



扶輪基金會主委文告

我敢打賭大多數的扶輪社員都記得輔導他們加入扶輪社的人。那是一個我們永難忘記、永遠感激的人，因為他跟我們分享一個改變生命的機會。話雖如此，但我真的不確定大多數人能否明確指出基金會對我們變得很重要的時刻。那不像你邀請某人參加例會一樣簡單，可是我認為有某個影響深遠的活動、計畫，或事件——無論是否在你的扶輪社或地區，或是在國外——成為啟發你的契機。

自 1905 年起，扶輪社提供扶輪社員管道成為社區採取行動的人。我們在地扶輪社就是我們生活、工作、結交終生友人的地方，也是我們對於我們稱之為家的地方發揮最直接、最易見之影響的地方及方式。我堅信當大多數的扶輪社員聽到「國際扶輪」，他們會想到他們自己的扶輪社。

就另外一方面來說，當扶輪社員聽到「扶輪基金會」，他們會想到讓我們基金會成為今日世界一流基金會的無數人道及教育計畫。那真正是讓扶輪活生生呈現、讓他們的社區與世界接軌、讓他們成為在國際採取行動的人。

展開新的一年之際，我們會思考我們想要完成的許多事情，許多人會許下新年新希望。我希望你的新希望之一是更深入廣泛參與我們的扶輪基金會。讓我們每個人都讓我們的基金會成為我們所選擇的慈善機構。如果我們這麼做，我們可以讓這個扶輪年度成為我們有史以來最棒的年度。請跟我一起，讓扶輪傳承成為我們共同的承諾！

Ron D. Burton 朗伯騰
基金會保管委員會主委



A Message from The Foundation Chair

I would be willing to bet that most Rotarians remember the person who sponsored them into their Rotary club. It's a person we will never forget and to whom we will always be grateful for sharing with us such a life-changing opportunity. Having said that, I'm not really sure most of us can pinpoint exactly when our Foundation became so important to us. It's not quite as simple as someone inviting you to a meeting. But I have to think there was some seminal event, project, or happening — whether in your club or district, or internationally — that turned on that light for you.

Since 1905, Rotary clubs have provided the outlet that allows Rotarians to be people of action in their communities. Our local clubs are where we live, work, and make lifelong friends, and where and how we have the most direct, visible impact on the place we call home. I firmly believe that when most Rotarians hear “Rotary International,” they think of their Rotary club.

On the other hand, when Rotarians hear “The Rotary Foundation,” they think of the myriad humanitarian and educational projects and programs that have made the Foundation the premier foundation in our world today. It is truly the magic that brings Rotary to life for them, makes their community the world, and allows them to be global people of action.

As we begin the new calendar year and think about the many things we would like to get done, many of us make New Year's resolutions. I hope one of yours is greater involvement and participation in our Rotary Foundation. Let's each make our Foundation our charity of choice. If we do that, we can make this Rotary year the very best in our incredible history. Please join me and make Rotary's legacy your promise!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron D. Burton". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ron D. Burton
FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR