



Lend a Hand

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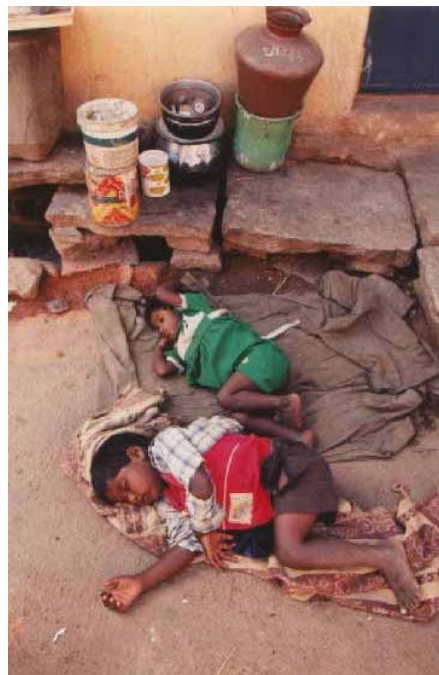
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## Rotarian Concludes 650-Mile Walk For India's Homeless Children

On 1st July, a Canadian Rotarian took the final steps of a 1,000-kilometer (650-mile) trek he began in April to raise money and increase awareness about the plight of homeless children in India.

The walk brought Jim Thompson, a long-time member of The Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium, Ontario, in a circle around Southern Ontario. Along the way, he visited Rotary clubs, conducted interviews with local media, and raised approximately C\$51,000 (about US\$37,417) for StreetKeepers International for Children, an organization he co-founded two years ago to "to provide the fundamentals of life for homeless children in India."

Thompson was in Katmandu under a Carl P. Miller Discovery Grant when he made a promise to himself to do everything he could for the countless children living on the streets. Although he had been to India before, one scene in particular on this trip sealed his commitment: "As the sun was just going down, we were walking down an alleyway only wide enough for one vehicle. I saw a tarpaulin and as I pulled it back, I saw three or four street children, huddled together like a litter of puppies."



Back in Ontario, Thompson and other local Rotarians formed StreetKeepers as a way for Rotarians in developed countries to partner with Rotarians in India who are most familiar with local conditions and needs. "This way we know the resources are being used where they are most needed," he explains.

A self-professed "couch potato," he decided that a 1,000-kilometer journey on foot would be an effective way to get the message out to as many people as possible.

Along the way Thompson kept a journal where he kept a record of the people he met and the emotions he experienced during his long hours on the road. In the final entry, he explained the difficulties - and rewards - of his sojourn:

"Overriding all of [the discomforts] was one fact. This fact was absolutely sure to get me out of bed in the morning and preparing for another day's walk even when the weatherman said that it was going to rain all day and I knew that I would be wet and cold and uncomfortable for most of the day. And what was this fact? This fact was that I knew that there were some beautiful precious frightened children that were counting on me and who I could not let down. Even though I have made great friends and have had many rewarding adventures along the way, knowing that these children are counting on me and also counting on you is the one fact that keeps me walking no matter what!"

### From The Editor

#### Welcome Note

We welcome PHF Abdul Jalil Jamil to the Editorial Team 2003/04, your previous experience will be most valuable.

#### Errata

Apologies to Rtn Wippenn Horst, Rtn Lokman and Rtn Mohd Rizal Sardon for the inadvertent caption on page 3 of the No.7 issue of the Berita Rotary which should have read, "Receiving their Paul Harris Fellow Certificate and Medals".



## Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 27.08.2003

### Meetings of the Service Committees

- International Service will meet on **27.08.2003** (Wednesday) at 2.15pm at Shangri La Hotel. The September meeting is **changed** to **17.09.2003** because of the lunch in the Mayor's office on 24.09.2003.
- Community Service will meet on **28.08.2003** (Thursday) at 6.00pm at Shangri La Hotel.
- Vocational Service will meet on **03.09.2003** (Wednesday) at 2.00pm at Shangri La Hotel.
- New Generation Service will meet on **09.08.2003** (Tuesday) at 5.30pm at Shangri La Hotel.

