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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: Ms Pauline Wong
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

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

No meeting



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	-	45 th 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	4.00 pm	Rotaract BOD Meeting	Pres. Alex's office
Sat, 18 th Jan	5.00 pm	AGM 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 / 4 th 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, 27 th Jan	2.00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL

EDITORIAL

A story tells of a merchant in a small town who had identical twin sons. The boys worked for their father in the department store he owned and, when he died, they took over the store.

Everything went well until the day a dollar bill disappeared. One of the brothers had left the bill on the cash register and walked outside with a customer. When he returned, the money was gone. He asked his brother, "Did you see that dollar bill on the cash register?" His brother replied that he had not. But the young man kept on questioning. He would not let it alone. "Dollar bills just don't get up and walk away! Surely you must have seen it!"

There was a subtle accusation in his voice. Tempers began to rise. Resentment set in. Before long, a deep and bitter chasm divided the young men. They refused to speak. They finally decided they could no longer work together and a dividing wall was built down the centre of the store. For twenty years hostility and bitterness grew, spreading to their families and to the community.

Then one day a man stopped in front of the store. He walked in and asked the clerk, "How long have you been here?"

The clerk replied that he'd been there all his life. The man said, "I must share something with you. Twenty years ago I was 'riding the rails' and came into this town. I hadn't eaten for three days. I came into this store from the back door and saw a dollar bill on the cash register. I put it in my pocket and walked out. All these years I haven't been able to forget that. I know it wasn't much money, but I had to come back and ask for your forgiveness."

The stranger was amazed to see tears well up in the eyes of this middle-aged man. "Would you please go next door and tell that same story to the man in the store?" he said. Then the man was even more amazed to see two middle-aged men, who looked very much alike, embracing each other and weeping together in front of the store. After twenty years, the broken relationship was mended. The wall of resentment that divided them came down.

It is so often the little things that finally divide people—words spoken in haste; criticisms; accusations; resentments. And once divided, they may never come together again. The solution is to let it go. There is really nothing particularly profound about learning to let go of little resentments for the sake of fulfilling and lasting relationships. May we as Rotarians build and not break bonds of love and friendship.

Warmest Regards,
PP Mike Tung

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014 is the Year of the Horse according to Chinese zodiac.



"The spirit of the horse is recognized to be the Chinese people's ethos—making unremitting efforts to improve themselves. It is energetic, bright, warm-hearted, intelligent and able. Ancient people liked to designate an able person as 'Qianli Ma', a horse that covers a thousand li a day (one li equals 500 meters.)"

A few interesting facts:

Celebrities Born in the Year of the Horse

Louisa May Alcott, Chopin, Davy Crockett, Aretha Franklin, Teddy Roosevelt, Sir Isaac Newton, Barbara Streisand, Cindy Crawford, Denzel Washington, Harrison Ford, Jackie Chan, Jerry Seinfeld, John Travolta, Oprah Winfrey, Sir Paul McCartney, Rembrandt, Ashton Kutcher, Emma Watson, Josh Hartnett, Katie Holmes, Kristen Stewart, Genghis Khan, Emperor Kangxi and Yongzheng of China's Qing Dynasty (1644 - 1911) quoted from <http://www.travelchinaguide.com>

It is my sincere wish that our Rotary Club will also be like the 'Qianli Ma' and travel a thousand miles into the future.

I like to express our special thanks to our District Governor Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh (our "DG") and District First Lady Datin Helen who made time to visit our club on Sunday last. Datin Helen also graced the bi-annual visit to our long term project 'Adopt A Home: Jenjarom Old Folks Home' and brought good food and goody bags to the old folks of the home to have a pre-Chinese New Year celebration.

There is one interesting fact I found out about the stamina of our DG, he does not look behave a day older than 56 years old. The Rotary Club of Pudu witnessed this as our DG had lunch with us at about 12:45pm and he stayed with us all the way until mid night. When we bid farewell to him he did not look one bit exhausted. We salute you DG, at the age of 76, you are truly a 'Qianli Ma.'

Lastly, I take this opportunity to wish all Chinese members of the Rotary Club of Pudu a very happy and prosperous Year of the Horse. Let us all pray to GOD in the highest heaven that all people on earth will have a wonderful new year that is blessed by the angels to bring them happiness always. "Happy Chinese New Year 2014!"

