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RI District 3300

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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: President Alex Chang
Subject: President's Swan Song

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn C T Heng
Fellowship: Rtn Steven Ho
Finemaster: PE Daisy Chiu
Introducing: PP K H Low
Thanking: PDG Dr Paul Lee

Rotarians' Birthdays (July)

02nd – Rtn Veronique Pearcey
06th – Rtn Elaine Tan
21st - PP Kumar Tharmalingam
22nd - PP Dato' Muslim Ayob
27th - PP Ng Sim Bee
28th - PP Phang Poke Shum
29th – Rtn Sandy Soh

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Speaker: President Daisy Chiu
Subject: President's Official Address

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn C T Heng
Fellowship: Rtn Steven Chiew
Finemaster: IPP Alex Chang
Introducing: PP K H Low
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Spouses Birthdays (July)

04th – Ann Devi (Rtn Sarkunan Subramaniam)
25th – Ann Puan Sri Datin Sui Thin (PP Tan Sri Dato' Soong Siew Hoong)

Wedding Anniversaries (July)

19th - Rtn Robert Tan and Ann Veronica
27th – PP Ng Sim Bee and Ann Siew Leng

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS – JULY 2014

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Mon, 7 th July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 8 th July	6.30 pm	Club Service Committee Meeting	Residence of Rtn Jeff Yap
Wed, 9 th July	6.30 pm	48 th Installation Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Mon, 14 th July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 15 th July	6.30 pm	Youth Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Wed, 16 th July	6.30 pm	Community Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Sat, 19 th July	1.00 pm	48th Installation	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Mon, 21 st July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 22 nd July	6.30 pm	International Service Committee Meeting	Selangor Club, Bukit Kiara
Wed, 23 rd July	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Mon, 28 th July	-	NO MEETING – HARI RAYA PUASA	-
Wed, 30 th July	6.30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club

EDITORIAL

When President Alex first proposed the idea of an E Bulletin he met with some objections from some members along the way. Somehow he managed to convince his Board and so this year was the inaugural launch of the E Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Pudu.

From the conversion of a 12 page half A4 size black and white bulletin to a 20+ page A4 size coloured bulletin required some determination and persistence. Our efforts have been richly rewarded when we won the Best Bulletin Award (for clubs with more than 25 members,) the Best Electronic Bulletin Award and the Best Website Award among the 8 Awards which we won at the recent District Awards and Handover Night on 21st June 2014.

Credit must be accorded to some members who have contributed to the success of this E Bulletin.

To PP Dato' Muslim Ayob, our Webmaster who has helped me tremendously to format the E Bulletin into a professional looking newsletter. He has also contributed to many jokes and anecdotes.

To PDG Dr Paul Lee who has contributed many Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation articles, many jokes and wise quotations.

To PP Richard Liew who has shared many jokes and wise quotations.

To Ms Chow, Ms Lim Soo Zee, Raja Madiha and Cik Maizatul, staff of President Alex Chang, the budding photographers who captured the proceedings of the weekly meetings.

To Rtn Steven Ho, Rtn Veronique and Ms Eva Cheah who stood in as photographers occasionally.

To the many members who submitted articles and photographs to make this bulletin more colourful and vibrant.

My heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to all of you.

Warmest Regards
PP Mike Tung

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

— Oprah Winfrey

Stop Hunger Now

All things come to an end. To round up the year, an estimated 550-600 volunteers came to the *Stop Hunger Now* 240,000 meal-packing event held at Sunway Pyramid Shopping Mall on June 28, 2014. We completed the task on time, at 5pm.

To make this *Stop Hunger Now* project a success, we have to thank:

- PP Don Law and Rtn Edward Lee, Organising Chairmen RC Pudu and Georgetown Joint Clubs *Stop Hunger Now* Organising Committee 2014,
- Committee members PP Michael Tung, Rtn May Lim, Rotaractor Michelle Yong, Miss Leow Yin Sze, Miss Ina Kuan and Miss Lim Soo Zee;
- Mr Ong Eng Bin, Head, Business Banking Division, OCBC Bank (M) Bhd and all his staff,
- Puan Sri Maimon Arif Patail CSR Director from Hap Seng Consolidated Berhad,
- DGE Kirenjit Kaur - District Governor, Rotary District 3300 for RY 2014-15,
- PDG Mansoor Saat,
- Mr Tiki Keh, President, *Stop Hunger Now* Charitable Association, Malaysia and his team,
- the Volunteers,
- members of the Rotary Club of Pudu and Georgetown and
- Spritzer, Sunway Pyramid and other sponsors.



