

The Value of One Rotarian

**Ten little Rotarians standing in a line;
One disliked the program, then there were nine.**

**Nine ambitious Rotarians offered to work late;
One forgot her promise and then there were eight.**

**Eight creative Rotarians had ideas good as heaven;
One lost his enthusiasm, then there were seven.**

**Seven loyal Rotarians got into a fix.
They quarreled over projects, then there were six.**

**Six Rotarians remained with spirit and drive.
One moved away, then there were five**

**Five steadfast Rotarians wished there were more.
One became indifferent, then there were four.**

**Four cheerful Rotarians who never disagree,
'Til one complained of meetings, then there were three.**

**Three eager Rotarians! What did they do?
One got discouraged, then there were two.**

**Two lonely Rotarians, our rhyme is nearly done.
One joined Kiwanis, then there was only one.**

**One faithful Rotarian was feeling rather blue,
Met with a neighbor, and then there were two.**

**Two earnest Rotarians each enrolled one more,
Doubling their number, then there were four.**

**Four determined Rotarians, just wouldn't wait,
'Til each one won another, then there were eight.**

**Eight excited Rotarians signed up eight more.
In another six verses they'll be one thousand twenty-four.**