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Jim Christianson helps children paint a school in Mala, Peru (right). Dave Groner comforts a child who has just been vaccinated against polio during a National Immunization Day in India. Members of a Group Study Exchange team — one of the first to visit Vietnam — deliver clothing to a residential facility for street children in the city of Da Nang. Simona Pinton of Italy, one of the first Rotary World Peace Scholars, interviews witnesses in Rwanda about the atrocities committed during the 1994 genocide. In Seattle, Sharon Gantz Bloome (who serves as her district's grant coordinator) calls a Rotarian in South Africa about the status of a grant that is assisting AIDS patients in that country.

These snapshots of service were all made possible by The Rotary Foundation of RI. They are vivid images that illustrate how one person's participation can turn into passion for helping others. Many club members admit that they didn't understand the true meaning of service until they began supporting the Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation started as the dream of one man, 1916-17 RI President Arch C. Klumph, who envisioned an endowment fund "for the purpose of doing good in the world." The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Mo., USA, made the first contribution in the modest amount of \$26.50. Since 1928, when it was formally established, The Rotary Foundation has provided more than \$1.4 billion in grants for projects in 166 countries. "The Foundation allows people to fund their dreams," says Major Donor Yusuf Kodwawala of Kenya.

The following articles offer personal perspectives on the Foundation. For Rotarians like Christianson (who received the 2002-03 Alumni Service to Humanity Award), The Rotary Foundation has been a springboard to other service projects. He has returned to Peru eight times, sometimes at his own expense. The Foundation has redefined his life and provided new meaning. Christianson says he is "infected with service," a powerful but benevolent virus.

Even Rotarians who cannot travel to far-away destinations have found they can still make a difference by raising funds or expediting the grant process. With dozens of successful grant applications behind her, Bloome says: "I wound up helping thousands and thousands of faceless people. "It's kind of like Christmas all the time for me. It's that feeling of wrapping the gifts."

Thanks to the generosity of Rotarians who support The Rotary Foundation, that spirit of giving will last all year round.



The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. If you wish to learn more about the Rotary Foundation, kindly visit the following web address: <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>

Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 12.11.2003

Meetings of the Service Committees

- Club Service Meeting will meet on **18.11.2003 (Tuesday)** at 5.30pm at Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

- Fellowship Service & International Service Meeting will meet on **19.11.2003 (Wednesday)** at 2.30pm at Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

- Community Service meeting will meet on **20.11.2003 (Thursday)** at 5.30pm Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

Note from the Editor:

I shall be overseas for the next two weeks. Rtn Chong Soon Yong has kindly agreed to produce Berita Rotary in my absence. Please send items for inclusion to Chong Soon at cs-yong@streamyx.com



Club's Attendance Report

September 03 – 56.3%

October 03 - 54.2% (provisional)

November 05 - 53.3% (Provisional)

Club Membership as at 31 October 2003

Total Membership: 123

Exempted: 16

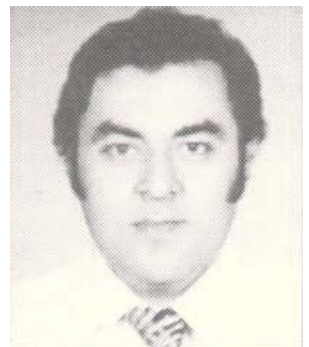
Active: 107

Terminated: 4

Deceased: 1

Eulogy for Rotarian Jeswant Singh King

Rotarian Jeswant Singh King passed away in the early hours of Friday 7th November 2003 aged 54. He leaves behind his wife Sharon Kaur, his sons Baghvin Singh and Jasvin Singh and daughter Sharvin Kaur and his mother Paghman Kaur. Jeswant joined the club in 1979 with the classification Real Estate-Agency. He was the proprietor of King's Agency - a real estate firm. He served as Director of Fellowship in the rotary year 1982/83. He lived near Jalan Pahang where he hosted a fellowship for new members when he was Fellowship Director. He was a quiet member who helped in various service projects from time to time.



A few years ago he tried his hand carrying on a textile business but gave it up and reverted to real estate. In 2003 his attendance at meetings slackened as his health was failing him. He had a heart problem and diabetes. His remains were cremated according to Sikh rites at the Loke Yew Crematorium at 2pm on the same day. His untimely death will be deeply felt by his family and friends. Today would have been his wedding anniversary. The President, Board of Directors and members of our club extend their deepest condolences to the family.

This Week's Speaker: Master Carl Kao

Master Kao is a Taiwanese born in Taipei in 1951. At the age of 16 he learnt and mastered the arts of Tang Sho Dao (a combination of Chinese martial arts), Chinese physiotherapy and acupuncture. At the same time he also took up Chinese medical studies. Subsequently, as a disciple of Grandmaster Chiao Chang Hong, Master Kao practiced and mastered the arts of Little Nine Heaven Systems which includes martial art, swordsmanship, various forms of Chi Kung and Meditation. In late 1970's, Grandmaster Chiao sent Master Kao out to teach Chi Kung in Taiwan. This signaled the start of his Teaching which took him to Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong and USA. Master Kao has been awarded and honoured by numerous Kung-Fu associations.