### Board of Director Meeting

3rd BOD Meeting will be held on **02.09.2003** at 6.00pm, Shangri La Hotel.

## Notices

### Lunch Programme For Sept 2003 - New Generations Month

Wed. Sept. 3	Educating Under-Privileged Children (Rumah Hope)	Dr. Peggy Wong
Wed. Sept. 10	Stepping Stones Project - Rotaract Club KL	Pres. Elyse Lee
Wed. Sept. 17	Experiences of IN-Bound Foreign Exchange Students	PP Hj. Razali
Wed. Sept. 24	DBKL's Vision-KL2020 - *12.00noon at DBKL	Datuk Bandar

## Monthly Programme

The following speakers have been arranged for August 2003:

Date	Speaker	Topic
27th Aug 2003	Ms Bertille Almeida	Aromatherapy for Healing

### Today's Speaker - Ms. Bertille Almeida

Ms. Bertille is the Managing Director of Pure E'zentials Sdn Bhd, a Malaysian Incorporated Company, based in Kuala Lumpur with a Branch Office in Australia. The Company was founded to introduce, educate and inform about Aromatherapy.

Ms. Bertille began her career as a writer. She was commissioned by a renowned corporation, manufacturing Herbal Remedies, to research and write on herbal and alternative medicine (which include Aromatherapy). She is a qualified Practitioner of flower essence and now actively involved in the study of Essential Oils and their therapeutic effects on the body.

### Last Week's Speaker Report Back – IPDG Dr N Lakshmanan

PP Dato' Jimmy Lim introduced IPDG Dr N Lakshmanan who spoke on the need and importance of club extension and membership development. He emphasised that clubs need membership growth and fresh blood in order to maintain their strengths to carry out effectively their programmes and activities. Although it was easier for the District to shut down a club than to charter a new club, IPDG Dr Lakshmanan advised that every effort should be made to bring in more members. According to his experience, merger might not work. He further advised that more clubs should be formed in the rural areas or in the big towns and cities like Bidor, Tapah, Kampar, Tanjong Malim etc. Rtn Louis Cheah thanked the speaker and presented a memento to the speaker on behalf of the club.



*IPDG Dr N Lakshmanan addresses the club*

## Funnybones

There was a chronic alcoholic who visited a psychiatrist to be cured of the drinking habit. It worked well – now he can't afford to drink.

DG Dr Mahinder Singh presented certificate for contribution to District 3300 for term 2002.2003 to ( Clock Wise ) :

1. PP Dato L Krishnan
2. PDG Dato Mustapha Ma
3. PP Dato Jimmy Lim



### Visiting Rotarians And Guests

S.No.	Visiting Rotarian	From Rotary Club of
1	PDG Brian Murray	West Streetfarm, UK
2	IPDG Dr D Lakshmanan	Klang
3	PP Sen Gupta	Gombak
4	AG Leslie Salehudin	Gombak
5	Rtn Zaini Ismail	Gombak
6	PP Leslie Yeap	Kelana Jaya

S.No.	Visitor's Name	Guest of
1	Christopher Chang	Rtn Rizal Sardon
2	Mohd Sabri Abdullah	Rtn Dato' Abdul Aziz

### Rotary International News - R.I.President Jonathan Rotary Mission 2003-04

RI President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe took office on 1st July with a call to Rotarians to place the family at the center of their quest for "Service Above Self," and consider it a touchstone of efforts to increase and retain membership.

"I am asking every club to form a Family of Rotary Committee to find more ways to create and nurture an atmosphere of warmth and caring," he said. "This greater sense of a family atmosphere within our clubs is so important to the overall health of Rotary. It will not only make our Rotary membership more meaningful, it will support the work we do outside of our clubs."

To translate the 2003-04 Rotary theme, "Lend a Hand," into action, Rotarians will devote their professional and business skills to serve in their own communities and internationally through emphases on activities that help in alleviating poverty, addressing health concerns, and promoting literacy and education.

