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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: District Governor Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh
Subject: DG's Official Address

On Duty

Duty Table: VP C T Heng
Fellowship: Rtn Mok Sin
Finemaster: PP Mike Yeow
Introducing: PDG K B Lee
Thanking: PDG Dr Paul Lee

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Speaker: Ms Wong Poh Lin
Subject: Empowering People With Learning Disabilities

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn Steven Ho
Fellowship: Rtn Steven Chiew
Finemaster: PP Tai Chin Peow
Introducing: Rtn Dr C C Wong
Thanking: Rtn May Lim

Rotarians' Birthdays (January)

04th – PDG Dr Paul Lee
07th – PP Ken Ong
15th – PP Datuk Y K Chew
20th – President Alex Chang
20th – Rtn Dr C C Wong
22nd – PP Gary Lim

Spouses Birthdays (January)

08th – Ann Carven (VP C T Heng)
10th – Ann Datin Esther (PP Dato' Dr Lee Hoo Teong)
16th – Ann Rowena (PP Gary Lim)
19th – Ann Geok Hwa (Rtn Patrick Lee)

Wedding Anniversaries (January)

1st – IPP Aaron Ong and Ann Vivian
7th – PP Rosemarie Wee and Spouse Eng Lee
8th – PP Albert Lim and Ann Shirley
19th – Rtn Asok Kumar and Ann Prema
22th – PP Dato' Steven Oon and Ann Boon Kee
27th – PP Dato' Muslim Ayob and Ann Raja Azma
28th – PP Choo Jee Sam and Ann Suit Yong

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS – JANUARY 2014

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Thurs, 2 nd Jan	6.30 pm	Membership Development Committee Meeting	Pres. Alex's office
Thurs, 2 nd Jan	7.30 pm	Club Service Committee Meeting	Pres. Alex's office
Mon, 6 th Jan	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 8 th Jan	6.30 pm	Youth Service Committee Meeting	Pres. Alex's office
Wed, 8 th Jan	7.30 pm	Community Service Committee Meeting	Pres. Alex's office
10 th -12 th Jan	-	45th R I District 3300 Rotaract Conference	Penang
Sat, 11 th Jan	9.00 am	Scholarships & Grants Presentation	SMK (P) Pudu, KL
Mon, 13 th Jan	6.00 pm	Joint Weekly Meeting with RC Titiwangsa	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 15 th Jan	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Committee Meeting	Restaurant Hee Lai Ton
Wed, 15 th Jan	7.30 pm	International Service Committee Meeting	Restaurant Hee Lai Ton
Sat, 18 th Jan	3.00 pm	AGM of Rotaract Club of Pudu	Pres. Alex's office
Sun, 19 th Jan	10.00 am	Visit to Jenjarom Old Folks Home	Jenjarom
Sun, 19 th Jan	6.30 pm	District Governor's Official Visit / 4th Club Assembly	Hotel Sentral Pudu, KL
Mon, 20 th Jan	-	MEETING CANCELLED	-
Sat, 25 th Jan	4.00 pm	Rotaract Board of Directors Meeting	Carmen's Restaurant, KL
Sat, 25 th Jan	9.00 am	Mid Term Review	Klang Executive Club
Mon, 27 th Jan	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 29 th Jan	6.30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Pres. Alex's office

EDITORIAL

My mother used to ask me what is the most important part of the body? Through the years I would take a guess at what I thought was the correct answer.

When I was younger, I thought sound was very important to us as humans, so I said, "My ears, Mommy." She said, "No. Many people are deaf. But you keep thinking about it and I will ask you again soon." Several years passed before she asked me again. Since making my first attempt, I had contemplated the correct answer.

So this time I told her, "Mommy, sight is very important to everybody, so it must be our eyes." She looked at me and told me, "You are learning fast, but the answer is not correct because there are many people who are blind."

Stumped again, I continued my quest for knowledge and over the years, Mother asked me a couple more times and always her answer was, "No. But you are getting smarter every year, my child."

Then last year, my grandpa died. Everybody was hurt. Everybody was crying. Even my father cried. I remember that especially because it was only the second time I saw him cry. My Mom looked at me when it was our turn to say our final good-bye to Grandpa.

She asked me, "Do you know the most important body part yet, my dear?" I was shocked when she asked me this now. I always thought this was a game between her and me. She saw the confusion on my face and told me, "This question is very important. It shows that you have really lived in your life. For every body part you gave me in the past, I have told you were wrong and I have given you an example why. But today is the day you need to learn this important lesson."

