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“SONGS FOR ROTARIANS” REVISED 12/15/04
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ROTARIANS ARE MEANT TO SING (WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS)

My introductory remarks for this collection of Rotary songs grow out of my love for singing and my love for Rotary. I began singing duets publicly when I was age four and my brother was age six. We were a popular attraction at church programs and other community social events near Frederick, Maryland. Musical theater, college productions, the county chorus, barbershop quartets, church choirs, etc. have always been an important part of my entire life. My membership in the Westminster Rotary Club began in 1960, and Rotary was destined to become another of the major forces in my life. The more involved you are in Rotary and the more you give to Rotary, the more you benefit from the experience. I was President of my club in its 50th year and District Governor in its 75th year. I was Leader of a GSE Team to New Zealand in 1992; I started the Bonds Meadow Rotary Club in the 1994 with 42 charter members; and, I served D7620 as Foundation Chair from 1998-2001. These experiences and the opportunities to meet and work with Zone Directors and RI Presidents have caused my love for Rotary to increase over the years.

It is my hope that my Rotary songs bring you some degree of pleasure, and that they fill a void that is not currently being filled by other Rotary songs. As a singer, my first goal is to make a melody that is easy to sing. As a singer who “sings to convey a message,” my second goal in each song is to provide lyrics that are important to Rotary. The music of the first four songs in the collection is mine, and in the final six songs, I added Rotary words to old tunes that many singers will recognize. The words in these songs cover important Rotary topics as: Youth, The 4-Way Test, Women Joining Rotary, RI Presidential Themes, The Rotary Foundation, and Group Study Exchange.
Past President Dochterman and others have documented that singing songs has long been a part of the Rotary tradition. Let’s not allow that tradition to die.

**STORY BEHIND THE ROTARY SONGS**

Each of my Rotary songs has a story related to it, which I now share with you.

**Secure Rotary’s Tomorrow** was written in 1996, and it was my first effort to write music for Rotary use. I was excited about my coming role as District Governor, and Glen Kinross was to be the President of Rotary International in 1997-98. The President’s theme was not known to me at that time, but “youth” seemed to be a main focus. I was motivated to write this first song, and I shared it with some other Rotarians. Later, a phone message was left on my home phone, saying that President Glen Kinross wanted me to call him and discuss my song. I suspected that a trick was being played on me, but I called the number, and to my great surprise, Heather Kinross answered the phone. Glen wanted to know a bit more about the tune, and I actually sang it to him over the phone. He asked to take it to Australia to give it closer attention, and I was delighted. He chose another tune (“Give My Regards To Broadway”) and other words for his theme music in 1997-98. Glen and I have become very close friends over these past seven years, and we always joke about his poor judgment in rejecting my song: Secure Rotary’s Tomorrow, By Securing Youth Today. Nevertheless, I dedicate this musical number to President Glen. It may be of interest that I gave a laminated copy of my first Rotary song to most of the incoming DGs attending the International Assembly in 1997 in Anaheim, and this may have been the first time in Rotary history that such a gift was exchanged by an incoming DG at the annual Assembly.

**4 – WAY TEST - CODES OF BEHAVIOR** was written in 1997, and I wanted a melody that supported the famous lyrics of “Rotary’s 4 – Way Test.” In District 7620, we offer District awards to high school students giving the best speeches on the use of Rotary’s 4 – Way Test. Selected finalists are then judged at the annual District 7620 Conference, a difficult choice for the attending Rotarians. At my District Governor conference, in 1998, I was blessed by the special appearance of Past RI President Raja Saboo, and he spoke on the importance of the 4 – Way Test to Rotary. I sang my song that day, and I now dedicate this Rotary song to a great Rotarian and dear friend, Raja Saboo.

**‘TWILL NEVER BE THE SAME** was written in 1997. The RI Convention had just concluded in Glasgow, Scotland, and the lively music of the host country was still in my thoughts. I wanted to write a song praising the contributions made to Rotary by women, and First Lady Celia Giay was a shining light at the Glasgow Convention. President Luis reminds me that Celia is not the only music talent in the Giay family, but I must dedicate ‘TWILL NEVER BE THE SAME to Celia. I treasure her friendship and kindness.

