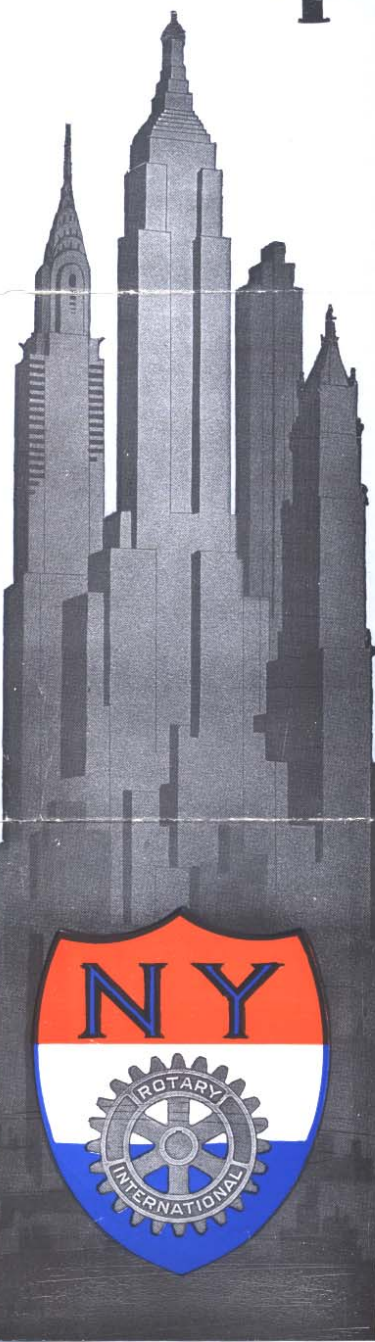


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IN THE WHEEL OF THE
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Speaker

HON. A. HARRY MOORE

Former Governor,
The State of New Jersey

Subject

"THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA"

A. Harry Moore has a fine record of outstanding service. He was born in Jersey City, educated in the public schools there and at Cooper Union. Among the degrees he holds are LL.B. and LL.D. from New Jersey Law School, LL.D. Rutgers, Seton Hall, John Marshall College of Law, and Princeton University.

His political career began in 1908 when he became Secretary of the Mayor of Jersey City, then City Collector, and in 1913 he was elected City Commissioner to which office he was re-elected five times until 1925.

Harry Moore then became Governor.

Under the laws of New Jersey at that time, he could not succeed himself as Governor, so in 1929 he resumed his practice of law. In 1931 he was again elected Governor, and at the end of that term he was elected United States Senator and after three years' service, he again became Governor of New Jersey, the only man in the history of the State to be elected a third time.

Mr. Moore has long been a leader in civic and community activities, and has received many awards, among which is the Distinguished Service Medal of the State in connection with the rescue of passengers of the "Morro Castle" disaster.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

LUNCHEON • THURSDAY, APRIL 5

East Ballroom • THE COMMODORE • 12:15 o'clock

President ARTHUR SCHWARTZ will preside

THE MEANING OF ROTARY IN THE WORLD TODAY

From an Address by Arthur Laqueux, President, Rotary International

(Reported for SPOKES by John T. Ogden)

Rotary is a big, important, influential organization and the Rotarian is a realistic individual. He recognizes the need of policemen, and firemen, and other safety devices to protect his home and his way of life, and hence, the continued necessity, in this man-made world, of preparing to resist any force, directed against the continuation of these ideals. Unfortunately, in the past, force has generally been used to impose a particular type of ideal upon people. That method is still accepted by many; however, the freedom-loving peoples of the world, do not agree to this. They know full well that the ideals them-

selves — friendship and service — will be universally acceptable if given the right soil.

As I think upon world situations, it seems to me that Rotary has a contribution to make to them. Power, wealth, diplomacy are not tools for Rotary's use. Ro-

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Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17
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A NEW INVOCATION

THE ROTARIAN for April (Scratchpaddings section) reports a new song, an Invocation, titled "God of Our Fathers, We Give Thanks to Thee". Words are by JOHN R. SHAYS, JR., and music by former member, GEOFFREY O'HARA, now a member of the Pawling Rotary Club. The composers dedicated it to the memory of PAUL P. HARRIS, Founder of Rotary, and have assigned the copyright to Rotary International. You'll find a portion of the song in THE ROTARIAN.