She looked down at me as only a mother can. I saw her eyes well up with tears. She said, "My dear, the most important body part is your shoulder." I asked, "Is it because it holds up my head?"

She replied, "No, it is because it can hold the head of a friend or a loved one when they cry. Everybody needs a shoulder to cry on sometime in life. I only hope that you have enough love and friends that you will always have a shoulder to cry on when you need it."

Then and there I knew the most important body part is not a selfish one. It is sympathetic to the pain of others. May we as Rotarians be always empathetic to the pain and suffering of others.

*Warmest regards
Mike Tung*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The only way that we can live, is if we grow. The only way that we can grow is if we change. The only way that we can change is if we learn. The only way we can learn is if we are exposed. And the only way that we can become exposed is if we throw ourselves out into the open. Do it. Throw yourself."

— C. JoyBell C.

Generally, January is a time when we make plans for the months to come. In Rotary, we have about five more months to the end of the Rotary Year. One of the plans we have is membership development.

These are the important steps which we can follow to recruit and retain high quality Rotary club members, your membership development plan should have the following action steps:

1. Identify
2. Introduce
3. Invite
4. Induct
5. Inform and orient
6. Involve
7. Educate

1. Identify

Today I like to share the way to 'Identify'. We should identify well-qualified members of our community to be members of our Rotary club. These individuals should be of strong character and have a commitment to service. This focus on quality will improve our club's membership retention.

In Pudu we are blessed as we already have members who are leaders in the accounting, administration, architecture, banking, building, domestic appliances, education, engineering, fabric and furniture distribution, finance, fruit juice, gifts, housing development, hospitality, insurance, investment project management, interior design, IT, legal, medical, printing, oil palm, oil distribution, property consultancy, real estate, surveying, senior executive search, stock broking, travel and (even) wood carving.

With the background of such a diverse membership, our membership development committee have set up plans to go ahead and identify

Identify, Introduce, Invite and Induct more members into our club.

Today, we are indeed honoured to have with us the district number #1 officer, our Governor visiting us. Welcome District Governor, Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh.

*Kind regards
Alex Chang*

PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 13th January 2014

Guest Speaker: Ms Camelia Tudose

Subject: Romania-The Land of Myths and Legends



Visiting Rotarians

Name	Club
President Loke Siang Siang	RC Titiwangsa
PE Vikneswaran	RC Titiwangsa
AG Rahman	RC Titiwangsa
PP Bina Gill	RC Titiwangsa
PP Ranjit Gill	RC Titiwangsa
PP Ajitpal Singh	RC Titiwangsa
PP Pushpa Krishna	RC Titiwangsa
PP Dr Krishna Kumar	RC Titiwangsa
PP Tiffany Tan	RC Titiwangsa
Rtn Dato' Dr Max Margali	RC Titiwangsa
Rtn Terenze Wong	RC Titiwangsa
Rtn Arnold Andrew	RC Titiwangsa
Rtn Jassmitha	RC Titiwangsa
Rtn Nancy Kaur	RC Titiwangsa

Guests

Mr Seumas Tan	President Alex Chang
Mr Ng Jun Wei	President Alex Chang
Ann May Lee	Rtn Mok Sin
Ms Pinky Chan	Rtn Tenny Lee
Ms Camelia Tudose	Club
Ms Liew	Club
Rtc Chua Kim Pei	Club
Rtc Yeoh Siew Peng	Club
Rtc Alyson Soo	Club

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Sgt-At-Arms Rtn Tenny Lee called the meeting to order at 7.18 pm on behalf of President Alex Chang. She welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and Guests. She then led in the singing of the National Anthem and then proposed the Loyal Toast.

Rtn Asok Kumar was the fine master.

- President Alex was fined RM 1 for his wise quotations in the eBulletin.
- PP Dato' Steven Oon was fined RM 10 for his Wedding Anniversary.
- Members who attended the Scholarship and Grants Presentation were fined RM 1. Members who did not attend were fined RM 2.
- Rtn Veronique was fined RM 2 for inviting the Interactors and school children to the Scholarship Presentation.
- PP Mike Yeow was fined RM 2 for sponsoring a student from SMK Methodist.

Statistics

Guests	9
Visiting Rotarians	14
Club Members	21
Total Present	44

Collections:

Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	38.00
Paying Diners	600.00
Raffles & Others	88.00
Total (RM)	RM 726.00

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The Vocational Service and International Service Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 14th January 2014 at the Restaurant Hee Lai Ton, Shaw Parade, KL at 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm respectively.
- 2) The District Governor's Visit / 4th Club Assembly will be held on Sunday, 19th January 2014 at the Hotel Sentral Pudu at 6.30 pm.

