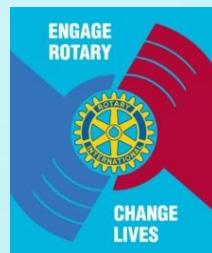




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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: Rtn Asok Kumar
Subject: Real Estate- Past, Present and Future

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn Steven Ho
Fellowship: Rtn Edward Lee
Finemaster: Rtn Robert Tan
Introducing: Rtn Sarkunan Subramaniam
Thanking: PP Daro' N K Jasani :

Rotarians' Birthdays (June)

06th – Rtn Mok Sin

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Speaker: TBA
Subject: TBA

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn Elaine Tan
Fellowship: Rtn Sandy Soh
Finemaster: Rtn Patrick Lee
Introducing: Rtn Roy Sreenivasan
Thanking: PP K H Low

Spouses Birthdays (June)

04th – Ann Datin Boon Kee (PP Dato' Steven Oon)
15th – Ann Elsie (Rtn Edward Lee)

Wedding Anniversaries (June)

06th – Rtn May Lim and Rtn Johnny Lim

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS – JUNE 2014

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Mon, 2 nd June	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 3 rd June	6.30 pm	Incoming Club Service Committee Meeting	Residence of Rtn Jeff Yap
Wed, 4 th June	6.30 pm	48 th Installation Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Thurs, 5 th June	6.30 pm	Outgoing Club Service Committee Meeting	President Alex's Office
Mon, 9 th June	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 10 th June	6.30 pm	Incoming Youth Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Wed, 11 th June	6.30 pm	Outgoing Youth Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Wed, 11 th June	7.30 pm	Outgoing/Incoming Community Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Thu, 12 th June	7.30 pm	Romanian Night	Romanian Embassy
Mon, 16 th June	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 17 th June	6.30 pm	Incoming International Service Comm Meeting	Selangor Club, Bukit Kiara
Wed, 18 th June	6.30 pm	Outgoing/Incoming Vocational Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Sat, 21 st June	6.30 pm	District Awards & Handover Night	Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort
Mon, 23 rd June	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 24 th June	6.30 pm	Incoming Board of Directors Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Wed, 25 th June	6.30 pm	Outgoing Board of Directors Meeting	President Alex's Office
Sat, 28 th June	10.00 am	"Stop Hunger Now" Joint Project With RC Georgetown	Sunway Pyramid, PJ
Mon, 30 th June	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL

EDITORIAL

Someone told me that one of his best friends had been killed in a private plane crash. Something happened at the service that he'll never forget. At the memorial service, his friend's wife walked to the podium to speak to the gathering. She said a friend had asked her the best memory she had of their life together. At the moment, she had been too grief-stricken to answer, but she thought about it since and wanted to answer the question.

They were in their late forties when he died, and she began talking about a time in their lives almost twenty years earlier. She had quit her job to obtain her master's degree, and her husband never wavered in his support.

He held down his own job and also did the cooking, cleaning, and other household chores while she studied for her degree.

One time, they both stayed up all night. She was finishing her thesis and he was preparing for an important business meeting. That morning, she walked out on their loft, looked at him over the railing, and just thought about how much she loved him. She knew how important this meeting was to his career, and she was feeling guilty that she didn't even have time to make his breakfast. He grabbed his briefcase and hurried out. She heard the garage door open and close, but much to her surprise, she heard it open again about thirty seconds later. From above, she watched her husband dash into the house and walk over to the neglected coffee table. Tracing his finger through the dust, he wrote the words "I love you." Then he raced back to his car. The new widow then looked out at her audience and said, "John and I had a wonderful life together. We have been around the world several times; we've had everything money can buy...but nothing comes close to that moment."

Our lives move with lightning speed. It feels like yesterday that I graduated from college...and now forty years have passed. Although I'm very proud of my business accomplishments, in the end, my life comes back to loving and being loved.

This story about a husband's random act of love always reminds us that the smallest things can make the biggest difference to those around us. It reminds us to do little things for the people we love and to show them how much they mean to us.

I hope this story inspires you to love and be loved.

*Warmest Regards,
PP Mike Tung*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The House of Lords, an illusion to which I have never been able to subscribe 'responsibility without power' the prerogative of the eunuch throughout the ages."
Thomas Stoppard (born Tom Straussler on July 3 1937, in Czechoslovakia) is a British dramatist and screenwriter.

While I was doing some research on the House of Lords, an institution to us lawyers, the holy land, the Highest court in England, I came across the above quote. Which, I must confess, I find it rather amusing. Personally, I do not think that the House of Lords can be described as "responsibility without power" as it is the Highest Court in England. To describe the eunuchs I think the title of the book "Power Without Responsibility" by James Curran, Jean Seaton, is probably, in my humble opinion, more appropriate to describe these special people.

Today I would like to share some Chinese history which is unrelated to Rotary. To the Chinese, one of the famous eunuchs is Li Lianying who served the Empress Dowager Cixi. The Empress Dowager Cixi was born in 1835. In 1861 after her husband, the Xianfeng Emperor, died the six-year-old Zaichun was crowned emperor and his mother Cixi was awarded the title Honored Mother Empress Dowager (Shengmu huang-taihou) and given the honorific title Cixi.

Prior to his death the Xianfeng Emperor had appointed eight special ministers charged with assisting the emperor in ruling the nation (fuzheng dachen). All eight were either killed or committed suicide during the "Xinyou Coup" in 1861, which was plotted by Cixi and Prince Yixin in an effort to gain political power.

After the success of the coup Cixi began her rule, but as a woman she could only act as regent and never as an emperor. Therefore Cixi could only taking charge of state affairs from behind a screen (know as "chuilian tingzheng"), and never in the open. However, she proved to be a highly effective regent and in this manner ruled China for forty-eight years.

Li Lianying (1848 - 1911) was an imperial eunuch during the Qing Dynasty who rose to power during the rule of Empress Dowager Cixi, who was the *de facto* ruler of China for thirty-nine years from 1869-1908.

He served as the Head Eunuch until getting deposed in 1908. Lianying was known to be dominant in court affairs, controlling everything from the actions of other eunuchs, to which officials could be granted an audience by the Empress Dowager. Such things often involved large amounts of bribery, and Li Lianying made a fortune from it. Toward the end of the Qing Dynas-

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PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 9th June 2014

Guest Speaker: Mr Stuart Chong

Subject: Energy From Recycling Waste

Visiting Rotarians	
Guests	
Louisa Chang Victorine Lee Su Ling Mr Kenneth Wong Ms Giselle Chong Ms Liew	President Alex Chang President Alex Chang Rtn Laura Lee PP Mike Tung Club

Statistics	
Guests	5
Visiting Rotarians	
Club Members	15
Total Present	20
Collections:	
Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	17.00
Paying Diners	80.00
Raffles & Others	
Total (RM)	RM 97.00

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The Incoming Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th June 2014 at the Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, KL at 6.30 pm.
- 2) The Outgoing Youth Service Committee Meeting and the Outgoing/Incoming Community Service Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th June 2014 at the Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, KL at 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm respectively.

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Acting Sgt-At-Arms Rtn Asok called the meeting to order at 1.20 pm on behalf of President Alex Chang. He welcomed all visiting Rotarians and guests. He then led in the singing of the National Anthem and then proposed the Loyal Toast.

PP Gary Lim was the fine master.

- Rtns Asok and Rtn Sarkunan were fined RM 2 for not wearing a jacket.
- President Alex was fined RM 1 for the poor lunch attendance.
- PP Mike Tung was fined RM 1 for inviting a guest.
- PP Dato' Steven Oon was fined RM 1 for his long absence from lunch meetings.
- PP K H Low, PP Tai and Rtn Dr C C Wong were fined RM 1 each for not seating with guests.
- Rtn Laura was fined RM 1 for inviting a guest.
- Every member was fined a happy RM 1

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

Rtn Sarkunan introduced the guest speaker Mr Stuart Chong who presented a talk on the subject "Energy From Recycling Waste."

THANKING THE SPEAKER



Rtn Dr C C Wong thanked Mr Stuart Chong for a very educational and informative presentation. He commented that when Malaysia becomes a developed nation by 2020 there will be more accumulation of waste and therefore she has to look into more efficient and cost effective methods of recycling waste. He then presented a memento to Mr Stuart Chong.

