



Lend a Hand

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## Rotary world sends relief to victims of Iran quake.

February is designated as World Understanding month in the Rotary Calendar and what better practical demonstration could there be than the relief effort by Rotarians around the world for the victims of the Earthquake in Bam, Iran. Here is some of what has been contributed:

Rotary clubs across the world are rallying to the aid of the victims of the devastating earthquake that flattened Bam, Iran, on the night of 26 December 2003. More than 30,000 residents of the 2,000-year-old city were killed and some 80,000 left homeless by the disaster.

Rotarians in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom are using the existing disaster response infrastructure of the Shelterbox initiative to contribute toward the essential needs of survivors. Three days after the disaster struck, U.S. and UK Rotarians dispatched 110 shelterboxes to Bam through Feed the Children, a UK-registered nonprofit organization.

As its name suggests, a shelterbox is a survival kit that typically contains a tent, sleeping bags, water purifying tablets, candles, rope, shovel, windup flashlight, cooking pans and other essential tools and equipment. Each shelterbox costs on average US\$660-\$725.

The shelterbox initiative in Canada has since joined the Bam effort and together Rotarians in the three countries sent 100 more kits to Iran on 13 January.

"Rotarians are involved in this important aid project not only because of the obvious benefit to those affected but because it makes them feel good about themselves and Rotary when they see, as did the Rotarians in my Rotary Club of Ladysmith, a quick, direct, and tangible benefit for the money and effort they have contributed," says Alan J. Lomax, coordinator of Shelterbox Canada.

The shelterboxes will provide a temporary roof for homeless families, in addition to furnishing the basics to help them start their lives over. Government and relief agencies in southern Iran say that some 15,000 mobile or makeshift homes are urgently needed.

Closer to Bam, the Rotary and Rotaract clubs of Manama and Sulmaniya, Bahrain, also scrambled to the aid of survivors through the Bahrain Red Crescent Society. "[We] donated 900 blankets, about 400 towels, 700 heaters, four generators, and basic needs like clothing and kitchenware," said Wesam Baqer, president of the Rotaract Club of Manama-Sulmaniya, to the Bahrain Tribune.



And just an update on our own club's appeal for the Bam Earthquake:

PP Dato Hj Kunhi Mohamed updates that the BAM appeal has now risen to RM11,240.00 from the club and that a cheque for this amount will be presented to Datuk Dr Jemilah Mahmood and Tunku Azilah at the clubs lunch time meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Dato Kunhi urged all those who have pledged but not yet paid their contributions to do so before the 4<sup>th</sup> February.

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## Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 04.02.2004

- Vocational Service will meet on **04.02.2004 (Wednesday)** at 2.00pm at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.

- New Generation Service will meet on **09.02.2004 (Monday)** at 5.30pm at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.

- Club Service will meet on **10.02.2004 (Tuesday)** and followed by Fellowship dinner to be hosted by PDG Dato' Beh Lye Huat.

- Board of Director will meet on **04.02.2004 (Wednesday)** at 6.00pm Kuala Lumpur Room, Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.

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### Chap Goh Mei Fellowship Dinner Reminder

The Chinese Fellowship 'Chap Goh Mei' dinner will be held on the evening of February 5th. All non Chinese members of the club are invited as guests of the Chinese members. Those Chinese members who have pledged beverages are reminded by PP Dato Ham to bring them along on the night.

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### E-Berita Mailing List

Some members have enquired if the club's membership list is being used or accessed for marketing purposes because they have started to receive unwanted promotions into their emails.

We can give an assurance to all members the Rotary Mailing list that is used ONLY to inform the members about the Weekly Berita Rotary. However spamming is a problem and the longer an email box is open the more likely its address will be captured by spammers and the like. Here therefore is some advice from Digital Smartland.

'When it comes to spam / unwanted emails, we also go through the same experience. Our business or personal emails are also being hit by those unwanted emails. Email spamming is a global menace.

When you receive any spam email or unwanted messages, do not reply to them. If you reply, they will know that your email account is active. What you can do is to block the email. If you use Outlook Express, please perform the following:

1. Click on the Spam / Unwanted email (to open up the email)
2. Go to the top bar menu and look for MESSAGE
3. Click on MESSAGE
4. A drop down menu will appear. Click on BLOCK SENDER to block all future email from the same email address.

If you have an active email account (for personal or business usage) say [abc@yahoo.com](mailto:abc@yahoo.com), please use this account for the mentioned purposes only. If you subscribe to yahoo e-zines or any other newsletters from the net (using this address), you will end up getting those unwanted emails.

Therefore, if you wish to subscribe e-zines or join e-groups etc, please use another email account for this purpose. The spammers will bombard this secondary email account while your primary email account ([abc@yahoo.com](mailto:abc@yahoo.com)) is not affected.'

