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RI District 3300

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Programme Today

Speaker : Mr.P.Nagasayee Malathy
Subject : Protection Of The Children Is The
Need Of The Hour In Malaysia

ON DUTY

Duty Table : PP Albert Lim
Fellowship : Rtn. Laura Lee
Finemaster : PP Leong Choy Ying
Introduce : Rtn. Patrick Lee
Thanking : PDG K B Lee

Programme Next Week

Speaker : TBA
Subject : TBA

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn. C T Heng
Fellowship : Rtn. Joanne Ting
Finemaster : PP Ken Ong
Introduce : Rtn. Veronique
Thanking : PP K H Low

Happy Birthday!

Nil

Spouse's Birthday!

Ann Suit Yong (1st. Aug) Ann Tanuja (4th. Aug)

Happy Anniversary!

Nil

FUTURE ROTARY EVENTS

AGTS – AG's Training Seminar

Friday 28/9/12-- Sunday 30/9/12 @ Kulim, Langkawi

GDLTS –Group Discussion Leaders' Training Seminar

Friday 19/10/12 – Sunday 21/10/12 @ Kamunting, Taiping

Pre-PETS 1

Friday 23/11/12 – Sunday 25/11/12 @ Tampin, A'Famosa Resort

Pre-PETS 2

Friday 15/3/13 – Sunday 17/3/13 @ Ampang, D'Villa Residences

District Assembly

Friday 26/4/13 – Sunday 28/4/13 @ Melawati, Grand Dorsett Hotel

DTTS – District Team Training Seminar

Sunday 19/5/13 @ Klang Central, Klang Executive Centre

District Conference

Friday 6/12/13 – Sunday 8/12/13 @ Kuala Lumpur West, Hotel Istana (tentative)

Rotary Club Diary 30th July – 31 August 2012

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
July Mon 30	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
August Mon 6	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 8	6.30 pm	Public Relations Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Thu 9	6.30 pm	Service Committee	Solaris Dutamas
Sat 11		Rotaractors' Installtion	Federal Hotel Bukit Bintang
Mon 13	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 15	6.30 pm	Club Admin Committee	Loong Foong Rest.,
Thu 16	6.30 pm	New Gen Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Sun 19		HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI	
Mon 20		HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI	
Tue 21	6.30 pm	TRF Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Sun 26		Visit to Jenjarom Old Folks' Home	
Mon 27	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 29	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Fri 31		MERDEKA	

DISCUSSION IN THE BULLETIN

On record, in the past, there are very few members writing to the Editor to express their views. Thus on appearance a) things appear to be well in the club, b) there is no dissenting views in the club whether with the action of the BOD or with any view expressed by the editor, and c) members are contented with the bulletin the way it is presented. However as we all know things are not as rosy as perceived.

The bulletin is one medium that members can express their views. Other avenues will be at the BOD & committee meetings, club assemblies and at the AGM. The bulletin is a good forum as it is printed each week and any matter that is urgent can be made known to members quite speedily.

The bulletin should accept not only opinions on unhappy events but also opinions on happy events. Thus if members want to congratulate any other member or OC on an excellent completed project the bulletin is the right place. This way all readers know about it. This will promote pride and motivation to those concerned. After all not all members attend BOD or committee meetings, the club assemblies or the AGM. Time difference could dampen the effectiveness of the praise.

The past few editorials had expressed some views, some in praise and some strong comments. Nevertheless they were not meant to be personal nor meant to be malicious. Any one not happy can reply as there are always possibilities of misunderstanding. There is no point in sweeping things underneath the carpet and see if things can be discussed openly and gentlemanly. This should be the way forward for the club instead of "talking behind the back" and practicing hypocrisy.

In any organization, there will always be dissenting views and the Pudu Rotary Club is not an exception. Dissenting views if taken positively can bring about new ideas and new approaches which otherwise might result in one dimension approach. Office bearers should be able to withstand different opinion.

In other words, please keep the letters coming to the editor and let's have a healthy discussion! In the long run it is good for the club.

My dear Pudu Rotarians,

Salam 1Malaysia. Ann Vivian and I wish all our Muslim members and readers, "Selamat Berpuasa" in this month of Ramadhan. During this sacred month of the Islamic calendar, Muslims observe a month-long fast, from dawn to sunset, and spend time for spiritual reflection, improvement and increased devotion to the teachings of Islam.



In today's world, it is so common to hear the phrase, "I have no time!". Everyone seemed to be caught up with some activity that is taking up this rare resource called "time" from each of our daily quota.

