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## From the Editor's Desk

Dear friends,

On your PC or in your hand is the third issue of The Rising Sun for the first year of Rotary's second century.

November is Rotary Foundation month. Our TRF Chairman Rtn. Surendernath has ambitious plans for the club this year; the extensive discussions already in progress are indicative of our interests in this vital area of Rotary.

We have just completed DGs official visit on our Charter night – Oct 29. Look out for more information below.

<u>I take this opportunity to wish all Rotarians and their</u> <u>families a very happy and safe Deepawali and Id</u> <u>Mubarak - a great time for fellowship and service.</u>

#### Mamta Sagar, Editor - The Rising Sun

#### Events

District Governor's Official VisitInstallation & Charter Night

President Raj Kumar Lohiya and President Elect Mohan Reddy picked up district Governor D Goutham and District Secretary General Gopal Reddy for the breakfast review meeting at Secretary Madhu Babu's home; thank you Ann Sai Padma for your hospitality.



From Left: Rtns. Madhu Babu, Gopal Reddy, Gutham, Raj Kumar,

Project

We have a tradition of sending DG to jail, that to a Women's jail. <u>RCHE has been long associated with</u> <u>Chanchalguda Women's Jail; this being one of our</u> <u>long term projects. This year we donated window</u> <u>shutters to the jail.</u>

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#### Assembly

The board, chairmen presented goals, progress so far and plans to the DG.



#### Public Meeting

## Rotary Information - The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support<sup>4</sup> the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfilment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. Formatted: Font: Bold

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#### Chair's Message

November is Foundation Month...Rotary is Humanity in Motion

#### Dear Amigos,

As you know, my vocation and passion are helping others, literally, to see. My message to you this Foundation month is one of vision, a vision that **Every Rotarian** can ensure a better future for all through The Rotary Foundation, **Every Year**.

Close your eyes for a moment and try to imagine seeing things through the eyes of little girl from a poor village. After sleeping on a dirt floor, she rises from squalor only to forage for food in a nearby garbage dump. She drinks contaminated water and then is forced to use her little hands to labour 12 to 14 hours or more everyday, manufacturing beautiful little dolls.

I wonder what this little girl sees when she looks at those dolls. Does she wonder who is going to play with them? Does she long to play with one herself? Does she dream of growing up to be beautiful like one of the dolls and wearing beautiful clothes? I wonder, will she live long or well enough to see that life can be beautiful? I wonder...

I also wonder why so many people choose not to see or do anything about the horrific things that are done to children like her all over the world. There are many people who are so blind as to allow such inhumanity to exist.

Fortunately my friends, Rotarians are not so blind. My faith in humanity is renewed when I see all of the good things that Rotary club members are accomplishing around the world, by helping children, helping families, and enabling those we help to help themselves and others.

Still, I wonder how many Rotarians have the clarity of vision to truly understand that it is our Rotary Foundation that is the conduit through which we help others and make significant change. The Rotary Foundation is our path to Humanity in Motion.

Through our literacy programs, we empower children to learn and rise up from poverty. Through our clean water projects, we make a difference so that children in poor villages no longer die of water-borne disease. Through our Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary World Peace Fellows educational programs, we enlighten the next generation of world leaders to challenge the ravages of war and build bridges of peace and hope that link us all. These programs are made possible by our contributions to The Rotary Foundation. This month, at your Rotary club. Foundation seminar, district event, club board meeting, wherever Rotarians, gather, speak about our Rotary Foundation and encourage everyone to contribute — Every Rotarian, Every Year!

Foundation Month is not only about the money. It is about you and me taking Service Above Self seriously. It is about taking time to Create Awareness and Take Action by doing something to build goodwill and better friendships.

It is also about having a vision that enables all of us to see that something as simple as participating in Every Rotarian, Every Year with a contribution to our Rotary Foundation, can be a life-changing event of magnificent proportion in someone's life, in the lives of all children.

We continue to work towards eradicating polio. Why? Because we can. It is Rotary's gift to the children of the world. Yet, so many more needs remain.

