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Sunday, 21st March is the first day of spring. In the Northern Hemisphere and much of Europe winter is coming to an end and new growth is starting. For the bottom half of the globe, their winter will set in soon. So, the cycle continues to repeat over and over. By studying the history of Rotary, you can also see the many patterns of the "weather of mankind" as it too repeats many its cycles. There is so much to be learned about Rotary's power for good by seeing where we have been and what we have done. There are 1,300 pages of information in the process of being gathered and we've only just begun. Start at <http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org> and expect to be surprised.



Starting this month, from time to time, I'll let you know how many of these pages are viewed each month. Since becoming a fellowship, in October, over 340,000 pages have been viewed. Last month that number was 55,000 and for only 2/3rds of this month over 46,000 pages have been view, indicating our busiest month ever. Since it seems evident that there is a thirst for this well researched information, I invite you to pass this information on and suggest that your club or district add a link to this vast project so that others can find the resource now being accomplished by dozens of hard working volunteers.

Yours for Rotary's History,

Jack Selway, Chairman and Founder  
Rotary's Global History Fellowship (An Internet Project)

### "What Paul Harris Said" for Sunday 21st March - "Religion & Politics"

#### RELIGION AND POLITICS

"Grandfather was an ambassador of good-will in the eyes of the youngster who sat at his table during his impressionable years; he never spoke evil of any man nor of any man's religion or politics." (My Road to Rotary, by Paul Harris, page 208, copyright Rotary International)

Obviously Howard Harris, Paul's Grandfather had an incredible influence on Paul's life. Paul placed many precepts learned at Howard's knee into practice in Rotary. Historically we have high standards to live by as Rotarians.

As Rotarians, your responsibility is to represent Rotary within your communities with dignity and high moral and ethical standards. Wear your Rotary pin proudly and be aware of your responsibilities.

Next Sunday's feature: March 28th - THE POWER OF GOOD WILL

#### BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS FREE, WEEKLY FEATURE

What is your favorite Paul Harris quote or that of another president of Rotary International? Send it to us, and include your comments on why you believe Paul Harris's words or those of another president of Rotary International are relevant today. Please include the date, publication and page where the quote was written. Also send your name, Rotary office and club. We'll credit you for your assistance. Send the quote and information to [whatpaulharrissaid@rotaryhistoryfellowship.org](mailto:whatpaulharrissaid@rotaryhistoryfellowship.org)

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## Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 24.03.2004

Meetings of the Service Committees

- Community Service Meeting will be held on **25.3.2004 at 5.30pm** at Shangri La, Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

- Board of Director Meeting will be held on **6.4.2004 at 6.00pm** at Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

### Lunch Time Talk Report Back - March 17th 2004

Presenter: His Excellency, Unto Juhani Turunen, Finland

Wippen Horst introduced the speaker, who is currently the Finland Ambassador to Malaysia (concurrently accredited to Brunei Darussalam).

His Excellency, Mr Turunen's talk focused on the subject 'Finland in Europe'. He started with the history of Finland - that it was first inhabited some 6000 years ago. Crusades spreading Swedish influence reached Finland in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. In 1322, a formal treaty with Sweden was signed. It became a part of Western Europe.



He noted that based on a unique aspect of the Swedish law, farmers are independent, unlike most of the other nations where land tend to be owned by land owners.

On politics, he said that after the Bolshevic revolution in 1917, Finland became an independent nation. It later became a Republic, where the Parliament, and the President are elected democratically. The term of the Presidency is between 4 to 6 years. The country has a multi-party system with the government formed through a coalition of parties. He highlighted a very successful event in 1975, a conference on security where the country stamped it's policy of neutrality and military non-alignment. Finland is not a member of NATO.

The other note-worthy fact is its egalitarian society. Finland is the first country in Europe, in 1906, to accord full voting rights to women. He also added that the country practices free media.

In terms of its economy, there are 3 main industries. Heavy industry(ship building), forestry (paper making) and application software. With respect to heavy industry, he added that they are into the manufacturing anything bigger than a horse. The only other industry that does not quite fit it, and yet is huge, is Nokia mobile phones.

His Excellency was not given an opportunity to take questions due to time constraint. Dato' Jimmy Lim thanked the speaker.

#### **Birthday Boys**

Tan Boon Leong on 29.03.2004

Tan Kok Chong on 30.03.2004

#### **Anns Birthdays**

Chua Cheng Lian Ann of Alex Song Sua Long on 28.03.2004

Chew Hing Ann of Dr Tan Eng Huat, Frank on 30.03.2004

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Thanaseharan a/l Supramaniam & Ann on 30.03.2004



## Photographs from the Weekly Meeting



Induction of new Rtn Alan Kwan and Ann. Proposed by Rtn Rizal Sardon.



Birthday boys Rtns Micheal Loh and Rainer Althoff.



Mr. Tim Jensen and Mr. Peter – guests of Rtn Willie Tham.



Rtn Dr Rainer Herret hosted a business delegation from Germany.

## Festival Of Music Goes International



The Indian and Chinese teams are all smiles.



All the teams got together to entertain the audience with a spirited rendition of Rasa Sayang as they played and sang, going down into the audience.



Interactors from Singapore's Junior College.



VP Philip Kwan spent many hours with the participants in Singapore.

# An Open Letter From 'Mus'

Governor Dr. Mahinder Singh,  
PDG Dato Dr. Keshmahinder Singh,  
PDG Dato Beh Lye Huat,  
President Kanes,  
Hon. Secretary Freddy Chan Members of the Board of Directors and  
My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Thank you very much for your kind confidence in me and nominating me to serve as R.I. Director Nominee for Zone 6.

## "MAN PROPOSES, BUT GOD ALMIGHTY DISPOSES".



I have just been informed by Andrew G. McDonald, Assistant General Counsel, Manager, Corporate Services Division of Rotary International that "On the basis of the report and certification of the balloting committee which met in Evanston on Thursday 18th March, 2004, and in harmony with the provisions of the R.I. Bylaws, President Majiyagbe has declared Noraseth Pathmanand as the Director-nominee from Zone 6 to be presented for election at the 2004 (Osaka) convention."

God willing, I will send a congratulatory message to PDG Noraseth Pathmanand on his being declared the Director Nominee for Zone 6.

Once again, I am deeply grateful for your kind confidence in me and your strong support.

With my best wishes always,

**"LEND A HAND" & "CELEBRATE ROTARY - 100 YEARS OF SERVICE"**

Sincerely,  
Mus



## Condolences

Nasir Ma Lee, aged 60, brother of Past District Governor Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma died on Monday 16th March 2004 in a plane crash in Janda Baik. The President, Board of Directors and members of the club express their deepest condolences to PDG Mustapha Ma and the family.



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