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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.

September is New Generations Month where Rotary Clubs of the world give special emphasis to the many Rotary sponsored programs that serve children and young people.

Mamta Sagar, Editor - The Rising Sun

Events

Event 1 Installation

Rotary Information - Fellowships

As of 1 July 2005, the Rotary Fellowships program belongs to a new parent entity known as Global Networking Groups. The new entity includes groups of individual Rotarians organized to focus on shared topics of interest on an international basis. Effective 1 July 2006, all existing and future fellowship groups with a service-oriented focus will be reclassified under a new category called Rotarian Action Groups, while existing and future fellowship groups focusing on fellowship of a recreational or vocational nature will remain under the designation of Rotary Fellowships.

A Rotarian Action Group is a voluntary association of Rotarians formed for conducting international service projects that advance the object of Rotary. A Rotary Fellowship is a group of Rotarians who unite themselves to pursue a vocational or recreational activity.

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| <u>Accountants</u> | <u>Doll Lovers</u> | <u>Music</u> |
| <u>AIDS</u> | <u>Education</u> | <u>Running & Fitness</u> |
| <u>Astronomers</u> | <u>Egyptology</u> | <u>Travel & Hosting</u> |
| <u>Ballroom Dancing</u> | <u>Environment</u> | <u>Venture Capitalists</u> |
| <u>Bird Watching</u> | <u>Gourmets</u> | <u>Wine</u> |
| <u>Computers</u> | <u>Internet (ROTI)</u> | <u>Yachting</u> |
| <u>Cricket</u> | <u>Magic</u> | <u>Yoga</u> |

Here are just a few; for more information go to:
<http://www.rotary.org/programs/fellowships/index.html>

"Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathways, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price"
Paul Harris

Why I am a Rotarian?

(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

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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.

It taught me that the happiness we bring to others makes us happier too. I am blessed because Rotary 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 endeavor?

Had it not been for Rotary, 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 Selangor 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 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 "Sergeant at Arms". The Rotary circle was displayed in its full form. He shook 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 fellowship thrown with lavish dishes. I better 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 Emceeing". 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 Minister Mahatir and the present Prime Minister 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 Sergeant at Arms and President allows the session as open and says the limit has been fixed to 10 minutes. The Sergeant at Arms comes out with a box similar to a Toy Piggy Bank, rings the bell and declares, "the fun session open".

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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 share 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 adjourned. 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 went 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

The RCHE Family

Independence Day Meeting & Family Fellowship

This year again we had a great offsite meeting at Rtn. Rahul Agarwal's farm with family cricket and fellowship hosted by Rtns. Gurucharan Singh, Mamta Sagar and Sanjay Khendry.



{Insert Photo — Flag}

The flag was hoisted by President Rajkumar Lohiya, Secretary Madhu Babu —and PDG JAS Giri. Cricket saw the veterans and today's generation competing together with the bat and ball. The information available in confidence is that most veteran's needed to nurse their muscles in the days following the exciting cricket match.

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Winners, vanquished and spectators; all enjoyed the banquet that followed as we wound up the RCHE annual day out cricket fellowship.

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| 19-Sep | Sajid Salman (Mazhar Pasha & Jameela) |
| 20-Sep | Indra (Shiva Swamy V) |

Anniversaries

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| Sep | None this month |
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Attention RCHE Rotarians, Anns & Annets: With a strong focus on family of Rotary we look forward to your contributions to "The Rising Sun".

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From Far & Near

About Bulletin Editors

A Rotarian stood at the Golden Gates,
 His face worn and old.

He merely asked the man of fate
 Admission to the fold.

"What have you done?" St. Peter asked,
 "To warrant admission here?"

"I edited a Rotary Bulletin on earth,
 For many and many a year."

The gates swung sharply open
 As St. Peter pressed the bell.

"Come in," he said "And grab a harp,
 You've had your share of hell."

(Courtesy Barrie Beacon)

Announcements

Birthdays

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| 2-Sep | Mamata (Uday Shankar) |
| 2-Sep | Guru Raj |
| 11-Sep | Rishika (Rohit Kedia & Ruchi) |
| 12-Sep | Shobha (Braham Minda) |
| 14-Sep | Jameela (Mazhar Pasha) |
| 19-Sep | Usha Rani (Raju CJJR) |

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