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CORPORATE OR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

RESOLUTION 23-34 - ROTARY'S COMMUNITY
SERVICE POLICY

Rotary's community service policy, says:

"Accordingly, corporate action by Rotary clubs is not prohibited; but under the safeguards provided herein and for the purpose of creating esprit de corps in the club itself, it is desirable that every Rotary club have some community service activity requiring the collective cooperation of all its members, in addition to its program for the stimulation of the club members to individual service within the community."

Occasionally questions arise concerning this community service policy of Rotary. Sometimes the paragraphs of Resolution 23-34 fail to answer these questions adequately. Questions pertaining to definite activities in various communities cannot well be answered by any general rule. Circum-

stances differ in various communities and for that reason Rotary International does not attempt to say just what activities should be corporate and what should be individual.

Service Activities

However, in order to somewhat clarify the above policy and to encourage Rotary club participation in the present emergency, at its June, 1942, meeting the R.I. Board of Directors gave special attention to the subject when it expressed the decision that the above resolution "does not limit the activities of Rotary clubs as many Rotary clubs have interpreted it;" and emphasized the necessity for clubs "taking greater part in objective activities," and further stated "that all avenues of disseminating information ... be used to ... inspire Rotarians in doing those things which will bring about greater participation of Rotarians in service activities."

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