



Governor Dick's Drivel for January & February Editor's note—title is Dick's, not mine!

In the early fifties I went to high school in South Dakota for three years. It taught me a lot about life. People there and then really believed in things. Members of the two largest religious denominations in the state studied their catechisms diligently and memorized them well. And even though adherents of these groups didn't always agree on doctrine, everybody in South Dakota believed in basketball. Everyone in our little town was expected to go to the games and the honor of the community somehow depended on how well the team did. Winning was important.

The teams spent endless hours at practice. Kids started playing as early as the first grade so that some high school seniors had played with the same team mates for eleven years. Every player on the team knew what shots his mates could make and what shots they could not. There was no excuse for a missed free throw. Defense was as important as offence and it was practice that taught one how. There was a community interest in seeing that all the kids "stayed in shape". The result, of course, was that a small town could put together a great basketball team even though none of the players were more than just good athletes. And it wasn't a hollow dream to think that a school with 200 students could beat a high school with 1,500 in the State Championship Tournament.

Another lesson from basketball was shown me in college. One of my fraternity brothers would not play on one inter-mural team even though the team had members that were very talented players. When asked why he replied, "They aren't going anywhere because they have too many "glory-gobbers". What he meant is they had players that took a shot every time they got the ball because they wanted to be the "high-point man" at the end of the game. And some players would even push a teammate out of the way in order to be credited with a rebound. And some would stand in the corner and yell for a pass when they should have been screening for someone else. In short, this team was doomed because its players were only interested in their own glory and didn't realize that it takes a whole team to win a ball game.

Rotary takes teamwork too. For us to do as much as we hope to and to accomplish the humanitarian work we should, let's come together as teams. We need good teams that will get things done, efficiently and in a timely manner. About a year ago I passed out a list of District 5220 Crew Rules to all the incoming club presidents.

And here are those rules:

- Know what you are doing.
- Act like you know what you are doing.
- Protect the dignity of others.
- Communicate effectively, frequently and fully.
- Share the work, the problems and the glory.
- Work as hard as you can to make things better.
- Find something to enjoy in everything you do.
- If something isn't fun, figure out why and make it fun.
- Encourage generous giving to the Rotary Foundation.
- Do whatever it takes to increase membership in Rotary Clubs.
- Lead by example, live the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Yours in Rotary Service, **Dick and Marty Wyatt**

We'll Get the Job Done By Doing Good and Having Fun!

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