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Extract of RI President's June Message

As Rotary's first century draws to a close, I am nearing a personal milestone as well: the end of my presidential year. No RI president really knows what awaits him when he accepts the presidential nomination. Now, having had this experience, I can truly say that Rotary puts Service Above Self in every corner of the 168 countries where it has a presence. Everywhere I have visited, I have been struck by one trait common to Rotarians worldwide: an overwhelming desire to be of assistance. Their commitment to help is what, in the end, has the most impact.

I've seen projects involving tremendous financial input and projects involving very little. But as local Rotarians know, what's most important is choosing a project that provides a real solution to a problem in the community. The strength of Rotary International lies in its members. Where other humanitarian agencies must travel hundreds or thousands of miles to bring aid, Rotary, in most cases, is already there.

Because a Rotary club is made up of community members, not only is help already there - help never leaves. It is a hallmark of Rotary service that we not only respond to emergencies but provide the long-term humanitarian assistance that allows communities to recover from disaster and move forward. In the months and years ahead, I ask you to remember that the need in countries devastated by this natural disaster has not disappeared just because we no longer see it on our television screens.

I have learned that the dedication of Rotarians exceeds anything I could have imagined. Together, as we begin a new century of putting Service Above Self, I ask you all to remember the words of Paul Harris at the last convention he attended: "The pioneering days of Rotary have just begun. There is as much to be done today as ever."

Glenn E. Estess Sr.

President, Rotary International 2004-05

From The Desktop Of A Rotarian

This month our current president will officially hand over the reign of the club to his incumbent who will continue from July to start the new Rotary year. Each year we have a new theme which is decided by the Incoming RI President. This year's theme is a recycled theme, "Service Above Self." The incoming year will see all Rotary clubs around the world changing their Presidents, almost without exception. This has been the practice all through the years and as a strong mature organization, Rotary International has continued faithfully to follow this process. As with any club, its members are its strength. There have been many members who have

been inactive this year, but we managed. But with a new Rotary year beginning, we should all do our best to support the club. Here, I say 'do', and not 'try to do'. The least we can do is to attend the Installation dinner. If we have sold only 40 tables, then I must say we are not supporting the club enough. Regardless of who leads the club, its members must attend the Installation dinner to show their support. We have more than 100 members and even if only half the membership buys a table we would have sold at least 50 tables. So please show our support for the Club and attend the dinner.

Secretary's Announcements For Lunch Meeting On 15.06.2005

Meeting of The Service Committees

78th Installation Organising Committee shall meet at Hotel Shangri-La on 16.6.2005 (Thursday) at 6.00pm. All are welcome.

Notices

Installation Dinner Updates:

Rtn Dato' Razak announces he had reluctantly accepted the post of Vice-President, citing age, retirement and thereby no office facilities or support staff. He had asked to withdraw but was completely assured that he would have nothing much to do and he will be strongly supported by club members. This belief was short-lived as when he met with the Installation Dinner committee he was tasked with selling more tables to the event, as thus far PP Lim Eng Ho had so far sold only 40 tables.

Details of the Installation Dinner is:

Venue: The Shangri La Hotel Grand Ballroom
Date: 25th June 2005 (Saturday)
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Guest of Honor: Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur, Datuk Ruslin Hasan

Highlights:

Rtn Steve Lau highlighted that this Installation dinner will have lots of good entertainment. There will be a magician from Iran, and exciting dancers to amuse us. There will also be a caricaturist who would entertain us with how he views us! During dinner, students from a music school will keep us entertained with their piano recitals and music from their keyboard instruments.

New Datukship:

President Dr. Lee Hock Bee proudly announced that Rtn Dr Teo Choo Kum was recently awarded the datukship from the Yang Dipertuan Agong. Datuk's first act for Rotary is to buy one table at the Installation Dinner.

New Generations event:

Incoming New Generations director Justin Teoh announced the challenge from Interactors to Rotarians for a game of futsal on Sunday 26 June 2005. Any Rotarian who is interested is requested to contact Rtn Justin at 012-2803000.

WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS ON 08.06.2005

The Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja
Lunch Time Meeting 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
The Shangri La Hotel
Wednesday 8th June 2005

Meeting Convenor : PP Stuart Pack
National Anthem & Loyal Toast : Rtn Tony Lu
Sergeant-at-arms : Rtn Justin Teoh
Welcoming Guests : Rtn Justin Teoh
Introducing Speaker : PP Dato' Ham Ah Nee
Speaker : Rtn Peter Tham
Thanking : Rtn Steve Lau

Guests and Visitors

Distinguished Guests

- First Lady Juanita Lee, guest of President Dr. Lee Hock Bee
- IPP Foong Pack, Inner Wheel Club of KL, guest of PP Stuart Pack
- HE Herbert Jess, Ambassador of Germany to Malaysia
- Mrs. Michelena Jess

Guests

- Rtry Ann May, guest of Rtn Attan Akmar
- Ms Amy Phoon, guest of PE Low Kok Hwa
- Ms Jannette Ooi, guest of PE Low Kok Hwa
- Ms Irene Wong, guest of PE Low Kok Hwa

Induction of Rotarian

H.E. Herbert Jess, the Ambassador of Germany in Malaysia, has been in Malaysia for the last 6 months. H.E. has come as a visiting Rotarian and has been warmly welcomed by the Club. Prior to the induction, H.E. has participated in several of RC KL DiRaja's projects. He had no hesitation accepting to re-join Rotary, having been a Rotarian at RC Manila, in the Philippines since 2001. H.E. is loaned the classification, Diplomatic Service – Ambassador.

Rtn Herbert is married to Michelena Jess with three children, 2 sons and a daughter. Rtn Herbert started his career in the German military. He has degrees in Law and was Associate Professor at Max-Planck Institute for Foreign Public Law and International law at Heidelberg.

He began his diplomatic career in 1973 as a Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Reykjavic, Iceland after graduating from the diplomatic Academy in Bonn. Rtn Herbert's assignments have taken him to Australia, the then USSR, Austria, China and the Philippines. His current assignment in Malaysia is his second, being here in 1982 till 1985 as the Deputy Head of Mission.

Rtn Herbert has been awarded the following:

1. Chevalier du Dévonement, France (Knight's Cross), 1973
2. Légion d'Honneur, France (Knight's Cross), 1992
3. Order of Sikatuna with the Rank of Datu, Philippines (Grand Cross), 2004

Cigar Smoking

Rtn Peter Tham, our guest speaker, immaculately dressed with his bow tie and looking the perfect gentleman, brought along his foot long cigar. Well it was just a prop, I guess as he did not have to use it in any form. For many Rotarians, we know little about the fact that cigar smokers consider themselves in a class separate from the ordinary cigarette smokers! Both breathe out smoke from their mouths. Some people think it foul.

Anyway, Rtn Peter Tham explained cigars' finer points, by telling us that cigar smoking is a passion and does not compare with smoking the common cigarettes. There are many different types of cigar cutters and punchers. His personal liking is for one which does not cut too much off the cigar. His preferred form of lighting a cigar is to use a lighter with butane gas which does not leave any unwanted taste. Some countries which produce cigars are Cuba, Dominican Republic and the Honduras.

The following are factors relating to the tobacco will constitute and define the flavor of the cigar:

1. Brand,
2. Length,
3. Thickness,
4. Strength,
5. Aroma and
6. Taste

As an example, the length of the cigar has much to do with its flavor, as is its length. This is obvious as the amount of tobacco would affect its taste. The best leaves are always kept to wrap the cigar. Its form is maintained with the filler tobacco, which though may not all be as good as the wrap. The cigar comes in varied shapes and sizes. It varies in strength from the mild, to medium and finally the strong flavored cigar. Usually, the mild cigar is smoked in the morning, the medium cigar often follows lunch. The strong cigar is enjoyed after dinner. Of course, Malaysians do not follow these rules as strictly as the European smokers.

The Rotary Club Of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja
We meet at 12:30pm every Wednesday
at The Shangri La Hotel, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

Celebrate Rotary 100 Years

Photos From The Weekly Meeting On 08.06.05



Incoming Vice President Dtk Razak.



President congratulating Dtk Dr Teo Choo Kum on award.



Rtn Herbert Jess & Spouse.



First Lady Juanita (right) & Rtn Ann Foong Pack attending induction of German Ambassador.



Speaker Rtn Peter Tham showing how to light a cigar.



Rty Anns in Hawaain costumes at Hawaain Barbeque Dinner.