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

PP Dato' N K Jasani introduced the guest speaker Ms Camelia Tudose who presented a talk on the subject "Romania – The Land of Myths and Legends."

THANKING THE SPEAKER



PP Ajitpal Singh of RC Titiwangsa thanked Ms Camelia Tudose for a very educational and informative presentation. He commented that she has given us an insight into the cultural, architectural and scenic landscapes of Romania. He then presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Memento to Ms Camelia Tudose.

SPEAKER'S CV

Tudose Camelia Narcis
Born : 09.08
Romania



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Phone :	0162629660	
E-mail:	dhmroembkl@gmail.com	camelia.varvara1@gmail.com
Civil statut :	married, 1 daughter, Florentina-Maria, bom 1996	

STUDIES

Time	Diploma / Institution
2009 -2010	Diplomatic course at the Romanian Diplomatic Institute
2009 -	Enrolled for Phd. In Economic engineering, Polytechnic University Bucharest
2006-2007	Hubert Humphrey Fellow/Fulbright Journalism College Philip Merrill/Public Policies School, Univ. Maryland, USA
2005-2007	Univ. "Petre Andrei" Iasi, Masters in "Psihsociology of information"
1992	Professional journalist with the Union of the Journalists in Romania
1982-1987	Politehnic University of Iasi, Diplomat engineer in Electrotehnics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Time		
10.10.2010-present	Secretary II, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Romania to Malaysia	
3.11. 2008-2010	Attache, Human Rights Division and Council of Europe	
Time	Job	Organisation
2007- 2009	Senior reasercher for energy security and critical infrastructures	EURISC Foundation, The European Institute for the management of risks, security and communication
2002 -2008	Regional correspondent	Radio BBC Romania
1 octombrie 1998 - 1 noiembrie 2008	Director /senior editor	Monitorul de Neamt and Monitorul de Roman
12 noiembrie 1991 - 1 octombrie 1998	Editor/local correspondent	Ceahlăul Piatra Neamt/Romania Libera -national daily paper
1991 -1990	Redactor	Romania Libera

Languages: Romanian, English, Russian

BOOKS

Year	Title
2007	The stories from the old house, Editor Time, Iasi, collective volume
2001	Bitter waters – poetry, Editor Time, Iasi

SPEAKER'S TEXT



Romania -A land of myths and legends

- Here are some bits and pieces of a story about the last wilderness of Europe, hidden in the narrow valleys of the Carpathian Mountains. The last home for the biggest population of brown bears in Europe, wolves, black goats or for the elusive Lynx, with castles hidden in the deep forests, old medieval churches. It is a land little known to many in the world. It also protects the rich culture of the region, with its chequered history from the mystical ruins of the ancient pre-historic Dacian civilizations to its medieval communities, many of which survive intact to this day. It covers heart-warming landscapes and it stands for its spine chilling legends with vampires and witches. What someone will choose comes with the knowledge and understanding of the Romanian culture and traditions; this is only a way to show you some untouched and magic places.

Romania -A land of myths and legends
The seed of a legend: Vlad Tepes versus Dracula

- In the middle of old city there is the house where a historical figure was born in 1431: the Romanian king Vlad Dracul, nicknamed as Vlad Tepes (Vlad the Impaler). Vlad who was the ruler of Wallachia at various times from 1456-1462. And here lie the seeds for one of the most well known legends, the legend of Dracula.
- In the story everybody knows, Dracula was a frightening character who lives by consuming the life blood of others. In the medieval era, the real Vlad Tepes was a Romanian warrior prince.
- Some say that Transylvania sits on one of Earth's strongest magnetic fields and some of its people have extra-sensory perception. The area is also home to Bram Stoker's Dracula, and it's easy to get caught up in the tale while driving along winding roads through dense, dark, ancient forests and over mountain passes.

Romania -A land of myths and legends

- One of Romania's key priorities continues to be upgrading the skills of its population to meet Europe 2020 targets and bring the level of achievement of Romanian children in key subjects to current levels found in most European countries. A National Education Law in force since early 2011 promotes changes in virtually all areas of education.



Romania -A land of myths and legends

- Population 21.33 million 2012
 - GDP \$192.7 billion 2012
 - GDP growth 3.1% 2012
 - Inflation 3.3% 2012
- According to the World Bank "In the last 20 years, Romania has made considerable progress developing institutions compatible with a market economy. Joining the European Union (EU) in 2007 was a driving force for reform and modernization".
- When the global financial crisis hit in 2008-09, Romania made a quick recovery thanks to prudent macroeconomic management.
- The National Bank of Romania (NBR) and the government took strong measures to safeguard the stability of financial markets, and banks weathered the stress well. Since the international financial support package, the exchange rate has remained broadly stable.