The following homes/organisations are some of the recipients of our project:

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PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 23rd June 2014

Guest Speaker: HE Constatine Nistor

Subject: Romania

Visiting Rotarians

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Guests

Ms Lim Soo Zee Cik Maizatul Ms Lee Su Ling Ms Giselle Chong Ms Liew	President Alex Chang President Alex Chang PP Mike Tung PP Mike Tung Club
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Statistics

Guests	5
Visiting Rotarians	-
Club Members	18
Total Present	23

Collections:

Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	
Paying Diners	160.00
Raffles & Others	
Total (RM)	RM 160.00

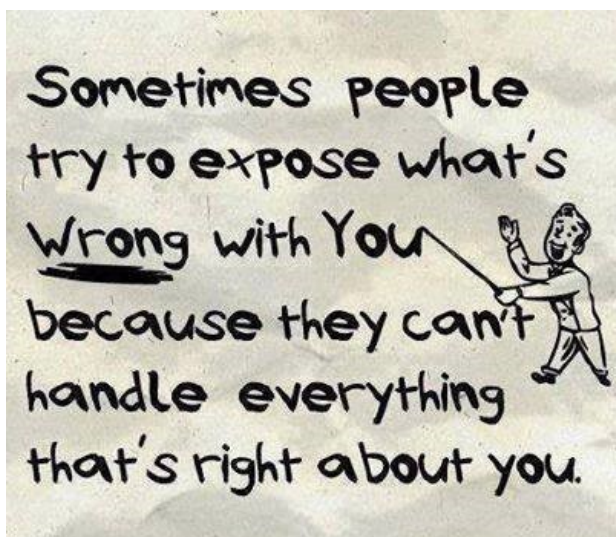
CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Sgt-At-Arms Rtn Tenny called the meeting to order at 1.30 pm on behalf of President Alex Chang. She welcomed all visiting Rotarians and guests. She then led in the singing of the National Anthem and then proposed the Loyal Toast.

There was no fine session.

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

President Alex Chang introduced the guest speaker H E Constantin Nistor who presented a talk on the subject "Romania."



PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) The Incoming Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th June 2014 at the Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, KL at 6.30 pm.

2) The Stop Hunger Now Project will be held on Saturday, 28th June 2014 at the Sunway Pyramid at 10.00 am.

THANKING THE SPEAKER

PDG K B Lee thanked H E Constantin Nistor for a very educational and informative presentation on the history, culture and customs of Romania. He hoped that through the connection of H E we may establish some friendship clubs with the Rotary Clubs in Romania. He then presented a memento to H E Constantin Nistor.



SPEAKER'S CV

CURRICULUM VITAE CONSTANTIN VOLODEA NISTOR

Personal Information

Date of birth: January, 25th 1950
Place of birth: Buzau, Romania
Marital status: Married, 2 sons

Work experience

1972-1979 Ministry of Tourism
1979 Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1979-1981 Second Secretary, Embassy of Romania to Philippine
1981-1990 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Asia Department
1990-1995 Counselor/DHOM, Embassy of Romania to Republic of India
1995-1997 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Asia Department
1997-1999 Counselor/DHOM, Embassy of Romania to the State of Kuwait
1999-2003 Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Romania to the State of Kuwait
2004-2011 Ambassador, Embassy of Romania to the State of Kuwait
2011-2012 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Asia Department
2012 Ambassador, Embassy of Romania to Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam



SPEAKER'S TEXT

Romania

Romania is located at the crossroads of Central and Southeastern Europe, on the Lower Danube, within and outside the Carpathian arch, bordering on the Black Sea. Romania shares the border with Hungary and Serbia to the west, Ukraine and Moldova to the northeast and east, and Bulgaria to the south.

Within the European Union (EU), Romania is the ninth largest country by area, and it has the seventh largest population. Bucharest, its capital and largest city, is the sixth largest city in the EU with about two million people.

The legendary Danube River ends its journey through eight European countries at the Black Sea by forming one of the biggest and most interesting wetlands in the world, the Danube Delta. The Danube is an important water route for domestic shipping, as well as international trade and tourist cruises.

A share of 39.2% of Romania's territory is arable land, 28% forests, 21% pastures, hayfields and orchards and 2.5% vineyards. Grains, oil seeds, sugar beet, vegetables, tree-fruits, berries and grapes for wine are the main crops, and pigs, sheep and cattle the main livestock. Forestry and fisheries are being developed under long-term national programs.

Romania produces coal, natural gas, mineral ores and petroleum but most raw materials for supplying the country's large industrial capacity are imported. Prominent industries include motor vehicles, machine building, metal processing, industrial, telecoms and transport equipment, chemicals, fertilizers and rubber, textiles, manufactured consumer goods, lumbering and furniture, food and beverage.

Romania is a regional leader in multiple fields, such as IT&C, automotive and wine production.