**WHAT ALL ROTARIANS KNOW (TWENTY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEMES)** was first written in 2002, and it has been modified several times since. Rotary International Themes have always impressed me, and I enjoyed using some of them during my District Governor year, such as President Abbey’s “Put Life into
Rotary, Your Life.” Since shorter themes could more easily be arranged with the tune I developed, I had to reject lengthy themes, and I focused on themes of recent years. Two verses seemed like a logical stopping point, until some Rotarian said that the 2002-2003 theme, “Sow The Seeds Of Love,” should be included. That led to the writing of verse three and the need for another four themes. The theme of Luis Giay, “Build The Future With Action And Vision,” concluded verse three, increasing the number song themes to fifteen. Raja Saboo sent a nice note saying that “You seem to be immortalizing the Past Presidents, at least their themes,” and Richard King’s office praised the effort. Luis Giay wrote that he liked the song, and he said, “We are looking forward to sharing this work with our Rotary club.” Jim Lacy wrote “Ken, your song is good, but where is “Follow Your Rotary Dream”? Needless to say, I took Jim’s advice and added a forth verse to the song to include his theme. After this action, the revised song contained a total of twenty RI themes. I am pleased that the themes of Jim Lacy, Frank Devlyn, and Charlie Keller could be included in the final verse. I dedicate this song to two Past Presidents, Richard King and Cliff Dochterman, whose fine themes have honored positions in the first verse of WHAT ALL ROTARIANS KNOW.

“ROTARY” MEANS THE WORLD TO ME was written in 2003. The word Rotary is a perfect fit for the 1915 song M-o-t-h-e-r. (There are six letters in each word). By adding Rotary words to the old song, we are now able to sing a new Rotary song to a lovely old melody. I would like to dedicate this Rotary song to two energetic Past Presidents of RI, namely Charlie Keller and Frank Devlyn.

ROTARY FOUNDATION – THE WAY TO A BRIGHT NEW DAY was written in 2003. I always wanted to add Rotary words to the wonderful old song “Wishing,” and my Rotary Foundation message is focused on the word “giving” rather than the word “wishing.” The original version of “Wishing” was written many years ago in 1934, and I admit that I sang the original in that decade. Since Rotary songs seldom relate to the Rotary Foundation, I hope that this song will be sung and enjoyed by many Rotarians, and I hope that all will become motivated to donate annually to the Foundation. I dedicate this song to Past President Bill Huntley of England and Past Director Ray Wells of New Jersey.

PROUD ROTARIANS and ROTARY IS THE ANSWER are two songs that were written to be sung to two old melodies, “Aura Lee” and “Wandering Child, O Come Home.” The first melody is known and sung by most Rotarians, and the second is an old hymn that will motivate everyone to sing. The word Ro-ta-ry fits nicely into these melodies, and the verses of the songs relate some of Rotary’s proud history. I completed these songs in 2004. I dedicate these two Rotary songs to: Past President Rattakul, President Majiyagbe, and 2004-2005 President Estess.

THE GSE SELECTED ME was written in 2003. Our District 7620 GSE Team was visiting Norwich, England. I offered these light lyrics to the team members, and they proved that they were not selected for GSE on the basis of their singing talents. They did know the melody of “Maryland, My Maryland.” The GSE song will win no awards, but it brings a touch of humor to the memorable GSE experience.

ROTARY, MINE! -A Rotary love song, written for this Cole Porter tune in 2004.
SECURE ROTARY’S TOMORROW
BY SECURING YOUTH TODAY

Dr. H. Kenneth Shook
PDG 1997-98, D7620

1. Secure Rotary’s tomorrow by securing youth today.
2. Embrace the children of all nations; their mind and body needs, all.
3. The youth, aided by Rotarians, will share with those in need as.

day. Lend a hand to all the needy. Help to guide them on life’s way. Rotary’s
ley. Education, food, and loving will become their shining ray. Rotary’s
hey, By their deeds and interactions, Good behavior’s on display. When club

New Generation’s Programs give Rotarians the voice to say:
Youth Month is in September, but let’s carry it on through May. Let’s se-
mem-ber-ship is ex- tended, they will smile and join us to say:

cure Rotary’s tomorrow by securing youth today.

