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The Reverend John Mulholland
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Dear John:

I would like to make a request to the Youth Committee of the West Honolulu Rotary Club for help with the music program here at the Settlement.

We have had a number of requests from older teenage boys who are interested in a glee club. We have not been successful in finding someone to act as a teacher for this group on a voluntary basis. I believe that we could obtain paid leadership for approximately \$2.00 per hour. Present indications are that the group would like to meet at least twice a week, which will mean a period of 4 hours per week at a cost of \$8.00 per week for instructions.

If the West Honolulu Rotary Club could underwrite the cost of the program for about \$336.00 for instructions and another \$20.00 or \$30.00 for music, it seems to me that we would have a project here that would really be a worthwhile one for the community. The boys would not only be learning music but they would also be able to present programs, perhaps not only for our own Rotary Club, but for others as well.

The boys that we have in mind are not just "good" boys; they are boys from the neighborhood and some are "good" and some are just the regular rough and tumble "run-of-the-mill" boys. I believe a program such as the one outlined above would be a citizenship building program as well as a music program.

May I call your attention also to an article in the August edition of the "Rotarian" which on page 44 tells of a similar boys'

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group which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Charlotte, North Carolina. This article further emphasizes my thought that such a group as we have here at the Settlement is a completely workable idea and all we need are the funds to do the job.

I will be happy to talk with you or with any members of the Committee about further details on the above plan.

Sincerely,

Walter H. Ehlers
Director

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