



FW ROTARY MOMENT

July 2014

FW Rotary Moment for July 2014

Well, I guess my year as President has arrived!! One of the things I have committed myself to doing this year is sharing information each month with members of the club using the Rotary monthly themes. I am calling these “*FW Rotary Moments*”. I haven’t been a Rotarian very long compared to many of you and so there is so much I don’t know about Rotary.

Each month during my presidential journey, I hope to invest time in learning more about Rotary, past, present and future. In turn, I will share my learnings with you and link it back to our club and the relevance to us. I hope you will find this fun and interesting and that it gets you thinking about things we can do. This month I have chosen to share with you this year’s Rotary theme “Light Up Rotary” and some excerpt from the new RI President Gary C.K. Huang.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD-WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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Rotary Facts

Some interesting facts about Rotary

- There are more than 1.2 Million Rotarians all over the world in more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries in all geographic areas.
- Providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunization Days has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 – testimony to the "plus" in PolioPlus.
- The first Rotaract Club was formed in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.
- The first women joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than 196,000 woman are members of Rotary International

Photo Caption

Light Up Rotary

RI President Gary C.K. Huang chose *Light Up Rotary* as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

"There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there... doing nothing. Meanwhile, everything stays dark." Huang told the 537 District Governors and their spouses and partners who are attending the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California:

"The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world," said Huang, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan.

"How you *Light Up Rotary* is up to you," Huang said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."



RI President Gary C.K. Huang



FW Rotary Perspective

There is no question in my mind that we do indeed light Up Rotary in this community and in fact internationally with our Sierra Leone project. As Bob would say "We are a small group of people doing extraordinary things!!! Imagine if we had more members the Light we could cast upon this city and this world!

Next month's theme will be focused on Membership and I am excited about the plans we have to grow membership in our club. We have some new ideas that I think you will all find exciting but there are also some new Rotary International Initiatives that we can leverage as tools to support us. Stay tuned for next month's addition!!

I hope that you enjoy these monthly FW Rotary Moments and would welcome feedback suggestions so that I can improve as we move through this year. Again thank you all for your faith and support in my leadership, it is truly and honor and a privilege to lead such an amazing group of people.

Your's In Rotary

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