There were two very interesting articles in last week's issue of Berita Pudu that caught my attention. One is entitled "Imagine" and the other "Hi Handsome, My name is Rose".

Today, I was to spend some time to share my reflections on the article "Imagine". (I encourage you to look up the other article from Berita Pudu Issue No. 4). This article talks about time – a full 86,400 seconds per day that is given to each one of us irrespective whether you are a King, CEO, clerk, student or a retiree. Each is given the same amount. It does provide us some food for thoughts on how we are using this precious resource on a daily basis. Perhaps there is a call you have to return, an email to attend to or have dinner with relatives? All these are legitimate activities that take up those precious seconds in day.

When I see the immensity of the needs around me, I get overwhelmed as to how my measly effort can make a positive impact. Personally, I would rather give some of my money than my time when it comes to serving the community. After a hard day's work, I would rather lounge on my sofa and watch a TV programme for my well-deserved rest. Of course a good balance of work, play and rest is an important part of life.

However, when I see the potential of all Rotarians coming together and each one contributing just their amount of supposedly measly contribution, I am encouraged by the BIG impact it can cause and sometimes even lasting for many years. That is one of my reasons for continuing to be a Rotarian and a part of this great organization.

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Record of Meeting on 23th July 2012

Guest Speaker : MR. P Y WONG
Subject : PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE MALAYSIAN ELCTORAL SYSTEM IN PARTICULAR THE ELECTION COMMISSION

VISITING ROTARIANS

Name	Club
PP Chris Ng	RC P.Jaya
Prem Roopohandani	RC Levant, Romania
PP Dr. Joy	RC Subang

GUESTS

Name	Host
Dr. Andy Seo	Club
Lim Soo Zee	Rtn. Alex Chang
P Y Wong	Club

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	3
Guests	:	4
Club Members	:	<u>38</u>
Total Present	:	<u>43</u>

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	-
Paying Diners	:	RM 220.00
Raffles & Others	:	
Total	:	<u>RM 220.00</u>

Club Proceedings

SAA Rtn. Jonathan Avinash on behalf of President Aaron Ong called the meeting to order at 1.15pm. He later introduced all the visiting Rotarians and guests. He later led in the singing of the National Anthem

There was no fine session for the day as we had a very interesting speaker for the day.

President's Announcement

Weekly Meeting for : 23rd JULY 2012 @ SHANGRILA HOTEL

- Last Saturday (21st July, 2012), PE Alex Chang, New Generation Director Laura Lee, Interact Chairman Veronique and I attended the International Understanding Day of the Interact Club of SM (L) Methodist held at HGH Convention Centre, Sentul. The theme of their IU Day is "The Streets". Among the objectives are:
 - To raise funds in support of those who have been infected by AIDS and lending a helping hand to their caregivers
 - Raise the awareness of AIDS among the youngsters attending the IU Day
- All service committee secretaries are kindly requested to email to PP Michael Yeow (mikeyeow@gmail.com) the attendance list of members attending the respective service avenue meetings. This will enable, PP Michael Yeow (our Attendance Chairman) to

provide an accurate report of our club attendance to the district. Remember, you can make up for a missed meeting by attending service avenue meetings.

- All Rotarians are kindly reminded to email to PP Richard Liew (liewnn@gmail.com) any photographs you may have taken at any Rotary events. He will ensure it gets onto our Berita Pudu.

Introduction of Speaker

Rtn. Robert Tan introduced the speaker for the day who was none other than Mr. P Y Wong from the NGO Tidak Malaysia who spoke on the subject of Public Confidence In The Malaysian Electoral System In Particular The Election Commission.

Speaker's CV

Wong Piang Yow (PY)

Residence: Subang Jaya

Contact: 012-2149322,
pywong@tindakmalaysia.com,

Marital Status: Married

Children: 6

Education:

English College, Johore Bahru – Upper Six 1968,
University of Malaya – B.E. Civil, 2nd Class Upper Honours, 1973



General Experience:

- 28 years in engineering and construction, retired in 2001
- International investing
- Trainer: Financial Independence Course
- Political/civil activist
- Toastmasters – Public Speaking & Leadership Training.

Current interests:

- Internet
- Thinking out of the box.
- Teaching people how to get out of the Rat Race
- Policy development
- Public Speaking Development & Leadership Training.

Current activity:

Founder of Tindak Malaysia conducting voter education and polling agent training nationwide.