Romania -A land of myths and legends
The seed of a legend: Vlad Tepes versus Dracula

- Tales of the supernatural had been circulating in Romanian folklore for centuries when Irish writer Bram Stoker picked up the thread and spun it into a golden tale of ghoulishness that has never been out of print since its first publication in 1897. To research his immortal tale, Stoker immersed himself in the history, lore and legends of Transylvania, which he called a "whirlpool for the imagination." Interestingly, Bram Stoker's Dracula novel was only published in Romanian for the first time in 1980.

Romania -A land of myths and legends
Schools

- The First Romanian School (Romanian: Prima școală românească) is located on the grounds of the 16th-century church of St. Nicholas, itself located in the historic district of Șchei, now part of the city of Brașov.
- It is also home to the first Romanian Bible, and what can be loosely described as the first school magazine.
- Education in Romania is based on a tuition-free, egalitarian system. Access to free education is guaranteed by Article 32 in the Constitution of Romania.
- As of August 2010, there were approximately 4,700 opened schools in Romania, over three million students enrolled.

SPEAKER'S TEXT

Romania – Atheneum



Vlad



Romania – Sighisoara
Medieval festival



Romania – Carpathian mountains



Romania – Transfagarasan Road



Romania – Constanta



Romania – forest, county of Neamt



Romania – Alba Iulia



Romania – Castle Peles, Sinaia



Romania – Castle Peles, Sinaia



Romania – Rarau Mountain



Romania – Castle Rupea



Romania – muddy volcanoes, Buzau



EDITOR'S NOTE

This a long presentation of some 70 slides. Hence not all can be included in the limited space of this eBulletin. So for those interested in reviewing the presentation, please click on [this link](#). The presentation, in fact, is in this web-site.

CLUB MEETING ON 13 JANUARY 2014



Top Table



SAA with Ms Tudose and Pudu Rotarians



Rtn Asok Kumar — the Finemaster



PP Dato Jasani introducing the Speaker



Pres. Alex posing with the Titiwangsa Rotarians



Good crowd

CLUB MEETING ON 13 JANUARY 2014



Ms Camelia Tudose, the Guest Speaker



Captive audience



Pres Alex posing with Pres Loke SS and Rotarians



PP Ajitpal Singh thanking the Speaker



PP Ajitpal Singh presenting memento to the Speaker



PP Bina Sodhy won the Raffle Draw

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2014



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2014 (cont'd)



EDITOR'S NOTE

For more pictures of this Scholarship Awards event held at the SMK (P) Pudu on Saturday 11 Jan 2014, please view it at this website's homepage; or [click here](#) for direct access.

CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY OF EVENTS - FUTURE

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Feb 3 rd – 9 th 2014	-	Trip to Northern India organized by the District International Service Committee	-
Mar 8 th -11 th 2014	-	Tri Sister Clubs Fellowship	Bangkok
Feb 28 th -Mar 1 st 2014	9.00 am	Presidents Elect Training Seminar 2	-
Apr 2014	9.00 am	Career Opportunities in the Hospitality Industry - Vocational Service	Berjaya Times Sq, KL
April 25 th – 27 th 2014	9.00 am	80 th R I District 3300 Assembly	Royale Bintang Resort Seremban

COMMITTEE MEETINGS



EDITOR'S NOTE

Three meetings — Vocational, International, Community— in one, on 14 Jan 2014 at the Hee Lai Ton Restaurant. Will they be entitled to three make-ups?

DISTRICT NEWS

[rotary3300] Fwd: URGENT -Adopt new Rotary Club Constitution at AGM -33 RCs have NOT notified me

rotary3300@googlegroups.com on behalf of Dr. Krishna Kumar <drkrishna.pushpa@gmail.com>

Sent: Thu 16/1/2014 12:03 AM

To: RI D3300; Presidents RY2013-14; Rotarybasket Give-Take

Cc: Mohinder Singh Malhotra Datuk Dr.-DG - RC KL West

Message: Standard Rotary Club Constitution_2013.docx (51 KB) Standard Rotary Club Constitution_2013.pdf (70 KB)
2013 Report of Action_SRCC only.doc (85 KB)

Dear Rotarians

I refer to my email sent on 1 December and again on 19 December and 27 December (forwarded herewith.) To date 33 Rotary clubs have NOT informed me that they have adopted the new Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

December is over and all RCs should have had their AGM and I trust would have adopted the new RC Constitution.