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ROTARY'S 4-WAY TEST

CODES OF BEHAVIOR

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? Strive to be your best! Use Rotary's 4-Way Test in all the things you say or do. To this test be true.
*TWILL NEVER BE THE SAME!*

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Dr. H. Kenneth Shook

Easy bounce

Bb E♭ B♭

(clap) The or-i-gin of Ro-ta-ry dates back to nine-teen five. An
(clap) A bon-ny lass joined Ro-ta-ry, the year was eight-y eight. She
(clap) A cen-tur-y of ser-vice Ro-ta-ry's wheel is roll-ing still. The

B♭ C7 F F7 B♭

ide-ia formed which still to-day is very much a-live. Paul and his friends did plant the seed, and
sought to aid her fel-low-man and rid the world of hate. She served her club so faith-ful-ly, their
stamp-ing out of po-li-o and food sup-ples to fill. We joy in vic-ta-ry's of the past but

E♭ B♭ E♭ F7 B♭ C7 B♭ E♭ B♭

from that seed did grow A love of ser-vice to man-kind for all the world to know! The
lead-er she be-came. Still no-one could de-ny the Club would nev-er be the same. Her
strive for fu-ture gain. Peace in all lands re-mains our goal, to rid the world of pain. To

B♭ C7 F B♭ E♭ B♭

men of Ro-ta-ry fought the fight, the vic-ta-ry to a-chieve But a great-er force was need-ed, new in-
Dis-trict she served faith-ful-ly, its leader she be-came. And no-one could de-ny that it would
non Rotar-i-ans ev-ry-where, we sing this glad re-frain: Come and join us in this no-ble cause, the

C7 F B♭ E♭ B♭

cen-fives to con-ceive. So, wo-men an-swered Ro-ta-ry's call, Rotar-i-ans they be-came! And
nev-er be the same. She now serves R I faith-ful-ly, her dreams are still a-live! She
weak we will sus-tain. Be-come a part of Ro-ta-ry, West-min-ster Club by name! Come

E♭ F B♭ C7 B♭ F7 B♭ E♭ F B♭ C7

all ad-mit the Ro-ta-ry world will nev-er be the same! And all ad-mit the Ro-ta-ry world will
could be R I Pres-i-dent be-yond the year aught five! She could be R I Pres-i-dent be-
give your heart to Ro-ta-ry, you'll nev-er be the same! Come give your heart to Ro-ta-ry, you'll

B♭

nev-er be the same! nev-er be the same!
yond the year aught five!

[* "Westminster Club" in verse three can be replaced by other club names (Bonds Meadow Club, the Frederick Club, etc.) by altering the rhythm to fit the club's name.*]
WHAT ALL ROTARIANS KNOW
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Words Revised in 2004
PDG - D7620

All Rotarians know that Man-kind is our business.
All Rotarians know we should Help (to) shape the future.
All Rotarians know there's A bet-ter world through Ro-t'ry.
All Rotarians know Ro-ta-ry is hope in action.

All Rotarians know you must Look be-yond your self.
All Rotarians know we must Kindle the spark with in.
All Rotarians know we must Sow the seeds of love.
All Rotarians know to Follow your Ro-t'ry dream.

And to Be a friend is to Show Ro-t'ry cares. For
If You are the key, then Good will be-gins with you. Put
We should Lend a hand. Cel-e-brate Ro-ta-ry! Build the
And Create a - ware-ness, take ac-tion. Reach out. U-

Real hap-pi-ness is help-ing oth-ers.
life in- to Ro-ta-ry, your life.
fu-ture with ac-tion and vi-sion.
nit-ed in ser-vice, ded- i -cat-ed to peace.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEMES (By President, Rotary Year, & Verse):
V1 - King (01-02), Saboo (91-92), Huntley (94-95), Kinross (97-98), Dochterman (92-93)
V2 - Randall (58-59), Laharry (62-63), Cadman (85-86), Breitholtz (71-72), Abbey (88-89)
V3 - Evans (66-67), Rattakul (02-03), Majiyagbe (03-04), Estess (04-05), Giay (96-97)
V4 - Cibils (53-54), Lacy (98-99), Devlyn (00-01), Renouf (78-79), Keller (87-88)
1. Have you ever been given a helping hand, As you sailed on life's 
2. Admiral Byrd took its flag to the earth's two poles, And a club's banner 
3. Its club members are more than a million strong, Men and women com-

1. Turbulent sea? Would you now like to share, helping those in need? 


1. You could join our ex-tended fam-i-ly. 
2. Other vic-ti-ries are com-ing, and soon. 
3. Bringing love, hope and joy all de-serve. 

