The Man Who Wouldn't Give Up

ARCH KLUMPHE And his DREAM of the ROTARY FOUNDATION

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Supported primarily through individual donations -- more than $3 billion to date -- the Foundation issues hundreds of grants each year to fund worthwhile humanitarian projects around the globe...

For nearly 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has been a powerful force for doing good in the world.

Foundation Global Grants for 2014-15

- **Fighting Disease**: 329 grants totaling $150.8 million
- **Providing Clean Water**: 302 grants totaling $20 million
- **Promoting Peace**: 68 grants totaling $4 million
- **Eradicating Polio**: 168 grants totaling $111.2 million
- **Growing Local Economies**: 33 grants totaling $8 million
- **Supporting Education**: 78 grants totaling $5.7 million
- **Saving Mothers & Children**

...but it all began as the dream of a Rotarian from Cleveland named Arch C. Klumph.
A self-made lumber magnate, Klumph became a founding member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 1911.

The civic-minded Klumph was wholly dedicated to the organization and its values, describing himself as a man who "thinks Rotary, sleeps Rotary, and dreams Rotary," and he liked to dream big.

His fellow Rotarians recognized his dedication and elected him president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1916.

ROTARY CONVENTION
ATLANTA
18 JUNE 1917

As president, Klumph then used his bully pulpit to introduce his philanthropic vision for Rotary's future.
CARRYING ON, AS WE ARE, A MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE...

... IT SEEMS EMINENTLY PROPER THAT WE SHOULD ACCEPT ENDOWMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD.

The speech went over quite well with the rank and file. Of course, Arch Klumph was not the first Rotarian to promote the ideal of Service Above Self.
In fact, the Rotary motto One Profits Most Who Serves Best can trace its origins to a speech given by a Chicago Rotarian, Arthur Frederick Sheldon, at the very first Rotary Convention in Chicago in 1910.

Rotarians put that ideal into action through charitable activities like organizing relief efforts after the Great Flood of 1913 ravaged cities throughout the Midwestern United States ...

... and by improving sanitation by building the first public restrooms in Chicago.

Still, it was Klumph who first advocated for the creation of a permanent charitable endowment, thus ensuring that service would forever be the axis upon which the great wheel turned.
The endowment got off to a promising start when, not long after Klumph’s speech, the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Mo., made the first donation in the amount of $26.50.

And then... nothing. Save for a few small contributions, the endowment effectively lay dormant for decades.

It wasn’t until 1928 that The Rotary Foundation was formally established as a distinct legal entity within Rotary.

Even then, Klumph had to conduct all Foundation business out of his personal offices in Cleveland because there was no space for it at Rotary headquarters in Chicago.

Klumph never wavered in his dedication to the Foundation, but the seeming indifference of his fellow Rotarians took its toll.

I HAVE REGRETTED EXCEEDINGLY THAT AN OCCASIONAL ROTARIAN HAS BEEN SO UNKIND AND UNFAIR AND SO UNTRUE AS TO MAKE THE STATEMENT THAT...

..."THE FOUNDATION WAS A WILD DREAM OF ARCH KLUMPH."

*FROM A SPEECH GIVEN IN 1934.
Another blow came on 27 January 1947, when Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary and dear friend to Klumph, passed away after a lengthy illness.

Before he died, Harris had made it clear that no ostentatious monuments were to be erected in his memory. He didn’t even want anyone to send flowers to his funeral. If they truly wanted to honor his memory, he argued, they should instead make a donation to The Rotary Foundation.

By July 1948, the Paul Harris Memorial Fund had raised over $1.3 million from Rotarians around the globe – the equivalent of more than $13 million today.
Klumph himself would pass away on 3 June 1951 at age 82.

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He remained an active adviser to the Foundation well into his 70s, and he lived to see his life’s work, his “wild dream,” finally become a reality.

Arch C. Klumph had bequeathed to future generations of Rotarians a mighty lever, and they would use it to move the world.
In the aftermath of World War II, The Rotary Foundation sent aid to displaced Rotarians and their families, but this was merely treating the symptoms of war.

To promote comity among the next generation of world leaders, the Foundation launched its first program, Fellowships for Advanced Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

From 1947 until 2013, the Foundation sponsored more than 41,000 scholars from over 190 countries to serve as goodwill ambassadors abroad. The Foundation continues to support scholarships through global and district grants.

In 2002, the first class of Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies. There are now six Rotary Peace Centers at major universities worldwide.

The peace centers have trained more than 1,000 peace fellows in conflict prevention and resolution, preparing them for leadership roles in government, nongovernmental organizations, law enforcement, and beyond.
In 1920, The Rotary Foundation awarded its first gift of $500 to the International Society for Crippled Children (Easter Seals). This established a precedent for humanitarian aid in the area of public health. That eventually led to the creation of the Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) program.

The first 3-H Grant was awarded in 1979 to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines against polio.

Success in the Philippines inspired the Foundation to think bigger. Much bigger.

In 1980, Rotary vowed to eradicate the polio virus through global immunization.

The PolioPlus program was launched in 1985, and Rotary began working with organizations like WHO, UNICEF, the CDC, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support the eradication effort.

MORE THAN 120 COUNTRIES WHERE POLIO HAS BEEN ERADICATED SINCE 1988

2.5 BILLION CHILDREN IMMUNIZED

With each passing day, The Rotary Foundation and its partners get closer to ending polio for good.

MORE THAN $1.6 BILLION RAISED BY ROTARIANS
Matching Grants (est. 1965), 3-H Grants (est. 1978), and their successors, global and district grants (est. 2013), have been the Foundation's primary methods for disbursing funds to worthy causes.

PROMOTING PEACE

FIGHTING DISEASE

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

Whether it was underwriting the development of the Concentrated Language Encounter method to improve literacy in Thailand or supporting a quality assurance model for maternal and child health in Nigeria...

...the grants have empowered Rotarians around the world to change countless lives for the better.

SAVING MOTHERS & CHILDREN

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES
The story of The Rotary Foundation began with Arch C. Klumph, but over the last 100 years, it has grown to a cast of millions -- billions -- around the world.

It’s the story of every Rotarian who has donated time, money, and expertise to one of the Foundation’s many projects.

It’s the story of all the people whose lives have been improved by those projects.

It’s the story of doing good in the world, and that story has only just begun.

Read more about the Rotary Foundation and how you can celebrate its centennial at www.rotary.org/foundation100

Donate to the Rotary Foundation at www.rotary.org/give

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