Your contributions fuel our life changing programs. Please be generous this year. Make your Annual Programs Fund gift today and contribute to a positive change.

During Foundation Month, make someone a Paul Harris Fellow or invite a friend to join Rotary so they, too, can share the vision of a more humane and peaceful world through The Rotary Foundation.

Your Amigo in Mexico City, Frank Devlyn The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, 2005-06 Past Rotary International President, 2000-01

## Why I am a Rotarian?

(By M.A.T. Caparas; Classification: Labor law practice; President, Rotary International, 1986-67 (Theme: Rotary Brings Hope); Member of the Rotary Club of Manila, Philippines)

My father's Rotary experience greatly influenced my decision to become a Rotarian. He was a past president of his club. Many of his close friends were his fellow Rotarians with whom he often spent happy times. He was much involved and delighted in the community projects of his club. He was proud of his Rotary membership: I knew it would please him to see me become a Rotarian. Formatted Table

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# SERVICE Above Self

That happy Rotary experience became mine in my own club. Indeed, my wife Nita and I marvel at how much Rotary enriched our lives. Friends whom we did not know - good people whose friendships we came to treasure - came into our lives through Rotary. As we progressed to the district and international levels, our roster of dear friends who touched our lives in beautiful ways grew richer and richer. But, what Nita and I most appreciate about my Rotary membership is right there in my Rotary club: the opportunity to serve with persons other than our close friends, beyond our circle of acquaintance, with people outside our church.

That opportunity was dramatically brought home to me by the first immunization drive against polio under 3-H program, the forerunner of PolioPlus. President Jim Bomar, who was RI president at the time, started it with the first two drops of oral polio vaccine he administered to a child in my country. I had the pleasure of doing the same to a second child. That experience made me realize the tremendous good that persons of goodwill can do through Rotary.

Nita and I have since seen many other fine things that Rotary does to ease the human condition for many people. As one coming from the Third World, I know that the multiplication of Rotary's size and effort would bring that kind of relief to so many more people who need it. I have stayed with Rotary because it has brought hope for better things to many such persons.

(By **Rajendra K Saboo**; Classification: Needle manufacturing; President, Rotary International, 1991-92: Member of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh, India)

I did not know many people in Chandigarh, to which I moved from Calcutta to set up my own business in 1960. So when I was invited to join the local Rotary club a year later, I was happy because it would give me additional acquaintances in the new city.

But this was only a beginning. I had heard of Rotary since my father was a Rotarian in Calcutta. I had a limited view of the organization and absolutely no idea of how it would affect my life.

I was about 27 years of age with a wife and child. My business career and all the fun of life were awaiting me. At first, Rotary, with its demands of attendance and involvement, seemed to be asking for too much commitment.

To my mind, Rotary was for fun and friendship! Very soon I found that Rotary had much more to offer chiefly an opportunity to practice a new kind of human interaction – a realization beyond one's self.

Over the years, my Rotary experience has, indeed, helped me discover myself anew; it helped me learn to

communicate, to rein in my short temper, to open my eyes to the existence of people around me, and to do whatever was possible for them within my resources.

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It taught me that the happiness we bring to others makes us happier too. I am blessed because Retary has made me a better person. Where else would I have had the opportunity to develop friendship, not for friendship's sake alone, but to work together for others? Where else would I have been able to work among equals, earning their respect for our common endeevor?

Had it not been for Retary, I would never have learned the values of tolerance, the common touch, and respect for others. I still may not have developed these attributes as fully as I would like, but at least I know the path to walk upon.

The joy and meaningfulness with which Rotary has endowed my life makes my life seem so full and complete, with so many friends across the seas to work with with so much to share. Rotary has made me look within, to look beyond myself and ask "Why not me?"

What more can one demand of life?

#### **View Point**

# Rotary Club of Bangsar - My First Visit to Club meeting at Malaysia

It was way back in December 2004, on a Tuesday afternoon in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; I had finished my work on an IT project a little early and was free that evening.

On a quick thought, I decided to attend a local Rotary Club meeting; quickly logged on to the net, located a club which meets on Tuesday - it was called Rotary Club of Bangsar. They meet at famous Solangor Club (near the tallest Flag pole point in main city).

