



Turning Wheels of Bulawayo Rotary Club



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AIDS Vaccine

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UNITED NATIONS (Reuters Health) - Initial data on the effectiveness of the first preventive AIDS vaccine to make its way through human trials should be available "within 6 to 9 months," according to Dr. Seth Berkley, president and CEO of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI). He spoke here Tuesday during the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Berkley noted that the vaccine, called AIDSVAX, is only one of many in the research pipeline. But he warned that much work needs to be done to ensure that any effective vaccine could be produced and delivered swiftly to those who need it most.

"We can't have delays while each country decides to approve vaccines as they come out," he told reporters.

To help prevent such delays, IAVI has already collected more than 50,000 signatures from health experts from about 145 countries, petitioning leaders of the world's governments to coordinate mechanisms for vaccine approval and delivery.

In the meantime, AIDSVAX, under development by VaxGen of Brisbane, California, is currently finishing up phase III human trials. It includes as its primary ingredient a synthetic version of a protein found on the outer surface of HIV. AIDSVAX's makers hope that inoculation with the vaccine will prime the body's immune system to mount an effective defense against the virus.

Two versions of the vaccine are currently being tested. The version closest to completing clinical trials is based on the 'B' subtype of HIV, the variant most common in Western countries. Efficacy data on a second version - based on subtype 'E', more common in Southeast Asia - is expected in about 18 months to 2 years, Dr. Berkley said.

Many other HIV vaccines are working their way through human trials, including some under direct development by IAVI. But there remain many obstacles to the swift development of an effective AIDS vaccine, not the least of which is the fact that vaccine research remains "grossly under funded," according to Dr. Berkley, comprising less than 2% of global AIDS funding.

Delivery of an effective vaccine in poorer nations with fragile health systems remains a great concern, given that vaccines developed for other infectious diseases have typically taken an average of 20 years to reach populations in the developing world.

In a report released Tuesday, IAVI experts outlined steps they feel are necessary to overcome existing approval and delivery problems, including earmarking a full \$1.1 billion toward vaccine research over the next 7 years. Should an effective vaccine become a reality, the group also recommends a tiered pricing plan, with poorer countries paying far less than richer nations would.

Finally, IAVI is urging that leaders of the world's governments work together to reduce or eliminate barriers to the swift approval and distribution of vaccines. Dr. Berkley said he hopes to eventually obtain more than 2 million signatures to the IAVI petition "to try and assure that parliaments around the world are working on these regulatory issues in their respective countries."

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Training Launches New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Project

Thirty-five Rotarians representing 19 countries recently attended training at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, to serve as country representatives for the New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Project.

The New Models for Rotary Clubs is the first pilot project to be conducted as a result of a decision of the 2001 Council on Legislation, which gives the RI Board the authority to conduct pilot projects as a method for investigating organizational change and is aimed at generating a tested new club model. The training was the first official step of the three-year pilot project in which participating clubs can develop constitutions that have substantially different parameters regarding club leadership, committee structures, membership, and attendance.

The team of pilot project country representatives, who recently received training, will support the 190 new model clubs that have been approved by the RI Board for participation in this unique program. They will assist clubs with key aspects of the project such as developing a constitution and implementation plan. The country representatives will serve for three years and are responsible for monitoring the progress of the pilot project clubs and reporting their observations to the RI Board.

It is hoped that, through this pilot project, a new model for a Rotary club will emerge that will better meet the needs of the 21st century, be more attractive to younger professional and business leaders, and increase the effectiveness of clubs and future potential for membership growth and extension.

Recommendations will be submitted for consideration at the 2004 Council on Legislation based on the successful experiences of the new models pilot project clubs. The results of this important initiative will be presented at the 2005 RI Convention celebrating Rotary's centennial anniversary.

By Creating Awareness, Rotary Clubs Increase Their Membership

Galvanized by RI President Frank J. Devlyn's challenge to 'Create Awareness, Take Action,' Rotary clubs in many locales have boosted Rotary's public image this Rotary year and achieved significant membership growth as a result.

Taking advantage of press coverage often available in a small town, the Rotary Club of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, USA, persuaded the local newspaper, with a readership of 3,000, to publish periodic profiles of club members, photographed in front of local landmarks or projects supported by the club. The series 'provided our community with a better understanding of Rotary and the members who make our club successful' and resulted in six new members, says president E. Frank Fary, Jr.