As your glo-ries now in-crease, 

Verse 4. Have you served a hot meal to a starv-ing child? Have you oффered a 
coat when he's cold? Have you men-tored a child with a heavy load? 

Given po-li-o drops to a one-year-old?
“ROTARY” MEANS THE WORLD TO ME

(Tune: "Mother" melody written by Theodore Morse in 1915)  (“Rotary" words adapted to music by Dr. Ken Shock, PDG D7620)

“R” is for the million, plus, Rotarians.

“O” is for the others, yet to be.

“T” is for the 4-way test that guides us.  “A”, our aim to set all people free.  “R” is our resolve to serve the needy.

― "ROTARY" MEANS THE WORLD TO ME —

(Tune: "Mother" melody written by Theodore Morse in 1915)  (“Rotary" words adapted to music by Dr. Ken Shock, PDG D7620)
“Y” is for the youth we must secure. Put them all together, they spell Rotary.

“Ro-t’ry,” A name that means the world to me.


Howard Johnson wrote the lyrics for M-O-T-H-E-R in 1915, and a portion is printed below. Dr. Ken Shook adapted the lyrics for R-O-T-A-R-Y in 2000.

“M” is for the million things she gave me.
“O” means only that she’s growing old.
“T” is for the tears were shed to save me.
“H” is for her heart of purest gold.
“E” is for her eyes, with love-light shining.
“R” means right, and right she’ll always be.
Put them all together, they spell “Mother,”
A word that means the world to me.

“R” is for the million plus Rotarians.
“O” is for the others yet to be.
“T” is for the “4 Way Test” that guides us.
“A”, our aim to set all people free.
“R” is our resolve to serve the needy.
“Y” is for the youth we must secure.
Put them all together, they spell “Rotary,”
A name that means the world to me.
Refrain (slowly, with expression)

Giving will make it so.

Foundation

Giving will make it grow.

Giving to meet human needs is Rotary's way, by joining hands throughout the world.

A Bright New Day! Rotarians will do their
(1934 Tune: “Wishing” by B. G. De Sylva)

part, because the needy have touched our heart.

So if we give long enough, give strong enough,

we will come to know, giving will make it so.  

so.  

so.
Thanks for blessings in our care. Happy to be free!
Members, wear your wheel with pride, a symbol all can see.

Our abundance we will share, share thru Rotary!
With Paul Harris as our guide, we sing of Rotary.

Rotary! Rotary! Spread your message far.
Rotary! Rotary praises reach the sky.

Brotherhood throughout the world makes you a shining star.
Good deeds clearly are the key to raise your banner high.
THE GSE SELECTED ME

TRADITIONAL GERMAN TUNE & MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND

Group Study Exchange Words by Dr. Kenneth Shook, PDG D7620

Sweetly F C7 F

The GSE selected me, in Maryland, yes Maryland, out
Our District's urban centers are Washington and Baltimore. We

C7 F

of the blue, to visit you, and see White Cliffs of Dover. We'll
split the North-South corridor from chilly Maine to Florida. When

Gm D Gm C7 F

give our all (which isn't much!), but from our hearts the love will gush. So
early settlers came to us, religious freedom was a must! Our

Bb F Gm C7 F

please be kind, and keep in mind, our stay will soon be over.
Chesapeake Bay has boats galore. We'd like to greet you at our door.

F C7 F F D Gm D Gm C7 F

Final verse:
We brought our appetites with us, from Maryland, yes Maryland. We
smack our lips for fish and chips, but any food will tempt us.
Correct our English if you can. It's never used in our fair land.
District life to us explain, before we leave by air-o-plane.
ROTARY, MINE!

1930s TUNE “ROSALIE”
BY COLE PORTER

ROTARY WORDS BY: PDG
DR. H. KENNETH SHOOK, D7620

A7    Cdim    A7
Ro-ta-ry is car-ing.

D    Bb7    D
Ro-ta-ry is kind.

A7    Ab7    G    A7
Ro-ta-ry brings hope to the world and

D
Love, love, to all man-kind. Yes,

A7    Cdim    A7
Ro-ta-ry’s in-spir-ing.

