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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY	PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK
Speaker: Mr Billy Lai Subject: Why We Need Reinsurance	Speaker: H E Marco V Balarezo, Ambassador of Peru Subject: The Investment Opportunities in Peru
On Duty	On Duty
Duty Table: Rtn Steven Ho Fellowship: Rtn Asok Kumar Finemaster: PP Gary Lim Introducing: Rtn Roy Sreenivasan Thanking: Rtn Edward Lee	Duty Table: Rtn C T Heng Fellowship: Rtn Mok Sin Finemaster: PP Leong Choy Ying Introducing: PP Dato' Steven Oon Thanking: PDG K B Lee
CELBATIONS FOR JULY 2013	
Rotarians Birthdays 2 nd - Rtn Veronique Pearcey 6 th - Rtn Elaine Tan 21 st - IPP Aaron Ong 21 st - PP Kumar Tharmalingam 22 nd - PP Dato' Muslim Ayob 27 th - PP Ng Sim Bee 28 th - PP Phang Poke Shum 29 th - Rtn Sandy Soh	Spouses Birthdays 4 th - Ann Devi 25 th - Ann Shui Thin Wedding Anniversaries 19 th - Rtn Robert Tan and Ann Veronica 27 th - PP Ng Sim Bee and Ann Siew Leng

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS – JULY 2013

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Mon, 1 st July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Thurs, 4 th July	6.30 pm	Club Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian
Thurs, 4 th July	7.00 pm	Installation of R C Singapore West	S'pore Island Country Club
Sun, 7 th July	7.00 pm	Installation of R C Songkhla	-
Sun, 7 th July	3.00 pm	Rotaract BOD Meeting	Papa Rich Café, Taman Midah
Mon, 8 th July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 10 th July	6.30 pm	Youth Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian
Wed, 10 th July	7.30 pm	Community Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian
Fri, 12 th July	7.00 pm	Installation of R C Mandaluyong	-
Mon, 15 th July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 16 th July	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Meeting	Royal Selangor Golf Club
Wed, 17 th July	6.30 pm	International Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian
Mon, 22 nd July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Mon, 29 th July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 31 st July	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Royal Lake Club

EDITORIAL

Friendship is one of the most beautiful relationships in the world. Our friends are our pillars of strength and give us the much needed support and comfort that we all seek in life. Spending time with true friends is one of the greatest joys in the world. What are the lessons in life that friendship teaches us?

TRUST

The word "Trust" is very important in any relationship and it is true for friendship. In fact, the very foundation of friendship between two people is based on mutual trust and understanding. The trust grows as the friendship matures. We also trust the judgement of our friends, having the confidence in them.

SHARING

Another key factor of friendship is mutual sharing between friends. In fact friendship usually gives us the first lesson in "sharing" in our lives. From our lunch boxes in school to office gossips, everything seems better when shared with a friend. Sharing teaches us to be unselfish and generous and is one of the sweetest aspects of friendship.

ACCEPTANCE

One of the best things about friendship is that in front of your friends you can be truly the person you are and they will accept and love you for who you are. True friendship can cross the narrow barriers of religion, race or creed.

BELIEVE

Friends have faith in you and your ability even you have stopped believing in yourself. Friends always share in our dreams. Good friends act as valuable guides.

Rotary provides many opportunities for us to make new friends and to foster close relationships with our Rotary friends, through our Avenues of Service meetings, club fellowship activities, firesides, club project activities, District Assemblies and District Conferences.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Wishing all Muslims
1 month of Ramadan,
4 weeks of *berkat*,
30 days of forgiveness,
720 hours of guidance,
43,200 minutes of
purification,
2,592,000 seconds of *nur*.

Happy Ramadan

The past 10 days have been busy, our members attended the installations of our sister clubs, the RC Singapore West and RC Songkhla, soaking up the unparalleled Singaporean and Thai hospitality.

IPDG Mansoor Saat came to our weekly meeting and inspired us with his talk '*My Way, As DG, The Rotary Way*' letting us know the trials and tribulations he went through; and at the end, the happiness that he reaped when 'his year' came to a meaningful end.

Mid week saw Youth Service and Community Service directors busy at work planning their year, the Fund Raising Committee was in full swing pulling in the last mile towards our target of RM85,000.

In the other part of the world, RC Mandaluyong had their installation on Friday July 12, 2013. The night before, the Filipino Rotarians treated their guests to a very special fellowship in an exciting bar.