Alex Chang
President

PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 19th January 2014

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

Visiting Rotarians

Name	Club
DG Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh	RC Kuala Lumpur West
PP Robin Tay	RC Ampang

Guests

Name	Club
Datin Helen	President Alex Chang
Ann Elaine Chang	President Alex Chang
Ms Louisa Chang	President Alex Chang
Master Sean Chang	President Alex Chang
Master Andrew Chang	President Alex Chang
Ms Lim Soo Zee	President Alex Chang
Mr Ng Jun Wei	President Alex Chang
Ms Janice Wong	President Alex Chang
Mr Nickolas Wong	President Alex Chang
Ms Chow Bee Ling	President Alex Chang
Ms Chow Hoe Tong	President Alex Chang
Raja Madiah	President Alex Chang
Ms Loo	President Alex Chang
Ms Felicia Hong	President Alex Chang
Ms Crystal Wong	President Alex Chang
Mr Tan Wei Seong	President Alex Chang
Ann Elsie Lee	Rtn Edward Lee
Ms Denise Lee	Rtn Edward Lee
Ms Danelle Lee	Rtn Edward Lee
Ann Prema	Rtn Asok Kumar

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Sgt-At-Arms Rtn Tenny Lee called the meeting to order at 8.35 pm on behalf of President Alex Chang. She welcomed District Governor Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh and Datin Helen, all Visiting Rotarians and Guests. She then led in the singing of the National Anthem and proposed the Loyal Toast.

Rtn Edward Lee was the fine master.

- ☐ Rtn Edward fined himself RM 2 for the privilege of being the fine master after a long break.
- ☐ PP Tai Chin Peow was fined RM 2 as Rtn Edward's proposer.
- ☐ The Board members were fined RM 1 for their presence at the Club Assembly and weekly meeting.
- ☐ President Alex had to pay RM 2 for each absent Board member.
- ☐ Rtn Laura was fined RM 2 as the Organizing Chair for the District Governor's Official Visit and the 4th Club Assembly.

Statistics

Guests	20
Visiting Rotarians	2
Club Members	19
Total Present	41

Collections:

Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	86.00
Paying Diners	240.00
Raffles & Others	
Total (RM)	RM 326.00

- ☐ Rtn Tenny was fined RM 2 as the Organizing Chair for the visit to the Jenjarom Old Folks Home.
- ☐ Rtn Mok Sin was fined RM 2 as the Community Service Director who appointed Rtn Tenny as the OC.
- ☐ Rotarians who were present and absent at the Jenjarom Old Folks Home were fined RM 1.
- ☐ Rtn Veronique was fined RM 2 for organizing the Interactors and Rotaractors for a meeting with the DG.
- ☐ AG K U Rajah was fined RM 2 for attending the meeting with DG.
- ☐ President Alex was fined RM 5 for chairing the Club Assembly.
- ☐ President Alex and PP Gary were fined RM 10 for their birthday celebrations.
- ☐ Rtn Asok was fined RM 10 for his wedding anniversary.
- ☐ Members were fined RM 1 for attending the DG's Official Address.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The BOD Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29th January 2014 at the office of President Alex at 6.30 pm.
- 2) The weekly meeting on 3rd February 2014 will be cancelled in view of the CNY celebrations

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

PP K H Low introduced the guest speaker DG Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh who presented his Official Address to the club.

SPEAKER'S CV

Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh Malhotra, was born on 15th October 1937 in Seremban, Negeri Sembilan. After completing his early education in the St. Francis Institution, Melaka and High School, Melaka, he pursued his degrees in BSc, BSc Hons (Singapore), MSc (Malaya), PhD (Malaya), Postgrad Dip Soil Science (Oxford).



It was in the year 1968, when Rotary came into his life when he represented the District as a GSE Team Member to RI District 280 (Australia). He joined the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur in 1980 and served as Secretary. He left the club to join RC Kepong in 1992 and served as President in 1995-96. He has maintained perfect attendance record since then. He has also served as Treasurer, Director of every Rotary Service and Advisor to the Club.

He has served the District continuously from 1996, as Environment Protection Committee Chairman and Advisor, Vocational Committee Chairman, Centennial Celebrations Committee Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee Member, 70th RI District 3300 Centennial Conference Committee Member, Public Speaking Committee Chairman, Public Relations and Publicity Chairman, Service to New Generations Committee Member, Group Discussion Leader, District Secretariat, Secretary of Governors Newsletter, Educational Task Force Member, Community Service Committee Member, International Service Committee Member, Club Service Committee Member and Rotary Information Counsellor.