Cmaj7    F#7    Ddim Edim
Ro-ta-ry is di-vine. Be-lieve me,

B7    Em    Ddim D    D+    Em
Join-ing Paul Har-ris is Spring-time in Par-is. Life is

E7    Em7    A7    D
Fine! Ro-ta-ry, mine!
Comments Made By Rotary International Dignitaries To PDG Ken Shook About Rotary Songs:

**Past President Charles Keller (1987-1988)** – 7/26/04  Regarding the *District 7620 Rotary Song Book*, “Your historical introduction explaining your evolving interest in Rotary and music produced a sense of ‘déjà vu’ for me. My Rotary life began in 1950 and I began working with music at the age of five.” “I played the trumpet seriously for about fifteen years and had the great experience of playing with some jazz and really good classical groups. But I came under the influence of some exceptionally talented vocal teachers and they made a marked impact on my life. I can still sing any song I can hum using the ‘do-re-mi’s.’ Through high school and college and in the service and indeed, through my life, I have done a lot of vocal music. I conducted the choir of my church, the California United Methodist Church, for more than 25 years and my wife and I still sing in the choir.” “Thank you for thinking of me and keep up the good work.”

**Past President Royce Abbey (1988-1989)** – June, 2003  President Abbey met me for the first time at the Rotary International Convention in Brisbane, and regarding the *District 7620 Rotary Song Book* and the song *What All Rotarians Know*, he said “I am delighted that my 1988-1989 theme ‘Put life into Rotary, your life’ is included in your music.”

**Past President Raja Saboo (1991-1992)** - 2/19/02  Regarding the song *What All Rotarians Know*, “You seem to be immortalizing the Past Presidents, at least their themes. I am much obliged to your thoughtfulness in including ‘Look Beyond Yourself’ as part of your verses/song. I wonder if there will be any takers for all the efforts you are making. Good luck to you.” 4/30/04 Regarding the revised *District 7620 Rotary Song Book*, “I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. Unfortunately, in India we do not have the kind of community singing as a culture as many other countries have. I wish we had the same custom and enthusiasm with which we have seen many other Rotarians singing together to express their unity and camaraderie. Long live Rotary singing and long live the contributions that you are making, dear Ken.”

**Past President Clifford Dochterman (1992-1993)** - June, 2003  At the Brisbane International Convention, Past President Cliff said “Thank you, Kenneth, for the copy of your revised *District 7620 Rotary Song Book*. I regret to say that in my opinion Rotary singing appears to be a dying art. I wish it were otherwise. Rotary singing has been a tradition that is about as old as Rotary itself.”

**Past President William Huntley (1994-1995)** - June, 2003  While handing Past President Bill a copy of the *District 7620 Rotary Song Book*, he thanked me for the book and he said “I’ve been playing your Rotary songs on my keyboard at home in England. Yes, Ken, I remember you!”
Past President Luis Giay & First Lady Celia (1996-1997) 3/04/02  Past President Luis wrote “Thank you very much for being so thoughtful as to send me the lyrics of ‘What All Rotarians Know.’ Your song is excellent and very creative in its use of all of the most recent presidential themes. As you may know, both my wife Celia and I are pianists so we are eagerly awaiting the final printing of your song with piano accompaniment so that we may enjoy it more fully. You are most kind to think of us. We are looking forward to sharing this work with our Rotary club.” 8/10/04  First Lady Celia Giay reviewed the District 7620 Rotary Song Book and wrote: “I want to congratulate you for your Rotary dedication and also for promoting music among Rotarians. You and I have two very important things in common: we love Rotary and we love music.”

Past President Glen Kinross (1997-1998)  - My first Rotary song, Secure Rotary’s Tomorrow By Securing Youth Today, was written in 1996 for President Glen, and he called my home in Westminster, Maryland, to discuss the music. He listened as I sang the song over the phone, and he asked to take it to Australia for further consideration. His final selection for his 1997-1998 Theme Song was the tune Give My Regards To Broadway, with Rotary words attached. To this day, I joke with Past President Glen that he should have selected my song, and he returns the humor. On 10/28/02, Past President Glen sent me an e-mail that read: “I look forward to seeing you and Carol in Brisbane. Please do not sing me the greetings when you see me in Brisbane. Best wishes to you both.”

