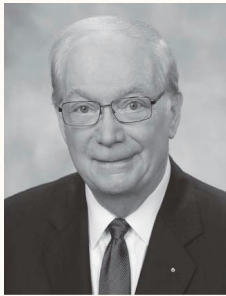


扶輪基金會主委文告

扶輪基金會及構想的力量



我在 26 歲那年加入扶輪，這似乎是昨天的事。當時我錯過我的第三次例會，而且未能補出席，我的輔導員請我坐下來，然後第一次為我真正解釋扶輪的價值。我把他的話牢記在心，從此沒有錯過補出席。迄今幾乎整整 49 年後——作為洛杉磯（LA5）扶輪社的一個驕傲的社員——我很榮幸且謙虛地擔任今年的扶輪基金會保管委員會主委。

基金會起源於一個簡單的想法：行善天下。一百年後，我們知道其間發生的故事——如同我們在今年的扶輪基金會百週年慶當中所知的。

在那些歲月，扶輪社員們籌募且投資超過 41 億美元在數以千計的計畫及獎學金。簡單的說，扶輪基金會是一個想法的力量的一部活歷史。一個扶輪社員和他的或她的扶輪社分享一個想法，在扶輪基金會獎助金的款項協助之下，產生令人驚奇的事。

成為扶輪社員是令人興奮的事。今年是扶輪基金會第二個世紀的第一年，我們即將參與達成人類歷史上最令人驚奇的成就之一：根除小兒麻痺。32 年前，根除小兒麻痺等疾病計畫開始，成為促使全世界扶輪社員及合夥人共襄盛舉的觸媒。今天小兒麻痺依進度將成為人類歷史上第二個被根除的疾病。主要的全球媒體新聞發布者 CNBC 最近把扶輪基金會排在「改變世界的 10 大慈善機構」名單的第 3 名。

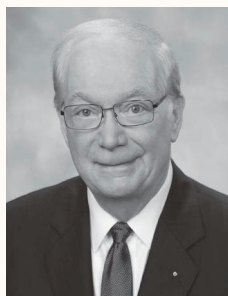
我期盼在未來幾個月討論我們的扶輪基金會明年及以後的目標。如果您想和我分享您的想法，請寄到 paul.netzel@rotary.org。問問您自己，「我如何協助解決我周遭或我親近的人之問題？」你如何讓基金會協助你？請記住，這只是一個人的想法——加上一個偉大的組織——以及我以前不知道的那些永恆的扶輪價值。這些種種彷彿是昨天的事。

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Paul A. Netzel 尼采爾
基金會保管委員會主委

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR

The Foundation and the power of an idea



It seems like yesterday that I was 26 and a brand-new member of Rotary. When I missed my third meeting and failed to do a makeup, my sponsor sat me down and for the first time really explained the values of Rotary. I took his words to heart and haven't missed a makeup since. Now, 49 years later, almost to the day – as a proud member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles (LA5) – I am honored and humbled to serve as chair of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation this year.

The Foundation started with a simple idea: to do good in the world. One hundred years later, we know the story of what happened – as we have learned during this year's celebration of the Foundation's centennial.

During those years, Rotarians have raised and invested more than \$4.1 billion in thousands of programs, projects, and scholarships. In short, the Foundation is a living history of the power of one idea. A Rotarian shares an idea with his or her club, and – with the help of grant money from the Foundation – amazing things happen.

This is an exciting time to be a Rotarian. It's the first year of The Rotary Foundation's second century, and we are on the verge of participating in one of the most amazing accomplishments in human history: the eradication of polio. Thirty-two years ago, PolioPlus began and served as a catalyst that engaged Rotarians and partners worldwide. Today polio is on track to become the second disease eradicated in human history. CNBC, a leading global media outlet, recently ranked The Rotary Foundation third on its list of the “Top 10 Charities Changing the World.”

In the coming months I look forward to discussing our Foundation goals for the next year and beyond. Share your thoughts with me at paul.netzel@rotary.org. Ask yourself, “What can I do to help tackle an issue that's near and dear to me?” How will you engage the Foundation to help you? Remember, all it takes is one person with an idea – along with a great organization – and those timeless Rotary values I learned way back when. It seems like yesterday.

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