Website:

<http://tindakmalaysia.com>

Facebook: Wong Piang Yow

Speaker's Text

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE in

The Malaysian Electoral System, (MES), in particular, the Election Commission

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

Constitution of Election Commission

- 1) The Election Commission shall be appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong after consultation with the Conference of Rulers, and shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and five other members.
- 2) In appointing members of the Election Commission the Yang di-Pertuan Agong shall have regard to the importance of securing an Election Commission which enjoys public confidence.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong to act on advice

- 1) In the exercise of his functions under this Constitution or federal law the Yang di-Pertuan Agong shall act in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet or of a Minister acting under the general authority of the Cabinet, except as otherwise provided by this Constitution; but shall be entitled, at his request, to any information concerning the government of the Federation which is available to the Cabinet.
 - In the exercise of his functions under this Constitution or federal law, where the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is to act in accordance with advice, on advice, or after considering advice, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong shall accept and act in accordance with such advice.

Clause (1A) added by Act A885, section 4, in force from 24-06-1994. Requires a 2/3 Parliamentary majority.

- 2) The Yang di-Pertuan Agong may act in his discretion in the performance of the following functions, that is to say:
 - (a) the appointment of a Prime Minister;
 - (b) the withholding of consent to a request for the dissolution of Parliament;
 - (c) the requisition of a meeting of the Conference of Rulers concerned solely with the privileges, position, honours and dignities of Their Royal Highnesses, and any action at such a meeting, and in any other case mentioned in this Constitution.

ELECTION COMMISSION

FAQ: Who makes up the SPR? Are they independent and do they command public confidence? <http://bit.ly/Oigply>

Which Federal Constitution Article did the Yang di-Pertuan Agong referred to in making the appointment?

Article 40 or 116?

WHERE'S THEIR OFFICE?

5th Floor of the Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Awam Malaysia Building in Putrajaya

Pengerusi SPR:

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Abdul Aziz bin Mohd Yusof(PSM, PSD, SPMS, DCSM, DSSA, SMS, KMN, AMN)

- Retired Senior Civil Servant.
- UMNO Member

Timbalan Pengerusi SPR:

Datuk Wira Hj. Wan Ahmad bin Wan Omar(DCSM,DSM Z,DPMT,DIMP,DPMS,JMN, JBK,KMN,AMN)

- Retired Senior Civil Servant.
- UMNO Member

Ahli SPR:

Dato' Hj. Zainal Abidin bin Hj. Mat Said(DSAP, DIMP, DNS)
Retired Senior Civil Servant.

Datuk Hj.Jamdin bin Buyong(PGDK, ASDK, KMN, ADK, BSK)
Retired Senior Civil Servant.

Dato Hj. Mohamad Ramji Alli(PPT,PPB)
Retired Senior Civil Servant.

Datuk Dr. P. Manogran(PJN,DTMP,JMN,KMN)
Retired Senior Civil Servant.

Datuk Christopher Wan Soo Kee(PJN,DMPN,DMSM,PG PP,PSPP,KMN)
Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah,Bukit Aman

Do you see a conflict of interest?

ARE WE GETTING VALUE FOR \$?

General Elections Expenditure:

- 11th GE 2004: RM 100 million
 - 12th GE 2008: RM 171.82 million
- Source: Report of the 12th General Elections 2008 BY SPR Malaysia

Proposed budget for 13th GE:

- RM 360 million
- RM 300 million for security expenses.
Total RM 660 million (384% of GE 12!)
Cost per voter: RM 52.8 = USD 16.76 (12.5 million voters)

COMPARE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

UNDP Procurement Guide for Post-conflict Elections, folder: analysis, planning & strategy folder:

Cost of elections

Malaysia: USD 16.76!

The least expensive elections cost between (U.S.) \$1 and \$3 per voter and are held in countries with a long electoral experience, such as the United States and most Western European countries. Others with low election costs include: Chile (\$1.2 per voter), Costa Rica (\$1.8) and Brazil (\$2.3) in Latin America; Botswana (\$2.7) and Kenya (\$1.8) in Africa; India (\$1) and Pakistan (\$0.5) in Asia; and Australia (\$3.2). On the other hand, elections held as part of broader peacekeeping operations are the most costly. Most recently the cost of the presidential elections in 2004 in Afghanistan was as high as \$25 per voter. It should be noted that comparison between election costs is not always possible, given the difference in systems and processes. Electoral Management Bodies as Institutions of Governance, López-Pintor, Rafael for BDP/UNDP, 2000. and Jerome L. Manila 2004.

PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM

6 Hearings.

Tindak Malaysia attended 4. Made 50 proposals.