Past President Jim Lacy (1998-1999)  - 4/12/02 On this date, Past President Jim wrote: “Thank you for sharing your new Rotary song, ‘What All Rotarians Know.’ Ken, your song is good, but where is ‘Follow Your Rotary Dream’? Claudine joins me in sending warm regards and best wishes to you and Carol.” 3/9/04  Past President Jim thanked me for the revised District 7620 Rotary Song Book, and he added: “I’m pleased to be one of the ‘selected Past Presidents’ who received a copy! You do a wonderful job with the song book and I hope that you’ll continue for many years to come. Even though it is not understood in all countries around the world, singing is an important part of our fellowship at Rotary meetings and it is Rotarians such as yourself who make sure that this tradition continues and prospers. Keep up the good work! We need our songs to brighten the day.”

Past President Carlo Ravizza (1999-2000)  - 8/30/04  Past President Carlo was Rotary Foundation Chairman when he wrote this letter to me. He said: “Arriving at my Evanston office yesterday, I was pleased to find your letter of 19 July with the copy of your revised songbook. Thank you so much for sending the songbook to me. It was very interesting to learn of your song ‘Rotary Foundation Giving,’ which promotes contributions to our Foundation. Naturally, I hope that this song is your most popular! It is always good to hear from you and to know that you continue to promote Rotary through song.”

Past President Frank Devlyn (2000-2001)  - Past President Frank has written to me a number of times, but none of those letters and e-mails mentioned my Rotary songs. In conversations with Past President Frank, he has expressed a fondness for my music, and on one occasion, he invited me to his office and he listened to me sing some of my Rotary songs.
Past President Richard King (2001-2002) - 8/17/04  On this date, Past President Richard wrote: “Many thanks for yours of July 19 together with the District 7620 Song Book and ‘Proud Rotarians.’ I am pleased to receive your warm letter and congratulate you on your work. As one who has spent a lifetime in the singing business, it is a pleasure for me to see what you are doing. The next time I’m in 7620 for one reason or another I hope to see you. With warm personal regard.”

Past President Bhichai Rattakul (2002-2003) - 6/30/03  On this date, Past President Bhichai wrote: “Thank you for your letter of 19 June and for the music to ‘What All Rotarians Know’ which was enclosed. To incorporate so many of the themes of Rotary presidents into wonderful music is unique and I am sure that all these Rotarians enjoyed picking out their theme. I know that you will continue with your music in bringing it to all Rotarians as it brings joy to the heart. With best wishes and the hope that you will continue to Sow the seeds of Love now and in the future. Yours sincerely,” 3/13/04  Upon receiving the complete District 7620 Rotary Song Book, Past President Bhichai wrote: “I have read the introductory remarks and Story behind the Rotary songs with great interest and admiration of your earnest efforts. Unlike you, Ken, I am not a singer, though I love to listen to music. Many, many years ago, I used to sing a bit especially while having shower back at the age of 15 at school.” “Thank you once again, Ken, for your thoughtfulness. Yes, singing songs has been a part of the Rotary tradition. Let’s not allow that tradition to die!” 8/06/04  “I am seeking your approval that I send a copy of the revised (District 7620) songbook to a very dear friend of mine, PDG Supavat Poovakul, of District 3360, also. PDG Supavat Poovakul is our Song Leader at almost every Rotary event in Thailand. I am sure he would be most happy to have a copy of your song book. I trust that you and your family are doing well, and that our paths will come across again in the future.”

Past President Jonathan Majiyagbe (2003-2004) - 7/28/04  “I have just received your letter of 19th July and the enclosed songbook and the laminated copy of ‘Rotary Is The Answer’ and ‘Proud Rotarians’ dedicated to the immediate past Presidents and current President Glenn. Thank you immensely for the good work you are doing for Rotary and for our world by lending a hand through your talent and skill for composing songs. Kind regards,”

Current President Glenn Estess, Sr. (2004-2005) - 4/23/04  “Thank you for your letter of 1 March and for the copies of your very creative SONG BOOK. I apologize for the long delay in expressing my appreciation for your message and for the books. I have just returned to my office from an extended Rotary trip and we are trying to catch up a bit.” “I enjoyed the way in which you included the 2004-05 theme in one of your songs. I am very glad you shared this with me. I look forward to an opportunity to hear it sung some time. Please accept my best wishes as we prepare to Celebrate Rotary in fellowship and service during our centennial year. Sincerely,”

President Elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar (2005-2006) - The President Elect and I had several brief conversations at the Zones 31 & 32 Institute in Cambridge, Maryland, in October of 2004. President Elect Carl received a copy of the District 7620 Rotary Song Book, and his theme, when announced, will be inserted into the song What All Rotarians Know.