I hope these 33 RCs will reply URGENTLY with the confirmation of their status with regard to the adoption of the new RC Constitution. If you did not adopt the new RC Constitution at your AGM, you should convene an EGM (soonest) for this purpose.

Awaiting your reply

PP Dr. Krishna
District General Secretary I

EDITOR'S NOTE
Pudu is in the list.

[rotary3300] FW: Registry of Societies Electronic System

rotary3300@googlegroups.com on behalf of Leslie Yeap <leslieyeap@yy.com.my>

Sent: Wed 15/1/2014 4:52 PM

To: 'RI D3300'

Message: ROS-EROSES-Instructions.pdf (958 KB)

Firstly, my thanks to the various Rotarians who contacted me to help out with the electronic submission to the ROS. That plus a visit to the ROS today means I have made some progress.

I have learnt a few things. Clubs should have received a letter from the ROS informing them of their new registration number. I believe the numbers all start with the characters "PPM" followed by some digits. No one in my club knows of such a letter but the ROS gave me a copy when I went there. This number is needed to make your way through the electronic labyrinth.

Assuming you are also registered as a user, the next step is to update the change of Secretary. I attach a pamphlet with contains basic instructions.

Good luck!

Leslie Yeap

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[rotary3300] Wheelchairs for TRF Contributions

rotary3300@googlegroups.com on behalf of DR RAJINDAR SINGH <drrajindar@gmail.com>

Sent: Wed 15/1/2014 11:09 AM

To: rotary3300

Cc: JIMMY LIM THAW CHAY; DG Mohinder Singh Malhotra

Message Untitled attachment 00010.txt (608 B) Untitled attachment 00013.htm (379 B)
 MonthlyContributionReportCurrent-3.pdf.pdf (145 KB)

My dear friends

Further to my early email, I am happy to inform you that every club is entitled to **one** wheelchair for every **US\$1,000.00 contributed to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, after 1 July 2013.**

The attachment lists down your club's contribution from 1 July 2013 till 31 December 2013 and no further proof of payment is required.

However, if any contributions were made after 31 December 2013, then please provide the proof of payment.

To claim your wheelchair/s, please liaise with **PDG Dato Jimmy Lim at 016 212 7697.**

Since the wheelchairs have been acquired through a Matching Grant, you will need to provide any details that Dato Jimmy needs for the report.

Please hurry, contribute now and get the wheel chairs to help the deserving in your community. The offer is valid (while) stock lasts.

Do not miss this chance; hurry, contribute now and redeem.

With best regards

PDG Dr Rajindar Singh
DRFC



EDITOR'S NOTE

Ms Angelica Beltrano
 is the daughter-in-law
 of our PP Ng Sim Bee

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RE: [rotary3300] Congratulations- Interact club of Cempaka Damansara

rotary3300@googlegroups.com on behalf of Esther Tan <esther@gep.com.my>

Extra line breaks in this message were removed.

Sent: Sat 18/1/2014 1:26 PM

To: swe_tha@hotmail.com

Cc: rotary district

The sponsoring club, Baskaran, is the Rotary club of Pantai Valley and we are thrilled and proud that they have done so well. We have also commended them at DG's visit on 6th Jan.
Esther Tan

-----Original Message-----

From: rotary3300@googlegroups.com [mailto:rotary3300@googlegroups.com] On Behalf Of Baskaran Syamala

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 7:41 PM

To: rotary3300@googlegroups.com

Subject: [rotary3300] Congratulations- Interact club of Cempaka Damansara

Dear Rotarians,

I was filled with great pride when I read in the latest RI New Generation newsletter that the Interact Club of Cempaka Damansara were declared runners-up in the 2013 Interact Video Contest. This contest organized annually attracts participation from hundreds of Interact clubs from around the globe and their achievement is indeed very commendable. Kudos to both the interact club and the sponsoring club. Please share your award winning piece named "Ripple Effect with us. Well done.

Dr Baskaran

Sent from my iPhone

EDITOR'S NOTE

You may view the video by the Interact Club of Cempaka Damansara here <http://youtu.be/AybtbpRCtM>



RI NEWS

GARY HUANG TO 'LIGHT UP ROTARY'

RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose *Light Up Rotary* as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."



"There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark," Huang told the 537 district governors and their spouses and partners who are attending the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California.

"The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world," said Huang, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan.

