, and they are difficult to answer effectively in a few short minutes.

Although our primary motto Service Above Self highlights our altruistic nature, it fails to answer the two questions. Therefore, I decided to search for a briefly stated theme that would fulfill two objectives: The first to explain the purpose of Rotary to non-Rotarians and the second to confirm and validate the importance of our principles to Rotarians.

In my search for the right words, I reviewed the four Avenues of Service and noted that Club Service and Vocational Service both help us to enjoy life and to be good citizens. Community Service and Vocational Service combine to make our local communities better places for us to live and work. And International Service permits us to partner with clubs in other countries and on different continents to make the world a better place to live with an improved opportunity for world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

It is important to remember that Rotary is a "spirit of service" as well as an organization of Rotary clubs, and we need to share our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership with other people and organizations. I considered many words and phrases to capture the essence of Rotary, and the words I finally selected to describe Rotary's current mission and to highlight our achievements are what we do best : Building Communities – Bridging Continents

I hope you agree that these four words aptly reflect who we are, and what we do, as Rotarians. We are a unique and a premier organization — certainly one of the best in the world. We build the spirit and resources of our local communities in an important way, and we are the best in the world at linking people of goodwill around the globe and then gaining their cooperation and support to make the world a much better place to live and work. In the words of Ed Cadman, "Rotary is unity without uniformity." We are indeed fortunate to be Rotarians!

I applied the same philosophy in developing the Presidential Citation for 2010-11. I consider each of the four Avenues of Service to be equally important, and we have created a new citation program in the form of a questionnaire to help clubs test their effectiveness in all four avenues. We also have produced a higher-level "Presidential Citation with Distinction" to challenge those clubs that routinely earn the annual presidential citations.

We hope the new questionnaire will be a helpful tool to both the clubs and the district governors as we seek to lengthen our stride and improve our levels of fellowship and service, as we move forward into the second century of service for Rotary International, which started with the first convention of Rotary clubs in 1910.

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President, Rotary International, 2010-11

Kalyan Banerjee

RI PRESIDENT ELECT

Rotary International 2011-12

It was Sunday, 9th August, 2009. I received a call from PRID (then) Kalyanbhai Bannerjee at about 3.30pm informing me that with Binotaji, he would be reaching Nashik by 6.30pm. He wanted to see the flat I had identified for him.

We both happened to be born in 1942. During his earlier visits to Nashik, he had mentioned to me that he wanted to retire at the age of seventy. He had spent his entire life with farmers because of his occupation. He wanted to cultivate a small grape farm at Nashik and he would spend few days here every month since Nashik offered green surroundings with beautiful climate and plenty of water. He liked the flat but he mentioned to me that his future was uncertain to take an immediate decision.

I requested both of them to stay overnight and leave for Vapi next day morning. He said he had to go back to Vapi the same night. I smiled and said, "I know sir, tomorrow is the D day"

On Sunday, 9th August, 2009 the nominating committee for RI Presidentship was to meet in USA to nominate RI President 2011-12. When they were leaving, I requested him to let me know the outcome of the meeting. On 10th August, at 8 am, I received a call from PDG Ashish Roy of Vapi informing me about Kalyanda's nomination as RIPN. He told me that the Vapi Rotary club had arranged a small celebration at Silvasa and invited me to join them. I left for Vapi with wife Surekha and my friend Dr Ramesh Karkare.

During our journey, the history started unfolding before my eyes. It was 1994-95 year. Dr Appasaheb Pawar was the District Governor. In one of the District functions at Nashik, Kalyanbhai who was RIDE, was the Chief Guest. I was introducing him. I ended my introduction by saying that India had given two Presidents to the Rotary world and it is high time we give the third one and we are looking to our chief guest in that position. My rendezvous with Kalyanbhai started then. Despite the gap of positions between us, he was RI Director and I was only Past President, I always found him simple, unassuming and straight forward and that attracted me towards him.

Subsequently I learnt that he was a chemical engineer from IIT Kharagpur. He started his career in Mumbai and had shifted to Vapi in 1970-71 to start United Phosphorus Ltd of which he later became Director. Today this Co is the largest agrochemical manufacturer in India. He is the chair of United Phosphorus (Bangladesh) Ltd. He is the member of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society. He was the past president of Vapi Industries Association and former chair of the Gujrath chapter of the confederation of Indian industry.

He is an outstanding orator and has a knack of winning the audience with lucidity. He has served Rotary as a Director, Rotary Foundation trustee, committee and task force chair, International Assembly group discussion leader, RI President's representative and of course District Governor.

He is a Major Donor, Benefactor, and Bequest Society member and has been awarded the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

He is a member of Rotary club of Vapi, and is a trustee of the Club's trust which runs many educational institutions including two MBA colleges, a nursing college and a well equipped 250 bed hospital. Village development is his passion.

R/Ann Binotabhabi is a social worker, Inner Wheel club member and a very affectionate lady.
The couple is blessed with two children and four grand children.

Kalyanda said he would like to see Rotary blossom from being the world's most recognised service organization to being the most important NGO in the world. He added that Rotary has the strength of a Government and the tenderness of a parent.