On 21st Mar 2012, Tindak Malaysia and BERSIH 2.0 jointly submitted 80 changes to the Election Laws to meet the BERSIH 2.0 8 Demands.

But only 1 was met – indelible ink.

Even that raised a lot of questions about the effectiveness.

More damaging!

As the PSC was in session, the EC planned some major amendments to the Election Offences Act which would have undone all the reforms. It was passed in Parliament on 19th Apr 2012 but withdrawn in the Senate on 9th May 2012.

If you read the EOA amendments, you cannot help asking:

What was the EC thinking?

We spent 1 year training Booth Observers & they cancelled it.

They wanted to dictate the polling agent's schedule!

Election Management

WHAT are the ELECTION LAWS?

Articles on Elections in Constitution

HOW : Conduct of elections & Method of challenging election

WHAT : Federal & State Constituencies, Composition of Dewan Rakyat

WHO : Qualifications of electors, Constitution of EC & Assistance to EC

Acts governing functions of EC

- Elections Act 1958 (Act 19): EA
- Election Offences Act 1954 (Act 5): EOA
- Election Commission Act 1957 (Act 31): ECA

Election Commission (EC)

Regulations on conduct of Elections

- Elections (Conduct of Elections) Regulation 1981: COE
- Elections (Registration of Electors) Regulations 2002: ROE
- Elections (Postal Voting) Regulations 2003: PV

General Election

Thanking of Guest Speaker

PP Dato N K Jasani on behalf of the club thanked Mr. P Y Wong for an excellent presentation and presented a certificate of appreciation and a token from our Club.

President's message(continue from page 2)

I am reminded of our adopted old folks' home in Jenjarom. I believe there may be some of our Rotarians then that could have felt their contributions may not have meant much. But as small as we have judged our efforts to have been, we have made huge impact to the many lives we have sheltered and fed in the home over the years.

Therefore, as a Pudu Rotarian, know that you are part of a BIG life-changing and community-lifting organization. We, together, can make a difference with whatever you are willing to bring to the organization.

So, look out for the announcement of our next visit to Jenjarom Old Folks' Home in August 2012. Come join us in the visit and be rejuvenated in your passion as a Rotarian. Do it cheerfully, purposefully and gratefully. You will be a happier person. I promise!

In-Rotary-Service,

Aaron Ong

President RY2012-2013

1ST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

25th July 2012, 6.30pm @ PDG Dr Paul Lee's Residence

President's Report - Aaron Ong

1. Rotary Committee/Portfolio RY2011-12

Updated as of 26/5/2011 – attached APPENDIX 1

2. Meeting dates, Time and Venue for Avenues of Services RY2012-13

Completed with details of venue meeting as listed:-

Club Administration

Director : Rtn CT Heng

Every 3rd Wednesday - 6.30pm

Loong Foong Restaurant, Kelana Jaya, PJ.

Public Relations

Director : Rtn Roy Sreenivasan

Every 2nd Wednesday - 6.30pm

Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, Kuala Lumpur.

Service

Director : Rtn Jeffrey Yap

Every 2nd Thursday - 6.30pm

Block B3-1-16, Solaris Dutamas, No.1 Jalan Dutams 1, Kuala Lumpur.

New Generations

Director : Rtn Laura Lee

Every 3rd Thursday - 6.30pm

Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, Kuala Lumpur.

The Rotary Foundation

Director : Rtn Loo Ming Chee

Every 3rd Tuesday - 6.30pm

Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, Kuala Lumpur.

Membership Development

Director : PE Alex Chang

Every 1st Wednesday 6.30pm

Poolside Café, Royal Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur.

BOD Meeting

Every Last Wednesday - 6.30pm

Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, Kuala Lumpur.

3. Projects for RY2012-13.

- Fund Raising : "MIB III"
Organizing Chairman : VP Lawrance Annies
Target : RM100,000.00
Date : 26/5/2012 (Saturday)
Venue : GSC Pavilion, KL.
Time : 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Ticket Cost: RM 15,438.00
- Community Project
 - Presentation of Finger-Pulse Oximeter & Training Equipment – NRC & St. John Ambulance
Amount : RM 40,000.00
 - a. Providing 200 pcs of Finger Pulse Oximeter to National Resuscitation Council (NRC) for distribution to Emergency First Responders and Rural Health Care Officers

for quick bio-metric readings of patients in emergency situations.

b. 1 set each of Adult, Infant and ActFastMed Anti-Choking Trainer Kit for continuous training for Emergency First Responders and Public.

c. Planned launching in October 2012 at a shopping complex together with blood donation drive and public training of first aid using manikins.