Besides Rotary, Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh is very active in many other NGOs and held key positions, namely in International and National Scientific NGOs, Community Based NGOs which are the Spastic Children's Association of Selangor & Federal Territory (1985 to current), National Council of Spastic Children's Associations in Malaysia (current), Malaysian Council for Rehabilitation (current), Sentosa Lodge, Ampang Sikh Temple, Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia, Justices of the Peace Selangor, First Aid Instructor Malaysia Red Cross Society, Taman Hillview Residents Committee, Rubber Research Institute Senior Officers Association, Council of Union of Employees in Statutory Bodies and Local Authorities, PIBG Bukit Bintang Girls Secondary School and the Malaysian Child Welfare Council.

He is actively involved in several cooperatives, The Cooperative Union of Malaysia, Koperasi Khalsa (M) Bhd (1986 - current), Spastic Children's Association of Selangor & FT Cooperative Society Ltd. ((1991 - current), President, Midlands Cooperative Union Ltd. (current), RRI Staff Cooperative Society Ltd., Koperasi Perdanajaya Malaysia Bhd, Board Member, Maktab Kerjasama Malaysia Bhd.

He is actively involved in numerous professional associations and is a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, The Royal Society of Chemistry, The Malaysian Institute of Chemistry, Malaysian Scientific Association, Federation of Asian Chemical Societies, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon.

His Professional and Service Awards are in the National Council for Scientific Research and Development (MPKSN) Award for Public Understanding of Science, Third World Network of Scientific Organisations (TWNISO) Award for Public Understanding of Science, Institut Kimia Malaysia Gold Medal, Malaysian Scientific Association Golden Jubilee Meritorious Award, Rotary Research Foundation Gold Medal, National Cooperative Organisation (ANGKASA) Gold Medal (class 1) for Cooperative Leadership, Selangor Sports Official of the Year Award, Cooperative Union of Malaysia Golden Jubilee Meritorious Service Award, RRI Staff Cooperative Society Gold Medal, Midlands Cooperative Union Distinguished Service Award, Federation of Asian Chemical Societies Citation Award, Golden Shawl Award of Tamil Arts Society, Rubber Research Institute Recreation Club Sports Achievement Award, IKM 40th Anniversary Commemorative Certificate of Appreciation, COSTAM Silver Jubilee Meritorious Service Award.

He has held numerous positions in Sports Organisations, namely the Vice President of Badminton Association of Malaysia, President of Selangor Badminton Association, Hon. Treasurer of Kelab Arnan, President of Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia Recreation Bhd, Committee Member of Selangor Sports Council, Hon. Secretary of Malaysian Sports Association for Cerebral Palsy, Deputy President of Selangor Amateur Volleyball Association, Hon. Treasurer of University of Malaysia Athletic Union and membership in other sports organisations.

He has also been awarded with many honorific awards and titles, PJN (Federal Datuk) 1997, DSSA (Selangor State Dato') 1997, JSM (Federal) 1977, PJK (Selangor) 1985, JP (Selangor) 1988.

Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh Malhotra has four children; Rhenu Kaur, Sarika Kaur, Ammetta Kaur and Krishan Singh from his late first wife, Shushiela Kumari; and an extended family, Lee Eileen, Lee Iwin and Lee Pauline from his second wife, Datin Wong Ton Hing

SPEAKER'S TEXT

DG

Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh mentioned that service should be the obligation and commitment of every Rotarian. "Service Above Self" should always be our motto. Rotary has been around for about 109 years globally and about 85 years in District 3300. What have we achieved during the past 85 years in District 3300?

District Governor highlighted the unique features of RC Pudu.

1. The Club is 47 years old.
2. In terms of membership the Club ranks no 3
3. The Club has two Past District Governors.
4. The Club is a total Rotary family club with eight Interact Clubs and one Rotaract Club.

Out of the 74 clubs in District 3300, about 14 clubs have Past District Governors and about 20 clubs are total Rotary family clubs. District Governor has challenged the members to do the following during our 50th Anniversary:-

1. To do a significant project which will strengthen our branding and public image. A project which will bring enormous benefits and value to the community. RC Pudu will always be associated with this significant project.
2. Build and leave a legacy that will make us proud.
3. Increase our membership.

As a club we must stay ahead and move ahead with the times.