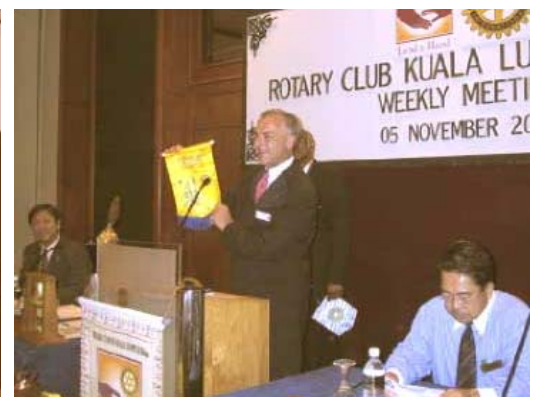
Last Week's Speaker Report Back: PP Sen Gupta (R.C. Gombak)

Rtn. Nanda, Harbhajan Lal introduced the speaker whose topic - 'Matching Grants' - although technical was vital to furthering the objectives of Rotary. The Rotary Foundation disperses the grants to enable joint projects between Rotary Clubs and Districts from different countries. The 'matching' rules for the grants are complex, but the projects must meet strict criteria. The project must meet the needs of the community, preferably with community involvement, they must have active Rotary club involvement – they're not about 'cheque book rotarianism', and the project must not result in any benefit to either a club or Rotarian.

Grants cannot be used to buy, build or renovate structures or property. So quite properly matching grants do carry clear and well tested criteria for their selection but as PP Bin Teck observed when giving his vote of thanks to Sen Gupta, the multiplying effect of 'Matching Grants' has helped many projects get off the ground and RCKL DIRAJA has as good a reason as any to be grateful for their existence.



PP Penny Ritthikan Hatyai Nakarin (Thailand) rallies support for the forthcoming District Conference.



Dr Jan Dreyer of Hamburg-Ballencese greets club members.



Dr Low Bin Tick presents P.P. Sen Gupta with certificate of appreciation for his talk.



Rtn Leow Poh Swee cuts the birthday cake.

President's Message

Japanese Rotarians have a proud tradition of supporting The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. In 2002-03, they donated more than US\$17 million, the second-highest amount from any country that year. In tribute to their generosity and willingness to ***Lend a Hand, I have chosen this month to wear a haori, the traditional formal attire for men attending ceremonial occasions in Japan.***

November is The Rotary Foundation Month, a time for all Rotarians to consider the many ways in which they can support Foundation programs and projects around the world. The Foundation is our most effective vehicle for fighting hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy. People who are deprived of life's basic necessities understandably may feel fear, hopelessness, and desperation — emotions that can breed anger and intolerance and even lead to violence. Through the Foundation, we can carry out humanitarian projects that improve the standard of living worldwide. These efforts will provide a stable foundation for peace and promote international understanding.

In 2002, The Rotary Foundation embarked on a visionary program that provides advanced education and practical training in the field of international relations and diplomacy. Each year, 70 scholars study at seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Our hope is that these gifted men and women will be tomorrow's international leaders, diplomats, and peacemakers. The Foundation offers Rotarians an opportunity to participate in humanitarian and educational projects that make a difference. They can refurbish a school, build a water well, deliver medical supplies, provide vocational training, and immunize a child. The Rotary Foundation allows Rotarians to transform their ideas into action and turn dreams into reality.

I am perhaps most proud of the Foundation's greatest effort to date: PolioPlus. Rotarians made history by launching an unprecedented public-private partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Together, we have wiped out 99 percent of the polio cases worldwide. Rotarians have played a leading role, volunteering both time and money. Most recently, they surpassed the \$80 million fundraising goal set last year. We must continue to marshal our resources and persevere until we eradicate polio, an accomplishment that will stand as our gift to the world's children.

As Carol Bellamy, executive director of UNICEF, has said, "Rotary has won a place of respect in the global village — in fact, Rotary has helped make the world a global village."

Jonathan Majiyagbe

President, Rotary International



Birthday Boys

Rtn Kenneth Chin on 13.11.2003
Rtn Ng Hock Boon on 15.11.2003
Dato' Ham Ah Nee on 18.11.2003

Anns Birthdays

Claudia Liu Ann of Rtn Lawrence Kong on 12.11.2003
Liz St Clair-Legge Ann of Rtn Peter Hallett on 16.11.2003
Pauline Wong Ann of Rtn Daniel Yeoh Beng Teong on 16.11.2003
Datin Pek Ling Ann of PDG Dato' Beh Lye Huat on 18.11.2003

Wedding Anniversaries

PP Dato' Jimmy Lim & Datin Brenda on 14.11.2003
Rtn Richard Soo on 14.11.2003



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