4. To date we has completed 2 New Generations projects for RY2012-13,namely:-

- 36th Interact Leadership Training & Motivational Camp & RRI Games Day
Date : 9th – 11th March 2012
Venue : Akademi Pembangunan Belia, Port Dickson
Theme : "Peace Through Service"
 - a) Our club received a pledge of RM3,000 from Negri Sembilan's Menteri Besar's Office through YB Senator Dato' Dr. Yeow Chai Thiam. Still following up to get the contribution.
- Rotarian-Teacher-Advisors HiTea
Date : 13 May 2011
Time : 2.30pm

5. Berita Pudu Bulletin RY2012-13

Rtn In-charge : PP Richard Liew

Sponsor for advertisement in Bulletin:-

- a) 3 pages - Full Colour
 - i. Win (M) Sdn Bhd [Inside Front Cover] @RM2,000.00
 - ii. Skin Media [Inside Back Cover] @RM2,000.00
 - iii. M-Kod Innovations Sdn Bhd [Back Cover] @RM4,000.00
- b) Inside centre - 4 pages – Full B/W
 - i. Team Aid Sdn Bhd @RM1,000.00
 - ii. SoFresh Sdn Bhd @RM1,000.00
 - iii. BNK Enterprise (collected payment) @RM 500.00
 - iv. HC Low Renovation & Construction @RM500.00
 - v. Agip Oil @RM1,000.00 [Grand Total : RM12,000.00]
 - vi. Terus Maju Hardware (full page – b&w) - new @RM1,000.00

6. 46th PRC Installation

Organizing Chairman : PE Alex Chang

Date : 24th June 2012

Venue : Shangri-la Hotel, KL

7. Any other business

- Consolidation of PRC/PRCCF Accounts – assisted by PDG Dr Paul
- Sisters Club Installation Dates:-
 - a) RC Hong Kong Harbour (Rtn In-charge : President Steven Oon)
- President WT Wong asked for international sponsor for their project (sensory room for learning difficulties children) – US 3,000
- Resignation of VP Lawrance Annies to be effective 30 December 2012.

Rotary in the World

Organization and administration

In order to carry out its service programs, Rotary is structured in club, district and international levels. Rotarians are members of their clubs. The clubs are chartered by the global organisation Rotary International (RI) headquartered in Evanston, Indiana. For administrative purposes, the more than 32,000 clubs worldwide are grouped into 529 districts, and the districts into 34 zones.

Club

A plaque showing where the local Rotary Club meets, Durham, England. The Rotary Club is the basic unit of Rotary activity, and each club determines its own membership. Clubs originally were limited to a single club per city, municipality, or town, but Rotary International has encouraged the formation of one or more additional clubs in the largest cities when practical. Each club meets weekly, usually at a mealtime on a weekday in a regular location, when Rotarians can discuss club business and hear from guest speakers. Each club also conducts various service projects within its local community, and participates in special projects involving other clubs in the local district, and occasionally a special project in a "sister club" in another nation. Most clubs also hold social events at least quarterly and in some cases more often.

Each club elects its own president and officers among its active members for a one year term. The clubs enjoy considerable autonomy within the framework of the standard constitution and the constitution and bylaws of Rotary International. The governing body of the club is the Club Board, consisting of the club president (who serves as the Board chairman), a president-elect, club secretary, club treasurer, and several Club Board directors. In the majority of clubs, the immediate past president is also a member of the Board. The president usually appoints the directors to serve as chairs of the major club committees, including those responsible for club service, vocational service, community service, youth service, and international service.

(Next week – Rotary District)

RI News

Five couples inducted into Arch C. Klumph Society on India Day

The Rotary Foundation inducted five couples from India into the Arch C. Klumph Society on 19 June. The society honors those who give at least US\$250,000 to the Foundation. Attendees at the ceremony, held at Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, included the consul general of India in Chicago, Mukta Tomar, and several Rotary senior leaders with their spouses.

India is the second-largest Rotary country in the world, with more than 121,000 Rotarians. "As we induct our friends as members of the Arch C. Klumph Society, we salute their generosity in putting India among the top-giving nations to The Rotary Foundation," said Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan.

Sajjan and Chanda Goenka

Sajjan Goenka is managing director of Texport Industries Ltd., which manufactures and exports clothing. A member of the Rotary Club of Bombay West and a past district governor, Goenka called global polio eradication his "utmost desire" and credited Mahajan with inspiring him, his brothers, and his son to contribute to Rotary's effort to wipe out the disease in India. He made his gift to the Foundation in honor of his late parents, Deviprasad Gangabux Goenka and Shivdevi Deviprasad Goenka.