With similar astuteness, the Rotary Club of Port Perry, Ontario, Canada, recruited a newspaper publisher as a member and provided both local newspapers and a cable television station with regular reports on Rotary activities. The appearance of 49 Rotary items in the media over a 10-month span brought about a membership increase from 26 to 34, a 20 percent increase in fundraising revenue, and increased public recognition, reports club president Dennis Bayley.

Unable to count on ample free coverage in their city, 40 members of the Rotary Club of Modesto Sunrise, California, USA, paid for a full-page club advertisement to run for three days in the 250,000-circulation Modesto Bee. The club placed another ad in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter. The attractive ads, which invited readers to contact the club for information, had the intended result. The club grew from 93 members to 109.

A new fundraiser, 'Taste at Kapolei,' generated a feast of favorable media coverage for the Rotary Club of Kapolei, Hawaii, USA. Featuring food stations provided by top chefs, entertainment, and Rotary information, the aggressively publicized event drew some 2,000 people. Taste will become an annual 'signature' happening for the community, says club president Keola Lloyd. And for the young Kapolei club, Taste's dessert is a growth in membership from 24 to 38.

With their 50th anniversaries as their focus, the Rotary clubs of Hicksville - Jericho, New York, and Bridgeport, West Virginia, USA, conducted major awareness campaigns in their respective communities. Extensive media coverage helped the Hicksville-Jericho club to induct four new members. Press coverage and a prominent billboard helped the Bridgeport club to add six new Rotarians, including its first women members.

Appealing service projects, including support for a food bank, garnered favorable newspaper and television attention for the Rotary Club of Clermond-Ferrand Chaine des Puys, France. The club also produced and circulated magazine supplements to advertise its service activities and club fellowship. Media interest coupled with invitations to join Rotary helped the club to induct seven members. The club sparked interest in Rotary 'by speaking highly of the organization and letting its actions speak for themselves,' said president Jacques Bachelerie.

Italian RCC Brings School Lessons to Bed-Ridden Kids

Unable to attend class, primary school children in long-term hospital care at Queen Mary Children's Hospital in Turin, Italy, were falling behind in school. Now, a Rotary Community Corps (RCC), which was organized by local Rotary clubs in May of 1999, is addressing their situation by bringing the school to them, in the form of a home-schooling program they developed specifically for the children.

With the coordination of the District 2030 Commission for RCCs, 20 Rotary clubs raised US\$35,000 to purchase laptop computers and printers, so that the students could continue their studies. Now, 110 kids, ages 5 to 14, can study and do homework with the

assistance of RCC members - mostly volunteer teachers - who work with local schools as well as hospital professionals to address the specific needs of each child. RotaryLabNet, an online educational service developed by district Rotarians, provided some technical advice for the project.

Computer experts among the RCC members developed educational CD-ROMs for the project so children could 'play and learn.' The RCC also spread some holiday cheer when it organized a visit from Santa Claus to the hospital during Christmastime. In addition, this past April, pupils from Vittorino da Feltre, a local elementary school, held a 'Friendship and Solidarity' art exhibition dedicated to the young patients. The colorful paintings featured at the exhibition were eventually reproduced on a CD-ROM by RotaryLabNet and donated to the hospitalized children.

According to Giorgio Contegiacomo of the Rotary Club of Settimo Torinese, a sponsor of the project, the home-schooling idea is spreading throughout District 2030 and plans are underway to 'clone' the project and adapt it to hospitals in Genoa. 'This Rotary action has generated an extraordinary and healthy psychological impact on hospitalized children and a positive attitude throughout the hospital environment,' said Contegiacomo. 'As a result, we have been asked to build a Rotary classroom inside the hospital in order to take care of all young people who have been hospitalized for long periods.'

The 20 clubs involved with the project have responded to this request with a plan to provide furniture and an informatics lab by the end of the 2000-01 Rotary year. More details about this and other projects of the Turin RCC are available on the organization's Web site at <http://www.rcc-2030it.org>

U.S. Rotarians Lead Medical Mission to Dominican Republic

Fifteen Rotarians - including District 7390 Governor John Walter Dixon – were among 8 professional and lay volunteers who went on a medical mission that restored the sight and health of hundreds of patients in the Dominican Republic between 26 March and 1 April.

