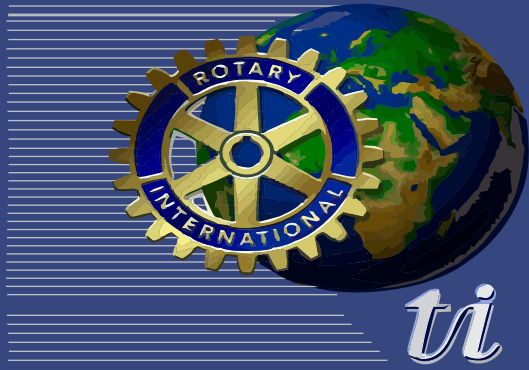


ROTARIANS ON THE INTERNET BREADBASKET

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from the chair

January was a month of very intense discussions on a number of subjects. Hopefully, we can carry on with a bit less turmoil. SARs are in and the discussions will be held in abeyance until late June. GSE was not resolved, but a lot of us have learned more than we thought we did not know. (that sentence plays games with words, so some may not understand). I know I have changed my mind during these discussions as to what GSE is. I still do not have a position on the subject, but like the education.

ROTI's position on SN's has been thrashed with no conclusion. However, we are past the detractions and the board should have a "position statement" for the group to review by the time you read this. I am glad to inform you that we have had some people offer to assist in some areas that need work. Girish Mittal has stepped forward and offered to lead a review of what is best for ROTI. We (the Board) will set some guidelines., with his help. He will then develop specific possibilities and will work with the full Leadership Council once he and his committee have programs to suggest.

Peter Sotheran found a topic that was omitted in the By-laws, but needs to be there. That started him reading the by-laws and he has come up several areas that need to be reviewed. He, and others, will develop a recommendation for changes to be submitted to the group for approval.

I applaud Girish and Peter for stepping forward. To paraphrase a quote, "sighted problem – fixed same". They need help! These situations are not difficult or time consuming. However, there are fine opportunities for service and fellowship, plus a little learning.

ROTI is only as good as you, the members, make it. If you see any area where you think improvement is need, please let me or any member of the Leadership Council know. How can we improve our service to RI, the Districts and the Clubs. How can we make our lists more valuable to our members. Should we develop digital presentations to help people understand how to use the Internet. Should we develop "white papers" with suggestions on making clubs more efficient and effective through Internet application. Should we create documentation on projects that clubs have done so others can get ideas.

There is so much we can do. We just need people to take the controls. Most of our threads have been about RI items or activity. I think there are a lot of discussions that could be of great benefit to the clubs. I hope no one takes exception to this statement: The clubs are the tools that make anything and everything happen. The clubs should be small businesses. Does your club have a procedure manual?? Sure, you have by-laws, but what/how are tasks accomplished to meet the general rules. Membership in critical – when people leave do you have a program to understand why?? The first year is critical in converting a member of a Rotary Club into a Rotarian. What is your program for getting this to happen?? There are so many questions to ask. Ask them! There is a lot of expertise here that the average members are not putting to work. Make them share!!

The US Army has a motto: "Be all that you can be". I hope all of ROTI will join with me in working to make ROTI all that it can be. I think we could be most valuable to Rotary Fellowship in all of RI. All we have to is work together.

Now, "have a wonderful Rotary day!"

www.roti.org

Steve Sokol
ROTI Chair, 2011-2013

WHAT'S



RON NETHERCUTT
ROTI Chair 2007-2009

**Project ideas
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**and
Collections
of Club,
District, Zone
Data
among
ROTI membership**

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jazzprof@gmail.com**

RESOURCES FOR ROTARIANS

The following are small but "beneficial to all" sources for Rotarians that I have found in various places that will assist you, your office, club, and district. Hopefully you will find them to be an important segment of Rotary information. The first group is available from Rotary at rotary.org.

Club Membership

Club Leadership Plan

Club Assessment Tools – Contains the Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs

RI Website: Running a Club Section

Rotary Basics

New Club Treasurer's Manual

Strategic Planning Guide

Rotary Minute Videos

Public Relations

Rotary images

RSS News Feed - allows you to update your club website instantly with Rotary news

RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine - offers a look at Rotary service projects around the world

Weekly Update Newsletter – provides links to RI news stories for bulletins, websites, etc.