"Because of [Sajjan's] efforts, scores of people in need have been given access to cataract surgeries, thousands of students have been educated in a state-of-the-art secondary school, and ample supplies of blood have been collected," said 2011-12 RI President Kalyan Banerjee.

He was referring to medical camps sponsored by the Goenka family foundation, a school established by Goenka in his role as general secretary of a Hindu association, and a blood bank created by the Bombay West club with the help of the family foundation and a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

As a district governor in 1982-83, Goenka said, he looked to then-Rotary International director Rajendra K. Saboo (who later served as 1991-92 president) as his "mentor and guru," adding, "I was deeply touched by his philosophy of service and his message that we must always try to enhance the image of the organization to which we belong."

Sudhansu and Mina Bhattacharyya

Sudhansu Bhattacharyya is a cardiac surgeon, and his wife, Mina, is a retired professor of gynecology. "Sharing is a must in today's times," he said. "There comes, in the life of an individual, a stage when he gets an inner drive to give to the society what he has earned from the society. The donor is more blessed than anybody else."

Mahajan referred to Bhattacharyya as "the first doctor to bring cardiac surgery to India. [He] operates on all socioeconomic classes of people, from political figures to film personalities to the very poor, on whom he operates free of charge."

A member of the Rotary Club of Bombay Central, Bhattacharyya said he supports Rotary International because it is a grassroots organization with a diverse membership that "works tirelessly for the uplifting of the community." He praised the Foundation for its transparency and stewardship.

Habil F. and Nafisa Khorakiwala

Habil Khorakiwala chairs Wockhardt Ltd., a global health care enterprise, and also established the Wockhardt Foundation, which operates a fleet of medical vans to provide care in rural and remote areas.

Trustee Mahajan called the Wockhardt Group “one of the finest health care institutes in India” and said that more than 44 million people have received medical care through the Wockhardt Foundation.

A member of the Rotary Club of Bombay North, Khorakiwala also established the Wockhardt HIV/AIDS Education and Research Foundation, known as WHARF, which offers free training for health care providers. Nafisa chairs the organization and assists programs that provide nutrition to HIV-infected children.

Said Habil: “One of the unique contributions that Rotary has made to my life is it has provided a balance. We have been able to create an ethos in our organization that business obviously has to have profit, but that’s not good enough; it has to be acceptable to the community and society in which we live.”

Rajju and Sandra Shroff

Rajju Shroff chairs United Phosphorous, a leading agrochemical firm in India. He and his wife, Sandra, established the Sandra Schroff Nursing College and the Rajju Shroff Institute of Management Studies, several schools, and a 250-bed hospital. Both are members of the Rotary Club of Vapi.

Banerjee, also a member of the Vapi club, credited Rajju with introducing him to Rotary. He called Shroff “an innovator who is responsible for much scientific progress” in the chemical industry. “He helped develop medical facilities in areas around his fledgling businesses and he helped those areas to grow and develop healthy communities,” Banerjee said.

“Rotary has often been a game changer in the lives of young people,” said Sandra. She also referred to the polio eradication campaign as a “path-breaking project. I have no doubt in my mind that Rotary leaders such as Kalyan Banerjee have played an important part in getting to where there has not been a case of polio [in India] for the last 16 months.”

Surya and Foram Varsani

Foram Varsani, originally from India, is a member of the Rotary Club of Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles. She spoke movingly about her husband, Surya, who died in 2009 at the age of 39. He was an assistant district governor and a member of the Rotary Club of Golders Green, Greater London, England.

“His passion was the kind that one feels like saluting. He truly lived the motto of Service Above Self,” she said, and added that the contribution to The Rotary Foundation is in her husband’s memory. “I couldn’t believe the energy he had for all the commitments for running three businesses and to spend so much time and effort [to

help] Rotary improve, to get more members for Rotary clubs, and to raise more funds.”

V.J. Patel, who is Surya’s father and a past district governor and Arch C. Klumph Society member, paid tribute to his son. “Surya joined Rotary before he was 25. . . . He had the hope of becoming a district governor. He also enjoyed the taste of giving and became a Major Donor. He had the wish to become an Arch C. Klumph Society member.”

Source : Rotary International News

Ten lessons learned from the Future Vision pilot

As The Rotary Foundation prepares for the global launch of its new grant model next July, a number of changes are being made based on feedback from Future Vision pilot districts.