Amidst all the hustle and bustle, I had the opportunity to sit down to have a quiet lunch with RC Mandaluyong's PP Louie Diy, PP Oscar, President Nominee Lam and his friends in the GREEN ZONE smackdab right in the middle of the busy Makati City. The centre of our conversation was this wonderful concept of international Rotary friendship.

To Rotary International and our sister clubs. Thank you again.

Yours In Rotary

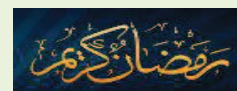
President Alex Chang

PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 8th July 2013	
Guest Speaker: IPDG Mansoor Saat	
Subject: My Way (as DG) – The Rotary Way	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Name	Club
IPDG Mansoor Saat	R C Shah Alam
Guests:	
Name	Host
Raja Madinah	Pres. Alex Chang
Ms Lim Seo Young	PP Mike Tung
Mr Stanley Lim	PP Tai Chin Peow
Mr Bobby Wee	Rtn Steven Ho
Rtc Samantha Yeo	Club
Rtc Chestal Chin	Club

Statistics	
Guests	6
Visiting Rotarians	1
Club Members	20
Total Present	27
Collections:	
Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	RM 36.00
Paying Diners	RM 60.00
Raffles & Others	RM —
Total	RM 96.00

Wishing our Muslim friends "Selamat Berpuasa"



CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Acting Sgt-At- Arms AG K U Rajah called the meeting to order at 1.20 pm on behalf of President Alex Chang. He welcomed all visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors and Guests.

AG K U Rajah led in the singing of the National Anthem and then proposed the Loyal Toast.

The fine master was PP Albert Lim.

He fined PP Leong Choy Ying RM 5 for returning from Melbourne.

He then fined all the members who were not sitting at the front table RM 1 each.

He fined Rtn Veron RM 2 for a successful IU Day conducted by Interact Club of SMK VI and SMK Methodist

He fined Rtn Elaine Tan RM 2 for coming in late and another RM 2 for the *bak kut teh* and *durian* feast after the RC Singapore West Installation.

He fined the members RM 1 for attending the lunch hosted by PP Tai Chin Peow after the visit to PP Dato' Dr Lee Hoo Teong

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

1. President Alex Chang, PE Daisy Chiu, Rtn Elaine Tan and a former member PP Robin Tay attended the RC Singapore West Installation on 4th July at the Singapore Island Country Club (see video in website.)

2. Interact Club of SMK Methodist conducted their IU Day on 5th July 2013 at HGH Convention Centre, Sentul, KL (see video in website.)

3. Interact Club of SMK Victoria Institution conducted their IU Day on 7th July at their School Hall

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

PP Leong Choy Ying introduced the guest speaker who was IPDG Mansoor Saat. He spoke on The Rotary Way

SPEAKER'S CV

IPDG Mansoor Saat was born in Mersing, Johor, District 3310. He had his primary schooling mainly in Pahang, and his secondary school was in Perak. He received the Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur in 1977.

He obtained his Bachelor of Law (LLB) degree in 2005 and Certificate of Legal Practice (CLP) in 2007. Mansoor was admitted to the Bar and enrolled as an Advocate and Solicitor in the High Court of Malaya in October 2008.

Mansoor had worked in international banks and a multinational oil company in Hong Kong and Bahrain, besides Kuala Lumpur. He quit Shell in 1999 to get involved in the IT business.

Currently he is a director of an IT company and practicing law full time with ABD. LATIFF AHMAD & CO. in Petaling Jaya.

Mansoor joined the Rotary Club of Shah Alam in 1995. In RY 2005-06 he was President of the club. Thereafter, he was involved actively at the District level as, among others, Assistant Governor, Newsletter Editor, District Rotaract Chair and a key member of the District Strategic Planning committee.

Mansoor is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

He is married to Emzita, a Science (Mathematics) graduate, also from University of Malaya. Emzita was a business woman and used to run a BP Petrol Station in Shah Alam. Currently she is a full time Rotary spouse. They have 5 children. The eldest is in the entertainment business, and the second is an advocate and solicitor. The last three are still in school.

Mansoor likes reading and listening to good jazz and classical music. He enjoys a good cigar too.

Both Mansoor and his wife and all the children, are passionate about Rotary.

SPEAKER'S TEXT

The Rotary Way

Good afternoon,

I wish to speak on the topic of Continuity and Sustainability, which I believe is central to Rotary's effectiveness and relevancy in times to come.

The one-year term of office is what makes Rotary dynamic as Rotary is supplied with fresh ideas and a new level of energy every year; though there are exceptions to this routine. Nevertheless, that's what made Rotary great in the last 100 years or so. But one year term has its downside too. We'll discuss about it later.