Editor's Note: This is a very long presentation. So to see it in full please go to the [Pudu website](#) and click on the video presentation.

CLUB MEETING ON 23 JUNE 2014



Top Table



SAA— Rtn Tenny Lee



Good fellowship



*Pres Alex Chang reading citation prior to inducting
Ambassador Constantin Nistor as our newest (5th)
Honorary Member*



*PDG KB Lee doing the honours to pin the Rotary pin
on Hon Rtn Constantin Nistor*



*Charter member Tan Sri Dato Soong Siew Hoong
presenting a memento to Hon Rtn Constantin Nistor*

CLUB MEETING ON 23 JUNE 2014



Pres. Alex Chang introducing the Speaker



Ambassador Constantine spoke on "Romania"



PDG KB Lee thanking the Speaker



With Charter member Tan Sri Dato Soong Siew Hoong



Waiting for the AGM after the meeting



Datomus and KB with potential Lady member

PROJECT “STOP HUNGER NOW”

HELP PACK MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY

BY CHRISTOPHER KHOO

MANY poor Malaysians suffer from hunger every day, but you can change that by giving part of your time to help in the “*Stop Hunger Now*” meal-packing event.

The project is a joint venture between the Rotary Club Georgetown and Pudu, with OCBC Bank Malaysia and Sunway Pyramid as sponsors for funding and venue.



Representatives of the organisers (from left) Keh, Don Law, Ong and Chang during the sponsorship presentation ceremony

“It is our duty to raise awareness on the serious issues affecting the hungry,” said *Stop Hunger Now* organising chairman Don Law.

“About five metric tonnes of food are wasted by Malaysians daily,” he said.

During the event, volunteers will pack 240,000 fortified rice-soy meals in six hours starting from 10am on Saturday, **June 28** at LG2, West Wing, Sunway Pyramid. The packs will be distributed nationwide through 75 Rotary Clubs on the same day.

Each meal is valued at RM1 and able to feed six persons, he said.

The meals will be given to 50 local orphanages and shelter homes.

Law said the project aims to promote the “Spirit of Volunteerism” among Malaysians.

“Helping others will bring joy to yourself,” he added. He said the event would need 500 volunteers.

“We hope that holding the event in Sunway Pyramid

will draw shoppers to pitch in and help,” said OCBC Bank Malaysia senior vice-president and business banking division head Ong Eng Bin.



(From left) Kasih Sayang welfare home owner Ragu, Keh, Don Law, Ong and Chang with the rice-soy meal packets.

Also present were Mr Tiki Keh CEO of *Stop Hunger Now* Charitable Organisation and Rotary Club of Pudu president Alex Chang Huey Wah.

Those who wish to volunteer can either take on a full day from 10am to 6pm or help out in the 2pm to 5pm slot.

*By kind courtesy of TheStar Online
Friday June 20, 2014*

MESSAGE VIA WHATSAPP

Dear Members,

Our beloved PRC is jointly organising the 'Stop Hunger Now' Project with RC Georgetown kindly sponsored by clients and associates of OCBC. This meaningful project will be held with an estimated 600 volunteers packing the raw materials into packets for SHN beneficiaries in need of charity assistance at LG2 West Wing Sunway Pyramid this Saturday from 10.30am -5.00pm.

We are appealing for PRC members to encourage attendance at this meaningful event at the 12:00 pm Official Launch Ceremony at LG2 West Wing Sunway Pyramid. Hope for your kind support. PRC members may also volunteer for the packing slots time onsite on the day of the event.

*Warm Regards and Thank you
on behalf of SHN joint organising committee for RC Pudu & RC Georgetown.*

*Rtn Edward Lee
25 Jun 2014*

PROJECT “STOP HUNGER NOW”



DGE Kirenjit Kaur at the launching ceremony



PPs KH Low and Michael Tung with Mercy Malaysia recipient representative



Overwhelming response. Volunteers at the “production lines” competed against each line to achieve the target set for 240,000 packed meals by 5:00 pm. They came in several shifts. Most of them were raised from OCBC’s client organisations, Rotaractors and wives and children of Rotarians.



How it’s done. Separately pour rice and soy-mix into packet via the yellow funnel. Weigh packet. Send for hermetic sealing. Then put into box. Seal box. Send to Collection Centre. Done. Repeat process.

PROJECT “STOP HUNGER NOW”



RC Pudu First Lady, Elaine joined in.



Likewise, Rtn Edward Lee's daughter



By 5:00 pm all done. Tidying up process began.



All packed and ready for collection by recipient orgs.