After announcing his theme at the opening session of the five-day training meeting, Huang urged club members to *Light Up Rotary* in the coming year by hosting a Rotary Day in their community and including local Rotaract and Interact members in their service projects. "How you *Light Up Rotary* is up to you," Huang said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

Huang also shared his membership development goals, including the need for more women and young adults and his goal to increase membership to a total of 1.3 million members. He asked Rotarians to invite their spouses, family members, and friends to join Rotary. "We need to assume leadership for building strong clubs, and that starts with bringing in new members," he said.

Addressing the status of the fight against polio, Huang noted that with the current momentum Rotary is on track to achieve full polio eradication by 2018. "When we eradicate polio — and we will — we will have proved ourselves an organization capable of great things. And we'll be even better equipped for the next challenge we choose to take on. We'll have given the world a gift that will endure forever," he said.

By continuing to fight against polio, setting an example in local communities, and growing membership, Huang hopes to see Rotary shine brighter than ever.

"*Light Up Rotary* is our theme, but it is more than our

theme. It is how we live in Rotary, how we think in Rotary, how we feel, how we work," Huang said. "It is how we make a difference — every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve."

Gary elaborates his Theme 'Light Up Rotary'

Rotary is an organization that has something for everyone. All over the world, in cities and towns, for well over a century, Rotarians have come together to serve. And in the years since Rotary was founded, countless Rotarians and others have discovered the joys of Rotary service, through Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Community Corps, Youth Exchange, and many other programs.



All of us are part of the family of Rotary. And we have all gained so much from our Rotary service. We've made friends, helped our communities, and made the world a better, safer, and healthier place. We've become part of a truly international network of volunteers, and we've learned how much we can achieve when we put our differences aside and work together.

Many of the ideas and values that we cherish in Rotary are not unique to Rotary. Perhaps the reason Rotary resonates so deeply with me is that I find many traditional Chinese values reflected in Rotary: values of service and responsibility, of respect for family and for others.

It is not surprising, then, that the ideas of Confucius so often guide me in my Rotary service. To me, Confucius was the original Rotarian. More than two thousand years before Paul Harris was born, he said: To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first set our hearts right.

In Rotary, we set our hearts right by putting Service Above Self. And we recognize that in order to be ambitious in our service, we must first care for our own organization and expand our family of Rotary. In 2014-15, I will ask all of you to *Light Up Rotary* — by sharing our service, strengthening our clubs, and letting our light shine in our communities.

In this Rotary year, we will *Light Up Rotary* by reaching our goal of 1.3 million Rotarians, bringing in new members while working to keep the members we have. To do this, we'll need to approach membership in new ways, and try new ideas. Hold a Rotary Day to give

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your community a chance to learn more about Rotary. Remember that Rotary is a family and is for the family: Encourage your spouse and other family members to consider joining, and reach out to Youth Exchange and Foundation alumni. Focus on your own club, and look realistically at why members stay, and why they leave. What can you do to make being a Rotarian an appealing and attractive opportunity for busy professionals and those with young families?

We will also *Light Up Rotary* — and make history — by eradicating polio. Polio eradication within the next few years is absolutely realistic — if we keep up our momentum. So tell your friends, associates, and elected officials how critical it is that we *End Polio Now*. Donate to the PolioPlus Fund and encourage others to do so as well. By meeting the newest challenge issued by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we can make our money work three times as hard. Be an active part of the greatest public-private health partnership in the history of the world, and share in the pride when the job is finished.

In 2014-15, as we strengthen our clubs and *Light Up Rotary* in more than 34,000 communities, our commitment and our service will light up the world.

Gary C.K. Huang
President, Rotary International, 2014-15

ROTARY CELEBRATES INDIA'S THIRD STRAIGHT POLIO-FREE YEAR

EVANSTON, Ill. (10 Jan. 2014) — Rotary members worldwide are celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio: India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, will mark the third anniversary of its last recorded case of the paralyzing infectious disease on 13 Jan.

On the same day in 2011, a two-year old girl suffered polio paralysis in Howrah district of West Bengal. Since then, India has not reported any new cases of wild poliovirus.

Leaders of the humanitarian service organization see the 13 Jan. milestone as a testament to the determination of its international membership of 1.2 million men and women — and especially the 122,000 Rotary members in India — to eradicate polio through the mass immunization of children, a goal Rotary took on in 1985.

In celebration of the decades-long battle and ultimate victory over this disabling disease in India, Rotary clubs throughout the country will illuminate landmarks and iconic structures on Jan. 13. India Gate in Delhi and Red Fort in Delhi and Agra are among the structures that will carry Rotary's dramatic message — **'India is Polio Free'**.