SPEAKER'S CV

Mr Stuart Chong has vast experience in most types of specialized manufacturing of steel pipes and application of coating systems for Oil, Gas and Water pipelines (onshore & offshore) with foundation design and installation (steel piles, sheet piles and spun concrete piles.) He has experience both on technical and commercial aspects of the business, including extensive knowledge on spiral pipe steel manufacturing and precast concrete structures – spun piles and structural elements.

Currently

Oriental Castle (Arcelor-Mittal) Group – DPM Engineering — Head of Company, Malaysia

2010 to 2013

Oriental Castle (Arcelor-Mittal) – Oriental Steel Pipe — Head Of Commercial

1994 to 2010

Wah Seong Corp - WASCO – PPI, Syn Tai Hung, PPSC Industries, PPDC/PPCP

Held Positions of – Deputy GM, Business Development Senior Manager, Factory Manager.

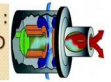
ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering, UNSW (Australia)

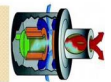
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES

Level 1 Qualified Coating Inspector

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FROM WASTE DISPOSAL : POTENTIAL OF PLASMA ARC GASIFICATION AND VITRIFICATION TECHNOLOGY

**PRESENTATION STRUCTURE**

- WASTE & WASTE DISPOSAL OVERVIEW
- PLASMA CRACKING FOR WASTE DISPOSAL
- ENERGY RECOVERY & ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE
- FINANCING NEW TECHNOLOGY
- FAQ

**WASTE & WASTE DISPOSAL**

- ESTIMATED MSW IN MALAYSIA 10 MILLION TONS PER ANNUM @ 25E6
- GUARANTEED EXPONENTIAL INCREASE IN FEEDSTOCK INCLUDING TIRES
- CLEAN HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL 3 MILLION TONS PER ANNUM – FUTURE NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT POST O&G ENERGY ERA
- PLASMA VITRIFICATION OF MEDICAL WASTE AND FLY ASH FROM POWER PLANT

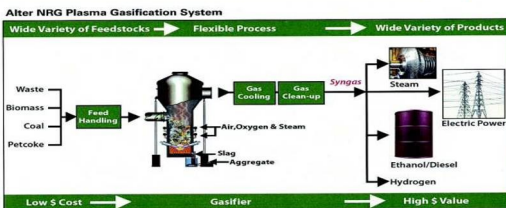
Table 1
Four Types of Waste

Type of Waste	Annual Generation (1)	Typical Constituents	Conventional Disposal Facilities
MSW (2)	888.89	Household trash, paper, plastic, metals, organics	Landfills, WTE plants
Hazardous (3)	277.78	Chemical waste, radio-active material, heavy metals	Incineration, deepwell injection
Medical (4)	0.69	Body parts, tissue, blood	Incineration, micro waves, auto-claving
Ash (5)	52.08	Incinerator ash	Landfilling

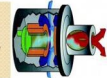
1. Pounds per person per year based on USEPA data
2. Municipal Solid Waste – Source: USEPA, Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste, 2000
3. Hazardous Wastes – Source: USEPA, The National Elemental & Organic Hazardous Waste Report (1999 data)
4. Medical Waste – Source: USEPA, Medical Waste, Emergency Ashed Operations
5. Incinerator Ash – Source: Integrated Waste Services Association

SPEAKER'S TEXT

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FROM WASTE DISPOSAL : POTENTIAL OF PLASMA ARC GASIFICATION AND VITRIFICATION TECHNOLOGY

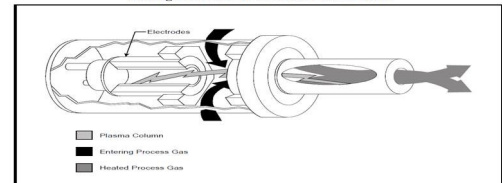


BY: STUART
YEAR: 2014

**PLASMA CRACKING FOR WASTE DISPOSAL**

- NASA IN 1960s PIONEERED- EXTENSIVE R&D ON WASTE DISPOSAL LAST 25 YEARS WITH COMMERCIAL OPERATION OVER 15 YEARS
- USES ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE (THE ARC) TO HEAT GAS (EG. O₂ OR N₂) IN EXCESS OF 3000 DEG C – MELTING/VITRIFYING INORGANIC WASTE & GASIFYING ORGANIC HC (EG. PLASTIC/RUBBER). PLASMA TORCHES :MARC3a (80-300kW) TO MARC11H(700-2400kW).
- PLASMA REACTOR – 2 TYPES PLASMA TORCHES: TRANSFERRED TORCH & NON-TRANSFERRED TORCH (EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL ELECTRICAL ARC RESPECTIVELY).
- WESTINGHOUSE & HITACHI DESIGN OF PLASMA REACTOR APPROACH – LOW PRESSURE GAS PASSES OVER WATER COOLED NON-TRANSFERRED TORCH, OUTSIDE OF THE REACTOR & HOT GAS FLOWS FROM THE TORCH INTO THE WASTE REACTOR TO MELT & GASIFY WASTE

Figure 1
Westinghouse Non-Transferred Plasma Torch



SPEAKER'S TEXT

PLASMA CRACKING FOR WASTE DISPOSAL



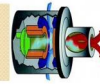
1. POWER GENERATION UNITS : COMBUSTIBLE GAS OR SYN GAS – PLASMA FACILITY COMBINED WITH A COMBUSTION TURBINE COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT GENERATES MORE NET POWER THAN STATE OF THE ART WASTE-TO-ENERGY (WTE) PLANTS. FEEDSTOCK OF HIGH HEATING VALUE (LOTS OF BTU PER UNIT WEIGHT) WITH SUBSTANTIAL THROUGHPUT YIELDS NET GENERATOR OF ELECTRICITY USING COMBUSTION TURBINE – SEE TABLE 2.

Table 2
Plasma Arc Air Emission and Control Devices

Emission	Waste Heat Boiler Control Device (1)	Combustion Turbine Control Device (1)	Residue	Disposal of Residue
SO ₂	Scrubber	Absorbent (2)	Scrubber residue	Landfill
HCL	Scrubber	Scrubber/concentrator	Scrubber/concentrator residue	Landfill
CO/VOCs	Boiler	Turbine	NA – consumed	NA
NO _x	Boiler	Turbine	NA – consumed	NA
PM	Baghouse filter	Scrubber Filter	Fly ash	Landfill
Volatile Metals	Carbon filter (1)	Scrubber Filter	Fly ash	Landfill
Dioxins/HAPs	Plasma Reactor	Plasma Reactor	NA – consumed	NA

1. With a waste heat boiler, the scrubber will be at the back end of the boiler. With a combustion turbine, the scrubber absorbs are upstream of the combustion turbine.
2. For the combustion turbine case, the scrubber could become a product

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4. ENERGY RECOVERY FOR WESTINGHOUSE PLASMA CORPORATION (WPC) PLASMA TECHNOLOGY TOGETHER WITH OPTIMIZING POWER OUTPUT USING COMBINED CYCLE MODE (GE'S FRAME 6 COMBUSTION TURBINE) WILL YIELD 40,000W ELECTRICITY PER TON (WPT) MSW WHICH IS SUFFICIENT FOR 40 HOMES CONSUMING 1000W (OR AS CLAIMED BY WPC, CONVERSION OUTPUT RATE = 1 BARREL OF OIL PER TON OF MSW).
5. ECO VALLEY UTASHINAI JAPAN PLANT MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 280TPD, HOWEVER RECORDS SHOW 220TPD YIELD ONLY 1.5MW OF ELECTRICITY (6,800WPT) AS MAXIMISING POWER OUTPUT WAS NOT ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE. HOWEVER TO OPTIMIZE POWER USING A COMBINED CYCLE MODE IT COULD PRODUCE UP TO 12MW FOR 280TPD (42,000WPT).
6. ONE OF LARGEST PLASMA GASIFICATION FACILITIES IS THE GEOPLASMA'S ST. LUCIE WTE PLANT IN FLORIDA, USA. LOCATED ON AN EXISTING LANDFILL SITE IT WILL PROCESS UP TO 3,000TPD OF MSW AND PRODUCING 120MW OF ELECTRICITY (40,000WPT), WITH THE FIRST PHASE BUILD FOR PROCESSING 1,500TPD OF MSW YIELDING 60MW OF ELECTRICITY – SUFFICIENT TO POWER 60,000 HOMES.

