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Johannesburg Celebration Inspires Rotarian Commitment

At the 2nd August RI Presidential Celebration in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province, South Africa, more than 200 Rotarians shared their service experiences and brainstormed about ways to make long-term commitments to tackling Africa's many health concerns.

"It was not by chance, but rather by choice that we decided to meet in an African country to talk about health concerns," said RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe in a keynote address. "Here we see suffering on the most massive scale - suffering caused by armed conflicts, illiteracy, hunger, and the most abject poverty. All of these things contribute to the dire health crises on this continent - health crises that are of great concern for the entire world."

Welcoming Rotarians to Gauteng in an opening address, Dr. Gwen Ramokgopa, the province's health minister, praised Rotary's spirit of volunteerism. Recalling how she witnessed first-hand the humanitarian work of Rotary in her own village, Ramokgopa said she was deeply appreciative of Rotarians' "immense contribution in the field of health and social development."

"A partnership between Rotary and the government is indeed desirable and needs to be strengthened because Rotary has one important characteristic that distinguishes it from other non-governmental organizations," she said. "Rotary club members are representatives of a cross-section of businesses and professions in a city or neighborhood. Their collective expertise in professions ranging from healthcare to education to social service strengthens the potential of Rotary clubs to develop projects that can successfully address a multitude of community needs."

Gift of Life given to The First Child from Iraq

As Iraq continues to struggle with the aftermath of war, one of its youngest citizens has been fighting his own battle for survival against a condition known as ventral septal defect or VSD. In layman's terms, 10-month-old Karam Mohammad Jabbar Alubadie was born with a hole in his heart. But with the help of the Gift of Life and the Interact Club of Great Neck High School, New York, USA, Karam has won his battle.

Marking the first time an Iraqi child has participated in the Gift of Life, Karam and his mother, Latifah Hussein, were flown from their home in Baghdad to New York where he underwent the surgery on 30th July at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx. The surgery was sponsored by the Great Neck High School Interact club, which raised more than US\$5,000 through a year long fundraising campaign.

For Karam's mother, Latifah, the trip is "like a dream to me." Latifah learned of the Gift of Life program through doctors from Amman, Jordan, who were in Baghdad as part of the Save a Child's Heart Foundation (SACH). SACH, which is located in Tel Aviv, Israel, has provided heart surgeries for more than 800 children in the last 10 years and like the Gift of Life, the surgeries are performed free of charge. When Jonathan Miles of SACH was in Baghdad examining children and met Karam, he remembered the Gift of Life and contacted Robert Donno, chairman of Gift of Life International and a member of the Rotary Club of Manhasset, New York.

"Baghdad has 1,450 children on a waiting list for heart surgery," said Donno. The Gift of Life program was created in 1975 by a group of Rotarians in Manhasset. Since then, more than 5,000 children from countries around the globe have been flown to the United States for life-saving heart surgery. The program includes more than 60 participating hospitals worldwide. "Karam's scar will be a constant reminder that there were people who cared for him for no other reason than that he was important," says Donno. "That's the essence of the Gift of Life and the essence of Rotary."



Secretary's Announcements For Lunch Meeting on 20th August, 2003

Meetings of the Service Committees

1. Fellowship Meeting will meet on **20th August 2003** (Wednesday) at 2.00pm at Shangri La Hotel.
2. International Service will meet on **27th August 2003** (Wednesday) at 2.00pm at Shangri La Hotel.
3. Community Service will meet on **28th August 2003** (Thursday) at 6.00pm at Shangri La Hotel.

Board of Director Meeting

3rd BOD Meeting will be held on Tuesday **2nd September 2003** at 6.00pm, Shangri La Hotel.

Rotary Career Guidance & Personal Development Seminar & Rotary Education Fair 2003

Please be informed that the Rotary Career Guidance & Personal Development Seminar (CPDS) and the Rotary Education Fair 2003 scheduled for last Saturday, 16th August 2003 has been postponed to **Saturday, 27th September 2003**. The committee regrets any inconveniences caused by the postponement. For further information and clarification, please contact Rtn. Hardeep Singh at 016 368 2633.

Notices Previously Published

RC Bandar Sunway -Treasure Hunt

The Rotary club of Bandar Sunway will be collaborating with e-Banctrade Malaysia to participate in a fund raising Treasure Hunt to be held in aid of charity.

Date of Hunt: Sunday, 7th September 2003

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm

All those interested to participate in the Hunt, please contact PE Chanthrika V Ananthan at 03 62015200 or e-mail to anan10@tm.net.my

Monthly Programme

The following speakers have been arranged for August 2003:

Date	Speaker	Topic
20th Aug 2003	IPDG Dr. N Lakshmanan	Rotary Extention
27th Aug 2003	Ms Bertille Almeida	Aromatherapy for Healing

Last Week's Speaker Report Back – Wednesday 13th August 2003



Rtn. Michael Loh presenting memento to Ramesh Pillai

Ramesh Pillai was introduced by PDG Dato Beh Lye Haut and he talked about Risk Management. Risk Management in this context referred to the business risks any commercial organisation must manage. In today's business environment risks from globalisation, technology change, increased litigation, tight margins, investor expectations and many more are increasing. But risk is not new, the Chinese, more than two thousand years ago, had developed two symbols one to denote risk and the other to denote opportunity.

Risk and reward, opposite sides of the same coin and both had to be understood and managed in today's business environment.

