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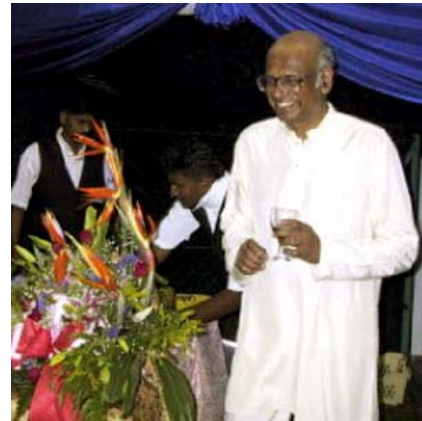
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Deepavali Celebration At President Kanes' House.

President Kanes and his wife, Rajes, generously hosted a Deepavali celebration at their home in Petaling Jaya. Many Rotarians and ladies from the Inner Wheel attended and a pictorial record of the occasion shows how much the evening was enjoyed by all. The age span of Rotarians and their families was well represented with, at one end, PP Dato Lau Foo Sun (FS) and at the other, Jamil Spatafore Abdullah's (James) four month old daughter

Clockwise

- President Kanes enjoys a joke
- Selina & Daughter
- Rtn Mohd Ali & Rtn Steve Lau
- Rtn William Lau & others
- Inner Wheel Members
- Dato Lau Foo Sun with Ann & President Kanes



Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 29.10.2003

Meetings of the Service Committees

International will meet on **29.10.2003** (Wednesday) at 2.00pm at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur

Community Service will meet on **30.10.2003** (Thursday) at 5.30pm at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur

Vocational Service Meeting will meet on **05.11.2003** (Wednesday) at 2.00pm at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur

New Generation Service meeting will meet on **11.11.2003** (Tuesday) at 5.30pm at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur

Board of Director Meeting will meet on **04.11.2003** (Tuesday) at 6.00pm at Malacca Room, Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur

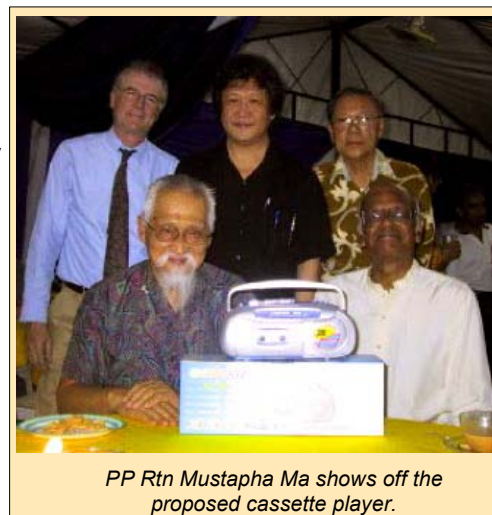
Notices

Lunch will be served at noon during Ramadan and our regular meeting will follow at 1pm.

The 'Read To Me' Campaign

Members will recall reading about the Read to Me campaign in one of our July bulletins. The scheme is the one where adults – especially parents – are encouraged to read aloud, every day for 10 minutes, to children between the ages of 18 months and 4 years.

The campaign includes the provision of tape readings that can be played to the child at a convenient time if the reader is unable to be present in person. With this in mind, Rotarians have now identified an inexpensive cassette player for use in the campaign. The player is currently being assessed before a bulk purchase order is made.



This unique 'Read to Me' programme aims to instill the love of reading as a lifelong habit and motivate families to read together; ever more important in these times of solitary television, computer games and internet viewing. "We have concentrated so hard on teaching children how to read, that we have forgotten to teach them to want to read" – Jim Trelease, author of the Read Aloud Handbook

Club Attendance Figures:

October 2003			
01/10/03	63.1%(Provisional)	15/10/03	47.7%(Provisional)
08/10/03	58.9%(Provisional)	22/10/03	49.6%(Provisional)

Lunch Programme – October & November

Wed. Oct 29	- Building Your Reputation With Help From The News Media	- Farland Chang
Wed. Nov 5	- Matching Grants	- S. Sen Gupta

This Week's Speaker

Farland Chang

Former Business News Anchorman and Correspondent for CNN International. An Emmy award winning journalist, Farland has reported on business and news events from all over Asia and North America. In Asia, Farland launched CNN's "Asia Business Morning," anchored "BizAsia," and contributed to CNN's Moneyline with Lou Dobbs.

Before CNN, he served as network correspondent for NBC News, covering national news for NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw and MSNBC's Brian Williams. Earlier, he reported for local television and radio news organizations in Seattle, Philadelphia, New York, Washington, DC, Hawaii and Guam.

He received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University in Government; master's degree from the Columbia University School of Journalism; and postgraduate certificate from the University of Bristol, England, in Radio Film and TV. Farland founded WorldBizWatch, a media strategy and video production company.