PLASMA CRACKING FOR WASTE DISPOSAL



2. APPLICATION OF PLASMA TECHNOLOGY ON MSW (SEE TABLE 3) – YOSHI FACILITY JAPAN (1999), ECO VALLEY FACILITY –UTASHINAI JAPAN (2002), ROME ITALY (2004). OTHER WASTE TYPE USING PLASMA ARC TECHNOLOGY – TABLE 4.

Table 3
MSW Plasma Facilities

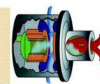
	Yoshi	Utashinai	Rome
Commissioning	1999	2002	2004 expected
Throughput (tpd)	24	166	336
Feedstock	MSW	ASR and MSW	MSW
Reactor Type	External torches (3)	External torches (3)	External torches (3)
Syngas Usage	Waste heat boiler	Waste heat boiler	Combustion turbine
Net Power Generated	None	Not available (1)	Yes, amount TBD
Air Pollution Control	Baghouse (2)	Baghouse (2)	Pre-combustion
Slag Usage	NA	Now in testing	TBD

1. The specific heat MSW factor not yet been determined.
2. The baghouses with filters are located downstream of combustion chamber.
3. These facilities use the Westinghouse torch.

Table 4
Plasma Arc Technology Waste Disposal Facilities

Feedstock	Facility Location
Electric arc furnace dust	Lundskrona, Sweden
Incinerator ash	Bordeaux, France
Incinerator ash	Kinua, Japan
Incinerator ash	Chiba City, Japan
Medical waste	Hawaii Medical Waste Vitrification
Medical waste/hazardous waste	Lorton, Virginia
Radioactive waste	Radon, Russia

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1. AIR EMISSION VS. LIMITS ARE SHOWN HERE– SEE TABLE 6 & 7 BELOW.

Table 6
Air Emissions from the PEPS Medical Waste Facility (ppm)

Substance	Pollution Control (1)	HMW NSPS	Permit Limit	PEPS Test Results
Particulate Matter	Wet Scrubber	34.0	32.1	17.0
Carbon Monoxide	Boiler/Turbine	0.466	0.349	0.151
Dioxin/Furan	Plasma Reactor	0.000006	No Reg.	0.00000376
Hydrogen Chloride	Scrubber	22.80	12.60	2.50
Lead	Wet Scrubber	0.0700	No Reg.	0.0277
Cadmium	Wet Scrubber	0.0400	No Reg.	0.0584
Mercury	Wet Scrubber	0.5500	No Reg.	0.4080
NO _x	Boiler/Turbine	250	No Reg.	60
SO ₂	Wet Scrubber			

1. Location of the device to control that pollutant
Source: Vanguard Research, Inc.

Table 7
Air Emissions from H-Power Waste to Energy Facility

Substance	Pollution Control (1)	Permit Limit	H-Power Test Results (2)
Particulate Matter (1)	Baghouse	27	13
Carbon Monoxide (2)	Furnace	200	34.5
Dioxin/Furan (3)	Furnace	60	10
Hydrogen Chloride (2)	Dry Scrubber	29	12
Lead (1)	ESP	0.44	0.37
Cadmium (1)	ESP	0.040	0.0072
Mercury (1)	None	0.080	0.021 (6)
NO _x (2)	Boiler	250	199
SO ₂ (2)	Dry Scrubber	29	13

1. Emissions in units of mg/hour/1000 lbs of waste.
2. Emissions in units of mg/hour/1000 lbs of waste.
3. Location of the device to control that pollutant
4. Average of three tests on April 11, April 12, and April 13, 2002
5. Average of three tests on April 11, April 12, and April 13, 2002
6. H-Power

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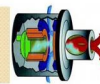
3. REVENUES : (A) ENERGY SALE - POWER CONSUMED BY FACILITY IS LESS THAN AMOUNT PRODUCED = NET POWER OUTPUT SOLD AS SOURCE OF REVENUE, (B) SALE OF OTHER OUTPUTS (EG. STEEL, ASH AND SLAG) –UP TO USD25 PER TON, (C) TIPPING FEES – TYPICAL FEES IN HONOLULU (2003) IS USD 81, INCLUDING 12% RECYCLING SURCHARGE AND \$0.35 PER TON STATE DISPOSAL CHARGE. CONTROLLED MARKET WILL HAVE SUBSIDIES, OPEN MARKET (NO-SUBSIDIES) REVENUES MUST SUPPORT – OPERATING COST, DEBT SERVICE AND A RETURN ON CAPITAL. ENERGY RECOVERY AND OVERALL EFFICIENCIES – SEE TABLE 5.

Table 5
Comparison of H-Power and EcoValley

	H-Power	EcoValley
Location	Honolulu, HI	Utashinai, Japan
Start of Operations	1987	2002
Feedstock	MSW	MSW and ASR
Technology	WTE/RDF	Plasma Arc
Design Throughput	1800 tpd	183 tpd
Net Power (1)	534 Kw/hon	Not available
Air Emission Control	Scrubber/ESP	Quench/Dry Injection
Slag/Ash Usage	Ash is landfilled	Now in testing

1. The baghouse with filters are located downstream of combustion chamber.

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2. SOLID RESIDUES : USEPA TOXICITY LIMITS - THE TCLP TEST MEASURES PRESENCE OF 8 ELEMENTS AFTER ACID POUR ON ASH/SLAG FROM FEEDSTOCK OF REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE (RMW), AGRICULTURAL BLAST MEDIA (ABM) & MSW-TABLE 8.

Table 8
TCLP Toxicity Limits and Test Results for Slag and Ash (all units in ppm)

	USEPA Toxicity Limits	PEPS Facility	PEPS Facility	H-Power Plant
Feedstock		RMW	ABM	MSW
Arsenic (As)	5.0	0.200	0.200	0.025
Barium	100	NA	NA	0.66
Cadmium (Cd)	1.0	0.140	0.100	0.005
Chromium (Cr)	5.0	0.720	0.200	0.005
Lead (Pb)	5.0	0.730	0.200	0.025
Mercury (Hg)	0.2	0.020	0.020	0.00029
Selenium (Se)	1.0	0.500	0.500	0.025
Silver (Ag)	5.0	0.100	0.100	0.005

CLUB MEETING ON 9 JUNE 2014



Top Table



Acting SAA— Rtn Asok Kumar



Good fellowship



President with PPs and Rtns



PP Gary Lim loves being a “Finemaster”



