

January 15, 1943.

Mr. John Brand, President,  
Lawrence Rotary Club,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear John:

I have just called on Captain Buhl, of the Navy, and he is heartsick that he has not been able to attend. I told him that I would call him up any time on Monday before noon and take him to Rotary and get him back to his ship any time after 1:30. He looked at his calendar and found that he has the lieutenant commander of physical education coming here for Monday. I asked him if he couldn't bring him along. He is going to try.

You would be surprised to see the sincerity of his desire to attend Rotary regularly. He is terribly disappointed and was very apologetic, but I told him to forget that and rest assured that all of us feel that the military duties are more important than anything else, and this is of course considering Rotary.

As I talked to him he had no intention of wanting to drop Rotary. He still wants to attend and I am going to use every device I can by calling him early each Monday and forcing myself upon him and make myself a committee of one to get him down to the meeting. He looked terribly worn and tired, and he knows that he needs this meeting to take some of the pressure off.

I am sending onionskin copies to the Board of Directors asking them to make a special point to say a word of encouragement to Captain Buhl.

I did not call my cats committee together but I am endeavoring to handle this food proposition in a different way. I have an appointment with Mike Getto this afternoon and I am going down and talk to him as man to man and as a former boss when I was athletic director when I first hired him. I am going to say some things to him about Billy Hutson that I think I can say very freely and he will understand. I am going to ask Mike to handle this as if he, Mike, owned the hotel and were a good Rotarian. I may make a failure of it, but getting the committee together has been too much for me in my last rush. I am leaving town early in the morning and will not be back until early Sunday, so will have to do it this way. Hope it works out.

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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