Q & A SESSION



THANKING THE SPEAKER



PP Gary Lim thanked DG Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh for a very insightful presentation. He reiterated that DG has challenged us to leave a legacy and increase our membership during our 50th Anniversary. He then invited the members and guests to give DG a standing ovation while President Alex

presented a memento to DG Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh.



CLUB MEETING ON 19 JANUARY 2014



Lunch at the afternoon meeting



DG with Pudu Rotaractors and Interactors



Top Table at the Assembly



Rtn Edward Lee the Finemaster



PP KH Low introducing the Speaker



Good attendance

CLUB MEETING ON 19 JANUARY 2014



One for the album



DG had a good visit



Feeling relaxed



Fellowship at the Assembly



A gift for DG



And something for the District First Lady

INCOMING BOARD RY 2014-15 FIRESIDE



PE Daisy Chiu presenting a memento to PDG Dr Paul Lee for hosting the Fireside .

BOD RY 2014-15

Rtn Daisy Chiu — President
Rtn Patrick Lee — President Elect
Rtn Sandy Soh — Vice President
Rtn Alex Chang — Immediate Past President
Rtn Mok Sin — Hon Treasurer
Rtn Roy Sreenivasan — Hon Secretary

Directors

Rtn Jeffrey Yap — Club Service Director
Rtn Elaine Tan — Vocational Service Director
Rtn Veronique Pearcey — Community Service Director
Rtn Tenny Lee — International Service Director
Rtn Steven Ho — Youth Service Director

JENJAROM OLD FOLKS' HOME VISIT



ADOPT-A-HOME PROJECT
During Rotary Year 1988 / 1989

Rotary International Theme :
"PUT LIFE INTO ROTARY - YOUR LIFE"

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We welcome Private Corporations or Individuals who wish to be a Sponsor for this project. For more details, kindly write to :-
The Rotary Club of Pudu, District 3300, P.O. Box 12086,
50768 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

EDITOR'S NOTE

RC Pudu adopted this Old Folks' Home at Jenjarom, Banting Selangor back in RY 1988-99 when Rtn Kong Tai Sung was president. Ever since then we have been providing financial support for the home and its inmates. Our twice-a-year visit is a major event in the Community Service Director's calendar when not only gifts of festive goods are distributed but also amenities for comfortable living are provided through the kind donations of well-wishers.

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	-
Feb 28 th -Mar 1 st 2014	9.00 am	Presidents Elect Training Seminar 2	-
Mar 8 th -11 th 2014	-	Tri Sister Clubs Fellowship	Bangkok
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

CNY OPEN HOUSES



Dato' Steven Oon & Datin Boon Kee
Cordially invite you and your spouse/family
to our Jurubina Experto Sdn Bhd Open House
on 12th February 2014 (Wednesday) at 7.00pm

Together we shall celebrate the Warmth
of this Chinese New Year

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OPEN HOUSE @ GARY LIM'S

Hi everybody. Happy New Year and Kong Hee Fatt Choy to one and all. The time has come for us to forget and forgive if we have done one another wrong and at the same time, let's cherish our long lasting friendship, comradeship and bring our fellowship yet to another level of understanding and caring. May the year of the fortune horse bring you lots and lots of patience, tolerance, good wealth, good health, good luck and happiness to you and family. Now you are cordially invited to my CNY open house on the 1st day of CNY 7pm. TQ for your attention. Gary Lim and family.



DISTRICT NEWS

A True Friend
By Author Unknown

In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem.

One day one fellow met the great philosopher and said,

"Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Hold on a minute," Socrates replied.

"Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple Filter?"

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my friend it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it and..."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't know if it's true or not.

Now let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true.

You may still pass the test though, because there's one more filter left: the filter of Usefulness.

Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, Why tell it to me at all?"

Lesson:

Well we can always participate in loose talks to curb our boredom.

But when it comes to your friends it's not worth it.

Always avoid talking behind the back about your near and dear friends.