Now let's indulge in some past glories.

In the last 100 years or so we have been identified as a leading organization in promoting peace and international understanding through selfless service, particularly in the area of health and education.

Polio is a case in point. Soon the scourge will be completely wiped out from the surface of the earth, becoming the second disease in medical history to be completely wiped out by mankind.

In 1945, we were the organization that gave impetus and insights to the United Nations on the meaning of international understanding and peace through our work on UN Charter. We have walked a long walk. And we have left behind many significant milestones.

But one-year term, has its down side. We tend to breed the I-ism or my-ism; that this is my project; my year; and at the end of the year we sing 'My Way'.

The one-year term, with time constraint, will not be able to provide continuity in what we do. And due to this, there is a tendency for us to be impulsive and do things that we are comfortable of doing instead of what needs to be done.

As a result we tend to lose purpose and direction.

And because of this, we continue to hear questions such as what is Rotary? And what is it that you do?

We may feel exasperated hearing this, but the truth is, at times we can also be scratching our head to come out with crisp convincing to the point answer.

In other words, we still have issues with the issue.

Even if we opted to be in the comfort of the state of denial, we still need to continuously re-look and re-examine ourselves *vis-a-vis* our *raison d'être*. Are we in tangent with the issues of the day, and the thinking of the moment?

We need to address this issue because we are at most, only half way through in our journey. We need to continue at least for another 100 years of service. And we need to do that confidently, knowing the fact that we continue to be relevant and effective.

But the one-year term of office is here to stay; but still we need to work on the concept of continuity and sustainability within its constraint. And that's the challenge.

A lot of thought has gone through RI to rejuvenate and reinvigorate Rotary.

The obvious ones are the 3 initiatives that RI introduced recently.

Firstly the Club Leadership Plan (CLP)

This was introduced in RY 2006-07, or thereabout. CLP introduces a new club structure modeled upon best recommended practices adopted by successful companies and institutions of similar nature. It addresses the best way a club should function in order to be an effective club. Further, it introduces the idea of continuity through how functional committee should be formed and perform. However club size may hinder its maximum benefits.

Surprisingly, there are still clubs that are not CLP compliant. Membership is declining, average age is going up and yet they claim to be extremely happy in their comfort zone. They are expecting fate to change their fate. Albert Einstein says; 'It's insanity to do the same things over and over again and hoping to get a different result'.

Perhaps we're beginning succumb to the malaise of an old age; though we are far from being old. As an example, tradition can be good, but do we live for the tradition?

CLP prepares the foundation for the adoption and implementation of Rotary Strategic Plan, the second tool, introduced a couple of years back.

Rotary strategic Plan introduces the idea of doing things long terms and requiring us to have some form of clarity and certainty in what we wish to achieve at the end of the day, with our own club or with the project that we do.

It introduces the idea of visioning, strategic focus and annual goals within that strategic framework.

The idea of continuity in Rotary Strategic Plan is very clear.

A Rotary leader, not in many words, asked me why do I need to keep on harping on this Strategy thing. I was stunned. Yet he is complaining why we are like this and not like that, and why are we doing this and not that, and so on.

Obviously, we have issue of buy-in of the idea even at the leadership level.

Keniche Ohmae, a great thinker in strategy says *'You'll benefit a great deal if you can describe the strategy of your enterprise in a brief, coherent one-sentence statement.'*

And last but not least is the TRF Future Vision Plan, in which you will be adopting next year.

Future Vision introduces areas of focus for TRF humanitarian projects emphasizing quality and impactfulness of the project. Importantly it also introduces the idea of sustainability that must be inherent in the projects.

In its simple terms sustainability means longer term, viable, with the opportunity of the beneficiaries to take over the project with affordable maintaining expenses after the project costs have been spent.

But now we have heard ripples that the global grant under future vision may be out of reach of many small and medium size clubs.

I think if we believe in Rotary's object of international understanding through selfless service work, the issue of continuous support for TRF does not arise. We just have to start thinking big.

Nevertheless, the three tools that I have mentioned to you are only tools. If we opt not to use them, or perhaps using different tools, or continue using the old ones, we may not as an organization, achieve the cohesiveness of purpose that we aspire for. We may not become an organization we envision to become. We may become less effective, more impulsive, more ad hoc, and more short-termish. And in due time; we are no more the service organization of choice.

Claiming to have adopted the Strategic plan, as an example, is one thing. But synchronizing all activities under those planning framework is another. And if it isn't happening, it boils down to our attitude and our mindset. We don't walk the talk. Because we are so fond of the song 'My Way' though it may sound quite stale by now.

