



Weekly eWheel for the

Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor



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It's the last official week of summer and the weather continues to stay nice and warm for us. Soon enough things will surely cool down so we can enjoy our hot pumpkin spice lattes as the season dictates.

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR (AG) TERRY ALLEN of LAKESHORE ROTARY TELLS US THE STORY OF THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Two statements defined the core of the Rotary movement: the "The Object of Rotary" and the "Four Way Test". Most of us know the "Four Way Test" by heart, but we are less familiar with "The Object".

- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;



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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 9/23: Benton Harbor-Sunrise Rotary/Slumberland Great Bed Race
- ❖ 9/26 Meeting: Tom Tudor, Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- ❖ 9/28: Board Meeting at Area Agency on Aging at 7:30 AM
- ❖ 10/3 Meeting: Lisa Bartoszek & Stephanie Kohler, Lory's Place
- ❖ 10/10 Meeting: Dave Peterson, Friend of the Court
- ❖ 10/17 Meeting: Stuart Boekeloo, History of our Rotary Club



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY?

Have you LOST your mind?

Don't forget to salt them.

You know you always forget to salt them. Use the! Salt.

USE THE SALT! THE SALT!

The wife stared at him.

'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

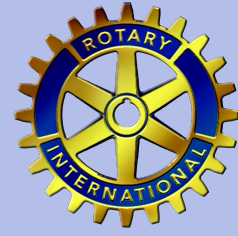


FOUR-WAY TEST (CONTINUED)

"The Rotary Four-Way Test is one of the most widely known codes of conduct in contemporary life. It has been translated into the languages of more than one hundred countries. High schools and colleges in more than twenty five countries display the Test for the inspiration of their students and faculty. It has been put into poetry, set to music, displayed in judicial chambers, and incorporated into safe-driving programs, fire prevention campaigns, and labor contracts. NASA astronaut Buzz Aldrin even planted a Four-Way Test pin on the moon's surface! Printed on cards, etched in plaques, chiseled in granite, painted on moving vans, and publicized by billboards, it is Rotary's most conspicuous contribution to the moral climate of the modern world. And yet those of us who are members of Rotary tend to take The Four-Way Test for granted. We may occasionally hear a program on one or more of its precepts, but we seldom step back to ponder the significance of the Test as a whole."

"Much is at stake in gaining a more spacious understanding because The Four-Way Test is the soul of the Rotary ethic and the source of our distinctive lifestyle in business and civic endeavors."

The Four Way Test was first written down in 1932 by Herbert Taylor. Taylor never claimed to be the author of the Four Way Test. He was a deeply religious person who believed that the test came to him through prayer. He started in Rotary in the early 1920's when he helped to organize a Rotary Club in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.



VISITING ROTARIANS

Andrew Williams, Elkhart, IN

ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS

Mike Huie brought Kevin Udy

Debra Trapikas brought her husband Bruno Trapikas

Attention!

PROGRAM CHANGE NOTIFICATION

Our originally scheduled program for next week has been changed. We will have Tom Tudor speak, Tom was in the military service and was one of the guards for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He has many a story about Arlington Memorial Cemetery AND he will be speaking to the Lest We Forget group that evening.

Lisa Bartoszek, the Executive Director of Lory's Place has graciously consented to have her program the following Monday, 10/3/16.



FOUR-WAY TEST (CONCLUDED)

He eventually returned to his wife's hometown, Chicago, and went to work for the Jewell Tea Company. He also started several storefront missions, and a youth mission. In 1939 he became the President of the Rotary Club of Chicago. He later served as a District Governor and a Director of Rotary International. During World War II he served as one of the "dollar a year" men, as vice-chair of the War Department's Price Adjustment Board.

It was about this time that a member of the RI Board asked for permission for Rotary to use the Four Way Test to promote high ethical standards. Thus, Rotary's association with the Four Way Test dates back over seventy years, to 1942. In 1954, when Herb Taylor became the President of Rotary International, he formally presented our organization with the copyright to the simple 24-word test. His legacy lives on in the Four Way Test Association, a non-profit organization that he started 1959 to preserve and promote the Test. Herb also had a Michigan connection.

He was born in 1893 in a small town of 300 people in the Upper Peninsula, Pickford, Michigan, where his father started the electric and telephone companies, and ran the bank and a dairy!

Many Rotarians ponder why the use of this simple 24-word test is so wide-spread? Could it be because as humans we search for guideposts for our behavior, which make life better and more "civil", and we agree to governance because we recognize that without governance and a common set of guidelines, life is chaotic, at best!

Notice that each test asks a question rather than delivering a commandment. We are invited to search for our own answers rather than to satisfy someone else's preconceived conditions. The form of the four-fold test challenges us to probe our own attitudes and behaviors until we are satisfied with our performance.

The Rotary lifestyle is shaped, not by theoretical presuppositions and principles, nor by ethical mandates and imperatives, but by our capacity for self-examination, our responsiveness to the unanswered and unsolved, and our willingness to engage in honest inquiry. In a world of brittle absolutes and shouted slogans, let us rejoice that our civic affiliation offers an invitation to exploration and discovery rather than to coercion and conformity.

Notice next that these tests are non-parochial. When Herbert Taylor first devised guidelines for his company, he asked his four department heads if any of the tests were contrary to the doctrines and practices of their faith. They all agreed that truth, fairness, goodwill, and helpfulness were common to all of their religious traditions even though one of them was a Roman Catholic, the second a Christian Scientist, the third an Orthodox Jew, and the fourth a Protestant Presbyterian!

Notice finally the careful sequence of the four parts of the Test. Truth comes first because all of life must be based on reality rather than deception. Fairness comes next, before friendship, to protect the latter from cronyism. And goodwill is placed third, before seeking a beneficial result, lest we superimpose our service on others in a condescending manner that masks a desire to control in the guise of compassion. In a profound sense, truth and fairness are foundational for fruitful relationships, characterized by goodwill and beneficial results.

RAFFLE TICKETS!!!

Debra Trapikas is selling District Foundation Raffle Tickets in the foyer next to the cashiers at the next TWO meetings: September 29 and October 3rd. It is your chance to buy a \$20 tickets and win \$1000 in return. The best part of it is that you are supporting the Saint Joseph-Benton Harbor Club Youth Services because the kids will get 20% in credits for each ticket sold. Please buy a ticket. It's only the cost of a 12 pack of beer, or three tacos, rice and beans and a drink at Rio's.

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