Dear Rotarians,

It's time again to celebrate Rotary and this year, we are heading to the Pearl of the Orient. Bring your family & friends and let's CELEBRATE ROTARY. 22 February 2014, Saturday at Esplanade Penang. Enjoy the following events:

- ☐ A cycle ride through Penang's Murals & Heritage sites
- ☐ A Rotary Public Image Launch - Billboard
- ☐ A Sound & Laser Light Show
- ☐ T Shirt, Hat, Bicycle and Raincoat
- ☐ Penang Hawker Style Dinner
- ☐ Great Open Air Fellowship

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Samantha Ann Samson
Deputy Chair - PR
RI District 3300, Malaysia

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PP Pushpa Krishna
012-622-5735
District Youth Exchange Chairman

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DISTRICT NEWS

[rotary3300] Request from D4660 Brazil for long term exchange.

rotary3300@googlegroups.com on behalf of Pushpa Krishna <pushpa.kkrishi@gmail.com>

Sent: Sun 26/1/2014 12:03 PM

To: rotary3300

Message  LONG TERM EXCHANGE - INFORMATION.doc (58 KB)

Dear Friends,

I have received a request for a long-term exchange (10-12 months) to Brazil D 4660. Below is an excerpt of the request:

'My District would very much like to discuss with your district the possibility of establishing a new Youth Exchange partnership for 2014-15 (August or January). In our District selection for the Rotary year 2013-14 program, we had students interested in going to Malaysia for the long-term program. That's why we're getting in touch with you, so we can study possibilities to exchange students and promote to them such wonderful experience. Currently, District 4660 is conducting exchanges with the United States and Canada (Central States, Essex Multi-district, individual districts), Europe, Mexico, Asia, Africa and Central and Latin-American countries. Also, we have possibilities for short term (from 1 to 6 months) in regular school and new generation (internship or university for 1 to 3 months).

Our Committee promote the YEP in Brazil for many years, we hosted the 2009 national Youth Exchange Program event then in Brazil, the "Brazilian YEO Meeting" in Gramado. District 4660 is very responsible with YEP rules, providing training to the students and following before, during and after the exchange and we intend to carefully increase the number of young travellers, always seeking their welfare and good partnership with Districts. Also, we provide training, free tour trips and Portuguese classes to our inbound students. Here, inbound students will see the widest waterfalls of the world (Yucum falls, on the Uruguay river, Foz do Iguaçu), beautiful hills and valleys and the northern borders of the mighty plains of the Pampas, as Gramado e Canela.

Also, as Brazil's southernmost region, our District is localized on the borders of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, so the students can have opportunity to visit other countries of Latin America and learn Spanish. We have big cities, such as Santa Maria (300,000 inhabitants) or in small towns. This region is also home of one of the highest HDI (Human Development Index) of Brazil, composite statistic of life expectancy, education, security of human development. That makes our place one of the safest place to live in the country.'

If there are any interested parties, please email me with your queries. I am attaching some information on long-term exchanges for your perusal

Regards

PP Pushpa Krishna
012-622-5735
District Youth Exchange Chairman

RI NEWS

CONVERSATION WITH DEEPAK KAPUR

Chairman of India National PolioPlus Committee

On Monday, 13th January, India completes three years without a single new polio case. India is finally on the brink of being polio-free, nearly 30 years after the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was established.

Celebrations around the country will mark this feat in global health, with cities like Lucknow, Hyderabad and New Delhi lighting up their landmarks.

Deepak Kapur, the chairman of the Rotary International's India National PolioPlus Committee, has been at the helm of the campaign since 2002. He spoke with India Ink about the end of polio in India and next steps for the country to ensure that the disease doesn't return.



Courtesy of Rotary Polio Plus India
Deepak Kapur, chairman of the Rotary International's India National PolioPlus Committee.

Q. How would you explain the significance of this campaign on a larger scale for the global health community?

A. The success of India, the fact that India can do it against all odds and expectations, is a phenomenal achievement. Now, the lessons from India can be transferred. And it proves that it can be done elsewhere. For instance, Pakistan has a similar mindset amongst the civil society and similar conditions, so they can learn very profitably from the Indian experience.

People used to fret that India would be the last country to do it. Even the global experts felt that India may not be able to do it given the huge population, poor sanitation, impure drinking water, malnutrition and presence of disease. It made it the most fertile ground for the virus to breed in.

In 2002, we had a mini-outbreak of 1,600 cases. I remember Dr. Bruce Aylward of W.H.O. [World Health Organization] was visiting Delhi at the time. He said, "You [India] are holding the world to ransom. Unless you get your act together, it's going to be terrible for the world." Then last year, in Abu Dhabi at the Global Vaccine Summit, he said, "You proved me wrong."

Q. What was the game changer in your opinion?

A. There were a couple of things that were significant: One, engaging the Muslim clerics, the ulema, by bringing them under one umbrella given that most of them don't talk to each other. But we brought them together under the Rotary Muslim Ulema Committee, and that melted away the resistance by Muslim households.

