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July is Rotary International's official Literacy Month. Literacy and clean drinking water are the two primary issues that are being addressed

in this Rotary year. Did you know that it is estimated that 900 million people do not have the literacy and numerical skills needed to hold a job, or to advance to a better job? Developing countries are significantly impacted, but the U.S. also suffers. A recent study by the National Institute for Literacy showed that adults who cannot read are hospitalized at twice the rate as those with better reading skills, 43% of those at the lowest literacy level live at, or below, the poverty level, 60% of prison inmates are illiterate and 85% of youthful offenders have trouble reading.

Nearly half the U.S. working population lacks the basic reading skills it takes to find or hold a job that pays more than minimum wage. Probably the saddest aspect associated with the problem of literacy is that adults that can't read, can't help their children to read, and the problems connected with illiteracy, and the social and economic ramifications therein, are therefore passed to the next generation. As Rotarians we should all be thinking of ways that we can assist Rotary International in addressing the problem of illiteracy. If you have an idea or a suggestion on how our club can help, please contact me to discuss your thoughts on the issue.

Today's Program:
"What's New at UAS"
John Pugh

Next Week's Program:
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Today's Greeter:
Carl Ferlauto

Morning Moment:
Robert Minch

July is Literacy Month

July 29 Glory Hole

August is Membership Extension Month

August 5 Board Meeting

August 14 Rowdy Rotary Softball

August 26 Glory Hole

Rotary Cyber Club Creates Virtual Community

(Barcelona, Spain — 14 June 2002) - Rotary International, the world's oldest service organization, is getting high-tech with its first Internet-based club. Rotary e-Club One, based in Colorado, USA, allows Rotary to expand membership in different ways, creating communities online.

Members who cannot attend traditional meetings can now meet any time of day or night-electronically through the Rotary e-Club One Web site. The cyber club is just like regular Rotary clubs, except instead of meeting weekly, it takes place in online discussion forums, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Members simply log on to www.rotary5450.org/eclub to share the latest club news and create community service projects.

"Our meetings are asynchronous - they do not require participants to be online at the same time," said Rotary e-Club One charter President John Minter, a former member of the sponsoring Rotary Club of Boulder, Colorado, USA.

The club's theme is "Service above Self on the Internet," a motto that rings true online. Members are required to participate in the club's service projects and in at least 25 online meetings each year, asking questions, sharing their views, and making suggestions.

Keeping track of attendance is different from calling roll at a regular club meeting. "We require a minimum average of 12 hours of hands-on community service per quarter in place of 'seat time' in a terra club, so the member determines the activity, time and place," Minter said.

Rotary e-Club One was formed to help business professionals in their community who could not meet traditional attendance requirements due to travel, conflicting work schedules, physical disability, or sheer distance.

Rotary e-Club is one of several clubs worldwide participating in a three-year pilot project to produce new models of Rotary clubs. Rotary leaders hope the program will create different types of Rotary clubs to better meet the needs of Rotary in the 21st century, attract more young professionals, and increase membership.

Youth Exchange

Since the 1920s, Rotary International has developed a number of programs designed to extend the reach of Rotary service and offer young people an opportunity to serve and promote international goodwill. Rotary youth exchanges began taking place informally in 1929 and became an official RI program in 1974. Since then, 7,000 high school students from around the world have traveled abroad each year under the auspices of the [Youth Exchange](#) program, staying with Rotarian volunteer host families. Exchanges can occur between any two countries in which Rotary clubs are active.

In the 1960s, Rotary launched two programs designed to help young people become more service-oriented. [Interact](#) began in 1962 as an international organization of service and social clubs for high school students that promotes international understanding and peace. Founded in 1968, [Rotaract](#) is a Rotary-club-sponsored service and leadership organization for men and women ages 18 to 30 that emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility as the basis for personal success and community involvement. In 1971, RI established the [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (RYLA) program, which sponsors camps and seminars to help promising young leaders between the ages of 18 and 30 further develop their leadership skills.



Chicago Centennial Convention

The Chicago Centennial Convention will begin on Saturday, 18 June 2005, one day earlier than usual, to accommodate the Rotary International Parade in the morning and Host Hospitality in the evening. Combined Convention Registration and RI Ticket Order forms will make it easy for you to plan your convention itinerary.