A number of question were asked including what risks an organisation like Rotary had to manage – the response was the risk of "loss of goodwill" from uncontrolled activities by members and how to manage Human Greed. Rtn Micheal Loh moved the vote of thanks with the observation that business must also avoid being put in such a straight jacket of regulations that opportunities cannot be taken.



**Service awards presented to
(Clock Wise) :**

1. Rtn. Wippem Horst
2. Rtn. Lokman
3. Rtn. Mohd Rizal



Rotary News

1. Rotary Zone Institute Singapore

The Institute is open to all Rotarians of the District the details of the meeting are as follows:-

Date: 7th - 9th November 2003

Zones involved: - Zone 4b, 6b, & 7b

Venue: Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore

Participants who wish to take this option, please indicate KING's Hotel in your Registration form.

- Governors Elect Training Seminar (GETS): USD200.00 (spouse inclusive)
- Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar: USD50.00
- District Trainers Seminar: USD50.00

President Jonathan Majiyagbe and RI President Glen E. Estes together with Past RI Director Gary C K Huang the convenor of the Institute will be participating at the Institute. For details or registration forms, please contact PDG Dr. T. Arasu, Promotions chairman, RI Rotary Zone Institute at 02-87332663 / 02-87338406.

Project Fair

Clubs who wish to showcase and display their club projects are requested to submit their projects to the organizers.

2. The Rotary Club of Kampong Baharu

The Rotary Club of Kampong Baharu is pleased to announce that they will be celebrating the Installation of their 7th. President and Board of Directors at Maju Palace Restaurant, 5th. Floor, Maju Junction Shopping Complex, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman at 7.30 pm.

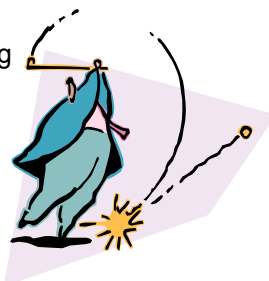
The installation is priced at RM55.00 for a sumptuous 8 course Chinese dinner (halal, of course). The theme for the night is 'ORIENTAL NIGHT'. After Bangsar's hugely successful 'Arabian Nights', we have discovered that Rotarians are great fans of costume parties and love to dress up. So, we have decided to give you more of what you want. As most installations are over by now and things begin to settle down, what better way to meet old friends and keep the party mood going than by attending our installation. We promise an interesting night for everyone with games, entertainment, karaoke etc.

Beers will be sold at a cheap RM8.00 per mug. If you wish to bring your own bottles, we have arranged for the restaurant to waive corkage charges. If you wish to keep us entertained with your singing skills, you are welcome to bring your own karaoke VCD's, just in case the restaurant doesn't have your favourite songs.

Tickets can be purchased from any RCKB Rotarian or you can also call the following:
Pres. Siva Shanker: 03- 2692 3236, 019- 337 2852
Org. Chairman : 03- 4256 6666

Rotary Club of Port Dickson

The club will be holding a **Charity Golf Tournament** fund raising event for our **Gift of Sight Project**. The Gift of Sight Project offers screening to poor patients and identifies those suffering from cataracts and require surgery. The follow up corrective surgery will be scheduled and carried out later. All this will be done by the Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital's mobile unit which we will obtain through the good office of YB S. Sothinathan, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health.



However, the lenses for this surgery are costly, the estimated cost is RM500 per lens. As you can imagine, this expense may be a setback for many a poor cataract patient who may not be able to raise this kind of money and they may have to forego the surgery and run the risk of becoming blind. Our task is to raise funds for at least 20 lenses. Those who have the means, will have to bear the cost the lenses themselves, others we may have to subsidise. But we are DETERMINED to find the funding for at least 20 lenses.

I hope my fellow Rotarians will come forward and LEND A HAND and help make this fund raising/project a success. Our success my friends will not be measured by the amount of money we spend or collect, but by the Gift of Sight we bring to those who may otherwise know only darkness.

For non-golfers and golfers who wish to bring along their families, we are pleased to inform you that we will be arranging a separate program for family members. Simple games and interesting events for all - adults and children.

Programme - Golf (open to non-Rotarians as well)

Date : **Sunday, 7th September 2003**

(Closing Date: 1st September 2003)

6.30am : Breakfast

8.00am : Golf Tournament

1.30pm : Lunch and Prize Giving together with Family Members

Entrance : RM200.00 per pax

Fee Includes : Breakfast, Green Fee, Goodie Bag, Buggy and Lunch



Programme – Non Golfers, Spouses and Family (subject to response)

8.00 - 10.00am : Breakfast

9.00 - 11.00am : Separate games and Demonstrations

11.00 - 1.00pm : Swimming for kids and exercise (line dancing) for adults

1.00 - 1.30pm : Hit the showers

1.30pm : Join the golfers for lunch

Cost : Adults RM32.00, Children RM20.00 (below 12 years of age)

Please contact any of the following: -

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(PE and Organising Chairman for Golf)

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Birthday Boys

None

Anns Birthdays

Pitt Lee Ann of Rtn David Teh on 21.08.2003

Manorma Ann of Dr. Mohan Lal on 24.08.2003

Paik Lan Ann of Dr. Liu Chung Sherng on 25.08.2003

Wedding Anniversaries

PP Dato' Keshmahinder Singh & Datin Balbir Kaur on 20.08.20032