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### Lunch Time Speaker - 4th February 2004

The lunch time speaker on Wednesday 4th February is Datuk Dr Jemilah of Mercy Malaysia. Mercy Malaysia is carrying out charitable projects in Iran and other countries.

### One Minute Wisdom

The Master had a large skull-and-bones CAUTION sign set up in the monastery library and it reads: BOOKS KILL

"Why?" someone wanted to know. "Because books breed ideas that can breeze into beliefs thereby causing a hardening of the mind and a distorted perception of REALITY."

## World Understanding - Rotary Theme for February

President Kanesalingam and First Lady Rajeswari hosted Rotarian Deepak Agrawal and his charming ann Minaxi between Thursday 22nd to Thursday 29th January 2004 in their home in Petaling Jaya under the Rotary Friendship Exchange Programme of Rotary International. Rotarians in different countries provide home hospitality to one another to promote world understanding.

Here are the photos:



Rotarians and Rotary Anns from District 3060 Gujarat and District 3050 Rajasthan and District 3300 Malaysia at Kelana Jaya enjoying Rotary Friendship Exchange to promote international understanding and goodwill.



Rotary Friendship Past President Deepak Agrawal from District 3060 and his charming ann Minaxi at Sunway Pyramid in Subang Jaya on Saturday 24th January 2004. Rotarian Deepak Agrawal won the Best Rotarian Award twice in his District. His club Rotary Club of Rajkat Midtown is only 7 years old.



Past President Deepak Agrawal speaks to our club on Wednesday 28th January 2004. The projects done by his club Rotary Club of Rajkat Midtown over 7 years involved raising of and expenditure of Indian Rupees 25 million.



District Governor Dr. Mahinder Singh pins the Petronas Twin Towers badge reflecting the world's tallest twin towers in Kuala Lumpur on 28th January 2004 on Rotarian Deepak Agrawal.

### **Birthday Boys**

PP Dato' Gurdial Singh Gill on 04.02.2004

Rtn Govindan Karumathil Sukumaran on 08.02.2004

### **Anns Birthdays**

Datin May Lam Ann of Rtn Dato' Tan Choo Teck on 08.02.2004

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Rtn Willie Tham Kwok Meng & Flona on 05.02.2004



## Rotary Awareness Quiz

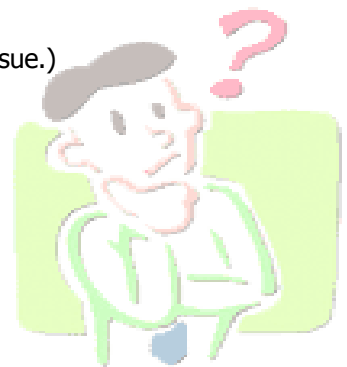
This is the second part of the Rotary Awareness Quiz and for those of you who actually attempted the quiz and did not cheat by going to the Web site for the answers we carry the answers on the last page of this week's Berita.

21. What is Rotaract?
22. What is Youth Exchange?
23. What is RYLA?
24. Where is the World Headquarters of Rotary International?
25. How many zones does Rotary International have?
26. True or false: To become a district governor, a Rotarian must first serve as a club president.
27. The Bylaws of Rotary International require club members to attend what percentage of their club's meetings?
28. What's the name of the annual publication that lists the names, chief officers, and meeting times and places of Rotary clubs?
29. What is the name of Rotary's first cyberclub?
30. When is World Understanding Month?
31. Who proposed the idea that led to the establishment of The Rotary Foundation of RI?
32. What was the first Foundation-funded Rotary program? In what year was it established?
33. How much money has The Rotary Foundation provided in humanitarian and educational grants since its inception?
34. Who is the 2003-04 chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees?
35. The current RI president is staging 15 meetings around the world during 2003-04 to bring Rotarians together to discuss issues of importance to Rotary. What are these meetings called?
36. What are the official Rotary colors?
37. The gearwheel symbol of Rotary International is a trademark recognized around the world. When was it created?
38. What is the slogan and 2005 goal of the Annual Programs Fund campaign?
39. Name the eight university partners that host the seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

### Rotary Awareness Quiz Answers:

(Answers to this week's questions will be given in the next issue.)

1. LEND A HAND
2. Jonathan Majiyagbe
3. Glenn Estess
4. 1905
5. Chicago
6. Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey
7. San Francisco
8. c) 1,200,000
9. c) 31,000
10. Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service
11. In 1985, Rotary International launched PolioPlus, a 20-year commitment to eradicate polio. It is one of the most ambitious humanitarian undertakings ever made by a private entity.
12. 166
13. By making a \$1,000 donation to The Rotary Foundation of RI
14. THE ROTARIAN
15. Vince Aversano
16. Every three years. The next Council on Legislation will take place in 2004.
17. Osaka, Japan
18. July
19. Winnipeg, Man., Canada
20. Interact is an RI program supporting service and social clubs for young people of secondary school age. Interact clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs.



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