The three-year achievement also sets the stage for the polio-free certification of the entire South East Asia Region of the World Health Organization in the first quarter of 2014 by the Regional Certification Committee. The Indian government also plans to convene a polio summit in February to mark the occasion.

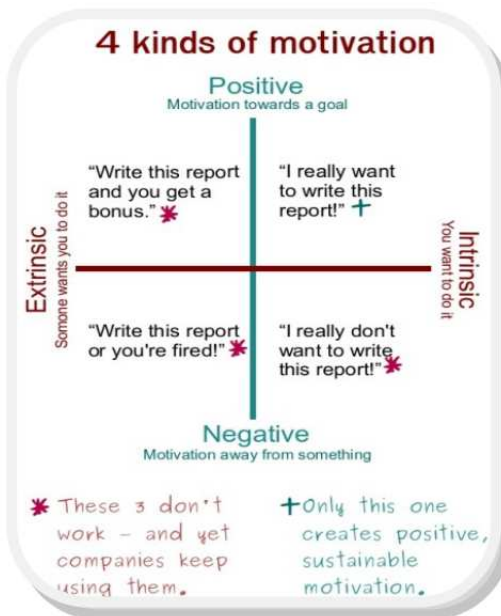
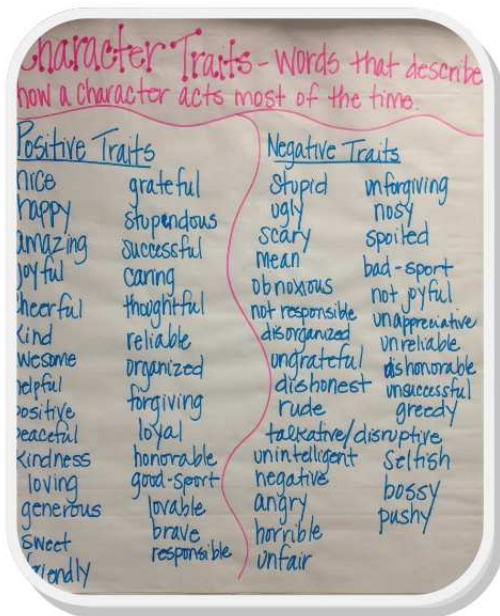
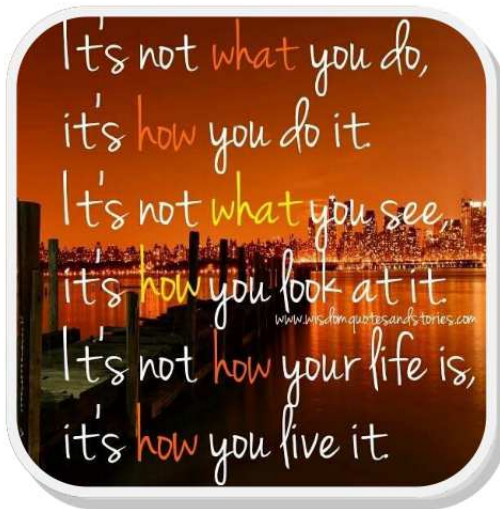
Rotary says the challenge now is to replicate India's success in neighboring Pakistan (which is in a different WHO region), one of three remaining polio-endemic countries. Afghanistan and Nigeria are the others. Collectively, they create a reservoir from which the opportunistic disease can emerge to re-infect areas where it had been previously stopped. So-called "imported cases" are occurring now in Syria and several African countries. In 2013, imported cases in non-endemic countries outnumbered the total in the endemic countries 224 to 145, underscoring the importance of stopping the virus where it remains endemic.

"We must now stop polio in Pakistan to both protect Pakistani children and to safeguard our success in India and other countries where we have beaten this terrible disease," says Deepak Kapur, who chairs Rotary's India National PolioPlus Committee. "Until polio is finally eradicated globally, all unvaccinated children will remain at risk of infection and paralysis, no matter where they live."

Rotary leaders in India are working with their Pakistani counterparts to share best practices and lessons learned during India's successful anti-polio campaign. Rotary was particularly effective in obtaining the support of influential religious leaders in India's Islamic communities, and Pakistani Rotary leaders are playing a similar role in efforts to counter rumors and misinformation about polio vaccinations that keep some Muslim parents from allowing their children to be immunized.

Rotary's main responsibilities within the initiative are fundraising, advocacy, and social mobilization. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year.