Two, the introduction of the bivalent vaccine — the two strains of polio, P1 and P3, could be addressed with just one vaccine.

Three, the whistle-blowing by Rotarians. They went to the chief minister in U.P. [Uttar Pradesh] and the political authorities in Bihar and said they had to place more emphasis on the polio vaccinations. They were very receptive, which was very unexpected. The authorities took action quickly, and that helped immensely.

Q. Will India continue to carry out the immunization rounds in the same manner, now that the country is polio-free?

A. Yes, there is always the risk of reintroduction. Look at all the countries that have had outbreaks recently — Somalia, Tajikistan. They were polio-free countries.

The disease is just a flight or a bus ride away. So we have to keep up the supplementary immunization rounds. Our routine immunizations have only reach 60, 61 percent nationally. And in some of the high-risk areas, it would be even lower. So we need to still press forward with them.

There are other questions that we have to address. Such as how long should we continue with the Oral Polio Vaccine? But we cannot shift to I.P.V. [inactive polio vaccine], the injectable, so easily. We would have to train people to give it to 174 million kids with syringes. That's too difficult to execute.

The only solution is to rapidly get rid of the virus from the rest of the world so we don't have to fear reintroduction. Bear in mind, that for every one polio case, there are 200 who are carriers of the virus but don't manifest the disease. So it's tricky.

Q. How can this infrastructure be used for other public health campaigns?

A. It's already begun. The National Polio Surveillance Committee and W.H.O. are utilizing the infrastructure to improve routine immunizations. We are asking all Rotarians in India to focus on routine immunizations and alongside polio, focus on promoting other diseases. The polio model will be in vogue towards the end of this decade for a host of other diseases and social needs.

Q. What are some of the innovations that have come out of the polio campaign, given that it's been such a learning experience for the global health community?

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A. There are quite a few. For instance, advocacy. In the U.S., it's much more celebrated and the norm. In India, it was much more frowned upon. You can now have advocacy with senior politicians and senior bureaucrats, which wasn't the case before. Given a social cause, now it's an accepted practice to advocate to politicians and religious figures. Rapid development of vaccines: the monovalent and the bivalent. The way that they came up was just the need of the hour, and the world responded to the request so quickly. And then small things: the black ink used to mark the pinky to note children who had been vaccinated or the cold chain transportation system.

Q. Polio is a water-borne disease. How do you address the root of the problem, dirty water and poor sanitation?

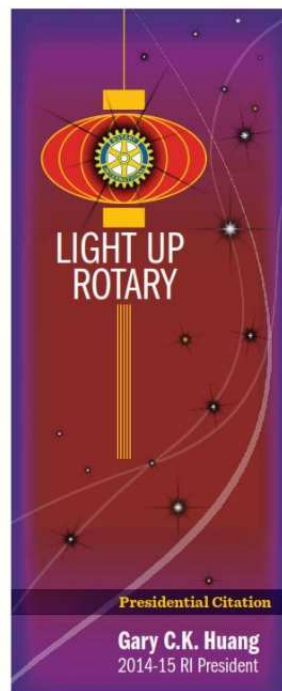
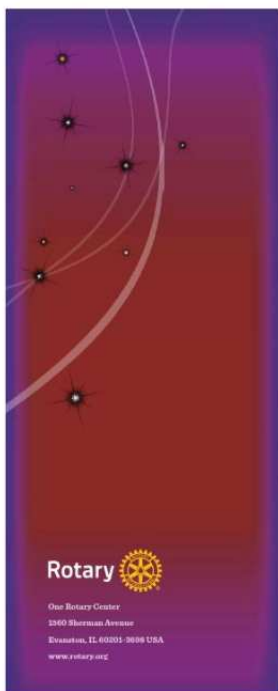
A. No government can do it on its own. It has to be a public-private partnership. It has to include civil society. It will be a much longer campaign than was polio, and that's been long enough.

Q. Will the upcoming elections impact the polio program in any way?

A. The polio program will continue, no doubt. It will simply involve more advocacy to new political leaders and encourage them to keep up the fight against polio.

Source: Esha Chhabra, The New York Times

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION RY2014-15



Light Up Rotary is not just our theme for the year – it is a call for each of us to take action and make Rotary stronger. The 2014-15 Presidential Citation will recognize Rotary clubs that take action to increase their membership, enhance their service impact, and expand their network.

