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President's Message

January brings a new year and with it new opportunities to learn more about Rotary and the many cultures it represents.

This month, I am wearing a hat similar to those sported by vaqueros, the cowboys of Brazil's northeastern plains. Brazil is a vast country, and covering land as the vaqueros do is no small task. These rugged cattle-herders, who have long been known for their skill and bravery, have developed a culture rich in character and tradition.

Rotarians, too, have a proud history, marked by achievement and growth. In fact, so deep is our history and so much have we grown that while most of us can name major Rotary milestones and understand the basic workings of our organization, far fewer know the complete story of the many programs and opportunities Rotary offers. Fortunately, January is Rotary Awareness Month, a perfect time to refresh your knowledge of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

As Rotarians, we have access to a network of more than 1.2 million service-minded colleagues and a variety of well-established programs designed to foster fellowship and ethical behaviour, promote world peace and understanding, and provide humanitarian service. With so many activities and options available, the task of learning about everything might seem daunting. But there are numerous publications, educational meetings, and, of course, fellow Rotarians who can help you learn more about specific aspects of the Rotary experience. Even if you think you've learnt all there is to know about RI and The Rotary Foundation, you might be surprised at what you discover.

Rotary awareness isn't only about our organization's history. It's about our future. If Rotary clubs want to attract new members, seasoned Rotarians must be prepared to share their knowledge. Prospective members will want to know all about the opportunities for service and the resources available to them if they join a Rotary club. And whenever we welcome a new member, there are traditions to pass along and a rich heritage to share. As Past RI President Richard L. Evans once said: "A man may have a great truth, he may produce a great product, ... he may make a great discovery, but if he dies and no one benefits, it's because he did not share."

Time spent learning about Rotary is an investment in the future. Informed members can inspire other Rotarians with their knowledge and engage non-Rotarians by sharing what it means to be a member. I urge you to use this month to learn more about Rotary. When we truly understand Rotary's history and tradition of service, we're better prepared to welcome new members and Lend a Hand in our communities and around the world.

Jonathan Majiyagbe
President, Rotary International



One Minute Wisdom

What is the cause of evil? "Ignorance," said the Master.

"And how is it dispelled?" "Not by effort but by light. By understanding, not by action."

Later the Master added: "The sign of enlightenment is peace – you stop fleeing when you see you are only being pursued by the fantasies your fears have fabricated."

Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 07.01.2004

Please be notified that our **Regular Meeting** on Wednesday 07.01.2004 is **postponed** to the followings:

Date: 8th January 2004

Time: 12:00 noon

Venue: Penthouse, Dewan Bandaraya, Jalan Raja Laut.

Cost: RM30.00 per pax

- Vocational Service will meet on **07.01.2004 (Wednesday) at 2.00pm** at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.
- New Generation will meet on **13.01.2004 (Tuesday) at 5.30pm** at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.
- Club Service will meet on **20.1.2004 (Tuesday) at 6.00pm** at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.

URGENT

PROJECT LEADER WANTED - ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARTY

The President of the Royal Selangor Club Dato' V. C. George has asked his entertainment committee chairman Mr Larry Seow to co-operate with the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Diraja to carry out this project using the field and facilities at the Bukit Kiara Annexe.

Any member or Past President wishing to lead a team to carry out this project is urgently requested to contact PP Dato' Kunhi Mohamed our Community Service Director so that the community service committee can recommend the chairman for this project to the board. The tentative date for this function is 1st February 2004.

Earth Quake - Bam, Iran: Relief Fund

Total donations received from 37 Rotarians, RM11,040 (paid RM 6,140). Appeal Fund Project is still open.

BAM: A popular tourist town, 1000 km from Teheran. Former population: 80,000 Death toll: Estimated 50,000. Injured 30,000. Quake 6.3 Richter Scale magnitude struck while people asleep. The scope of tragedy was so vast that a reliable death toll was impossible to give. Temperature - close to freezing point. They had to use bulldozers to bury dead bodies. The main football stadium has been converted into a morgue with hundreds of bodies placed in rows across the pitch.

While we are busy buying school books for our children and getting bags and uniforms, let our compassion reach out to the thousands of Iranian children who have lost their parents in an instant. We Rotarians are caring and generous people. Let us donate what we can. Urgently required items include: money, blankets, warm clothing, food, milk powder, and medicines.

Contact Person: PP Dato Kunhi Mohamed, **Email:** mvk30@tm.net.my

Annual General Meeting: 31st December 2003

The meeting was held at the Shangri La after the normal lunch time meeting. The agenda had two items; approval of account for both the Club and the Charity Foundation and appointment of the Board for the year 2004/05.