A collaborative effort of the World Blindness Outreach, a Rotarian-founded medical charity, and Rotary clubs in districts 7390 (Pennsylvania, USA) and 4060 (Dominican Republic), the medical mission benefited from a US\$40,000 Matching Grant contribution from The Rotary Foundation to purchase medical equipment.

At a clinic conducted in La Pasquala, four doctors, a general surgeon, and a gynecologist examined and treated 500 residents for a range of diseases. In the same village, a group of volunteers started work on the second floor of a medical building previously erected as a World Community Service project.

Some members of the medical team went to Nagua where ophthalmologists performed corrective surgeries on 66 cataract and cross-eyed patients and optometrists carried out more than 400 eye exams, fitting 200 people with eyeglasses. In Samana town, surgeons performed operations on 40 tumor patients.

'Going on these missions is a very humbling experience,' said Dr. Albert Alley of the Rotary Club of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. 'When you realize the tremendous needs of people in other parts of the world, it makes you remember the importance of Rotary and that we should do all we can to extend a helping hand wherever we are needed.' A founder member of World Blindness Outreach and leader of the medical team, Alley

has participated in 40 such missions across the world, eight of them in the Dominican Republic.

Patti Stirk of the Rotary Club of York, Pennsylvania, who went on the mission as an official photographer, had this to say about her own experience: 'Everything about the trip was overwhelming; the depth of the needs of the people and the caring of the volunteers on the team.'

Volunteers from the host Rotary clubs of Nagua and Samana helped to coordinate the activities of the team, as did 10 Peace Corps members who worked as interpreters. In addition, a television crew from Channel 27, an ABC affiliate station in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, covered the mission and produced a 30-minute news program on the Rotarians' effort.

Japanese Club Focuses on Environmental Paper Project

Acting on the charge to 'Preserve Planet Earth,' a Japanese Rotary club is demonstrating that working on environmental projects is not only an ideal way to serve the community, but also an excellent method of involving the community to get concrete results.

The Rotary Club of Kashiwazaki East, Japan decided it wanted to promote the preservation of the local agricultural region near Kashiwazaki and help counteract the environmental impact of deforestation. They found a solution in kenaf, a hibiscus plant of African origin, whose strong, lightly colored fibers can be harvested to make paper - and require less bleaching than paper made from tree fiber.

The project began in February 1999, when club members met with local city officials, education committees, and agricultural and environmental groups. Soon after, the Preserve Planet Earth Committee of the club donated kenaf seeds to the local agricultural high school, community businesses, and organizations that were willing to participate in the program.

In the second year of the project, Rotarians helped organize the distribution of 80,000 seeds with copies of an educational brochure on kenaf production in schools and throughout the community. In October 2000, the club delivered a shipment of kenaf to a paper factory that specializes in manufacturing washi, a type of paper used in Japanese art. During production and shipment, Rotarians followed up on logistics, and the project was completed on schedule, yielding tons of paper material from the harvested seeds.

The Rotary club returned to the schools in January 2000, this time to present students with 2,000 sheets of the final product. Tokuichi Takahashi, president of the Rotary Club of Kashiwazaki East, presented the gift to the city's educational chairman who encouraged the students to consider Rotary's message of Preserve Planet Earth and promised to distribute the washi papers in the schools for wood-print art classes.

The club received a Significant Achievement Award for the Kenaf Project, which was presented at the District 2560 conference last October.

Der Rotarier: <http://www.rotarier.de>

New RI President Lays Emphasis on Membership Development

RI President Richard D. King took office on 1 July with a broad agenda to rally Rotarians for the business of people helping people, enshrined in the 2001-02 Rotary theme 'Mankind Is Our Business.'

During the 2001-02 Rotary year, emphasis will be laid on Rotary's Global Quest, a membership development program that calls for each Rotary club to bring in at least one qualified new member each month, with a minimum net gain of five new members per club at the end of the year, and for each district to form a minimum of three new clubs. Characterized as 'the most ambitious, far-reaching membership campaign in Rotary's history,' the program underscores the need for Rotary to achieve significant growth in order to expand its vital humanitarian and educational work and strengthen its efforts to advance peace and international understanding.