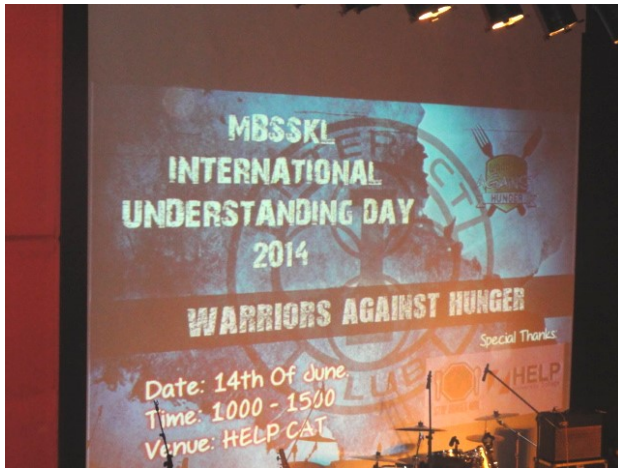


Volunteers got their certificates



LG2 West Wing Sunway Pyramid back to normal

INTERACT ACTIVITIES



CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY OF EVENTS - FUTURE

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
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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- 1 Mercy Malaysia
2. Rumah Kebajikan Anbu Illam
- 3 Thangam Illam Welfare Society
- 4 Serendah Kasih Sayang;
- 5 Persatuan Kebajikan & Kerohanian Siva Sakthi Samaj;
- 6 The Dharma House Society;
- 7 Grace Community Services;
- 8 Assumption Church;
- 9 Kechara Soup Kitchen;
- 10 Rita Home;
- 11 Agathians Shelter;
- 12 Pertiwi Soup Kitchen

Funds Raised for the Year

We have raised close to RM240,000 for this project. I believe, in the history of the Rotary Club of Pudu this is largest number of volunteers 550-600 involved in a single project and the highest amount of funds raised without the involvement of the club members. When we total up all the funds raised this year for the various projects of the year, the total fund raised was about RM366,000 ie about RM1,000 per day.

Awards for the Year

Looking back at the Rotary year, we have won six 'BEST' district awards; one First and one Second Runner up. All the glory should go to the Past District Governors and Past Presidents for their advice; and the hard work of all board members and chairpersons.

I believe Six 'BEST' district awards is highest number awarded to us in the history of the Rotary Club of Pudu, that honour is held by PP Choo Jee Sam in RY 1992-93

more than 20 years ago; this year the district again favoured us with the same.

Thanking

All the various club members, board members, advisors have already been thanked. I now take this opportunity to thank:

- My Ann, Elaine who has been there through thick and thin with me; my children Louisa, Sean and Andrew for their father has been missing in action for close to two years...
- While I am taking care of the Rotary business, my able legal assistant Miss Lim Soo Zee was helping me to look after the various needs of the clients;
- Ms Chow Bee Ling my personal assistant assisted by Ms Janice Wong rendered their invaluable assistance to prepare the Rotary minutes reports, slide shows;
- Ms Lok Hui Yen my office manageress supported me in various Rotary projects and reports for the Awards and Recognition Committee...
- I would also like to make a special mention to thank our Honourary members PP Dato Rosemarie Wee, Romanian Ambassador Nistor ; the deputy head of Mission of the Romanian Embassy Ms Tudose, PP Shirley Thum, PP Chew Hon Nam, Ms Sharon Lim for their guidance and support through out the year.

Hand Over

I now hand over the affairs of the club to my President Elect Daisy Chiu, who will lead our club to greater heights.

DISTRICT NEWS—DGE'S CALENDAR

◀ Jun 2014		~ July 2014 - LITERACY MONTH & NEW ROTARY YEAR ~					Aug 2014 ▶
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		

From: rotary3300@googlegroups.com; on behalf of;
Baskaran Syamala <swe_tha@hotmail.com>
Subject: [rotary3300] **District Awards Night**

Dear friends,

Over the last weekend, about 270 Rotarians from about 40 clubs in the District gathered at Bukit Jalil Golf Resort, KL, for the District Awards Night.

It was an eventful evening, with this year's event being a little bit more emotional. There was a genuine feeling of love and gratitude for Governor Mohinder Singh who, in spite of a recent major heart surgery, made it a point to be actively involved in the awards night; and was present right up to the end. That was inspirational and PP Dr Siva Ananthan summed up it excellently in his speech.

Congratulations to OC PP Lim Poh Huu and RC Puchong Centennial on a well organized event.

The Awards chairman PP Sen Gupta and his committee had the difficult task of choosing the winners in all the different categories and they did a good job of being as fair and impartial as they could possibly be. Our felicitations to all the clubs and Rotarians who received their well deserved awards.