Replacing RI presidential conferences in 2003-04 will be 15 presidential celebrations aimed at spotlighting outstanding Rotary projects and initiatives in various parts of the world. To help keep them affordable and maximize opportunities for participation, the one-day events will be planned and organized by local Rotarians.

Venues and dates include Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on 19th July; El Paso, Texas, USA, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on 26th July; Johannesburg, South Africa, on 2nd August; Abuja, Nigeria, on 9th August; Stockholm, Sweden, on 13th August; Seoul, Korea, on 13th October; Antibes-Juan Les Pins, France, on 25th October; Bradford, England, on 1st November; and New Delhi, India, on 9th December. Other celebrations will take place in Perth, Australia, on 16th January 2004; Manila, Philippines, on 31st January; Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, USA, on 13th March; Macon, Georgia, USA, on 18th March; Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 27th March; and St. Petersburg, Russia, on 2nd April.

## 1st Service to New Generations Committee RY 2003/2004.

08.07.2003 at 5.30 p.m. Shangri La Hotel (Pahang Room)

### Projects for Rotary Year 2003/04

Chairman Attan informed the members that all projects carried out this year will have a common basis that is "Charity starts at home". All Interact clubs are encouraged to organise projects which will benefit the fellow students and the school community.

Regarding the Rotary International poster competition, the committee requested Rtn Halim to contact the Rotary District 3300 to find out the details and submission procedure. Rtn Attan shall act as organiser and coordinator for the poster competition. Rtn Halim was requested to provide information on the competition to the Chairman for circulation to all the Interact & Youthact Clubs.

As for the IU (International Understanding) project, Rtn Mohd Ridza was appointed to organise either a debate or elocution contest to be carried out in the month of February 2004 which is also the Rotary IU month.

### Reports from Interact / Rotaract Club

Interact Club of Setapak High School reported on the IU Day held on 7th June 2003 and a Blood Donation Campaign on 25th June. Some 69 students donated blood on the day. They are also planning a 'Nasi Lemak Sale' to raise funds in July 2003. The New Board is to be installed in September 2003.

Interact Club of Wesley Methodist School reported that no activities were scheduled for the months of May and June due to exams. The installation of the new board will be on 26 July 2003.

### Other matters

Request from Rtn Lokman for assistance to hold a Jumble Sale / Garage sale. 20% of the proceed will go to the assisting club.

Chairman Attan informed that he will be inviting IMU students to join Rotaract Club of Kuala Lumpur. They are invited to the ILTS.

Invitation from the Royal Selangor Club to hold a joint 'Special Children's Party' in February 2004.

Since the Raffles City Interact Club visited us last year, RCKL will reciprocate by organising a visit / trip with Interactors to Singapore. Rtn Wong Chee Loon volunteered to organise the visit.

Rtn Rizal enquired about the Indian community that we could assist to encourage the children to do better in exam by providing tuition etc. Miss Cheong will discuss with the Interactors to get tuition classes started by Interactors at SMK Taman Desa as a start.

Rtn Lokman informed about the Open Day organised for Merdeka Day celebration at the Sg. Lui Rotary Community Corp (formerly called the Badan Muafakat Pendidikan). All are invited to join the celebration (at 9.00 a.m. on 31st August 2003 at the 23rd Mile) – bus transportation will be arranged.

Rtn Hardeep Singh, Secretary, Service to New Generations Committee, RY 2003/2004

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### Birthday Boys

PDG Dato' Mustapha Ma on 27.08.2003  
Dato' Mohd Yusoff Hj. Amin on 28.08.2003  
Richard Soo Sing Ghee on 31.08.2003  
Choy Hon Nang on 01.09.2003

### Ann's Birthdays

Rozita Ibrahim Ann of Shawaludin Mohd Din on 01.07.2003  
Suriati Binti Hamzah Ann of Mohamed Ali Ismail on 02.08.2003

### Wedding Anniversaries

PP Dr. Hardeep & Hardeep Kaur on 28.08.2003  
Dato' Hanif bin Sher Mohammad & Datin Sharifah on 31.08.2003  
Abdul Jalil Jamil & Raja Rose Rina on 31.08.2003