The accounts were taken first and a lively discussion with numerous questions from members took place. This writer was completely lost with the detail of it all but was reassured the club was well endowed with a plethora of Chartered Accountants and other Financial Experts.

We were reminded that the accounts being considered were for the year ended 30th June 2002, some eighteen months ago and that, due to the stringent financial regime followed by the club since, the financial position had now improved significantly. We were reassured the club was not bankrupt and that the deficit shown in the account of RM86K had since been reduced. We were also reassured that the Charity Foundation funds although including a debt due from the club of RM128K and a small negative balance on it's accumulated fund of RM6,379 as at 30th June 2002 there were still substantial funds and since then the situation was much healthier.

Perhaps some of the confusion for the non-accountants among the clubs members could be avoided if the period of time elapsing between the accounts being closed and presented to the club could be reduced. Also, circulation of a statement by the Treasurer before the meeting might help the less numerate amongst us. Nevertheless keeping and presenting the financial records is a thankless task and the accounts were approved by the club and a big vote of thanks given to the treasurer Rtn Chiu Kim Boo on his valuable work.

The simpler and more straightforward matter of confirming the Board for the year 2004-2005 was approved. The list of Board members with their portfolio is:

President Elect	Rtn Low Kok Hwa
Vice President	Rtn David Teh
Secretary	Rtn Freddy Chan
Treasurer	Rtn Wong Cham Meow
Club Service Director	PP Vincent Wong Wai Sang
Community Service Director	Rtn Willie Tham
Vocational Service Director	Rtn Steve Lau Keng Lim
Service to New Generations Director	Rtn Hardeep Singh
International Service Director	Rtn Horst Wippem
Fellowship Director	Rtn Tony Lu Loy Heong



Rtn Chiu Kim Boo answering searching questions from members at the AGM



Rtns Louis Cheah, Lim Che Wan and Ramli Ibrahim posing difficult questions at the AGM



Birthday boys - President Kanesh & Rtn Hardeep Singh



Rtn Rizal Sardon and Rtn Chiu Kim Boo helping themselves to the Shang's good food



Guests - Cik Zuraidah Zainal Abidin & Ms Elaine



PDG Dato Beh Lye Huat and guest Mdm Jessie Wang

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

23rd, 28th February 2004 to 6th March 2004, Auditorium Dewan Bandaraya



All members are requested to donate generously to this project.
Proceeds go to Polio Plus

OBJECTS - As a major community service project during Rotary's Centenary Year, the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Diraja will organize a festival of traditional instrumental music for boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 15. The object of the event is to promote an interest in music among boys and girls to improve their quality of education. The event will be held under the distinguished patronage of DYMM Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

FORM - There will be 4 sections Malay, Chinese, Indian and Indigenous Sabah & Sarawak. The event will be in the form of a friendly competition. Each team (of between 2 to 10 children) must play 2 pieces of traditional music of 5 minutes duration each. If the team survives the elimination and semi finals and goes to the finals there is a rule that the team cannot play the same piece more than twice. There will be independent judges. The closing date for entries is 15th January 2004. Applications stating the names and addresses of the teacher or school, names and address of the participants and instruments to be used must be sent to :

Festival of Music Committee

Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Diraja
5th Floor, Wisma T.K.Tang
4 Jalan Yap Ah Loy
50050 Kuala Lumpur

Telephone : 2070 2299 (Liza)
Fax : 2078 2845



The winning team in each section will get a prize of RM4,000 the second team RM2,000 and the third RM1,000. Each teacher or music school should send only their best team to participate in the event. The elimination rounds for this festival will be held on Monday 23rd February 2004, a public holiday. The semi finals on Saturday 28th February 2004 and the finals on Saturday 6th March 2004. All events will be held at the Auditorium of the Dewan Bandaraya, Jalan Raja Laut, Kuala Lumpur. The winners will also be sent to Singapore to play in a concert there on Saturday, 13th March 2004 to promote international understanding and goodwill. The Rotary Club of Singapore will be their hosts there.

Any further particulars about the technical details and specific music to be played may be obtained by writing to Festival of Music Committee, Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Diraja.

Birthday Boys

Rtn Dr. Seow Pin Kwong on 11.01.2004

Ann's Birthdays

Datin Regina Lee Ann of PP Dato' Low Bin Tick on 08.01.2004

Wedding Anniversaries

None



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