Several RI presidential conferences will be held in the course of the year to keep Rotarians focused on the 2001-02 theme and to provide them with forums to explore fellowship and service opportunities as well as to discuss Rotary's future. The first meeting will be in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on 10-12 August, followed by another in Salt Lake City, Utah, on 30 August-1 September. A European Presidential Conference will be held on 29-30 September in Bucharest, Romania, and related intra-city conferences on 27 September 2001 in Prague, the Czech Republic; 1 October in Budapest, Hungary; and 3 October in Warsaw, Poland. Two more presidential conferences are set for 11-13 October in Cairo, Egypt, and 22-24 March 2002 in Taipei, Taiwan.

In addition, President King will convene two Presidential PolioPlus Summits in Abuja, Nigeria, on 11-13 January 2002 and Mumbai, India, on 22-24 February 2002 to evaluate and lay strategies to complete the global campaign to eradicate polio by 2005, Rotary's centennial year.

A member of the Rotary Club of Niles (Fremont), California, USA, King is a senior partner in the law firm of King, King, and King. He is a member of the American Association of Trial Lawyers and has taught law at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. King has served on the board of the Eden Hospital Foundation and is a trustee of the City of Hope. An elder and high priest of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he has chaired the Boy Scouts of America campaigns and is a recipient of the Legion of Honor and Order of Chevalier International of DeMolay.

A Rotarian since 1968, King has also served RI as district governor, International Assembly discussion leader, committee member and chairman, and chairman of the Executive Committee. King has received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, its Citation for Meritorious Service and the PolioPlus Pioneer Award.

Also assuming office on 1 July were the 2001-02 chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, Past RI President Luis Vicente Giay of the Rotary Club of Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina; RI Vice-President Gary C.K. Huang of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan; Treasurer Norbert Turco of the Rotary Club of Domont-Ecouen, France; and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the RI Board of Directors Lynn A. Hammond.

Presidential Citation Program Criteria Modified

To enable all Rotary Clubs to participate fully in the 2001-02 Presidential Citation program, RI President Richard D. King has modified the criteria for the Rotary Education and Training segment of the program. Instead of having to complete all five achievements stipulated, clubs may complete four achievements and still qualify for the citation.

The RI president's main concern is that some well-intentioned and highly motivated Rotary clubs may fail to achieve the citation because they received information on the program after their district assembly, when one of the required achievements called for attendance by certain individuals at that same assembly.

The RI President encourages all Rotary clubs to take on the challenge of achieving the requirements of the citation as it addresses four areas that are crucial to the future health of Rotary: membership development, Rotary's public image, Rotary education and training, and club development and improvement.

President Bush Receives Rotary's Award of Honor

U.S. President George W. Bush received Rotary's Award of Honor on 2 July at the White House, Washington, DC, USA, from 2000-01 RI President Frank J. Devlyn and Immediate Past Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Herb Brown. The award recognizes President Bush's efforts in promoting community service in the United States and the contribution the U.S. government has made to polio eradication. At the ceremony, Past President Devlyn made Bush an honorary Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Washington, DC. Devlyn and Brown briefed President Bush on PolioPlus, Rotary's ambitious health program to eradicate polio worldwide by 2005, and the organization's other service programs. The two Rotary leaders also attended a meeting of the leadership of national service organizations convened by the U.S. president to discuss ways to provide more than one million mentors over the next five years to improve the lives of youths in the United States.

In addition to Rotary, Kiwanis International, Optimist International, Lions Clubs International and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America were represented at the White House event.

Rotary's Partners in Service Programs Register Notable Growth

Membership in Rotary clubs grew by 0.67 percent from 30 June 2000 to 30 June 2001. But Rotary's Partners in Service - Rotary Community Corps (RCC), Interact, and Rotaract - tallied even more sizable gains, 17 percent, 8 percent, and 2.9 percent respectively. The biggest gains were in India, where Rotary clubs chartered 334 RCCs, 251 Interact clubs, and 68 Rotaract clubs last year.

Rotary Community Corps numbered 4,201 at the end of 2000-01, a gain of 615 units over the previous year. The self-help community groups are sponsored by 1,794 Rotary clubs in 62 countries, the latest being Bulgaria, Canada, Egypt, and Germany. The estimated global membership of RCCs is 96,544.

The number of Interact clubs worldwide increased by 617 last year, bringing the total to 7,789. Clubs are now found in 107 countries, the newest being Gabon, Georgia, Panama, Pakistan, and Togo. A total of 6,296 Rotary clubs sponsor Interact clubs, which have an estimated 179,130 members ages 14-18.

