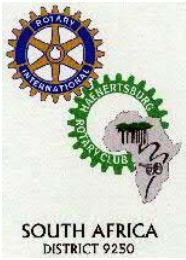


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Dear Presidents of Rotary Clubs of District 9250

PROPOSAL FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAENERTSBURG (SECONDED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF PIETERSBURG 100)

Our Club has conceived a proposal which we believe to be of ground-breaking relevance in terms of addressing a long standing fundamental of our Rotary organisation globally. In a nut shell, this is to enhance the Rotary Four Way Test and the Object of Rotary to reflect the "Preserve Planet Earth" ethos.

This exceptionally strong concept has its roots in the current worldwide focus on the environment, global warming and related issues. This has been wholeheartedly embraced by Rotary internationally under the banner of "Preserve Planet Earth" (PPE). We believe in the imperative to acknowledge, in the Four-Way Test, the Object of Rotary and optionally the Rotary Grace, that the earth too needs our care and attention. As a notion, it places Rotary in the forefront of the movement for the ethical and sustainable use of our planet's resources, and is a natural progression of the PPE platform that is already firmly entrenched. Acceptance and implementation of such a change worldwide would place Rotary in a commanding position as far as environmental awareness and actions are concerned.

We shall endeavour to inform as many Southern African Rotarians as possible with the object of making positive ripples in the Rotary pond. The 1.2 million Rotarians in the world affirming the care of Planet Earth on a weekly basis translates to 62.4 million top of mind mentions annually! There is no doubt in our minds that positive thoughts can translate into action.

We are naturally aware that any major changes such as the ones being proposed here need to take the formal route at Rotary International Headquarters through the Council of Legislation deliberations. We trust in your vote to produce that ground swell of support and energy that can persuade the top of the organisation to make it fly.

For the present, we would appreciate your club's feedback and reaction. The suggested revisions are attached as Appendix A.

In addition, DG Albie has placed this proposal on the District 9250 Conference Agenda, so our hope is that you will all give it due deliberation and come to Conference with your considered opinions and stance on the issue.

While some Rotarians may feel that one "cannot mess with the Object of Rotary or the Four Way Test", we believe that, if the various authors of our Rotary Object, and Herb Taylor, who devised the 4-way Test, were here today, they would agree to adding this dimension in order to focus the intent of Rotarians on issues relevant to the world we live in today.

What do we stand for if we cannot include in our basic tenets this concern for the preservation of the Earth, which affects the thoughts and actions of all people in the world today?

Now is the time for this to happen and we sincerely hope that we can count on your response and positive support.

Yours in Rotary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Holloway', written over a light-colored background.

Jack Holloway
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APPENDIX A

This is the proposed wording for changes to reflect the PPE program. We have gone through many options of what a new name for the Four-Way Test could become - we believe this is the best suggestion, but is certainly open to further debate :

The Five-Way Test of the things we think, say and do :

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?
5. Will it **PRESERVE PLANET EARTH** for future generations?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. 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 service society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service;
5. The preservation of Planet Earth in its diversity.

ROTARY GRACE

For food, fellowship and the opportunity to serve,

We thank you, O Lord. May we be mindful of the needs of people and the sustainable use of Planet Earth. Amen.