Social Networks – join conversations with Rotarians on LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Youtube

Project Funding

Project LINK – online, searchable data base listing clubs and district projects with funding need

RI Website – Humanitarian Grants Section

The Rotary Foundation

Rotary Foundation Facts – brief statistical overview of the Foundation and its programs

Online Contribution Forms – the forms you need to contribute to the Foundation

Youth Programs

RI Website: Students and Youth Section

Abuse and Harassment Prevention Training Manual for Leaders' Guide

Interact Brochure

Interact Handbook

Youth Exchange Handbook

Recommended Reading

The ABCs of Rotary by PRIP Clifford L. Dochterman

As I Was Saying by PRIP Cliff Dochterman

A Century of Service by David C. Forward

My Road to Rotary by Paul Harris

2010 Manual of Procedure

These can be found at www.youtube.com, and some through rotary.org

YouTube Videos

What Will Rotary Be In The Future

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/0/Xd1jRUa8BAY>

How Can Rotary Attract New Members

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/18/xEx9zGJTYak>

What Advice Do You Have For Club Presidents

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/19/ASzNS4i9hfo>

As A Rotarian, How Have You Provided Service

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/27/5Q8A624uIOA>

What Is The Best PR For Rotary

http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/33/Z8K_ILHK-Qs

How Have You Benefited from Rotary

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/38/6Y8fFHO0YMI>

How Did You Get Started In Rotary

http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/42/g_ab6RPXqyQ

What Is Rotary

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/46/AbLI-vQva30>

Why Join Rotary

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/47/w1xjqH43Wq8>

This Is Rotary

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational#p/u/1/6vVyG0TJBWM>

More Materials from Rotary International

Be a Vibrant Club: Your Club Leadership Plan

www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/245en.pdf

Your Voice, Your Solutions for Training Mentors

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/101201_news_yourvoice.aspx

Five steps to Make Your Website Shine

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/101215_news_webpractices.aspx

Future Vision Plan

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningAClub/fv/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

The Rotary Foundation

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningAClub/TheRotaryFoundation/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Club Leadership Plan

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningAClub/ClubLeaders/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

eFlash_Rotary (Excellent reports from RI and Rotary Sources)

http://www.eflashonline.org/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

Online Fair for Matching Grants

<http://matchinggrants.org/> - List Your Grant Here to Find Partner

<http://www.rotarydistrict6460.org/RotaryFoundation/Grant%20Guide.pdf>

Matching Grants Guide

Each month, a special Rotarian is selected by ROTI, in recognition of his commitment and dedication to Rotary service. This month, ROTI is pleased to honour

ROTlan of the Month

Todd Lindley

Rotary Club of Overland, D6060



Todd and pal Paul

Dr. Todd Lindley

Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, Zone 31

Past District Governor, 2010-2011

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www.missourirotary.org

Todd grew up in central Illinois in a little town called Oblong. He graduated from the University of Illinois with bachelor degrees in Biology and Dental Science and his Doctorate in Dental Surgery. Todd started a dental practice in Robinson, Illinois in 1981 and immediately became a member of the Rotary Club of Robinson. He sold that office in 1996, buying another in the St. Louis, Missouri suburb of Overland, where he quickly fell into the Rotary Club of Overland.

Todd joined Rotary in 1981 and has served as President of the Rotary Clubs of Robinson, Illinois and Overland, Missouri, as Assistant Governor of District 6060 for three years, as Foundation Chairman & Grants Chairman for District 6060 from 2001-2009 and has just completed his year as District Governor of RD 6060. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation. In 2002, Todd was awarded the Four Avenues of Service Award, and in 2003 the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

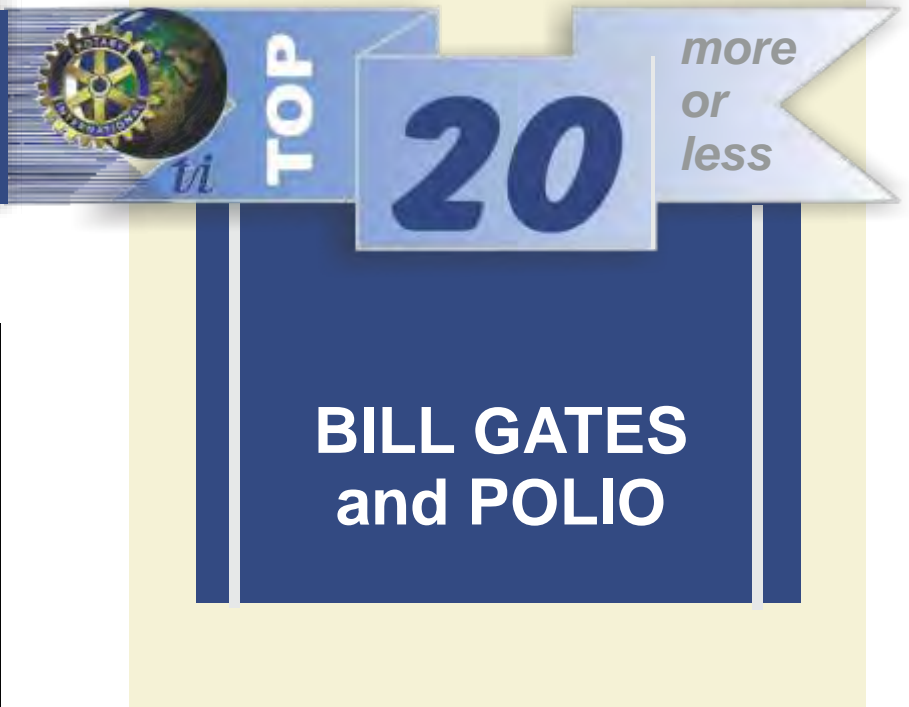
In 2007-2008 Rotary year, Todd served Rotary Zone 29 as Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisor and continued those duties as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 31 from 2008-2010. He is now serving as Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator for the 14 Rotary Districts of Zone 31.