Lovely rose but too many thorns

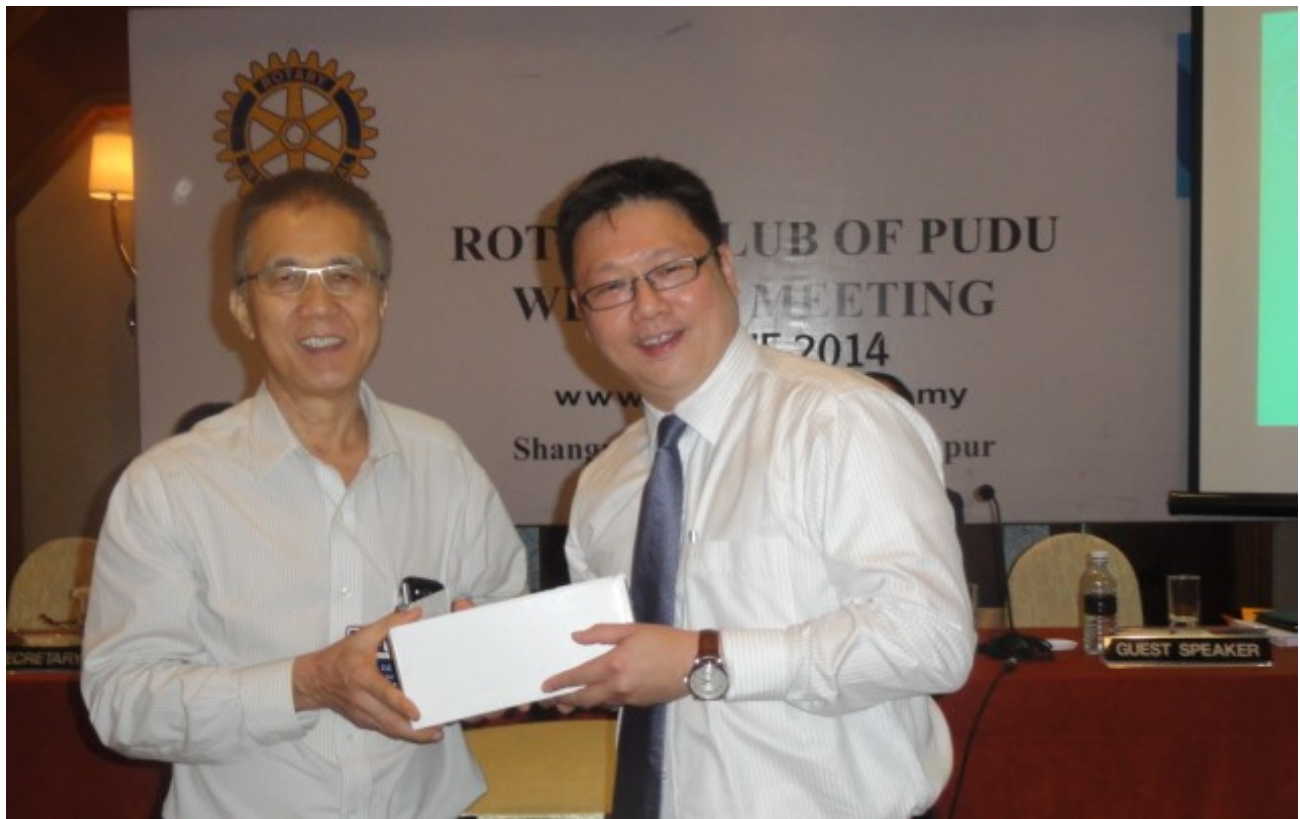
CLUB MEETING ON 9 JUNE 2014



Rtn Sarkunan introduced the Speaker



The Speaker — Mr Stuart Chong



Rtn Dr CC Wong thanking the Speaker

ROMANIAN NIGHT—12 JUNE 2014



Good attendance. Well done President & Rtn Roy Sreenivasan for arranging this Romanian Night.

CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY OF EVENTS - FUTURE

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Sat, 21 st June 2014	7.30 pm	District Awards & Handover Night	Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort
Sat, 28 th June 2014	10.00 am	“Stop Hunger Now” Joint Project With RC Georgetown	Sunway Pyramid, PJ
Sat, 19 th July 2014	1.00 pm	RC Pudu 48th Installation	Shangri la Hotel, KL
Sun, 10 th Aug 2014	-	TRF, Membership & Public Image Seminar	-
17 th -21 st Sept 2014	-	RYLA	-
27 th -28 th Sept 2014	-	District Governor’s Official Visit	-
15 th -16 th Nov 2014	-	Pre PETS 2015-2016	-
19 th – 23 rd Nov 2014	-	2014 Kota Kinabalu Rotary Institute	Sutera Harbour Resort & Spa, Kota Kinabalu.
5 th -7 th Dec 2014	-	80 th R I District 3300 Conference	-

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (cont’d)

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ty, Empress Dowager Cixi arrogated all powers onto herself. This period, called the Guangxu Xuantong Reign, was China's darkest and most corrupt political period.

Cixi was known for her overbearing, extravagant, dissolute, and self indulgent attitude. She was a ruler who brought calamity to the country and its people. She liked beautiful clothes, good food, ostentation, and extravagance. When Cixi took power, she became not only "Her Majesty Empress Dowager," but also the supreme ruler with supreme power. It is widely believe that in 1908 Cixi's 'reign' ended. What is interesting to note is that, in the same year, her chief eunuch Li Lianying was also deposed. This is in line with the Chinese concept of "each emperor has one set of officers..."

For the atrocities committed by Li with Cixi turning a blind eye many Chinese cannot forgive the duo. However, my sympathies go out to Li as he first lost his 'responsibility' and later when Cixi's rule ended he lost all his powers too...

One wise man once told me:

"...For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it..."

And he also said

"A man is not called wise because he talks and talks again; but if he is peaceful, loving and fearless then he is in truth called wise."

Gautama Buddha, The Dhammapada: The Sayings of the Buddha

Enough for today's sharing in Chinese history of a supreme matriarch and her chief eunuch one hundred years ago, I shall **bore** you no further; it is a privilege, I am afraid.

Last week we had a ball of a time on Romanian grounds (legally speaking) enjoying scrumptious Romanian food and brilliant, full bodied and well balanced Romanian wines, as guests of the Romanian Embassy and their Ambassador Constantin Volodea Nistor and his charming wife Violeta.

Mulpumesc (thank you in Romanian)...

My appreciation goes to the Organising chairman Rotarian Roy and the Rotarians and guests who came to *enjoin* us from getting too drunk by sharing the abundant load.

*Alex Chang
President RY 2013-14*

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OPINION

105TH RI CONVENTION, SYDNEY

The 105th RI Convention concluded on the 4th of June after a full week of Rotary events that overshadowed everything else in Sydney. Sydney was bedecked with welcoming Rotary banners all over the city right from the International airport which must have warmed the hearts of the 18,000 Rotarians who descended upon this city. The warm welcome and the trouble taken by the Aussies to make us feel at home was indeed very remarkable.

The transport around the city, whether by train, bus or ferry was extremely good and it was free for our use until the 5th of June. Everyone seemed to recognize us with our Convention collar and our hosts went out of their way to make our stay as comfortable as possible. First class hospitality!!

This Convention will always stand out for a number of reasons. Two pre-Convention events that attracted lot of publicity even before the Convention could start were the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb on the 30th of May and the 3 km Walk to end Polio on the 31st May. The Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb broke two world records, one for the most number of climbers and the other was the number of Flags atop the bridge. 340 participants waving 278 flags eclipsed the old record set in 2011 set by Oprah Winfrey with 317 of her ardent fans. This event received massive coverage in the Australian press and TV and in fact around the world. More importantly, this event raised about USD 100,000 for Polio eradication.

The other interesting pre-convention event was the 3km walk where 1500 Rotarians walked to raise funds for polio.

The convention itself was graced at the opening ceremony by New South Wales Prime minister, Mike Baird and the Australian PM Tony Abbot. Mr Abbot gave us a fantastic start with his country's pledge to give AUD 100 million towards the Polio fund. Another significant donor was Sir Eneka Ofori from Nigeria who donated USD 1million towards Polio.

There were excellent speakers throughout and the venues in Sydney Olympic stadium were very impressive. The entertainment and the Billabong House of fellowship were great. I particularly enjoyed the performance of the Australian group, Human Nature, who gave us a fantastic hour of good music and songs at the opening plenary session. I also had the opportunity to listen to the ex-Malaysian singer, Kamahl, who resides in Australia at the house of fellowship.

It was great to see the latest country to have embraced Rotary. Myanmar has joined us and with this, all the

Asean Nations have joined the Rotary family now. On the other hand, there are still some countries especially the former Communist bloc countries in Europe, Cuba and Latin America as well as certain Islamic countries which have kept their doors shut to Rotary. The spread of Rotary into China is also negligible with just a handful of clubs. Rotary's future growth will depend a great deal on how fast we can make progress to penetrate these countries. Rotary cannot lay claim to be fully International unless we have a presence in each and every country around the world.

All in all, an excellent Convention program, wonderful plenary sessions, great entertainment and informative breakout sessions. In the words of many, a great Convention indeed!!