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The one award that we did not give out was to the Governor himself—for being the architect of the District building Fund. By the sheer strength of will power and determination, he raised RM 400,000 towards the building fund and he will be forever remembered as the Governor who made this dream a possibility. He has shown us the way to believe that if we put our heart into something, everything is possible.

Thank you Governor for the meritorious service and inspirational leadership.

The handover of the DG's collar, speech by the incoming Governor, Kirenjit Kaur and the spectacular fireworks to light up Rotary brought the evening to a close.

Regards
Baskaran.

DISTRICT NEWS



A promotional poster for the Miss Malaysia Pageant 2014 Grand Finalists event. The poster features a woman in a blue lace top and a long brown skirt, wearing a crown. The background is dark with colorful bokeh lights. The text is arranged in a vertical layout on the left side, with a yellow banner for the event name. The bottom section contains contact information and logos for the organizers.


*Miss Malaysia Pageant*TM
ROTARY CLUB OF PETALING JAYA
&
DORSETT GRAND SUBANG
PRESENTS
*Miss Malaysia
Pageant 2014
Grand Finalists*

GRAND CHARITY GALA DINNER & SHOW

15 AUGUST 2014 7.30PM
GRAND SELANGOR BALLROOM

18 Finalists Preview & **Talent Show**
Crowning of Miss Charity 2014

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RI NEWS

Meet Rotary's new President Gary C K Huang

Gary Huang played a lot of sports when he was younger, but basketball was his favorite. He was captain and point guard of his high school team. "I'm not tall, but I was quick." He flashes a grin. "I knew how to move the ball and set my team up to win." That was decades ago, but whether in basketball, business, or Rotary, moving the ball continues to be Huang's game. He likes action and progress. He relishes a challenge.

When the Rotary Club of Taipei told him he was too young to be a member, he persisted, attending every meeting for nine months until he hooked an invitation at age 30. Since then, he has not stopped moving forward. Five years after joining Rotary, Huang became club president. Then he became Taiwan's youngest district governor, first RI director, and first Rotary Foundation trustee. This month, he becomes the first Chinese president of Rotary International.

Huang was born in Fujian, a province in southern China. He is the third child of seven. Like many others, his family fled China during the civil war, unhappy with the communists who were taking over the country. The family settled in Taiwan in 1947, when Huang was one year old.

Huang's parents pushed him to excel in school, but they also believed that grades were not the only things that were important. "My father used to say to me that getting B's was OK, but I had to participate in activities and join clubs. He said that would help me in the future," Huang recalls.

Although Huang's father was not a Rotarian, he instilled similar ideals of service in his son. Helping others, his father said, would help him learn how to be a leader. As a result, Huang was president of his high school class. Besides playing basketball, he played soccer, ran track and, at the urging of his mother, participated in (and often won) speech competitions. He also led the daily morning pep rallies at his school for six years. "My father was happy I did those things," Huang says. "Every time there was a school celebration, no matter how busy he was, he would always attend."

After high school and two years of serving in the military, Huang moved to Michigan to attend the University of Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti. He recalls those years with fondness, remembering how clean and wide-open the Midwest felt to a city boy from Taipei. He lived with an American family, who gave him the name Gary be-

cause they liked the actor Gary Cooper. He worked through school at a gas repair company, where he started at \$1.25 an hour and ended at \$4.75 a few years later. When he graduated with a business degree in 1971, he was so happy, he bought himself a graduation ring. "It was the first, most expensive thing I'd bought with my own money, so I wear it all the time," he says.

But his education was far from over. Huang's father was president of an insurance company in Taiwan and wanted his son to be well prepared for a career in the same field. Huang went on to graduate school at New York University and spent time in England, Switzerland, Germany, and Japan, learning about the insurance business and making international connections. Years later, Huang would again be making connections all over the world as RI president.

Huang returned to Taiwan to work for a small insurance firm, which over the next 15 years he built into one of the largest in the industry. He made one agreement with his chairman: that he had to be able to fit Rotary into his busy schedule. "I wanted to continue my work in Rotary no matter what," he says.

When Huang began to experience success in his profession and in Rotary, his mother kept him grounded, something she still does at the age of 95. "I know she is proud of me," he says. "But no matter how successful I am, she never praises me."

The year Huang joined Rotary was also the year he met his wife, Corinna Yao, at a church Bible study. "He kept calling me," Yao says. But Huang remembers it differently. "She's the one who picked me up!" he claims. He was outgoing and social. She was an introvert. "I wondered how we would get along," she says. "But it's 38 years later, and we are still good." Together they raised three children – two daughters and a son – and now they have two grandchildren, Eddie and Evan. Evan was born on the same day that Huang found out he was the RI president-nominee. His name is a play on "Evanston."



