



## FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

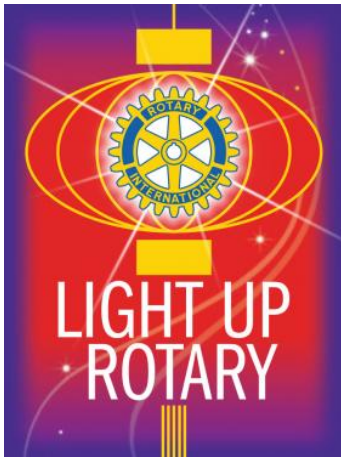
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### This Week: Let the drum roll begin..... Jon Teran

Jon will take the podium to outline what he would like to accomplish in 2014-15 as we *Ignite Rotary*.

Although still in the planning stages – the whole club needs to get behind our new president and help, either with input, or brawn!



### Last Week: UNDERSTANDING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Harry Borak, Lina Ledford and Linda Logan gave us a brief inside look at The Rotary Foundation (TRF). World programs that it supports and how our contributions make a difference.

NOTE: Although you may go on-line to make contributions to TRF, it is best done through Lina Ledford. Lina takes

painstaking efforts to ensure that your contributions are received, and posted correctly.

### Next week: The 4-Way Speech Contest

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO....

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

As adults each of us have struggled with answering these questions. The 4-Way Speech Contest will test the depth of knowledge our youth possess about the 4-Way Test.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY!**

Paul P. Harris, an attorney, wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth. **On 23 February 1905**, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations.

Within five years clubs had formed across the country, from San Francisco to New York.

In August 1910, Rotarians held their first convention in Chicago. The 16 clubs that existed at that time united to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs.

In 1912, the name changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in other countries. The name Rotary International was adopted in 1922.

By July 1925, Rotary had grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 108,000 members on six continents.

Rotary's reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks – among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, and composer Jean Sibelius.

As Rotary grew, members pooled their resources and used their talents to serve their communities. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: **Service Above Self**.

### Calendar of Events:

**April 5- District Assembly Victor Valley College**

**April 27** Fun Run

**May 1** CCPA evening fundraiser

**May 15-18** District Conference -The Hilton in Palms Springs

**June 1-4** Rotary International Convention, Sydney Australia