Regards
Baskaran


DISTRICT AWARDS & HANDOVER NIGHT
2014

Date : Saturday, 21st June 2014
Time : 6.30 pm
Venue : Ballroom, Bukit Jalil Golf and Country Resort, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur
Dress Code : Formal
Cost : RM90 per pax
Host Club : RC Puchong Centennial
 (in collaboration with District Awards Selection and Recognition Committee)

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Perdana Ballroom
Oriental Pearl Tai Thong Restaurant

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~ June 2014 - FELLOWSHIP MONTH ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Agong's Birthday 
Rotary International Convention, Sydney 1st to 4th June						
School Holidays						
8	9	10	11	12	13 Installation Ipoh	14 Installation 1) Gombak 2) Mont Kiara 3) Tampin
15 Father's Day Installation 1) Senawang 2) Sitiawan	16	17	18	19	20 Installation Kuantan RC Bkt Kiara Sunrise Raising the Roof Project	21 Installation Bkt Kiara Sunrise District Awards and Handover Night at Bkt Jalil
22 Installation Kuala Pilah	23	24	25	26 Installation & 30th Anniversary Ampang	27 Installation 1) Petaling Jaya 2) Damansara	28 Installation 1) Bdr Sunway 2) Melawati 3) Sri Petaling Rotaract District Awards Night
29 Installation Klang Awal Ramadan	30 Installation Titiwangsa	Notes: School holidays Bold letters denotes Incoming DG's attendance Fasting month				

~ July 2014 - LITERACY MONTH & NEW ROTARY YEAR ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY NEW ROTARY YEAR!		1 	2	3	4 Installation Greentown	5 Installation Pantai Valley RAC Bangsar
6	7 District 3300 BHD Meeting	8 Blocked by DG	9	10	11 Installation West Pahang	12 Installation 1) Temerloh 2) Subang
13 Installation Bandar Utama	14	15 Blocked by DG	16	17	18 Installation KL West	19 Installation 1) Kelana Jaya 2) Port Dickson A) RAC Kelana Jaya B) RAC Kuala Lumpur Secretariat/ District Meeting
20 Installation Metro Ipoh	21	22 Blocked by DG	23	24	25 Installation Kinta	26 Installation Port Klang
27 Installation Kuantan	28 <i>Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri</i> 	29	30	31	Notes: Fasting month Bold letters denotes DG's attendance Rotaract Club Installation	

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RON BURTON'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Good afternoon and g'day!

It is a joy to be here in Sydney today and to welcome all of you to this 105th Rotary International Convention!

In this Rotary year, I have asked all of you to do your best to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*. And now, as the incredible 2013-14 Rotary year comes to an end, we've come together to celebrate all the ways we've done just that and to find the inspiration to do even more.

Here in Sydney, we'll have the chance to share the stories of our good work. And my friends, there are so many stories to tell. Because every second of every day, in just about every corner of the world, something good is being done, someone's life is being changed — in the name of Rotary.

These precious few days together are a time to learn from each other, a time to find out just how much we can accomplish when we put on a Rotary pin — and live with Rotary, not just on our lapels, but in our hearts.

Because when we realize just what we can accomplish — when we make the choice to truly engage Rotary — that is when lives change. And that is exactly what Jetta and I have seen, over and over, in every Rotary community that we've visited this year.

We saw so many projects that are changing lives in so many ways. And we saw, again and again, how all of Rotary's work — from the simplest projects to the most ambitious — has the power to make the world a better place for everyone who lives in it.

It might be as simple as reading books to children in a first-grade class in Decatur, Alabama, USA, or passing out dictionaries to third-grade students in Norman, Oklahoma, or teaching children how to wash their hands in Kampala, Uganda.

And it might be something much more complex, such as administering life-saving medical procedures in Chandigarh, India, or teaching nursing skills in Kampala, Uganda, or equipping and maintaining classrooms in Rosario, Argentina.

For Jetta and me, this entire year has been an opportunity to see our long-held beliefs about Rotary in action. We've



always known that whatever we give to others through Rotary is repaid many times over — in the happiness and satisfaction it brings to us, and in the good it does in the lives of others. But there is such a difference between knowing something in your heart and seeing it with your eyes.

With every new project we saw, every innovative and exciting way Rotarians have found to change lives, Jetta and I said to each other, "If only every Rotarian in the world could see this." And even more, "If only we could bring people who are thinking about Rotary here to see this."

Because when you see, when you know, when you truly understand what a power we have in Rotary — what we can do through Rotary — it makes you want to do as much as you can. And that's what I mean, when I talk about engaging Rotary.

And that's what all of us need to be doing. Engaging Rotary, and doing more to bring new Rotarians into our clubs, so that they can add to our strength.

I doubt that it is any secret to this audience that our membership worldwide has been stagnant for a dozen years, hovering around 1.2 million members. We could come up with a lot of reasons why we haven't been attracting new members, and why we aren't keeping the members we've worked so hard to bring in to our clubs. But instead of doing that, maybe we should start with looking at our own clubs and asking ourselves, honestly, Would I join this club today? If your answer is no then ask yourself why. And then, What am I going to do about it? Because if we enjoy Rotary and want to see it not just survive, but thrive, then we must address this issue head on.

And we have to start getting serious about the family of Rotary. We invest a lot of money and effort into Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotaract, and Interact but the question is, are we getting a fair return on our investment? If not, why not? I would submit to you that we fail to adequately capitalize on our investment. It's our own fault. We need to start treating our New Generations as family and welcome them all into Rotary before we lose them.

The bottom line is that Rotary's future — its very survival — is up to us. We can either get up out of our chairs and really make something happen, or we can just sit there and become an endangered species and eventually die off. Each one of us has to make that decision. What will your answer be? Do you think Rotary is worthwhile? Do you want Rotary to be around for another hundred years? I for one say, let's get busy! Let's do it, not only for ourselves, but for our children, our grandchildren, and all the peoples

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of the world. Let's engage Rotary and let's change lives.

One of the most memorable events of this Rotary year was the New Generations conference we held in Chennai, India. It really was amazing, with so many thousands of young people excited and involved in Rotary service. We had a great program, and one of the best parts was the polio walk we did, down by the beach.

It would have been a great event under any circumstances. But it was so much more special, because we were having that polio walk in a polio-free India.

An India that had become polio free, in large part because of Rotary.

And when we left Chennai on that last evening, when Jetta and I got on the plane and flew out over that vast city, full of so many countless thousands of people, I looked out the window and down at all the lights, and thought: None of those people down there ever need to fear polio again. Not one mother, not one father, not one child.

We did it. We eradicated polio in India. And if we could do that — well, my friends — there isn't anything we can't do.

So as we begin this convention together, with a spirit of fellowship and friendship and love of Rotary service, I want you all to remember that the only thing that limits us in Rotary is our own ambition, our own willingness, to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S KEYNOTE SPEECH

Fellow Rotarians,

Ni Hao! In Chinese, this means "How are you?" Now, please repeat after me: "Ni Hao!"

Good. Please give yourself a big round of applause.

Fellow Rotarians, I am honored to be here. My wife, Corinna, and I want to thank you and look forward to serving Rotarians worldwide during the 2014-15 Rotary year!



I am very happy to see so many of you here! Thank you for making the trip to Sydney.

It is important for us to come together, as the family of Rotary. These days, we can email or FaceTime, but there is nothing like meeting each other in person.

It is important to get to *know* each other, to build relationships across countries and cultures. That is what Rotary is all about. This is where President Ron did a wonderful job to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

I would like to tell you a story. There was once an old man who had many sons. But they were always arguing with each other. One day, the old man grew tired of hearing them fight. So he told them to bring him a bunch of chopsticks. He tied the chopsticks together and told each son to break them. None could. Then he handed a single chopstick to each son and told each to break it.

Each one could break it easily.

Then the old man said, "My sons, if you stand together, you will be strong and no one will be able to break you. But if you are divided, you will break as easily as a single chopstick."

In Rotary we stand together. Like a bunch of chopsticks, we cannot be broken. We can do so much more together. That is why partnerships are so important to our work. That is why being here, with other Rotarians, making connections, is so important.

I know everyone here cares deeply about Rotary; otherwise, you would not be here. Maybe you love Rotary because you enjoy volunteering in your community. Maybe you love Rotary because you like making a difference around the world. Maybe you love Rotary because it is fun.

Whatever it is, you have a reason. I want to give everyone a reason to love Rotary. I want to make sure people know that we enjoy being together and working together. That is how we recruit new members and keep current members.

I think all of you know the Chinese philosopher Confucius. Sometimes I call him the world's first Rotarian, because even though he died 2,500 years before Rotary was founded, his ideas are very much Rotary ideas. And one of the things he said was "與其抱怨，不如改變。"

In English, you say, "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness." That sums up everything that we think in Rotary. There are so many problems

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in the world, so many people who need help.

And many people say, "There's nothing I can do." They sit there. Do nothing. Everything stays dark. But this is not the Rotary way. The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one. You light one. 1.2 million people all light one.

Together, we can light up the world.