This happened even at the District level.

Thank you.

THANKING THE SPEAKER

PP Richard Liew on behalf of the Club thanked IPDG Mansoor Saat. He commented that our Interact Clubs have no problems with membership because they conduct fun activities. Perhaps the Rotary Clubs should include the "fun" element in our activities.

He then presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Memento to IPDG Mansoor Saat

FUND RAISING

This is our major Fund Raising project for the year. It is as action-packed thriller based on the X-men. Follow this review by “Rotten Tomatoes” below:



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“The gruff, adamantium-clawed Marvel superhero Wolverine strikes out on his own in this X-Men spin-off starring series regular Hugh Jackman.

The story gets under way as the boy who will become Wolverine makes a shocking discovery about his family bloodline, and gains a brother in the process. Flash forward to find the mutant siblings battling side by side through two world wars and Vietnam -- where they are sentenced to death for killing a commanding officer -- and Logan (Hugh Jackman) and his brother, Victor Creed (aka Sabretooth, played by Liev Schreiber,) have joined a top-secret government task force.

When their targets begin to include innocent civilians, conscientious Logan escapes to the Canadian Rockies, where he builds a home with pretty schoolteacher Kayla Silverfox (Lynn Collins.) Informed by his old commanding officer William Stryker (Danny Huston) that the members of his old team are being targeted for death, Logan is heartbroken when Victor finds and kills Kayla. Vowing revenge, Logan agrees to take part in a dangerous experiment that will fuse his bones with a powerful metal alloy called adamantium, which makes him virtually indestructible and gives him the strength needed to defeat his powerful brother. Subsequently betrayed by Stryker, Logan (now Wolverine) sets out to find his blood-lusting brother and stop the cycle of violence once and for all.

Along the way, the temperamental hero is joined by fellow mutants John Wraith (Will.i.am) and Remy LeBeau (aka Gambit, played by Taylor Kitsch.) But before Wolverine can seek vengeance against Stryker and his brother, he'll have to do battle with Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds) a formidable mutant instilled with many powers. ~ Jason Buchanan, Rovi”



Topic : THE WOLVERINE

Date : 27 - 7 - 2013

Venue : GSC, Pavillion,K.L

Pudu Rotarians Pledge for Fund Raising

No.	Name	Pledge(RM)	Payment	Date
1	Quah Sek Cheng	1,200.00	PBB"088319"	8/7/2013
2	Tharmalingam, Kumar	1,000.00		
3	Asok Kumaran	100.00		
4	Chang Huey Wah, Alex	20,000.00		
5	Chiu, Daisy	1,000.00		
6	Choo Jee Sam	5,000.00	MBB"028383"	1/7/2013
7	Heng Choun Tee	1,000.00		
8	Lee , Edward	1,000.00	Cash	27/6/2013
9	Lee Chu Kob, Paul	4,000.00		
10	Lee Hong Lian, Patrick	1,000.00		
11	Lee, Laura	1,000.00		
12	Leong Choy Ying	10,000.00		
13	Liew Ngeok Nyan, Richard	1,000.00		
14	Lim Yew Seng, Albert	4,000.00		
15	Ng Sim Bee	2,000.00	PBB"635273"	8/7/2013
16	Ng Sim Bee	1,000.00	PBB"635274"	
17	Ong Keng See, Ken	1,000.00		
18	Ong Lai Huat, Aaron	400.00		
19	Rajah, KU	1,000.00		
20	Sin Jee Wan, Mok	400.00	Cash	6/7/2013
21	Soh Kwee Tin, Sandy	1,000.00		
22	Sreenivasan Krishnan Roy	1,000.00		
23	Tan Gee Hoon, Elaine	2,000.00		
24	Tung Siak Kei, Michael	1,000.00	Cash	1/7/2013
25	Veronique Pearcey	1,000.00	Cash	8/7/2013
26	Yeow Kiew Meng, Michael	1,000.00		
ToTaL :		64,100.00		

To-date we have RM 71,600 pledged. Our target is RM 85,000. Looks like we are getting there rather nicely. There is still two weeks left. Maybe we'll go past the target. Pudu Rotarians, thank you very much.

*Rtn CT Heng
Fund Raising Chair
12 July, 2013*

CLUB MEETING ON 8 JULY 2013



IPDG Mansoor was the Speaker



PP Choy Ying introduced him



Attentive audience



"My year as DG..."



