

A POEM FOR ROTARY
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For over 100 years we have promoted goodwill and peace,
And our first goal is to see that polio will cease.
We give freely of our energy, time and hearts;
We serve 167 countries, some on the map, some off the charts.

We set our standards high and want to offer the best,
To those all over the globe who will put us to the four way test.
Over 1 million of us to help those in time of need
We can help financially or plant the first seed.

We can give others an uplifting and helping hand,
When others won't help, we will take a stand
To offer support, kindness, loyalty and goodwill.
We will keep the world moving while others are standing still.

We are businessmen and women, with jobs of all kinds,
We each bring something to the group, each a special find.
We shake hands, salute the flag and use our first names.
We treat everyone with respect and expect others to do the same.

We take the four way test and are honest and fair.
We take the time from work to show others we care.
We volunteer when needed and support our hometown.
We can offer you some of the best friendships that can ever be found.

We are the South Hill Rotary Club and over 40 members strong.
Some of them have been members for what seems like so long.
For over 50 years, every Thursday, some of them have been here,
To bring their own strengths, thoughts, kindness and good cheer

We are well represented in many jobs and business fields,
From real estate and health care to jobs where we cut deals.
We help the area progress and add to its growth whenever we can.
The Rotary wheel keeps turning as we keep working to benefit man.

Some come to enjoy the atmosphere and the good mood,
And they also get to enjoy a meal of good food.
Some are dedicated and come every week and never miss a night.
If they do they make it up at another site.

There are members who work with your money and put it in the bank
They don't tell you if you don't have enough, for that you have only yourself to thank.

They can help you invest, and save and even spend,
Take advantage of some new fund and help start a trend.

The President always gets the meeting going by ringing the bell.
He gets a kick out of that official duty, can't you tell.
Then he lends his voice to lead us in the song.
We have to follow our leader to keep our group strong.

Other great officers are always waiting in the wings.
Every year somebody new takes over things.
Whoever takes on those roles each year will make a great team
They are all true Rotarians who will make it easy, or so it will seem.

There are those thinking men who talk way over my head.
They have great ideas from the moment they get out of bed.
Sooner or later they will invent something in big demand.
I just hope whatever it is; it is something I can understand..

There are few quiet ones, who say very little at all.
But you can be sure when they do, other talk will stall.
We will listen to what they have to say and ponder with thought
Give it consideration and say yeah or naught.

You can insure your car, refinance your home, and protect your life and health.
You can even make sure you leave some one else your wealth.
We have members that will hold you in good steed.
We have members who are always up for a good deed.

We can cook and serve up baked goods and a hot dog or two,
The Rotary Auction is a good fundraiser tried and true.
We can sell your stuff, but cut down on the time a little bit
It has to be going, going, gone so we can get rid of it.

We have three newspaper writers to show us off in print.
One is retired, did his job well, and now his golfing time is well spent.
Two more who work all the time to get the job done.
Rotary is the only night we go out to have any fun.

I hope I have learned something about you all in the past years.
All of it good I can say for others to hear.
You all meet the high standards and give something back.
You meet the four way test guidelines and are right on track.

A true Rotarian will put others first and ask for no praise.
He will do what he has to and move on to the next phase.
He is but one member of a greater number that offers help.

He will be but one of many that puts service above self.