And this is what I want you to do. I want you all to *Light Up Rotary*. This is our theme for 2014-15.

How do you *Light Up Rotary*? That is the fun part. You can do whatever you do best, by showing people what you love about Rotary. Whatever it is, it's OK with me!

I hope many of you will go home and encourage your clubs or districts to host a Rotary Day.

It can be anything you like. It can be a day to educate your community about polio, what Rotary is doing to fight polio and what others can do to help! It can be a service project or a celebration. Just make sure to invite members of the public, our families, and friends. Invite the young and old! Invite your town mayor and his family to join you!

You can make it simple, you can make it fancy, you can make it a whole day or just a few hours. Do something for your community to show your community what you do, both locally and internationally. Make sure your community knows that Rotary is there, Rotary is active, Rotary is fun, and Rotary is doing good work!

If you have a really good idea, make a video of your Rotary Day. We will show the best videos at the São Paulo convention next year. Also, send in your pictures of your Rotary Day. We will share them in *The Rotarian* magazine. You can inspire other clubs and districts. Hosting a Rotary Day is a perfect way to show off our theme, *Light Up Rotary*.

Light Up Rotary is a keyword representing our action to pursue the happiness of mankind. It encourages you to be proactive, positive, and powerful. It is telling you that your courage and sincerity can give happiness to many others.

Another one of my favorite sayings from Confucius is "Sincerity is the end and beginning of things. Without sincerity, there would be nothing."

If you are sincere, your Rotary light will shine. You will

Light Up Rotary with your love of Rotary and everyone will be able to see it!

I am just calling this sincerity a light. It is this sincerity that is the source of our greatest joy. The moment you find your greatest joy through the growth of sincerity is the moment I call "light up." *Light Up Rotary* is our action for the happiness of ourselves and others.

Let us show our community that *what* we are doing is good.

Let them know that we are proud and happy to be Rotarians, and urge them to be a part of the Rotary family. The stronger our light, the better place the world will be. It is still true, what Paul Harris said, almost 100 years ago: "Friendship is the foundation rock on which Rotary was built."

How do we start? We start close to home, we ask our spouses into Rotary. My wife, Corinna, after attending Rotary events with me for 37 years, finally became a Rotarian in July last year. It made perfect sense. She was a great match for Rotary. Then, Corinna enjoyed it so much that our three children joined Rotary as well. They have been around Rotary their whole lives. They did not need to be convinced. It was a natural step for them. So we really are a family of Rotary now!

This is a true story. There was a small club in Taiwan. It had only six members left, five were past Presidents! But three months later, they have 29 members. Why? First, they asked their wives to join; they did not realize that their wives had many more friends than they did!

I want to remind everyone that sometimes getting a new member is as easy as asking. Last year I was in Australia at a Rotary institute. I heard a great speaker. She is the CEO of Mizuho Bank in Australia. I invited her to join Rotary. No one had asked her before. At first, she said she didn't think she was qualified. The CEO of a bank! I said, "That's ridiculous! Of course you are qualified!" I took my membership pin off my jacket and inducted her that day! All I had to do was ask. I do this wherever I speak and you would be surprised at how many qualified people are happy to join!

Well, some of you may like my ideas, some of you may not. This is the beauty of Rotary. We hear many different viewpoints, from many countries, but I only hope that you will be open-minded and try it out.

We have a clear goal to reach 1.3 million members. In

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our year, we shall let our community see Rotary. We shall ask them to be involved. We shall ask them to become Rotarians. Confucius also said: "People are distressed by their inability to do it. The problem, however, is simply that they don't do it."

I am a businessman, same as many of you. And I like to think of Rotary as a business and Rotarians as the customers. A business can only succeed if the customers keep coming back. If you do not provide a good product for your customers, they will not purchase from you. If you do not provide good service, they will not come back again!

I want to give *you*, your co-workers, your friends, and your neighbors reasons to buy from Rotary, to stay with Rotary, and to bring more customers to Rotary.

As we close this wonderful convention, there are three words that help guide me in my life (3Hs): *hand, head, and heart*. Use your hand to help, give a helping hand. Use your head to make sure you are helping in the right place. And use your heart to make it sincere. Without your heart, nothing else matters.

My father always reminded us of these three words. Today, I would like to pass them on to you all. Please let your hand, head, and heart guide you in our year. I know we will have a great year together, as we *Light Up Rotary*!

Last but not least, I want to share with you the wisdom of "The Power of One":

One song can spark a moment
One whisper can wake the dream
One tree can start a forest
One bird can herald spring
One smile can start a friendship
One hug can lift the soul
One star can guide a ship at sea
One word can frame the goal
One vision can change a nation
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness
One laugh will win over gloom
One step starts each journey
One word starts each prayer
One hope will raise our spirits
One touch can show you care
One voice can speak with wisdom
One heart can know what's true

One life can make a difference

That difference can be you, as you *Light Up Rotary*.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF PRESIDENT NOMINEE K R RAVINDRAN

To describe this moment with a sense of utmost humility, to acknowledge the trust you have placed in me, I need to borrow the words from the late Martin Luther King's Nobel Prize lecture:

"Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfilment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words; their meaning can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the heart. Such is the moment I am presently experiencing."



When I was inducted into Rotary as a 21-year-old charter member, I called my grandfather and gave him this wonderful news. My grandfather himself had to wait for some time before he was admitted to Rotary membership in Sri Lanka's premier club! So, when he heard from me, delighted though he was, he must have believed that the standard of Rotary had come down; that it would invite into its fold a 21-year-old with long hair and hippie looks and holding his first job! Truthfully, those were the days when my grandfather worried whether anyone would even marry me, for the way I appeared!

But Rotary was already progressing and changing with the times and that change is tangibly visible today, when you elect as your president a simple Rotarian coming from a small, one-district island.

In doing so, you have established that in the eyes of Rotary, every member stands equal, irrespective of ethnicity, gender, creed, community, or country and that by itself is an ineffably beautiful tribute to the magnificence of our great organization.

And today as I stand here before you with Vanathy, I accept this role with a deep sense of duty and a solemn resolve knowing that I follow in the wake of those great architects, the former presidents of Rotary International (many of whose presence I acknowledge today) together with President Ron Burton and incoming President Gary

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Huang, who would have forged the history of our organization with vision and with vigor.

With Vanathy by my side, I pledge to enhance their legacy and extend its borders to wider frontiers. I realize that we are at a momentous period in our history. The great battle we waged against the insidious poliovirus is slowly but surely drawing to its finite end, and we are continuing to reach out to thousands with our humanitarian services. The alumni from our peace centers are beginning to play an increasingly important role, whilst our global grants are creating projects which are larger and more potent and more beneficial. But let us continue to be vigilant; let us not lull ourselves into complacency for we know our membership lingers and languishes (in areas where it should really grow). We know we have the technology created at our headquarters to help us communicate better, but falter because it is not being taken advantage of by many of our clubs, and we know that the glow of our Rotary brand must be made to shine brighter and louder, especially to those outside our organization.

These are the challenges we must face and face them we will; for the future before us is positive and our name and fame, as an organization founded on ethical standards and promoting humanitarian service activities, will flourish and will soar.

We will be fuelled by the proven capacity of our members to show passion in their work as they will continue to extend their arms in support to those who are starving and weak, those who are ignorant and illiterate, those who are elderly and infirm, and in general, to those who are trapped in the margins of our society.

This passion, together with the values inculcated within us, will be the fulcrum on which our progress will be founded, and as I say this I am conscious that like many of you, I too owe much to Rotary for reinforcing within me the values that my parents taught me. Today I can proudly proclaim that I am what I am in my life, because I was molded by Rotary. Yes, I can personally vouch for the ability of our organization to blend commerce with cause, friendship with service, and I know firsthand that each of us is lifted even as we lift others.

My dear friends, with the fervent faith that you will walk this path with me, and with the certain conviction that you will share the high tides and the low points of this journey with me, Vanathy and I accept this lifetime opportunity with great humility.

TRUSTEE CHAIR D K LEE'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS @ SYDNEY CONVENTION



Good morning! It is great to see so many friends at our International Convention. I hope you are experiencing the joy of *Engaging Rotary, Changing Lives* here in Sydney.

