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## **Rotary Family values Series 7**

# **About being Positive**

### ***Talk about a Rotary Educator.***

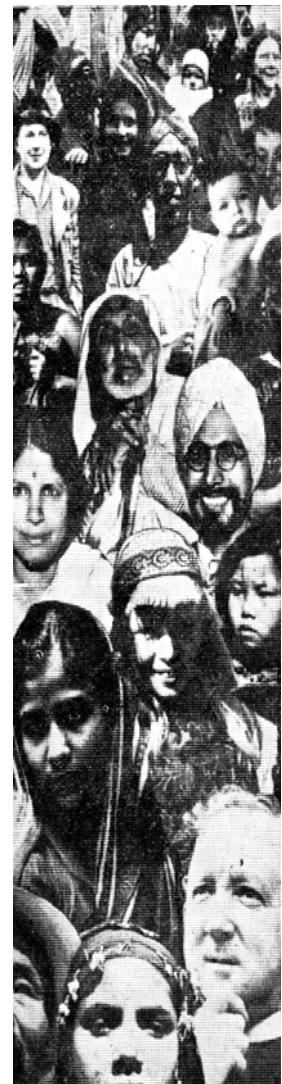
***PDG Dens W. L. Shao, D3520 (1999~2000)***

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The famous nineteenth century English writer, John Ruskin, once said,

***"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of intelligent effort."***

This reminds me of PDG Honor, our District Governor 1991-1992, who urged our members to improve themselves and their quality of service in order to become 'Zero-Defect' Rotarians. He encouraged us to examine deep within ourselves in order to discover and use our inner strength to surpass the hurdles of selfish thoughts and actions. PDG Honor believed that the release of this inner strength would not only improve the quality of Rotarians, but also enable the human spirit to soar to a new and greater height. Through these actions, we can achieve the world as envisaged by past RI President Rajendra K Saboo, where people can live in a harmonious world of peace and happiness without fear and poverty. PDG Honor's vision of improving members by self-reflection, realization and activation is indeed a 'positive' philosophy towards achieving a better way of life. As a result of his philosophy, PDG Honor was an extremely dedicated Governor during his year. Often, he would attend meetings to teach and motivate local members to aspire to the 'Zero- Defect' service, sharing in the joy of success as well as the disappointment of setbacks. This tireless enthusiasm and boundless energy has earned him respect among many as a sensitive and caring Rotary educationalist.



1991~92 RI President Saboo once said, "**Rotary is not synonymous with status quo; Rotary means advancement and growth for greater dimensions in service. Rotary equals excellence; and excellence is what society expects of you and me as Rotarians.**" How can we fulfil society's expectations of Rotary?

How can we use our ideas and actions to shape the future and make the world a better place? Personally, I believe the '**Zero-Defect**' service advocated by PDG Honor is a good starting point. To improve ourselves, we should begin by examining what the Rotary philosophy means to us as individuals and how we can apply it in our everyday life. By these actions, we improve our service to the Rotary organization, so that others may also gain strength in belonging to Rotary, thus making it a more effective organization.

Next is the cultivation of **integrity, frugality, tolerance** and **unselfishness**, which are all positive qualities advocated by Paul Harris in his book, "My Road to Rotary". In addition, we also need to observe the consequences of our actions towards society, to accept criticisms and feedback, so that we can keep our efforts focused to serving the community.

RI past President Saboo once told a story about a young disabled student. He was intelligent, friendly and won many academic achievements as well as respect from his friends and classmates. One day a friend asked him, that with such misfortune, how he faced the world each day. "Oh," the student replied with a smile, "the illness never touched my heart." Shouldn't we all learn from this young man and share his optimistic, positive view of life?

A Greek philosopher once said, "**Quality is not an act, it is a habit.**" So, if we want to achieve a positive outlook on life, we should make it a part of our lives. That is, we should share our successes, achievements and improved quality of life with those around us. For only then can we become **well-rounded Rotarians**, and at the same time achieve the positive state of a "**Zero-Defect**' Rotarian" aspired by us all.



1991-92 年度國際扶輪社長 Rajendra K. Saboo 與 PDG Dens 合影

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