The Top Table



PP Richard Liew thanked him

SOME MORE MEETING PHOTOS



Standing at back: former Rtn Stanley Lim



Attentive audience



Sitting Stanley Lim with IPDG Mansoor



Veronique and Sandy



AG KU Rajah with the girls



The captive audience

DISTRICT NEWS

DG Communication No. 2/2013-2014

Dear AGs and Presidents,

Herewith a proposed calendar of my official visits to Rotary Clubs. Please check with Club Presidents to ensure that the dates are acceptable to them.

AUGUST 2013

Wednesday 7 August 2013.	Klang Central
Wednesday 14 August 2013.	Bukit Komanwel
Thursday 15 August 2013.	Klang
Monday 19 August 2013.	Titiwangsa
Tuesday 20 August 2013.	Port Kelang
Thursday 22 August 2013.	Selayang
Saturday 24 August 2013.	Kiara Sunrise

SEPTEMBER 2013

Wednesday 4 Sept 2013.	Bandar Sunway
Thursday 5 Sept 2013.	Gombak
Sunday 8 Sept 2013.	K Terengganu
Tuesday 10 Sept 2013.	Kuantan
Wednesday 11 Sept. 2013.	Indera Mahkota
Thursday 12 Sept 2013.	Metro Kuantan
Diraja	
Tuesday 17 Sept 2013.	Kuala Pilah
Wednesday 18 Sept 2013.	Bahau
Thursday 19 Sept 2013.	Bandar Bukit
Tinggi	
Monday 23 Sept 2013.	Pantai Valley
Tuesday 24 Sept 2013.	USJ
Wednesday 25 Sept 2013.	Sg Way
Monday 30 Sept 2013.	Kamunting

Acquisition of Property

MORE PLEDGES FOR D 3300 BUILDING FUND

Name	Rotary Club	Amount (RM)
President Mani	Kerian	500
Datin Sandra	Bdr Sunway	1,000
Dr Chandra Sekaran	Kerian	500
Dr Wilkins9on Tan	Taiping	1,000
—	K. Kangsar	1,000

Total pledged so far has reached RM 67,500

Our target is at least RM 100 K. Please consider making a contribution to have your name recognised on the Donors' Board at our District Resource Centre.

Happenings around the District

DIE FLEDERMAUS IN ASIA - THE REVENGE OF THE BAT

PP Rick Loh of RCBB is working on a World renowned opera to be held on 5th or 6th October 2013. With the support of the Rotary Clubs in the District, he hopes to raise RM 90,000 for the D3300 Building Fund.

A MAJOR CANCER AWARENESS PROJECT IN THE PIPELINE

AG Dr V. K Rajendran of RC Bukit Larut Centennial is planning a massive 5 year Cancer Awareness Programme to be launched on 4 th February 2014 (World Cancer Day.) For more information, please contact him.

JOINT DISTRICT "SEEING EYE TO EYE " SEMINAR 2013

This will be held on 11 to 13 October 2013 by District 3300 and 3319 Committees on Blindness Prevention. Venue is Bayu Marina Resort, Tasman Bayu Puteri, Johor Bahru .
Action required: To complete feedback form by club Presidents.

RI NEWS

2012-13 RI President Sakuji Tanaka's welcome address at Lisbon Convention



Good afternoon

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to Lisbon, and to this 104th Rotary International Convention. In the days to come, Lisbon will be a Harbor for Peace as we celebrate together this wonderful year of Peace Through Service.

For me, this convention is a dream come true. It is part of my dream of a more peaceful world, a dream that began on an August day in 1945.

I was born in Japan in the year 1939. As a child, I understood that my country was at war. But when I think back to those days, the war did not affect us very much.

I was one of eight children. We were poor, and we lived in a remote village. For us, life went on as it always had. I did not see soldiers. I heard about the war, but as a child, I did not think about it. I did not think it had anything to do with me.

The day the war became real to me was the day it was over.

I remember listening to the radio with my family when Emperor Hirohito announced the surrender. I was six years old. We all stood and listened to his voice. The Emperor had never spoken on the radio before, and we did not know what to think.

The language he used was very formal. I was very young, and I did not understand what he said. But at the end of his speech, another voice came on the radio. It said that Japan had surrendered and the war was over.

The speech was broadcast at noon. I remember that the rest of the day was very quiet. People did not talk much. The adults did not say anything to the children. We did not know yet about Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I understood only that something very big had happened.

The moment was a defining one for all of Japan.

Until that day, the country had been working together to win the war. Now, we would work together to rebuild. And we would work together to build a new identity for Japan, one that was committed to peace.

When I joined the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan, many years later, Japan was a different place. Instead of armies and airplanes, we had schools, roads, and hospitals.