Procedure

Clubs are asked to use this form to plan and report their accomplishments for the 2014-15 Rotary year. To qualify for the Presidential Citation, clubs must achieve a specific number of points in each of the three activity categories and must conduct one required activity per category. Unless otherwise specified, all activities must be undertaken and completed between 1 July 2014 and 31 March 2015.

Qualifying clubs should complete the form and send it to the district governor no later than **31 March**. Forms sent to Rotary International will not be processed.

District governors must report the names of their qualifying clubs to RI no later than **15 April**. District governors will receive special recognition if 50 percent or more of the clubs in their districts qualify for the Presidential Citation.

Light Up Rotary Membership!

Required activity

Achieve a net gain in membership between 1 July and 1 March.

Check **one** of the following:

- ☐ Our club achieved a net gain of one member. (5 points)

- ☐ Our club achieved a net gain of 1-4 percent. (10 points)
- ☐ Our club achieved a net gain of 5-10 percent. (15 points)
- ☐ Our club achieved a net gain of more than 10 percent. (20 points)

"Best Class" Club President's Challenge (optional)

- ☐ Our club president personally sponsored two new members. (5 points)

Additional activities

- ☐ Submit and achieve membership development goals for 2014-15 on Rotary Club Central. (5 points)
- ☐ Ensure that every club member has a profile on *My Rotary*. (5 points)
- ☐ Promote member engagement by ensuring that each club member is assigned a specific role in your club's leadership development goals for the year, either in a leadership position or as a member of a club committee, subcommittee, or project initiative. (5 points)
- ☐ Increase your club's member retention rate by at least one percent over the previous year. (5 points)
- ☐ Increase the diversity of your club's membership by recruiting at least two new members who belong to a demographic group (for example, gender, age, profession, or ethnicity) that is underrepresented in the club. (5 points)
- ☐ Successfully recruit the spouse of a club member or successfully refer a spouse to another Rotary club for membership. (5 points for each spouse that becomes a Rotarian this year; maximum of 15 points total for this activity)

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- Successfully recruit a former Rotaractor or Rotary alumnus to join your club or successfully refer them to another Rotary club for membership. **(5 points for each former Rotaractor or Rotary alumnus that becomes a Rotarian this year)**

To qualify in this category, your club must score a minimum of 30 points. How many points did your club score?

Light Up Rotary Service!

Required activity

Participate in a local or international service project related to at least one of Rotary's areas of focus:²

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Check **one** of the following:

- Our club completed this activity. **(10 points)**
- Our club completed this activity as part of a global grant project. **(15 points)**

"Best Class" Club President's Challenge (optional)

- Our club president personally donated to The Rotary Foundation. **(5 points)**

Additional activities

- Submit and achieve 2014-15 Rotary Foundation giving goals on Rotary Club Central. **(5 points)**

- Support polio eradication through a community fundraising initiative or implement a public awareness campaign to inform the community about Rotary's contributions to polio eradication. **(5 points)**

- Have at least 10 percent of club members enrolled in Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct. **(5 points)**

- Sponsor a Rotary Peace Fellow or assist another club in its support of a Rotary Peace Fellow. **(5 points)**

- Increase the total number of Benefactors, Bequest Society³ members, and Paul Harris Society⁴ members in the club by at least one. **(5 points)**

- Attain 100 percent participation in Rotary Foundation Annual Fund giving (that is, every active member contributes).⁵ **(10 points)**

- Attain a minimum Annual Fund contribution of US\$100 per capita. **(10 points)**

To qualify in this category, your club must score a minimum of 30 points. How many points did your club score?

¹ Refer to *Leadership Development: Your Guide to Starting a Program* (250-EN) for ideas.

² Refer to *Rotary's Areas of Focus* (045-EN) for ideas.

³ Consult the *Your Rotary Legacy* brochure (330-EN) for information.

⁴ Consult the *Paul Harris Society* brochure (099-EN) for information.

⁵ Consult the *EREFY* brochure (067-EN) and *The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide* (219-EN) for information.

Light Up the Family of Rotary!

Required activity

Sponsor or participate in a local or district Rotary Day⁶ event to introduce non-Rotarians to Rotary.

Check **one** of the following:

- At least five members of our club participated in a Rotary Day event. **(10 points)**

- Our club hosted a Rotary Day event. **(15 points)**

"Best Class" Club President's Challenge (optional)

- Our club president registered to attend the 2015 RI Convention in São Paulo by 31 March. **(5 points)**

Additional activities

- Have club members (not including the president) register to attend the 2015 RI Convention in São Paulo by 31 March. **(5 points for each club member that registers; maximum of 10 points total for this activity)**

- Have at least 10 percent of the club's members join a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group and connect with people from around the world who share their interests. **(5 points)**

- Have at least half of the club's members participate in an online community discussion board on rotary.org. **(5 points)**

⁶ Consult the *Rotary Days* brochure (000B-EN) for information.