A total of 196 new Rotaract clubs last year increased the number to 7,008 clubs in 151 countries, with an estimated 161,184 members ages 18-30. Rotaract clubs debuted last year in Belarus, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, and Moldova. Rotary club sponsors number 5,988.

RI leaders at the San Antonio Convention lauded the growth in Rotary's Partners in service programs, noting the potential for future growth in Rotary membership as well as the expanded opportunities for service that the programs afford.

The RI New Generations and Rotary Community Corps task forces last year made major efforts to increase the scope of the programs.

RI/Goodwill Partnership to Benefit 500,000 People with Disabilities

Rotary International and Goodwill Industries International have forged an alliance to help half a million people with disabilities enter the workforce by the end of 2002. The project links Rotary's more than 30,000 clubs with other community-based organizations, including Goodwill, to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities, and break down barriers to their workplace success.

A formal agreement linking Rotary and Goodwill was signed on 25 June at the 92nd RI Convention in San Antonio Texas, USA, by 2000-01 RI President Frank J. Devlyn and Goodwill Industries International CEO and President George W. Kessinger. Joining them was Robert Scott, past RI vice-president and current chairman of RI's Jobs for Disabled Persons Task Force.

'Our alliance with Rotary, one of the world's largest civic organizations, will help us ensure that thousands of people get jobs consistent with their interests and abilities,' said Kessinger. 'We salute Rotary for leading the charge to help underemployed members of our communities embark on new careers.'

With its network of 181 local agencies in the United States and Canada and 35 international associate members in 24 other countries, Goodwill will work with Rotary clubs to assess the needs of their communities and educate businesses on hiring people with disabilities. In addition, Rotarians will be encouraged to hire people with disabilities within their companies.

'Rotary and Goodwill Industries share a commitment to create and expand opportunities for steady and fulfilling employment for people with disabilities,' said immediate past RI President Devlyn. 'By working together, we hope to open doors for thousands of people who have been blocked out of the workplace.'

The Goodwill-Rotary collaboration arose from Rotary's 'Jobs for the World's Disabled' initiative, launched by Past RI President Devlyn in 2000.

India District Is Winner of 21st Century Challenge

The top award for the 21st Century Challenge, an incentive campaign designed to increase Rotary club membership world wide in 2000-01, was won by District 3160 in India, which chartered 14 new Rotary clubs and increased membership by 703, posting a net gain of more than 52 percent.

P. Bhaskar Reddy, the 2000-01 governor of District 3160, accepted the award on 27 June at RI's 92nd annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA. He was joined by the 2000-01 presidents of the two winning clubs from District 3160. Also appearing on stage during the award ceremony were the governors from many of the other 49 districts that achieved significant increases in membership growth, along with the presidents of each district's top large (with 51 members or more) and small (with 50 members or less) clubs.

Winning clubs and districts received handsome commemorative awards. The three world winners attended the San Antonio Convention at RI's expense.

From Blessing

Dearest Family and friends,

It has really been a long time and firstly I have to say I am sorry for all those who wrote to me and did not get a reply, my email account was not active for weeks so they suspended it and I have now managed to get it back today. A lot has happened over the past three months and thank God for most of them.

I will try and be short and to the point but I have not changed a bit, I still talk too much so bear with me. I completed my 3 months probation on the 13th of May and in those three months I learnt a lot, met new friends and etc. I joined the company's softball team and played a few games which was really nice as my Sunday nights were practise and my Friday nights is when we played the games, I really enjoyed and even though our team was not so good we had so much fun.

Two of the highlights of my past three months was being asked to take Roy Disney on my safari which really meant a lot to me, many of my friends here call me a workaholic but it paid off and before the end of my probation I was awarded Cast Member (Employee) of The Month of May and given a nice big trophy which is in the attachment with me, Mickey and Minnie Mouse. When I heard I had been selected, I was so excited not only for myself but I knew my parents, family and friends would be proud of me. I must say it made me proud and for me it was like representing my country Zimbabwe.

In my own time I volunteer to give a few hours of my day from 5pm to 9pm every Monday and Wednesday evening to a program called "Give Kids The World". It really made me realise how lucky we all are and seeing those terminally ill children that have come from 'Make A Wish Foundation' and for most of them being their last wish and seeing them smile brought tears to my eyes. I can not explain but most of the kids were so excited to talk and play with someone from Africa and always have so many questions.

