

# The Arch C. Klumph Society

Past R.I. President Arch C. Klumph (1900-00) had a deep affection for Rotary. A member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, Klumph was the first to dream of all the good that Rotarians could do with the Foundation to build a better world.

He proposed an “endowment for doing good in the world” at the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta. Now his dream is a reality, and we are able to witness all of the good works this vision has produced in over 168 countries around the world.

Donors whose cumulative contributions amount to US\$250 000 or greater qualify for the Arch C. Klumph Society. Society members’ portraits are displayed in the Arch C. Klumph Gallery on the 17th floor of Rotary International’s World Headquarters. This distinguished group includes supporters from all parts of the globe: India, Dubai, Taiwan, Japan, Australia, USA, Italy, Korea, Germany, the Philippines, England, Canada, and the latest additions, Kenya and Seychelles.



**CHICAGO, USA** The Arch C. Klumph Gallery (left) is located on the 17th floor of Rotary International’s Headquarters (right) which are located in the suburb of Evanston, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

## First Arch C. Klumph Society members in Africa

### Yusof D. and Marie R.D. Kodwawwala

RRFC Yosuf Kodwawwala is a well-known surgeon and medical instructor in Kenya. His wife, Marie, is a registered nurse. The couple have a son, Jan, and a daughter, Jenny, who both live in the United Kingdom. They also have two grandchildren.

In 1965, Kodwawwala became interested in Rotary when he attended a club meeting in Kampala, Uganda, with a friend. Two years later he joined the Rotary Club of Nairobi in District 9200 where he

remains a member.

Kodwawwala became president of his club in 1981 and governor of his district in 1989. The Kodwawwalas travelled extensively around the eight countries that comprise District 9200 during Yosuf’s term as governor. They were deeply impressed by the Rotary projects they saw in action, and the Kodwawwalas became interested in contributing to The Rotary Foundation.

In addition to his work as a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Yosuf is a District Permanent Fund Sub-committee Chair and a UN Affairs Committee Representative. He has served three terms as a District Trainer and has also been a District Vocational Service Chair and a District Community Service Chair. He has also served on a variety of committees including the Water Resources Group, the African Regional PolioPlus Committee, and the Family of Rotary Task Force.



### Vijay and Kusum Patel

Since 1979, RRFC Patel has been the managing director of Vijay Construction Limited. He is past chairman of the Federation of Contractors and an active member of the Institute of Engineers. RRFC Patel is the chairman of the Hindu Council of Seychelles, and he is active in the Indo-Seychelles Friendship Association.

Vijay Patel and his wife Kusum have a daughter, Aarti, who lives in Australia with her husband, Nilesh, and daughter. The Patels also have a son, Surya, who resides in the United Kingdom with his wife, Foram, and two sons. Surya has served as president of his local Rotary Club.

RRFC Patel has used a variety of incentives to encourage Rotarians in his district to give. For example, during his year as governor, he matched every dollar that Rotarians in the district contributed. Because of his efforts, District 9220 enjoyed a record-breaking year, contributing US\$118 per capita and a total of US\$118 000. Patel also freely offers his Paul Harris Fellow recognition credit to the District Governor to use to recognise Rotarians who have exhibited outstanding service.

Vijay is interested in programmes promoting education. He supports the local college in his native village in India, where he has established a scholarship programme that supports students studying to be teachers. They fund Matching Grants and are interested in water projects and programmes that support disadvantaged people in Madagascar.