THOTS FOR THE WEEK



MISCELLANEOUS JOTTINGS

1. In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.

-- **John Adams**

2. If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

-- **Mark Twain**

3. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself.

-- **Mark Twain**

4. I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-- **Winston Churchill**

5. A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

-- **George Bernard Shaw**

6. A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

-- **G. Gordon Liddy**

7. Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

-- **James Bovard**, Civil Libertarian (1994)

8. Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

-- **Douglas Case**, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University.

9. Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

-- **P.J. O'Rourke**, Civil Libertarian

10. Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else.

-- **Frederic Bastiat**, French economist (1801-1850)

11. Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

-- **Ronald Reagan** (1986)

12. I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

-- **Will Rogers**

13. If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

-- **P. J. O'Rourke**

14. In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

-- **Voltaire** (1764)

15. Just because you do not take an interest

in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

-- **Pericles** (430 B.C.)

16. No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

-- **Mark Twain** (1866)

17. Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it.

-- **Anonymous**

18. The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

-- **Ronald Reagan**

19. The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

-- **Winston Churchill**

20. The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

-- **Mark Twain**

21. The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.

-- **Herbert Spencer**, English Philosopher (1820-1903)

22. There is no distinctly Native American criminal class, save Congress.

-- **Mark Twain**

23. What this country needs are more unemployed politicians

-- **Edward Langley**, Artist (1928-1995)

24. A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

-- **Thomas Jefferson**

25. We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

-- **Aesop**

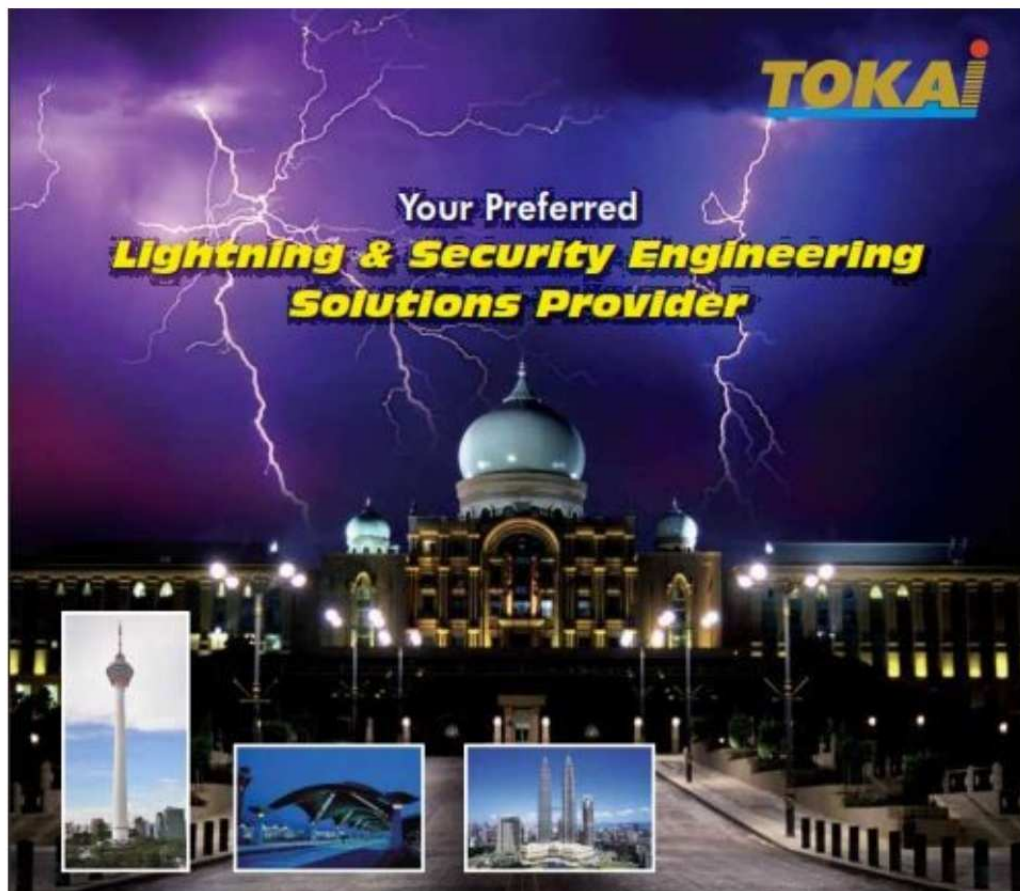
FOUR BEST SENTENCES

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.

2. What one person receives without working for it, another person must work for without receiving.


3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

4. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!



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