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# The News Letter

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To Club Presidents and Secretaries



From the R. I. Secretariat (Central Office)  
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## Rotarian Richard H. Wells Nominating Committee's Nominee for President



On January 21, 1944, the Nominating Committee for President transmitted to the secretary of R.I. its report and on January 26th the secretary mailed a copy of the committee's report to the secretaries of all Rotary clubs and to the R.I. international officers and committee-men.

The committee nominated Rotarian Richard H. Wells of Pocatello, Idaho, U.S.A., for the office of president in 1944-45. Biographical information concerning Rotarian Wells was transmitted with the committee's report. For the information of those who did not receive the report, the information is repeated hereunder:

Richard H. Wells is proprietor of the Idaho Lumber and Hardware Company and the Idaho Coal and Ice Company, and

is vice-president of the Idaho Bank and Trust Company in Pocatello.

He is president of the Idaho State Society for Crippled Children, area chairman for the Victory Bond Drive, member of the selective service board, and his State Defense Council. He has served as chairman of the Pocatello Board of Education, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and director of the State Mental Hospital, and has been active in work for the Community Chest, Boy Scouts, Parent-Teachers Association and the YMCA.

Dick Wells is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Pocatello and has served Rotary International as director, committee chairman, and as governor of his Rotary district. He is now serving as a member of the 1944 Convention Committee of Rotary International. He is married and has two children.

## Today's Service Story

A good deed performed in Calcutta, India, inspires a good deed in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.! Mrs. T. G. Brashear, the widow of a Presbyterian minister, while waiting in a doctor's office in Denver, picked up a copy of the January issue of "The Rotarian." Leafing through the magazine, the article, "Calcutta Rotarians Fight Famine" caught her interest. After she had read it, she wrote us to inquire if the organization would accept a check from an "outsider" to help in the wonderful work being done by Calcutta Rotarians. Upon being informed that we would gladly act as intermediary for her, she sent a check for \$50.00 and indicated that she hopes to be able to repeat this gift at intervals.

Word has been sent to the R.I. office in Bombay, India, to follow through on Mrs. Brashear's wishes and turn over to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Rupees 165-0-0 (approximately \$50.00 U. S. currency) and explain the circumstances to the club.

Here is very practical evidence of how an article in "The Rotarian" became rooted in the heart and mind of a reader to the point of motivating that individual to action.

*Phil*

## Rotary in Sweden

One of the Rotary clubs in Sweden established a home for sick and enfeebled Finnish children at a cost of Sw. Kr. 43,000.

The Rotary Club of Goteborg, Sweden, has collected over 2,000 books for prisoners of war.

### *Rotary Today*

5,129 Rotary Clubs

218,500 Rotarians

(Of these 53 clubs with 1,600 members in war-affected countries are inactive)

76 New Clubs in 20 Countries

Since July 1, 1943