Looking to his ability to take people with him and his passion for grass root work in social service, I have no doubt he will emerge as one of the most successful RI Pesidents, history would remember.

PDG Shashikant (Balasaheb) Joshi
Rotary Club of Nashik

K R Ravindran

RI DIRECTOR
2009-11

Trustee : The Rotary Foundation 2006-10

R. I Director K. R. Ravindran had his early education at St.Thomas College Mt. Lavinia and his graduate education from Loyola College, in (then) Madras, India.

His joined Rotary as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Bandarawela in 1973 and two years later moved to the Rotary Club of Colombo. In 1987 he became President of his club which today is 80 years old. When he served as President of the Rotary Club of Colombo, his Club founded the Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association (SLANA) the foremost anti narcotics agency in the country today. He served as its first founder President.

Ravi went onto become the first Governor for the District of Sri Lanka (Dt.3220) in 1991.92 and has since done many international assignments for Rotary International and served on many RI Committees. He has also served on and moderated several panels at various RI Conventions and Institutes around the world.

He was the National Polio-Plus Chairman of Sri Lanka and spearheaded the National immunization Days that were held on Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka was the first country at South Asia to become Polio free.

He chaired the 'schools reawakening' project in Sri Lanka which consisted of rebuilding 20 Tsunami devastated schools. Thus is perhaps the single largest project ever undertaken by any Rotary District in the history of Rotary.

Ravi is the CEO of a publicity listed Company which he founded in 1980. His company is arguably the largest producer of tea bag packaging in the world. He was a featured speaker on "Business Ethics" at the World Print Congress at Cape Town. S Africa in 2007 and featured on the cover of the business magazine "Business Today"

He serves on the Board of several other companies and Trusts in Sri Lanka and overseas. Ravi was invited to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation for the years 2006-2010 As a Trustee he also served on its executive committee and as Chairman of its Stewardship Committee. He was elected to the Board of Directors of RI for the years 2009-2011 – the first Sri Lankan to do so. Ravi is married to Vanathy and they have two children Krishna and Prashanthi.

Ashok Mahajan

Trustee : The Rotary Foundation
2009-13

Rtn. Ashok Mulkraj Mahajan, member of Rotary Club of Mulund, RI District 3140, Mumbai, India has been involved in Rotary since 1973 and rose from an ordinary member to the coveted position of RI Director 2007–2009 by his commitment to the Rotary movement. He was the President of RC Mulund in 1982–83 and District Governor, RI District 3140 in 1993–94.

Born on July 23, 1947, he graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the Bombay University with distinction and then took a Diploma in Operations Management and Business Management from the Bombay University. He now runs an industry for manufacturing electrical and electronic components.

He has been RI President's representative to District Conferences many times and was also appointed as the Zonal Coordinator for Membership Task Force in 1995–96 and again in 1998–99.

He is associated with the National Polio Plus Committee for over 10 years and now he is a member of the International Polio Plus Committee of RI. He also served as the Zonal coordinator for Avoidable Blindness Task Force during 2000–02 and was a member in the India Presidential Polio Plus Summit2001–02. He represented RI District 3140 at the 2001 Council on Legislation, Chicago.

Rtn. Ashok Mahajan was conferred with the Distinguished Service Award, Service above Self Award, Regional Service Award for a Polio free world and the Golden Century Award. He is a major donor to TRF, benefactor and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Rtn. Ashok Mahajan has been inducted as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation of RI for the period 2009–2013. This assignment has been given to him immediately after he completed his tenure as RI Director in June 2009. Rtn. Ashok Mahajan's wife Nayantara, his son Nikhil and daughter Namrata ably support him in his work in Rotary and create the perfect atmosphere for the family to celebrate the blessings of life. A deeply religious person, Rtn. Ashok Mahajan enjoys reading, cricket and social service.

Yash Pal Das

RI Director
2011-13

A member of the Rotary Club of Ambala since 1971, Yash has served Rotary with distinction at club, district and international level.

He has served Rotary in several assignments, such as International Training Leader, Discussion Moderator, Group Study Exchange Team Leader and committee and task force member, as Chair of the Rotary International Committee on Sergeant-at Arms and as Chairman for the 2006 Rotary Institute for Zones 5 & 6a in Chandigarh.

A former member of the India National Polio Plus Committee for 14 years. He has served as the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zones 4 & 6a comprising of Northern Eastern Western Central India & Nepal.

Currently he is the R.I. Director Elect (2011-13) for Zone 4.

Yash is a benefactor and is also a recipient of the citation for ***"Meritorious Service Award"*** from The Rotary Foundation. In recognition of his outstanding non-financial contribution to Polio Eradication within the region he is a recipient of the ***Regional Service Award for a Polio Free World.***

Yash is a second generation Rotarian, who earlier served as an executive officer in the Merchant Navy. His father was the charter member of the Rotary club of Ambala and served as District Governor in 1967-68.

He is the Chief Executive Officer of the family business of running an Automobile Dealership, retailing passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

He is a member of various commerce bodies connected with road transportation, and serves on the board of several educational institutions and is also a member of the Rotary Society for the Hearing Impaired.

Yash is married to Manju a past president of the Inner Wheel Club and both are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.