Last Week's Speaker Report Back: Sharon Soon

Topic: Empowering Caregivers

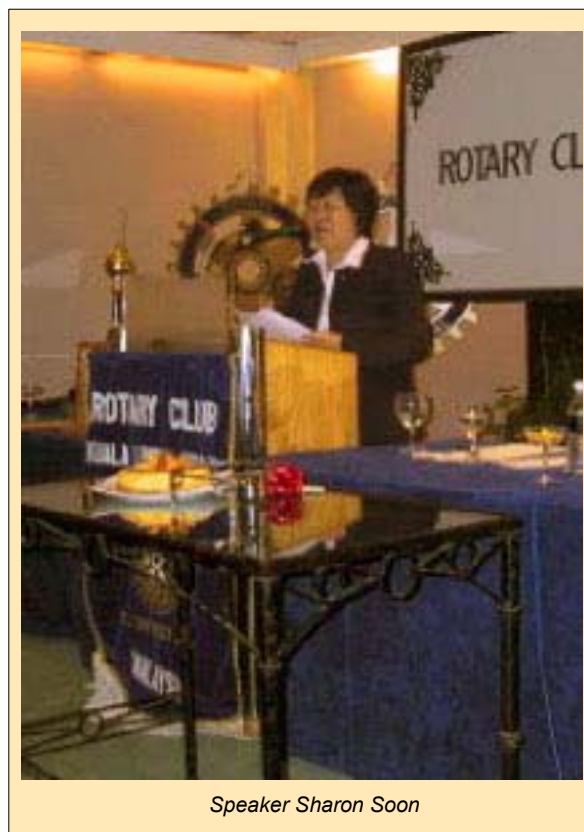
Rtn Tai Beng Chai introduced today's speaker whose subject is likely to be an issue with all of us at some time in our lives; either as a giver of care or as a recipient of it.

With an ageing global population, there are currently some 600 million elderly adults (defined as above the age of 65!) and the numbers likely to grow, even in countries like Malaysia with relatively young populations, the giving of care to this group of people is a need that has to be met and provided for. All too often the task falls on family members the majority of whom are untrained and many of whom are completely unprepared for it.

Confusion about what is expected, ignorance of medical conditions and uncertainty about the quality of the care they are providing often leads to depression, social isolation and a withdrawal from normal day to day life. The needs of the caregivers are often as great as the care receivers but get far less attention. Caregivers at some stage will have to resume their lives – jobs, social activities and it is important that Caregivers preserve their own identity and interests during the period they are looking after someone.

Sharon encouraged caregivers not to be too hard on themselves, to keep up their hobbies, social interests and work skills – it might even be an opportunity to upgrade them and take breaks and share the load. Being a caregiver is an emotional rollercoaster and the caregiver has a responsibility not just to their patient but to themselves as well. So her sound advice was don't be too stoic, don't become a martyr, try to share the load and don't be afraid to ask for help.

P.P.Vincent Wong passed the vote of thanks to Sharon Soon, commenting briefly on his own family experiences of caregiving with his parents.



Speaker Sharon Soon

Birthday Boys

Rtn Lim Che Wan on 29.10.2003

Rtn Attan Akmar on 01.11.2003

Rtn Daniel Yeoh Beng Teong on 03.11.2003



Ann's Birthdays

Beng Im Ann of Rtn Loo Kok Yuen on 31.10.2003

Cecilia Hwang Le Ching Ann Rtn Vincent Wong Wai Sang on 02.11.2003

Kim Fah Milward Ann PP Jason Gan on 03.11.2003

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn Steve Lau Keng Lim & Kong Wai Fun on 31.10.2003

Islamic Organization Renews Commitment To Polio Eradication

Heads of state of the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) have adopted a resolution to eradicate polio in the remaining polio-endemic OIC countries. The resolution, presented during the 10th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held 11-18 October in Putrajaya, Malaysia, urges the countries to accelerate efforts to wipe out the polio virus. It also calls on the international community, including OIC member states and philanthropic organizations in the Islamic world, to raise funds necessary to halt transmission of the virus completely by 2005.

Six of the world's seven polio-endemic countries are OIC members: Nigeria, Pakistan, Egypt, Afghanistan, Niger, and Somalia. Leaders in the global fight against polio welcomed the landmark resolution by the OIC. "OIC countries have demonstrated their resolve to protect their children against polio, with 51 of its 57 member states already polio-free," said Dr David Heymann, representative of the World Health Organization's Director-General for Polio Eradication, in addressing the summit conference. "However, the remaining endemic countries are also endangering children in polio-free areas. Three previously polio-free OIC countries have been reinfected this year, demonstrating again how important it is that we finish the job."



"Rotary's 1.2 million members are dedicated to wiping out polio, having committed volunteer support and well over US\$500 million to this effort," said Jonathan Majiyagbe, president of Rotary International. "The OIC resolution is an important step to protecting the world's collective investment in the eradication initiative." UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Kul Gautam congratulated the OIC on its decision, calling it a vital step toward a major victory for children of the Islamic world. "No country is safe from polio if its neighbors are not," said Gautam. "This disease continues to wreak havoc and cost countries millions of dollars wherever it appears; but common purpose and common action will be the swiftest route to a polio-free world for all of us."

The OIC resolution on polio eradication responds to concerns raised by many OIC countries at the World Health Assembly in May 2003 about the risk that transmission of the virus anywhere poses to polio-free countries. The OIC resolution also follows reaffirmation of commitments to eradicate polio made by leaders of the African Union and G8 countries at their respective summits earlier in 2003.



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