RI NEWS

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Huang and Yao raised their family with Rotary, so it plays a part in their children's memories. "I always wanted what you had with your Rotary friends. Growing up, they were my aunts and uncles," eldest daughter Linda tells her father. Nancy, his second daughter, remembers visiting an orphanage with Huang when she was young. "It was the first time I learned about what Rotary does. My dad was so passionate," she says.

The orphanage was one of the first Rotary projects that inspired Huang more than 30 years ago. When he toured the facilities, he was taken aback, seeing the kids crammed into one room at night, watching them share a pot of rice at mealtime. Many of the orphans were the same age as his young children at the time. The orphanage needed so many things – a new roof, a refrigerator, an air conditioner, and diapers and other supplies. The Taipei club provided these things, but Huang wanted to do more. He and another Rotarian decided to sponsor two of the girls. They chose two four-year-olds with the same Chinese zodiac sign as Huang and his friend: the rooster. They took the girls to dinner once every other month. They paid for the girls' school fees every year and eventually sent them to college. After graduation, they paid for a celebratory trip to Hong Kong and helped them find jobs when they came home. Thirty years later, Huang and his friend still meet them regularly for dinner, now with their own families.

Huang believes that Rotary should be about lifting people up. The theme he chose, *Light Up Rotary*, is a reflection of his desire to encourage Rotarians to bring light where there is darkness. Huang also hopes that *Light Up Rotary* inspires Rotarians to lighten up Rotary's image. He wants Rotary to be fun, not just for fun's sake, but because having a good time builds genuine bonds of friendship, retains members, and helps recruit new ones. Member recruitment is a hallmark of Huang's Rotary career. When he was club president, his club grew from 102 to 138 members. When he was district governor for Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau, he added 19 new clubs. "If you want to invite people, you need to make things interesting," he reasons. "Then they will love it and come again."

Huang's friend and RI Vice President Celia Elena Cruz de Giay supports this approach. "Rotary is a serious organization but not a solemn one. President Gary is putting an emphasis on making Rotary fun because he can see the winning combination of Rotarians having fun while they serve," she explains.

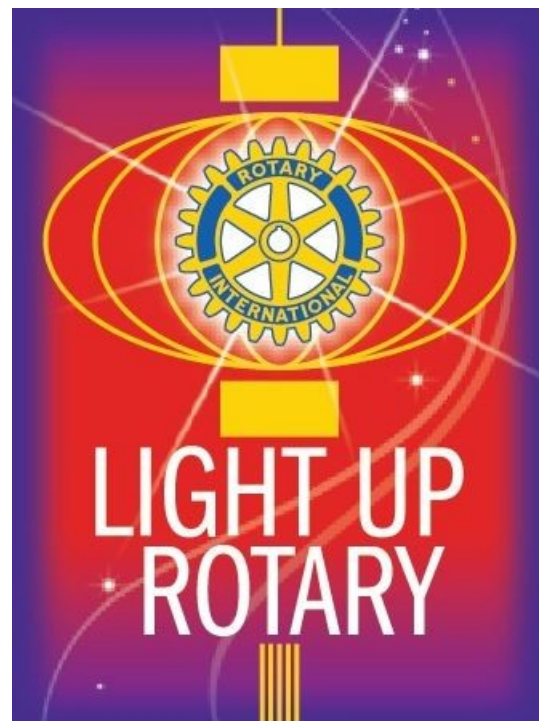
He also champions the idea of opening Rotary's doors to younger people and recruiting more female members. "Some Rotarians are too conservative. They disagree with having women or younger members," he says. "With younger people, they are our future. In a few years, they will be bigger, better, maybe richer than us," Huang jokes. "It's good for them, good for Rotary, and good for society."

Even though he jokes, Huang is so serious about membership that he recruited his own family into Rotary. His wife joined first, then his three grown children followed suit, each in a different club. His son, Billy, believes that being in Rotary has made the family closer. "We participate in activities together," he says. "I understand my dad better."

Huang is thrilled to bring together the most important parts of his life, giving new meaning to the idea of the family of Rotary. He hopes that others will follow his example. "Why leave your family to do your Rotary work? You can do it together," he suggests. "Then doing good becomes a family event."

These days, Huang plays golf instead of basketball, but he's still in the game of setting up his team – the team of Rotary – to win.

– Susie Ma



RI NEWS

Why the Rotary Year begins 1 July

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.



Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended. The convention of the Rotary Clubs of America was held in Rotary's birthplace, Chicago, in 1910.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was

held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

2016 COL

As we are about to start Rotary's 2014-15 year, there are less than six months to submit proposed legislation for the 2016 Council on Legislation. Rotary International must receive clubs' and districts' proposed legislation, including confirmation of the district's endorsement, by 31 December 2014. Please note that this deadline is strictly enforced and proposed legislation received after the deadline will not be considered.