- Hold a career day or vocational mentoring program for young people. **(5 points)**

- Implement Rotary's new *visual identity guidelines* on the club's website and social media pages. **(5 points)**

- Sponsor a new Rotaract club or Interact club. **(10 points)**

- Sponsor a new Rotary Community Corps. **(10 points)**

- Sponsor a new Rotary club. **(20 points)**

To qualify in this category, your club must score a minimum of 40 points. How many points did your club score?

Rotary Club of

Rotary club president

Submit this completed form to your district governor no later than 31 March.

THOTS FOR THE WEEK

This is awesome – Be a keeper

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminium foil after she cooked in it, then re-used it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.

I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that dear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return.. So... While we have it..... it's best we love it.... And care for it.... And fix it when it's broken..... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true.

For marriage..... And old cars..... And children with bad report cards..... And dogs with bad hips.... And aging parents..... And grandparents.

We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.
Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special
And so, we keep them close!

Good friends are like stars...
You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!

When we die, 10 things GOD won't ask us:

- 1..... God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation..
- 2..... God won't ask the square footage of your house. He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3..... God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4..... God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5..... God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6..... God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7..... God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.
- 8..... God won't ask about the colour of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
- 9..... God won't ask why it took you so long to find Him and ask Him into your house, He'll lovingly take you to heaven and not to the gates of Hell.
- 10..... God won't have to ask how many people you forwarded this to, He already knows your decision.

From your friend Paul

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He Needs a Drink

A guy came into a bar one day and said to the barman "Give me six double vodkas."

The barman says "Wow!, you must have had one hell of a day."

"Yes, I've just found out my older brother is gay."

The next day the same guy came into the bar and asked for the same drinks. When the bartender asked what the problem was today, the answer came back, "I've just found out that my younger brother is gay too!"

On the third day the guy came into the bar and ordered another six double vodkas.

The bartender says "Geez! Doesn't anybody in your family like women?"

"Yeah, my wife..."

A 5-Year Old Thought

A country doctor went way out to the boon-docks to deliver a baby.

It was so far out, there was no electricity. When the doctor arrived, no one was home except for the laboring mother and her 5-year-old child. The doctor instructed the child to hold a lantern high so he could see, while he helped the woman deliver the baby.

The child did so, the mother pushed and after a little while, the doctor lifted the newborn baby by the feet and spanked him on the bottom to get him to take his first breath.

The doctor then asked the 5-year-old what he thought of the baby.

"Hit him again," the 5-year-old said. "He shouldn't have crawled up there in the first place!"

Drunk at Church

A drunken man staggered into a Catholic church, sat down in the Confessional and said nothing. The priest is waiting and waiting and waiting.

The priest coughs to attract the drunk man's attention, but still the man says nothing.

The priest then knocks on the wall three times in a final attempt to get the man to speak.

Finally the drunk replies, "No use knockin' pal. There's no paper."

Indian Name Giving

On a rainy day, an Indian from a tribe goes to his Chief. He asks the Chief, "Chief, how do you name all the people of our tribe?"

The Chief replies, "Oh, it quite easy. When baby is born, I look at first thing I see moving in wilderness, and name baby just that...."

"How so?" asks the Indian

"Well," replies the Chief, "if I see coyote running in fields, I name baby Running Coyote, if I see a bull sitting, I name baby Sitting Bull."

"Oh, I see now" says the Indian

Then the Chief turns to the Indian and says, "Well, why do you ask, Shitting Dog?"

Old Age Advice

One fine afternoon a gentleman was walking down the street; and as he came around the corner he spotted a young boy sitting in front of the local candy shop. As he approached, he realized it was his neighbour's kid - Little Johnny.

The boy was shoving sweet tarts and chocolate bars down his throat as fast as possible, so much that it prompted the man to offer some advice: "You know, Johnny, it's not healthy to eat all that candy."

Little Johnny looks up at him and quickly retorts "You know, my Grampa lived to be 96 years old."

"Oh," the man replied, "did he eat lots of candy?"

"Nope," retorted Little Johnny, "he minded his own damn business!"

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