I want to thank you all for always thinking of me and I want you to know I love and miss you and will keep in touch.

Keep Smiling!!!

Love always,

Blessing.

Only In America

... do people order double cheese burgers, a large fry, and a diet coke...

... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters...

... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and leave useless junk in the garage...

... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place...

... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight...

... do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Latin meaning "many" and "tics" meaning "bloodsucking creatures"...

... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance...

... are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink...

... do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions.

Profile - Gordon Geddes

Born and raised in Wiltshire, UK.

Prep school in Salisbury; Public school in Windsor.

Immigrated to join the then British South African Police in 1959. Service in Lowveld - Nyanetsi, Triangle, Masvingo, Chegutu.

Transferred to the Ministry of Justice; stationed in Harare, Mutare, Gwanda, Bulawayo. Retired as the Senior Regional Magistrate of the Western Division of Zimbabwe after 18 years service on the Bench.

Commenced a career in commerce with Textile Mills, then Edgars Stores Limited.

Has 2 law degrees, was admitted to the Bar. Member of the Law Society, Fellow of the chartered Institute of Secretaries and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Has been the Group Secretary of Edgars for the past 10 years.

Member of Round Table in Mutare, Gwanda and Bulawayo. Chairman of Gwanda Round Table, Area Chairman of Western Zimbabwe and Botswana - member of the National Council of the Association of Round Tables of Central Africa for 2 years.

Enjoys outdoor life - bird shooting, gun dog training. Past Chairman and Champion shootist of Gwanda Police Reserve Rifle Club. Past Chairman of the Fireball Association of Zimbabwe when he accompanied a team to sail in the World Championships in UK. Currently enjoys sailing on Lake Kariba in a cruiser (without frightening Jenny). Current Chairman of the OM Striders Running Club.

Married to Jenny who he met on ship 42 years ago coming to Rhodesia. They have two married daughters and three grandchildren.

Fifteen years in Rotary. Program Officer of Bulawayo Rotary Club for the last three years. Accepted being fast-tracked into President Elect when threatened with a fourth year.

Bulletin Judging Criteria

The Dougie Nudds Monthly Bulletin Trophy

The Club which, in the opinion of the Committee appointed by the District Governor has constantly produced the best bulletin during the Rotary Year (for all trophies the Rotary Year is July to March inclusive).

The "Judging formula" is:

News of Club Activities (past as well as present and future) - 20

District and matched and link club news - 15

Personalalia - personality sketches (Club, District, RI) - 10

Inspirational messages (President, Directors, Chairmen of Committees and, of course, editorials) - 10

Rotary Information - 20

Humour (not smutty stories) - 10

Style of writing - 5

Legibility and general layout - 10

An important factor is the timeous and correctly stamped delivery to all judges. (We don't yet know who they are this year but hopefully the second edition of the Directory will reach us before the end of July.)

Clubs must send copies of their bulletins regularly to each member of the District Bulletin Committee throughout the Rotary Year.

The decision of the Committee will be announced by the Chairman of the Committee during the Conference.

The Taffy Evans Weekly Bulletin Trophy

The conditions are the same as those for the Monthly Club Bulletin Trophy

Age Is A Funny Thing

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. How old are you? ... "I'm four and a half"

... You're never 36 and a half ... you're four and a half going on five!

That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number. How old are you? "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16.

And then the greatest day of your life happens ... you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony ... you BECOME 21 ... YES!!!

But then you turn 30 ... ooohhh what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk ... He TURNED, we had to throw him out. There's no fun now.

What's wrong? What changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40 ... stay over there, it's all slipping away ... You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, you're PUSHING 40, you REACH 50 ... and your dreams are gone.

Then you MAKE IT to 60 ... you didn't think you'd make it!!!

So you BECOME 21, you TURN 30, you're PUSHING 40, you REACH 50, you MAKE IT to 60 ... then you build up so much speed you HIT 70!

After that, it's a day by day thing. You HIT Wednesday ... You get into your 80's, you HIT lunch. You TURN 4:30, my grandmother won't even buy green bananas ... it's an investment you know, and maybe a bad one.

And it doesn't end there ... into the 90's you start going backwards ... I was JUST 92 ...

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again ... "I'm 100 and a half!!!"

