

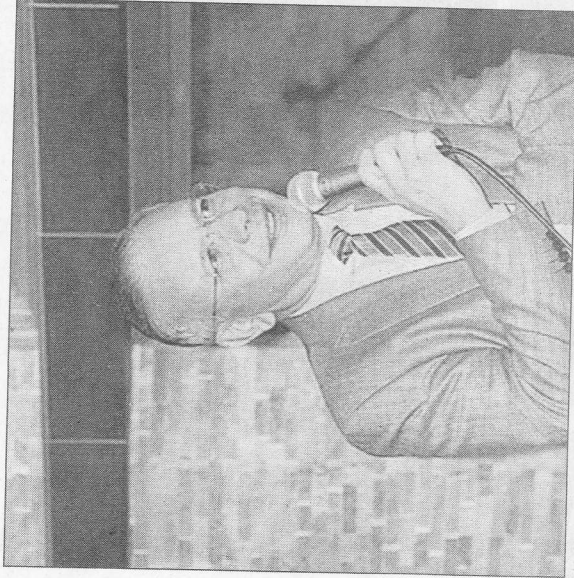
Rotary International president visits local club

The president of Rotary International brought a message of goodwill and charity in a visit Friday with the Evergreen Rotary at Mount Vernon Country Club.

"Be a gift to the world," K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran urged the local Rotary members.

More than 100 braved the cold and fog to hear Ravindran, who hails from Sri Lanka, is based in Chicago, and clocked more than 470,000 miles around the world last year.

Ravindran's travels have provided him with special moments, such as his meeting with the late



K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRAN, president of Rotary International, spoke to Evergreen Rotary about goodwill and charity.

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Mother Teresa: "Such a fragile lady, but a giant when she walked into the room," he noted.

Ravindran also emphasized people's interdependence on one another.

"There is no such thing as a self-made man — we all owe our success to someone," he said.

Ravindran's final words of advice were: "Live each day as if you will die tomorrow; plan each day as if you will live a hundred years."

In addition to local Rotarians, several district governors and Evergreen's own vice president of Rotary International, Greg

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Podd, attended Friday's event. Evergreen Rotary president Bob Bradley introduced Ravindran and recognized several local Rotary members who have been engaged extensively in international initiatives.

Rotary International boasts more than 1.2 million members around the world, two-thirds of whom reside outside the U.S.

The Rotary International president, district governors and various other dignitaries were visiting Denver to attend a fundraising dinner Saturday for the Polio Plus Fund.