At the beginning of this Rotary year, I set four goals for our Foundation. They were to eradicate polio, build pride in our Foundation, launch our new grant model, and engage in innovative partnerships and projects. As we close out this year, I am happy to say that we made great progress on each of these goals.

In March I went to India for a very special celebration. We marked three years since the last case of polio in India and the certification of the entire Southeast Asia region as polio free!

This was a tremendous victory! Many people thought it would be impossible to eradicate polio in India, which was home to nearly 50 percent of the world's polio cases just five years ago. But we did it! It shows that we can achieve the impossible when we are committed! Eradicating polio from the Southeast Asia region was the work of many people and many partners over the years, but it is a victory Rotarians should take special pride in. Without your enthusiasm, your hard work and your contributions, we would not have made it this far. This gives us a great boost as we move forward to eradicate polio everywhere, particularly in the endemic countries of Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. How will we do this? We created a plan with our partners: the Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan. Our goal is to eliminate polio everywhere by 2018.

This plan is in place, but this plan is expensive. It is a \$5.5 billion plan. To make this plan work, we need to do what Rotarians do so well — raise money.

Fortunately we have great partners to help us raise this money. Rotary has an agreement with the Gates Foundation. They are going to match, two to one, every dollar we commit for the next five years, for polio eradication, up to \$35 million a year.

So if we spend \$1 to eradicate polio, they give \$2. If we

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spend \$35 million, they give \$70 million more. As a businessman, I see this as a good financial investment. As a Rotarian, I see this as a good investment in humanity.

Our work on polio is a great example of how much we can accomplish with partners. That is why one of our goals this year was to encourage good partnerships. Partnerships are also important under our new grant model, which I hope you all are learning about. There are new ways to get funds from our Foundation for local and international projects.

I was very happy to hear about how one district took advantage of a grant using a strategic partnership. District 7690 in North Carolina sponsored a team of health professionals to train Guinean health providers. Five men and women from North Carolina trained more than 60 people in Guinea on how to reduce infections. This work was possible through our global grants to fight disease.

This is the type of innovative partnership that we would like to encourage because it helps people help themselves. It is like a proverb I know: "If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if you think in terms of 10 years, plant trees; if you think in terms of 100 years, teach the people."

The team from North Carolina was not treating patients, they were teaching others how to prevent disease. Partnerships help us to have a big impact, which of course also means that we can stretch our dollars and get more for our money.

When I hear about work like this, I feel it proud that we are setting up our Foundation for the future. I know we continue to build ownership in our Foundation. I can see it and feel it when I meet Rotarians around the world. And I can also see it in the numbers. Participation in our Foundation programs is very strong.

For example, our efforts to fund the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative have raised more than \$100 million in gifts and commitments. We have a goal of \$125 million by June 2015, so we are almost there. These gifts make sure we can sustain our peace program for the future and they provide immediate support for the Rotary Peace Fellows studying at peace centers around the world.

Let's keep up the good work by continuing to support

our Foundation. When every one of us donates to The Rotary Foundation, it truly becomes *our* Foundation, and we can all take pride in the good that it does. This is why we have Every Rotarian, Every Year. And that is why our goal for the Annual Fund in 2013-14 is \$120 million. We could achieve this with an average donation of \$100 from every Rotarian.

If you have given already to the Annual Fund, thank you! If you have not, let me tell you why you should consider it. This fund is the primary source of funding for Foundation activities, everything from water projects to prenatal care to education. And your district can access this funding for your own projects!

If the Annual Fund is for today, the Endowment Fund is for tomorrow. At my family home in Korea, we have an ancient juniper tree. This tree is almost 600 years old. I used to climb it when I was a boy. Now my grandchildren play on this same tree. I hope this tree is still standing another 600 years from now.

I see the Endowment Fund in the same way I see this tree. I want our Endowment Fund to be around for the next generation of Rotarians to continue the good work that we started.

We have a goal of reaching \$1 billion in assets and commitments to our Endowment Fund by 2017. This is an ambitious goal, but we are well on our way to achieving it with \$862 million in the fund. With a strong endowment we can continue our work, not just this year or next year but forever.

I have given you a lot of facts and numbers, but in the end, we support our Foundation because we support Doing Good in the World. That is the simple reason our Foundation exists.

Let me leave you with something to think about: We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Foundation chair this year.

Thank you!

Source: Rotary International

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RI PRESIDENT RON BURTON'S CLOSING REMARKS @ SYDNEY CONVENTION



G'day!

Have you all had an amazing convention? So have I. You know, up on the 18th floor of Rotary headquarters, right outside my office door, there's a globe sitting out on a table. And a couple of weeks ago, as we were making our final preparations for this incredible convention here in Sydney, I stopped by the globe and I found Sydney, Australia. And then I spun the globe around, to find my hometown of Norman, Oklahoma, USA.

They are about as far apart from each other as you can possibly get. But there's a saying we have in Oklahoma that I think is very fitting here in Sydney. And that's that wherever you go in life, whatever job you set out to do, you should always leave the woodpile a little higher than it was when you found it.

And I hope that that has been true of my work as president in this Rotary year. I know that it has been true, for all of you, because I've seen the work that you've done, and I know that the Rotary woodpile is going to be more than a little higher this coming 1 July than it was one year ago.

And it is an incredible feeling to know that I could pick up that globe there in Evanston, and spin it, and put my

finger down just about anywhere — and touch a place where lives are being changed by Rotary.

They're being changed, by all of you.

As I reflect back on the last four days, I hope that your experiences here in Sydney have exceeded your expectations. I hope you found old friends here and made new ones; I hope you made connections, shared ideas, and had a fantastic time. And I hope that the excitement we've all felt here this week will follow you home, as you begin a new year of Rotary service — ready to engage Rotary, more than ever before.

All of us have seen this week how much good work Rotary is doing, all over the world. And we've seen as well, how much more we could be doing — if we brought in more members, if we supported our Foundation more generously, if we devoted more of our time and energy to our Rotary service.

We could be doing so much more, if all of us chose to engage Rotary. Because when we engage Rotary, we change lives.

We change lives through education, by bringing children to school, by teaching adults to read, by sharing our vocational expertise.

We change lives by making childbirth safer, by making water cleaner, by making sure that more children have nutritious food and better health care.

And we will change the life of every child who will ever be born on this earth — by eradicating polio.

My friends, there are so many people in the world who need our help. Sometimes, it's easy to focus on how many of them there are, on how great the needs are, and on how many of them we will never be able to reach.

It's easy to get discouraged — and that's what a lot of people do. They say, whatever I can do is just a drop in the bucket, so why try at all?

But that's not how we think in Rotary.

In Rotary, we know that everything we do makes a difference. No, we can't fix the whole world, and I wouldn't suggest that we try! But that doesn't make what we can do any less valuable.

Because every life in this world, whether it's across the

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street or across an ocean, is just as real, just as valuable as the lives of the people who mean the world to us. So if you find yourself thinking, what I do is only a drop in the bucket — try looking at one of your own kids or grandkids and saying to yourself, well, since I can't feed every child in the world, there's no point in feeding this one!

That's not an attitude that makes a lot of sense. If we help one person to live a better life, a healthier life, a life with more hope — then we've done more good than a lot of people do in a lifetime.

But we all know that through Rotary, we can do so much more than that. Together, we can dream big and we can achieve. We can change whole communities for the better, not just for a day, but for a lifetime. And that ability is the incredible gift that Rotary has given all of us. Our responsibility is to take that gift, and be worthy of it. Rise to it. Do the most that we possibly can, with the chance we've all been given.

That's our goal. That's why we're here. That's why it isn't enough for any of us to just go through the motions, to show up at our clubs, to do just the minimum needed and no more. And it's why each of us has to remember, every hour of every day, what a responsibility we have.

Being a Rotarian isn't about our own achievements, it isn't about our own careers, it isn't really about us at all. It's about the people we help.

At the end of the day, the only thing that matters in Rotary, is how much better the world becomes — because Rotary is in it.

In a few hours, this convention will be over. We'll pack our bags, we'll head out to the airport, and we'll say goodbye for another year. We'll carry the warmth and the glow of our experiences with us. But we still have a little time left, and I hope you don't mind if I use these last few minutes to tell you a story.