Todd has written and managed over 130 Rotary Foundation Grant projects taking place in more than thirty countries. He is particularly valuable in ROTI because of his wide grants experience.

Todd and Tricia have just returned from a trip to India, during which he kept us posted on the adventures they experienced.

Todd has been a member of ROTI since 1999, serving as Secretary and Vice-Chairman.

Thanks, Todd, for all you do for, Rotary and ROTI.



Breaking News!!!! John Germ just announced that Rotary International has met and exceeded the \$200 million polio challenge and a representative of the Gates Foundation just announced an additional grant of \$50 million to Rotary to help in completing our work in eradicating Polio! This is REALLY GREAT NEWS!!!!
- Eric Lewis, Montgomery Sunrise Rotary, Montgomery Alabama

I just wanted to point out that in Italy we are proud because this project started in Italy. It began as a project of a Club near Milan that had the chance to be accepted and recognised as important by the Rotary Foundation since 1985.

Of course we are proud to see how it developed. In Italy it got a lot of sponsors, among of them also our worldwide known "Carabinieri" (www.carabinieri.it) and others.

Unfortunately Polio was not eradicated for our 100 years Anniversary, but it is important to see an end to this worldwide flagellum in some countries and we are confident to reach one day the full worldwide eradication.

And we will be proud to have started it.

- **Susanna Bettoni, RD 2040, RI Club Parchi Alto Milanese**
www.rotaryparchialtomilanese.it

Interesting video re Bill Gates

<http://news.yahoo.com/video/health-15749655/exclusive-bill-gates-gives-back-27979779.html>

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- **PP RonRon Nethercutt ROTI Chair 07-09RC Mabalacat D3790**

Here is a more in depth interview with BG.

<http://www.charlierose.com/view/interview/11456>

BG was very complimentary of Rotary in this interview.

- **Mark Howison, Governor 2007-08, District 5330**

I trust you all spotted BG was wearing his End Polio Now pin.

- **Tris Tristram, Assistant Editor - ROTI Breadbaske**

President RSFI Rotarian Singles Fellowship International
RC of Petersfield, District 1110, Hampshire, England

In various ways, my family has been involved in the fight against polio for a very long time ... beginning with my father as far back as 1949. Rotary took on the challenge in 1985 and made eradication of this dread disease around the world. It was Rotary's vision and commitment the put Polio on the ropes ... and, with the support of international health organizations and national governments, Rotary's vision captured the imagination of the world and Polio's presence among us was a forgone conclusion. It was only a matter of time. Thousands of us participated. The Rotary Foundation raised and committed tens of millions of dollars.

The recent influence of the Gates' Foundation (GF) has been wonderful. Through their matching grants, funding challenges and commitment of major funding, the Gates' Foundation's support of the Rotary and International mission has accelerated the inevitable eradication of Polio. Personally I appreciate the GF for their support for Rotary's mission. >>>>

- **Jon Deisher, PP, Anchorage Rotary/D5010, Anchorage, Rotary**

I also read with interest in the Wall Street Journal on my Kindle this morning that Bill Gates spoke at the Economic Conference in Brussels encouraging donors to keep up their good work. The article said that he talked about several initiatives including vaccinating children against polio, its high cost, and the great progress made including India having no new cases last year. But the job is not done, and we all need to keep up the fight.

- **Don Higgins, ROSNF Chair 2011-2012**

Member Rotary Club of Pinellas Park, FL District 6950

Remember when this started as a Rotary project at the Philippines in 1979, where 6,3 million children was vaccinated, it could have been turning in a totally different direction.