Life was better for everyone. Like everyone else in Japan, I had seen for myself the importance of peace.

But this was not why I joined Rotary. At the time, I did not think that Rotary service was connected to peace. This was something that changed when I learned about the idea of Service Above Self.

Of course, Rotary service builds peace in many ways. When we help to meet basic human needs, we take away the reasons for conflict. We end wars before they begin.

We care for the people who are fighting to survive so that they do not have to fight.

We build peace as well through our international service. We build connections between people and between nations. We reach out to people who are so different from ourselves, and we see how much we are really the same.

In this Rotary year, I have seen many ways that we build Peace Through Service.

Every Rotarian understands this theme in their own way. But for me, the words of our theme speak to the peace that I

have found through my own Rotary service, by learning to put Service Above Self.

I have always been an ambitious person. When I went into business, I wanted to have the biggest and the best business, with the most customers and the best reputation.

I worked very hard, and I succeeded. But until I became a Rotarian, I did not think much about why I worked.

Through Rotary, I realized that I was working to make other people's lives better. I wanted to serve my customers, not only for my own profit but so they would be happier from my work, and my employees would also have better lives.

Now, I see my business in a very different way. And I see Rotary service as an idea that is not limited to my Rotary club. Everything we do for other people helps to make the world a better place.

Whether we are selling a good product or feeding children or building a well for clean water or ending polio—all of these things help other people. All of them help us to build connections, and to care for others.

When we think about our work in this way, it changes everything we do. It changes the way we approach our work and the way we treat other people.

It helps us turn our thoughts away from ourselves and toward the good of others.

And this is how we build peace.

Every Rotary club around the world is an opportunity. It is an opportunity for the men and women of a community to share what they have. They share their time, their skills, their knowledge, and their resources.

The idea that together we can achieve is the fundamental idea of Rotary. We can do more together than we can do alone.

Together, we are powerful. And through Rotary, we have the power to change the world—now, and into the future.

We have the ability to build the world we dream of: one that is healthier, happier, and with hope for better things to come. Almost 200 years ago, British statesman Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." History showed that he was correct. But it is equally true that when good people step forward to do good then good will triumph.

Rotary is a way for good people to step forward and work for a better world. It enables the men and women who care to act on their feelings. And it is a way for all of us, around the world, to transcend race, religion, nation, and politics, to come together to give help to the people who need it.

As Rotary president, I have had the privilege of seeing so much of this work. And it has made me prouder than ever to call myself a Rotarian.

Among the highlights of this Rotary year were the three peace forums we held, in Berlin, Honolulu, and Hiroshima. Every one of these events had great significance for me.

In Berlin, I saw the way that Germany, like Japan, built a peaceful future on a past of war. And in Honolulu and Hiroshima, I saw how even the deepest wounds can be healed by time and a shared commitment to peace.

I sometimes wonder what my grandparents would think if they saw Japan today, or the life that I now live.

So many things have changed since that day in August 1945, when we listened together to the radio. I do not think they could have imagined that, one day, no child in Japan would be hungry. Every child in Japan would go to school. And everyone in Japan would have clean water, good health care, and the chance for a happy life.

I am sure they would never have believed that all of this would happen in a Japan that had no national army, in a world where Japanese people are known for traveling not with armies but with cameras.

And I cannot imagine what they would have thought if they had seen the peace forum in Honolulu, where I was welcomed, through Rotary, as a friend.

During the dark days of that long war, no one knew what the future would bring. But looking back at the terrible les-

sons of those years, I believe that we can say we learned them well.

Here in Lisbon, at this Rotary convention, we have the chance to experience the world as it could be: with people from every continent united to make their world a better place.

Here, we see how little our differences matter.

Here, we focus on what is truly important: what we can do to help others live better and happier lives.

My friends, I wish you all a wonderful convention. I am very proud to be here today with so many of you, celebrating this year of Peace Through Service together.

Thank you.

Source : Rotary International



2013-14 RI President Ron D. Burton's address at Lisbon Convention

Friends, fellow Rotarians, members of the family of Rotary:

It is a tremendous honor to address you, in the last few hours of this incredible Rotary convention, as your president – elect.

It has been an amazing four days. A Rotary convention truly is a chance to see humanity at its best, with tens of thousands of people, from every corner of the world, coming together in friendship for one simple reason: our shared belief in Service Above Self.

In the last few days, we've learned from each other; we've shared our experiences and our successes. We've seen just how much Rotary is doing, in so many places. And we've come away inspired to do even more.

This is an incredibly exciting time to be a Rotarian. And I believe the year we are about to begin will be one of the greatest years Rotary has ever experienced, as we come to the end of our fight against polio and the beginning of a new era for our Rotary Foundation.