I found the President's number. Called him and introduced myself. He said his club service director stays near to my location and his name was Joy Appukuttan. (An Indian Immigrant and High court lawyer by profession) and if I am ok, he will inform him to pick me up for the meeting. I was surprised by the reception and said I would be more than obliged.

Within 10 minutes Rtn. Appukuttan called on my mobile and introduced himself as "Joy". After some pleasantries, he said he will pick me up at 5.45 pm. Promptly at 5.40, I got call from Joy saying that he was waiting in his car downstairs. Being an Indian, (more Formatted: Font: Not Italic

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than that a RCHE member) I was pleasantly surprised at his punctuality, especially for a Rotary meeting!!

We went to the Selangor Club. It is a fascinating club, which was over 150 years old. The club meeting was in 'President's Hall', a nice ambience. At the entrance a person holding a long brass rod, similar to a spear and wearing a white shoulder band was standing. On the band was written, in bold "Sorgeant at Arms". The Rotary circle was displayed in its full form. He shoek hands with me and asked about our club and myself. I was then asked to sign in the register. He gave me a makeup card with date and time of the visit.

Rotary Club of Bangsar has 35 members, quite jovial and friendly, almost similar to our club. The meeting started at 6.30 pm with a followship thrown with lavish dishes. I bettor call it as dinner, because food was really served in large variety and quantity. Not like the snacks and munchies we have in India for a Rotary meeting scheduled at 6.30pm.

That day was a speaker's meeting and the topic was "The Art of Emcecing". It was nice topic and the speaker was renowned Emcee known in Malaysia who has been in the profession for past 25 years and has to his credit of conducting events for the ex-Prime Minster Mahatir and the present Prime Minster Mr Abdul Badawi.



After the president introduced me to the club, we exchanged flags and took some photos. I talked about our club and my purpose of the visit. President discussed some of his club points for the week after which the speaker was introduced. It was a 15 minutes speech accompanied with slides followed by the usual question /answers session.

I should tell you about this club's very special 'fun session', they have at the end of the day every week. This session is called by Sorgeant at Arms and President allows the session as open and says the limit has been fixed to 10 minutes. The Sorgeant at Arms comes out with a box similar to a Toy Piggy Bank, rings the bell and declares, "the fun session open". The fun session allows the members to openly talk about their fellow Rotarians from their club. They have the liberty to praise, admire or criticise their fellow members including the president on various issues. The members chare their opinion and drop a dollar or two into the box. No replies are expected from the member on whom the comment is passed. All are allowed to participate including the speaker and guests.

Let me give you a brief description of it went on:

One of the members got up and said, 'One dollar for the speaker for crispness in his speech for ending promptly on time'. Another one got up and said, 'Congratulations President for coming on time today and conducting the club meeting effectively'.

"The Club service director is not present today and one dollar for him', said the other. Somebody dropped a dollar saying that it was to point out that Rtn Kamal Kumar (a member of this club) had not attended the project at so and so place.'

President got up and said that his dollar was for the low turnout on the project visit by the club members on some particular day. 'One dollar in the name of the President for not calling me in time for that project, which was held on that particular day', intervenes a PDG of the club. It was hilarious when a member dropped a dollar for Mr Vijay Kumar, who had not invited him for his new house till date.

So, as this riot of laughter, comments and criticisms pulling each other's legs went on, I found the whole box was getting filled with dollars. The session got closed with the ringing of the Bell. Sergeant-at-Arms counted and announced the amount collected in the box and recorded the value. The session ended with the handing over of this amount to the Treasurer. Then as usual vote of thanks was rendered, national anthem of Malaysia was played and the meeting was adjoined. The club members invited me to attend their meetings whenever I am in Kuala Lumpur.

Second session gets going with the drinks, enjoyment, cracking of jokes, talking about the current events etc. All of us wort for late dinner. When I was dropped back to my location it was 1am. Cherishing the wonderful time spent with this club on my first visit, I remember each and every member of the Rotary Club of Bangsar for their warmth.

Rtn Mazhar Pasha

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