Back in 1987, when I was a district governor-elect, it was a very, very challenging year for me professionally, as head of the University of Oklahoma Foundation. I was excited to be elected district governor, but there was also a little feeling at the back of my mind that maybe, just maybe I'd bitten off more than I could chew. I worked as hard as I could at my International Assembly, and I did my PETS and my district assembly,

and every week that went by I became more and more convinced that I was just not going to be able to pull it off. I didn't see how I could be a good district governor and still do everything I needed to do for the University of Oklahoma.

And that's how it got to be 10 p.m. on the night of 30 June, two hours before I was set to become district governor. I told my wife, Jetta, "I cannot do this. I'm going to have to resign." We had a past director in our district and I picked up the phone to call him. We had rotary phones in those days — I know all of you remember how those worked — and I dialed the area code and then the first six digits of his number. And I sat there for 10 full minutes with my finger in the last digit of his number, not letting the dial turn back, just looking at that phone and thinking.

And then I put the phone back on the hook, and I said to Jetta, "I may not have a real job at the end of this year, but I made a promise to Rotary and I'm going to keep it." And I did. I guess I don't have to tell you how it turned out. It was a busy year — I won't ever say it was an easy year — but it was an incredible year. And I can tell you without a shadow of a doubt, that the decision I made in the space of those 10 minutes changed my life, and my family's life, completely — in too many ways to count. That was the night I made the decision that has shaped the rest of my life. That was the night I decided to engage Rotary.

Today, I cannot even imagine how different my life would be, if I had not made the choice to put Rotary front and center for that one year. I can't even count the friends I wouldn't have made, the places I wouldn't have gone, the experiences I wouldn't have had. No matter how much I do for Rotary, no matter how hard I work now, I can never repay Rotary for how much it's done for me — for how much it's changed my life. I chose to engage Rotary — I set out to change lives — and the life I changed the most was my own.

And I can tell you all, from my heart, the one thing that I know to be true: that the more you engage Rotary — the more you pour your heart into the joy of Rotary service the greater your own joy will be.

My friends, thank you for an unforgettable year. I wish you the best as you look ahead to 2014-15 — when together we will *Light Up Rotary*.

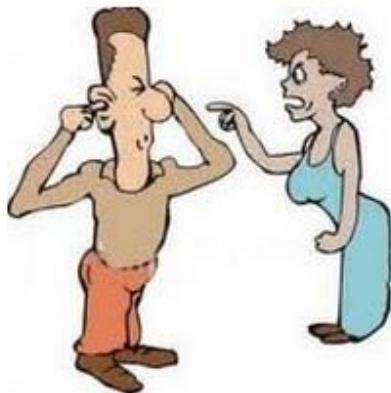
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THOTS FOR THE WEEK



I believe we should all pay our tax with a smile. I tried - but they wanted cash.



They call our language the mother tongue because the father seldom gets to speak!



Why do couples hold hands during their Wedding?
It's a formality just like two boxers
Shaking hands before the fight begins!



A child's greatest period of growth is the month after you've purchased new school uniforms.

Saving is the best thing. Especially when your parents have done it for you.

There is only one perfect wife in the world and
Every neighbour has her!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

NUTS

A Russian and an Irish wrestler were set to square off for the Olympic gold medal. Before the final match, the Irish wrestler's trainer came to him and said 'Now, don't forget all the research we've done on this Russian. He's never lost a match because of this 'pretzel' hold he has. It ties you up in knots. Whatever you do, do not let him get you in that hold! If he does, you're finished.'

The Irishman nodded in acknowledgment. As the match started, the Irishman and the Russian circled each other several times, looking for an opening. All of a sudden, the Russian lunged forward, grabbing the Irishman and wrapping him up in the dreaded pretzel hold. A sigh of disappointment arose from the crowd and the trainer buried his face in his hands, for he knew all was lost. He couldn't watch the inevitable happen.

Suddenly, there was a Long, High Pitched Scream, then a cheer from the crowd and the trainer raised his eyes just in time to watch the Russian go flying up in the air. His back hit the mat with a thud and the Irishman collapsed on top of him, making the pin and winning the match.

The trainer was astounded. When he finally got his wrestler alone, he asked 'How did you ever get out of that hold? No one has ever done it before!'

The wrestler answered 'Well, I was ready to give up when he got me in that hold but at the last moment, I opened my eyes and saw this pair of testicles right in front of my face. I had nothing to lose so with my last ounce of strength, I stretched out my neck and bit those babies just as hard as I could.'


The trainer exclaimed 'That's what finished him off?'

'Not really. You'd be amazed how strong you get when you bite your own nuts.'


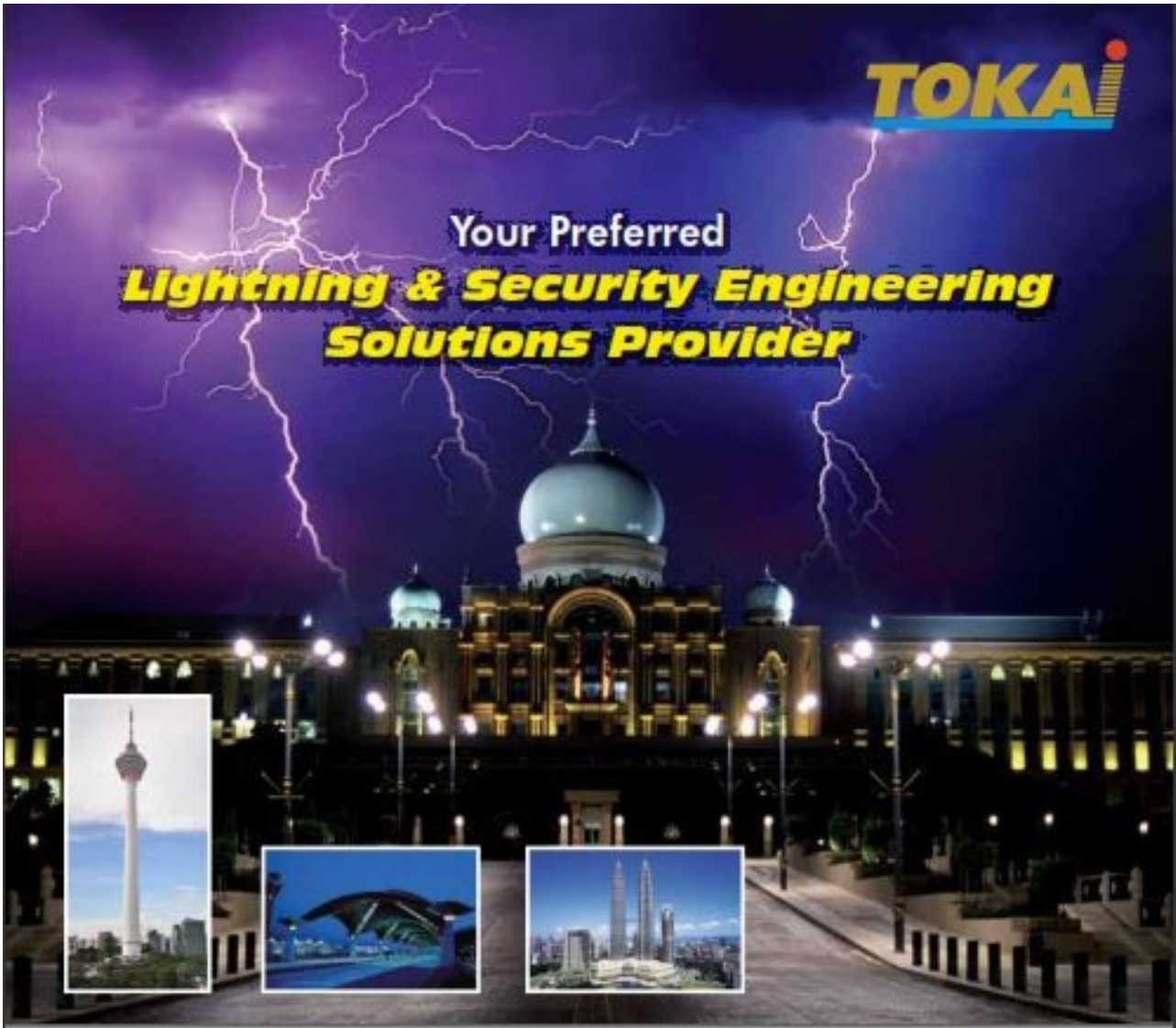


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