Twenty - six years ago, I was at the Rotary convention in Munich as a district governor - elect, gearing up for the biggest, most ambitious program in Rotary's history: Polio Plus. We were getting ready to tackle the largest fundraising campaign we'd ever had, and the biggest commitment Rotary had ever made: to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

It was truly uncharted territory. It's probably just as well that we didn't know back then how long it was going to take. I guess you could say it's been more of a marathon than a sprint. But I think anyone who's ever run a marathon would tell you that the longer and harder the race, the greater the pride when the finish line comes into sight — and the greater the determination to cross it.

We've learned a lot over the years of Polio Plus. We've learned a lot about polio. And we've learned even more about ourselves and what we're capable of, as individuals, as clubs and districts, and together, as Rotary International.

We've learned that the higher we aim in our Rotary service, the more we can achieve.

And that is why we're ready to start aiming higher in everything we do — as Rotarians, in our clubs, and through our Foundation, with the new Foundation grant structure we've been calling Future Vision.

Future Vision is a new way of thinking about Rotary service, and a new era for our Foundation. It takes everything that is wonderful about Rotary and brings it to a new level, by encouraging Rotarians to serve in the ways that do the most good, while retaining the flexibility to serve in the ways that we choose.

It's a big transition — a big change from business as usual. The biggest change is learning to think big, and planning

for the long term. We'll be talking about sustainability much more than we have in the past, looking at ways to make sure that the good Rotary does keeps on doing good, long after Rotary's involvement ends. The goal of our Rotary Foundation has always been Doing Good in the World. Starting on 1 July, we're going to take it a step further: We're going to do the most good, for the most people, that we possibly can.

Our Rotary Foundation exists to take our Rotary service to that higher level. But just how high we can go — how strong our Foundation will be — well, that depends on each of us.

This year, I've been doing my best to remind people of that, and I asked our incoming district governors to lead by example and each make a donation in their own name to our Rotary Foundation.

I'm proud to say that 100 percent of them did, and not only that, but they inspired thousands of their incoming club presidents to do the same. So far, we've raised US\$4.7 million in new gifts for our Rotary Foundation. And a lot of that money came from people who have never donated to our Foundation before.

Every one of those people is saying something with their gift. They're saying: "This is my Foundation. It's my resource, as a Rotarian, and it's my responsibility."

And I'm asking every one of you to say the same.

We know that we could be doing more with a stronger Foundation. And we could be doing more with stronger clubs — filled with more Rotarians who are more fully engaged in their Rotary service.

It's time for us to recognize that the real challenge we face isn't just bringing new members into Rotary — it's turning new members into true Rotarians. It's helping new members get engaged in Rotary, helping them realize just what kind of potential Rotary offers them, and how their Rotary service can change lives.

Because the wonderful thing about Rotary is that while it can't be everything to everybody, there are so many opportunities for each of us in Rotary today that I think you'd be hard pressed to find a Rotarian who couldn't find something they could really get behind.

For me, it was The Rotary Foundation, and for someone else it might be water projects or literacy or Youth Exchange. It's that little bit of magic that's waiting for each one of us, and it's different for every Rotarian — the things that makes your heart warm and makes you say to yourself: "Yes! This is why I'm in Rotary; this is why I'm a Rotarian."

When we realize just what we can achieve in Rotary —when we really engage Rotary —that's when lives change. And, at the end of the day, no matter how many lives you reach out to change, the life that will change the most will be your own.

That's what our theme for 2013 -14 is all about: Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

Rotary's had the same number of members for around 15 years now: about 1.2 million. And we talk a lot about how important it is to bring in new members, so that Rotary can grow. But the truth is that we get plenty of new members in Rotary — about 120,000 every year. So why isn't Rotary growing? Because every year, as those 120,000 new members come in the front door, 120,000 members go out the back door. It's like trying to fill up a bathtub without putting in the plug. And it isn't getting us anywhere.

That's why we're committing to see Rotary membership climb to 1.3 million by 2015. That's an absolutely achievable goal — if we can make sure that we don't just bring in new members but also keep the ones we have. We need to make sure that every new member who comes into Rotary engages with Rotary.

And we have to work harder to bring more women, more diversity, and every age group into Rotary — not just attracting them to Rotary, but making sure Rotary works for them in the long term. Whether that means being more flexible with our schedules and locations or bringing families into our service or even welcoming kids at our meetings — we need to look at all the options, with open eyes, to find the answers that work.