Rotarians can expect to see these improvements in coming months:

1. A user-friendly online system for district qualification and grant application
2. A streamlined global grant application process with clearly defined expectations and a list of resources to help applicants get started
3. Clear guidelines on how to meet global grant requirements for area of focus and sustainability
4. Expanded criteria in two areas of focus: basic education and literacy now includes secondary education, and disease prevention and treatment covers prevention of noncommunicable diseases and health promotion; in addition, all areas of focus allow certain types of infrastructure projects
5. The elimination of a requirement that applicants for global grant scholarships provide proof of language testing
6. Adjustments to the composition of vocational training teams, reducing the minimum number of travelers to three and allowing, with Foundation approval, the team leader to be a non-Rotarian
7. Funding for international travel to implement global grant projects
8. An option for a contingency fund of up to 20 percent of the total district grant spending plan
9. A reduction in the minimum budget for a packaged grant from US\$50,000 to \$30,000
10. The addition of a district stewardship subcommittee to ensure careful management of grant funds

The Foundation expects these improvements to help Rotarians develop projects that meet the eligibility requirements for global grants, thus reducing the time from application through payment.

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60+ & Still Going Strong

To all my senior friends,

Sixty plus and Going Strong.

There are 1000-year old trees in the mountain, but not many 100-year old people.....

At the most, you live until 100 years old (only 1 in 100,000).

If you live until 90, you only have 10 years. If you live until 80, you only have 20 years.

Because you don't have many years to live, and you can't take along things when you go, you don't have to be too thrifty. Spend the money that should be spent, enjoy what should be enjoyed, donate what you are able to donate, but don't leave all to your children or grandchildren, for you don't want them to become parasites.

Don't worry about what will happen after you are gone, because when you return to dust, you will feel nothing about praises or criticisms.

Don't worry too much about your children for children will have their own destiny and find their own way.

Don't be your children's slave.

Don't expect too much from your children.

Caring children, though caring, would be too busy with their jobs and commitments to render any help.

Uncaring children may fight over your assets even when you are still alive, and wish for your early demise so they can inherit your properties.

Your children take for granted that they are rightful heirs to your wealth; but you have no claims to their money.

60-year olds like you, don't trade in your health for wealth anymore, because your money may not be able to buy your health. When to stop making money, and how much is enough (hundred thousands, million, ten million)?

Out of thousand hectares of good farmland, you can only consume three quarts (of rice) daily; out of a thousand of mansions, you only need eight square meters of space to rest at night.

So as long as you have enough food and enough money to spend, that is good enough.

So you should live happily. Every family has its own problems. Just do not compare with others for fame and social status and see whose children are doing better, etc. but challenge others for happiness, health and longevity.....

Don't worry about things that you can't change because it doesn't help and it may spoil your health.

You have to create your own wellbeing and find your own happiness;

As long as you are in good mood, think about happy things, do happy things daily and have fun in doing, then you will pass your time happily every day.

One day passes, you will lose one day;

One day passes with happiness, and then you gain one day.

In good spirit, sickness will cure; in happy spirit, sickness will cure fast; in good and happy spirit; sickness will never come.

With good mood, suitable amount of exercise, always in the sun, variety of foods, reasonable amount of vitamin and mineral intake, hopefully you will live another 20 or 30 years of healthy life.

Above all learn to cherish the goodness around

..... and FRIENDS

..... they all make you feel young and "wanted"

..... without them you are surely to feel lost!!

Please share this with all your friends who are 60 plus and those who will be 60 plus after some time.

Wishing you Love in your Heart

.... Peace in your Soul

.... and Joy in your Life

.... Always

May you always have

.... Love to share,

.... Health to spare and

.... Friends that care...

Paul C K Lee

Are you Happy ?

On a certain occasion, during an elegant welcoming reception for the new Director of Marketing of an important London company, some of the wives of the other directors, who wanted to get acquainted with the new spouse, asked her with some hesitation:

Does your spouse make you happy, truly happy?

The husband, who at the moment was not at her side, but was sufficiently near to hear the question, paid attention to the conversation, sitting up slightly, feeling secure, even filling his chest lightly in pride, knowing that his spouse would answer affirmatively, since she had always been there for him during their marriage.

Nevertheless, to both his and the others' surprise, she replied simply

"No, no he doesn't make me happy..."

The room became uncomfortably silent, as if everyone were listening to the spouse's response.

The husband was petrified.