ROTARY BOWLING BANQUET

Friday, April 13 — 6:15 p.m.

Hotel Gramercy Park

Come Early . . . Stay Late

You can't bowl at the Gramercy Park, but the Committee will have cards on hand for bridge, canasta, or gin rummy, before and after dinner.
\$6.00 per person

THE MEANING OF ROTARY IN THE WORLD TODAY

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tary's tools are far simpler. Rotary's tools are in every man's hands. They require no immense organization; no great sums for underwriting. What are they? Friendship and service. Only these. There are some places in the world where there is no Rotary; yet, within those countries there is a groping for the very thing for which Rotary stands.

Without formality, but with whole souled sincerity, we Rotarians try to practice friendship through service. Through the ideals of Rotary we seek to help others, and in helping others we better ourselves. Nothing could be less complicated, or more effective.

Rotary is not selling anything. "We are not a business." We are an idea.

We don't want anything from anybody; we want to give something. And mainly, we want to give ourselves.

For years, Rotary has been showing the world how men of good will, from diverse backgrounds, can live in peace and harmony. Annually, we have held our important international assembly, with representatives from some 60 countries, sitting around the council table at work upon ways for giving to the world that which it so sorely desires. Some of the most amazing instances of clearing up misunderstandings have resulted. Why? Because the men who came to the meetings, though differing in backgrounds and outlook, were minded to get along with each other; they wanted to give rather than to get.

Being friendly can be like an art or a hobby. The more you do it, the better you are at it. Robert Louis Stevenson expressed it very clearly: "A friend," he said, "is a present you give yourself."

A generation ago, there came out a book entitled "The Story of San Michele". It seized people's imagination on account of its inspirational quality. Its author, Dr. Axel Munthe, made one of the most pertinent remarks; pertinent, that is, to the Rotarian concept, that I have ever read. He said: "What you keep to yourself, you lose; what you give away, you keep forever."

Business can be competitive without being mean. Men can seek money payment for work done, without being sordid. Ambition can be exercised without its being turned into vainglory. All we need is a clear view of what we do. Elihu Root once said that there are two ways for an individual to get ahead, he can tear other people down, and himself rise up

by stepping on their fallen bodies. Or he can help everyone around him, and go forward with all the others.

The one way means destroying people's reputations. The other means lending a helping hand. Practically as well as idealistically, the second way is the best and no true Rotarian doubts it.

I have never seen expressed a more practical, down-to-earth thought of what a man should be in relation to other men, than the statement made by Hillel almost 2000 years ago. He said: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am for myself alone, what am I?" Or as Robert Louis Stevenson said: "A friend is a present you give yourself."

Our watchword is service. It is a beautiful word, for every meaning in it betokens unselfishness, helpfulness, goodness. It fits Rotary like a glove. We Rotarians have never been falsely proud . . . never pretentious . . . never seeking credit for something undeserved; indeed, not especially caring for credit due us. We have believed in service, and are satisfied to render it, not vainglorious in wanting to be known for it. Scripture long ago put the thought into words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

There is no problem in finding good works to do. The problem is to do them.

John Baker, Soloist

Metropolitan Opera Company

Commemorating the Easter season, our baritone soloist, John Baker, sang "The Holy City", the "Lord's Prayer", and "Invictus".

Mr. Baker, always a great favorite with our members, on this occasion stirred us to the depths with his truly glorious singing. There has not been a finer rendition of the "Lord's Prayer". The warmth, richness and beauty of his voice and his feeling interpretations made this a memorable experience. The ovation accorded him was spontaneous and well deserved.

Tutch did a masterful job at the piano!

Luncheon in Brief

President Arthur Schwartz presided. Meeting opened with the Star Spangled Banner followed by a silent Invocation. Arthur, in the absence of Kinsey Merritt, also made the Secretary's announcements, and welcomed Mae Kennedy, of Headquarters Staff, who has just returned following her recent illness.

He also explained for the benefit of visitors that we had been unable to get the large ballroom or certainly would have