Every Rotarian is different. We all came to Rotary for our own reasons. Sometimes, the reason you joined Rotary isn't the reason you stay. But every one of us here has had that experience of finding the thing in Rotary that has helped us make the transition from just being a member of a Rotary club to being a Rotarian.

And whatever it is to you, however you got that feeling that made you a Rotarian for life, that's what I want you to share — what I want you to help other people discover, so that they can find that feeling for themselves.

The one thing we can't do is say we aren't willing to change. Because if we don't want Rotary to end with us, we can't act like it already does.

In 1905, when Paul Harris founded Rotary, his idea was for a club for like-minded people — like-minded in that they cared about the same things, they valued the same things, they had similar goals and ideas.

But there's nothing in Rotary that says we all have to be the same. In fact, just about everything about Rotary embraces how different we all are. Just look around you: How many countries, how many languages are in this room today? How many different professions, backgrounds, religions, how many different Rotary stories?

Rotary is big enough for us all. We all have something to give. At every stage of our lives and our careers, Rotary has something for all of us — a way to let us do more, be more, and give more. A way for us to make our lives mean more. Because that's what Rotary does. That's what Rotary does for all of us.

Our goal in 2013 - 14 is to turn that potential, the potential we've all seen this week, into reality. We're going to do it by engaging our Rotary service, by getting involved, by staying inspired, and by remembering every day just what a gift we have in Rotary.

Now is the time for us to act. Each one of us has a job to do — to get fully engaged in Rotary, to lead by example, and to inspire others to join us. Working together, we will build a stronger Rotary — and a better world.

Together, we will Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

Thank you

Source: Rotary International



Anne L. Matthews begins term as first woman vice president

As Rotary clubs continue to promote diversity in their membership, Rotary is marking a milestone. Anne L. Matthews, a Rotarian from South Carolina, USA, began her term on 1 July as the first female vice president of Rotary International.

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While it is important to have friends it is equally important to know how to maintain their friendship. The seeds of friendship need to be sowed deep and the plant needs to be carefully and tenderly nurtured to bear a great fruit.

“Friendship isn’t about whom you have known the longest... It’s about who came, and never left your side.”

With Best Wishes
PP Mike Tung

THOTS FOR THE WEEK

For those having trouble losing weight!

A guy calls the company and orders their 5 day - 5 kg weight loss program.

The next day, there's a knock on the door and standing before him a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old babe from J.C. dressed in nothing but a pair of Nike running shoes and a sign around her neck. The sign reads, *'If you can catch me, you can have me.'*

Without a second thought, he takes off after her. A few miles later huffing and puffing, he finally gives up. The same girl shows up the next four days and the same thing happens.

On the fifth day, he weighs himself and is delighted to find he has lost 5 kg as promised.

He calls the company and orders their 5 day - 10 kg program.

The next day there's a knock at the door and standing before him is the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman he has ever seen in his life. She is wearing nothing but Reebok running shoes and a sign around her neck that reads, *'If you catch me, you can have me.'*

Well, he's out the door after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and despite his best efforts, but no such luck. So for the next four days, the same routine happens with him gradually getting in better and better shape.

Much to his delight on the fifth day when he weighs himself, he discovers that he has lost another 10 kg, as promised.

He decides to go for broke and calls the company to order their 7 day - 25 kg program.

'Are you sure?' asks the representative on the phone...
'This is our most rigorous program.'

'Absolutely,' he replies, 'I haven't felt this good in years.'

The next day, there's a knock at the door and when he opens it he finds a huge muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads,

'If I catch you, you're mine.'

He lost 31 kg that week...



Senior Ponderings

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I rapidly realized that most of what's going on doesn't really matter much to me.

From now on, I'm into the tortoise life!

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, and still it is fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing, yet it lives for 450 years!!??

And you tell me to exercise?

I don't think so.

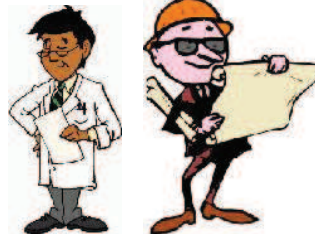
I'm re "tired."

Go around me, please.



WHICH CLASS ARE YOU IN?

* Most '**First Class**' students get technical seats, some become **Doctors** and **Engineers**.



* The '**Second Class**' pass, and then get MBA, become Administrators and control the '**First Class**'.

* The '**Third Class**' pass, enter politics and become **Ministers** and control both.



* Last, but not the least, The '**Failures**' join the underworld and control all the above.



And those who do not attend any school, become **Swamis** and **Gurus** and Everyone goes to them.



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