To help you prepare legislation, we have developed the new *How to Propose Legislation* course in Rotary's Learning Center. The course can be found by going to *My Rotary*>Learning & Reference>Learning Center. Additional information and useful tools for the 2016 Council have been posted on the Council on Legislation section of the Rotary website at www.rotary.org/col.

Proposed legislation should be submitted to Rotary through the online form here: https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_86x9bQkfU8vwXIh. A paper form is also available upon request, for those who are unable to submit online.

Proposed legislation must be endorsed by the district at a district conference, district resolutions meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail. The district governor at the time of submission confirms the endorsement by either submitting the proposed legislation through the online form or, if legislation is submitted by someone other than the district governor, by emailing their confirmation to council_services@rotary.org.

Source: Rotary International

THOTS FOR THE WEEK

How Time Changes Things...

For some, the time is always the present, and technology seems to mature as they do, slowly over time. But it's enough for us to take a quick look back and realize - we've come a really long way. When you look at these items and how they have changed over the last century, it's amazing how some things have become. And although these items are much more convenient now, some of those older designs had some real craftsmanship and grace to them.



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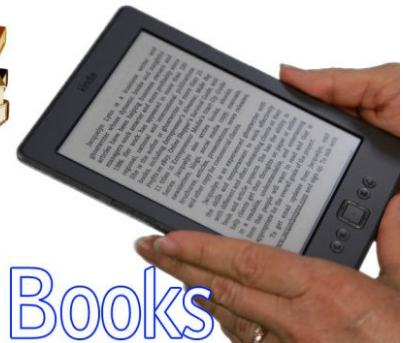
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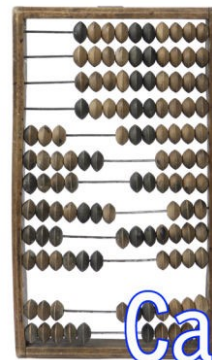
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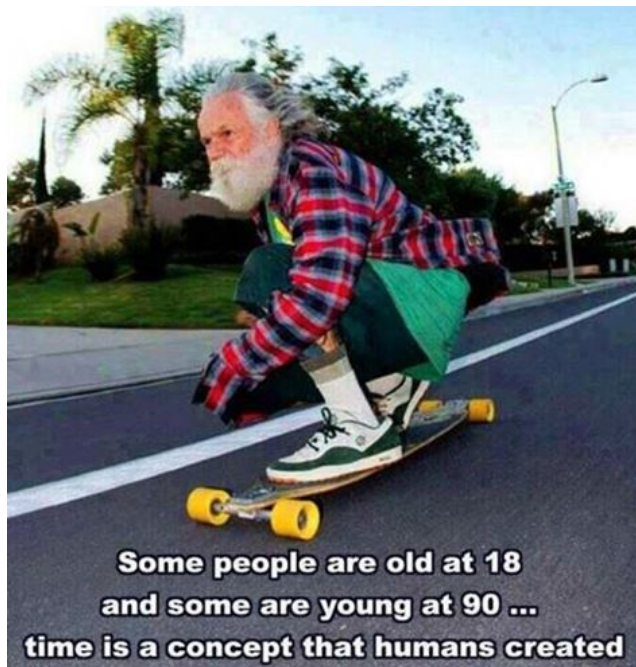
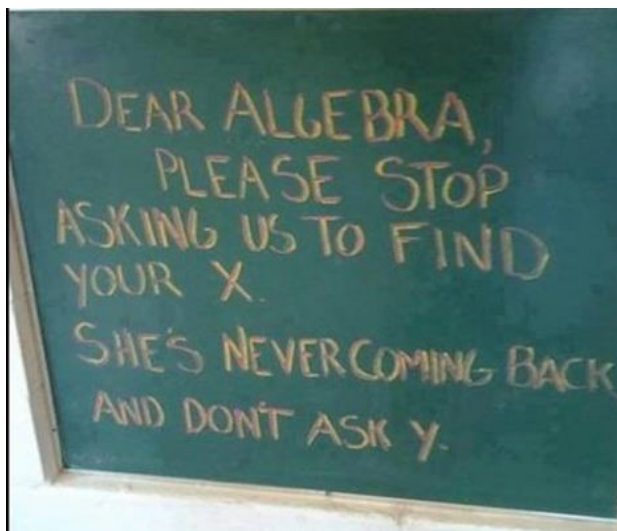
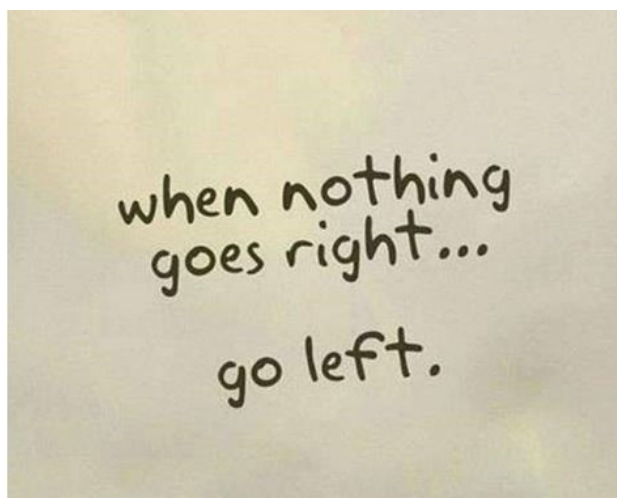
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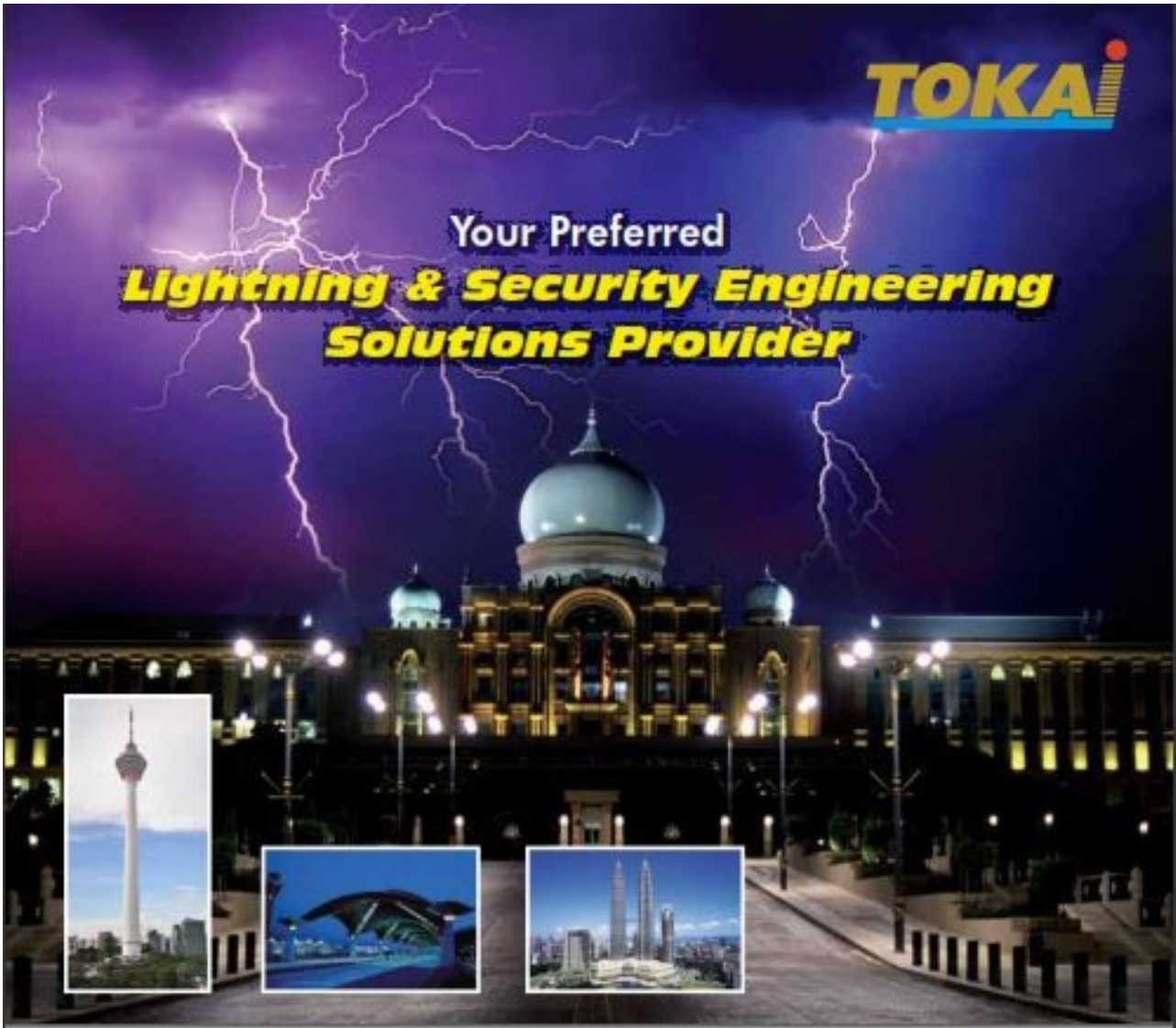
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