He couldn't believe what his wife was saying, especially at such an important occasion for him.

To the amazement of her husband and of everyone, she simply placed enigmatically on her head an elegant black silk scarf and continued:

"No, he doesn't make me happy ...I AM HAPPY."

The fact that I am happy or not, doesn't depend on him, but on me.

"I am the only person upon which my happiness depends.

I make the choice to be happy in each situation and in each moment of my life.

If my happiness were to depend on other people, on other things or circumstances on the face of this earth, I would be in serious trouble!

"Everything that exists in this life changes continually:

humans, wealth, my body, the climate, pleasures, etc.

I could enumerate an infinite list...

"Over my life I have learned a couple of things:

I decide to be happy and the rest is a matter of "experiences or circumstances;"

like helping, and understanding, accepting, listening, consoling;

and with my spouse, I have lived and practiced this many times....

Happiness will always be found in forgiveness and in loving yourself and others.

...It's not the responsibility of my spouse to make me happy ... He also has his "experiences or circumstances."

I love him and he loves me, often in spite of his circumstances and of mine.

"He changes, I change, the environment changes, everything changes;

Having forgiveness and true love, and observing these changes, that can be, big or little, but always happen, we if the must face them with the love that exists in each one of us.

Two of us love and forgive each other, the changes will only be "experiences or circumstances" that enrich us and give us strength.

Otherwise we would only be "living together."

For some, divorce is the only solution; (...in reality it is the easiest...)

To truly love, is difficult, It is to forgive unconditionally, to live, To take the "experiences or circumstances" as they are, Facing them together and being happy with conviction.

There are those who say:

"I cannot be happy because I am sick, because I have no money,

Because it's too cold, because they insulted me,

Because someone stopped loving me,

Because someone didn't appreciate me!"

But what you don't know is that you can be happy even though you are sick,

whether it is too hot, whether you have money or not,

Whether someone has insulted you,

Or someone didn't love you, or hasn't valued you.

BEING HAPPY is an attitude about life and each one of us must decide !

BEING HAPPY, depends on you !

Quotes of great people

1. "Rotary takes ordinary people and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible." Clem Renouf, RI President '78/79
2. "No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle and good, without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness." Phillips Brooks
3. To me, a successful life is to be able to say to oneself, "I have done everything to the best of my ability." George (Mingo) K M Chin
4. "The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green." Thomas Carlyle
5. "The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be." Socrates
6. "When a work lifts your spirits and inspires bold and noble thoughts in you, do not look for any other standard to judge by: the work is good, the product of a master craftsman." La Bruyere
7. "The sages do not consider that making no mistakes is a blessing. They believe, rather, that the great virtue of man lies in his ability to correct his mistakes and continually make a new man of himself." Wang Yang-Ming
8. "Friendship is a living thing that lasts only as long as it is nourished with kindness, sympathy and understanding. Friendship that is bought will not stay bought; sooner or later there will be a higher bidder." Shehzad Ahmed
9. "There was no such thing as half-trying. Whether it was running a race or catching a football, competing in school - we were to try. And we were to try harder than anyone else. We might not be the best, and none of us were, but we were to make the effort to be the best." Robert F Kennedy
10. "People of widely divergent views in our country live in peace together because they share certain common aspirations which are more important than their differences. The common responsibility of all Americans is to become effective, helpful participants in a way of life that blends and harmonizes the fiercely competitive demands of the individual and society." Dwight D. Eisenhower
11. "I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it . . . but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." Oliver Wendell Holmes
12. "You can have anything you want - if you want it badly enough. You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose." Abraham Lincoln
13. "Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your soul; the blue prints of your ultimate accomplishments." Napoleon Hill
14. John F. Kennedy : "We must seek above all a world of peace in which peoples dwell together in mutual respect and work together in mutual regard."
15. Paul Harris said "Wealth is too high priced when its cost is honour, integrity or happiness."
16. Eleanor Roosevelt, that great American first lady who worked for peace and on behalf of needy people everywhere - "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Gaelic blessing:

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm on your face;
May the rain fall softly on your fields
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Man & Woman:

An English professor wrote the words, "Woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and directed his students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

Honesty:

No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be true. Nathaniel Hawthorne

A Baby:

A baby is a small member of the family that makes love stronger, days shorter, nights longer, the bankroll smaller, the home happier, clothes shabbier, the past forgotten, and the future worth living.

Trust:

Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Time:

Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever. Horace Mann

Remember the three R's:

Respect for yourself;
Respect for others;
Responsibility for all your actions.