In 1985 the Rotary leaders in Evanston looked for a big project to do to celebrate Rotary's one hundred year in 2005. Many projects was (16) was laying on the table for evaluating. Suddenly one person said, why not take the well done project at the Philippines and vaccinate the words children. The rest of the story we know.

My foreign minister for many years ago, and WHO leader for some years, Gro Harlem Brundtland said in a speech that this wonderful work that has been done with eradication polio would never been possible without Rotary.

Another famous Norwegian, Mr. Trygve Lie, sais something in the same direction many years earlier. Mr. Lie was the first UN secretary, and as many of you may know, Rotary has done a very big job by making UN possible, but that has to be another story.

- **Jon Henrik Leere, District Governor, D2310, Norway**

Just noticed that Bill gates has donated \$750 million in the fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria.

http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/26/health/switzerland-gates-donation/index.html?eref=mrss_igoogle_cnn

Interesting times and what wonderful philanthropy.

The money goes to the Global Fund to fight AIDS TB and Malaria all areas in Rotary's mission under the 6 areas of focus for the new Future Vision?

I wonder if the Gates Foundation will challenge us in this fight as he did with polio?

This means that Bill has now given \$1.4 billion in the fight against AIDS as far as I can see. Also PEPFAR put up \$48 billion to fight AIDS.

<http://www.pepfar.gov/about/index.htm>

- **John Glassford, PP 08/09, Rotary Club of Coolamon D9700**

John, keep in mind that the Global Fund the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is donating to is not connected in any way to The Rotary Foundation.

They did donate some substantial money to The Rotary Foundation's Polio Eradication efforts, \$100 million, then \$255 million, then \$50 million - but these other donations are going to the Global Fund.

- **Todd Lindley DDS FAGD, PDG D6060**

Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, Zone 31

We are proud that from today India is declared POLIO FREE, as no new cases have been reported last year. We as the Rotarians are feeling the pride in this great event. The experts have advised to monitor for 2 more years to make sure that the polio virus is completely eradicated from India, and We are are sure, we will eradicate polio sooner.

**- Rtn.K.S.SANKARA PRASATH, MSc, DMLT, (LLB)
Rotary Club of Salem Centennial, RI District 2980**

I share your excitement in the good news that there have been no new cases of Polio in India for one year. Last February I led a team of Alaskan Rotarians immunized children in the region South of Delhi from where the last reported case came. But, India has NOT been declared "Polio Free."

The Polio Virus (there are 3 forms of the virus: P1, P2, P3) of which P2 has not been seen in more than three years. It is thought that P2 has been eliminated. It is my understanding that the Polio virus is capable of surviving in the environment, including human hosts without causing disease or symptoms, for up to three or more years and then infecting a new victim. Therefore, no place is declared Polio Free until at least three years (probably more likely 5 years) have passed since the last reported case. For this reason, although there have not been reported cases in one year, the NIDs and subNIDs must continue to prevent the "hidden" or "latent" viruses from re-emerging and begin infecting people.

It is proper that we celebrate the tremendous success of our efforts. India and Rotary have worked so very hard! Together we have been an army of combatants confronting a stubborn enemy ... the battle is not yet over, but the end is near! We must continue the effort for at least three more years until the World Health Organization will be able to declare that India is Polio Free. Then, the battle will continue in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria

- Jon Deisher, PP, Anchorage Rotary/D5010, Anchorage, Alaska

INDIA DECLARED POLIO FREE



VIDEO

India celebrates one year polio free



INFOGRAPHIC

Polio eradication progress

REPORTED INTERNATIONAL POLIO CASES, BY YEAR

(It will take two more years without new cases before polio is technically considered eradicated.) "I feel like, 'Am I awake? Is this real? Can it be true?'" said Lieven Desomer, who heads the Unicef polio eradication unit in India. "If you look at the size of the country and the complexities and challenges they have had to overcome over the years – it's truly hard to believe."

Polio now remains endemic in only three countries: Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. It is still considered present in three other countries (Chad, Angola and Congo) where the virus was reintroduced after eradication had been achieved.

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Polio

A Rotary engine

Can a businessmen's club eradicate polio from the world?

Jan 21st 2012 | NEW YORK | from the print edition

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IT IS a year since the last case of polio was diagnosed in India. That is not enough to pronounce the country polio-free—three clear years are the conventional period required for that to happen. But it is a good start. And if India really is clear, then what was once a global scourge will now be endemic to a mere three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. The number of people infected, meanwhile, has dropped from 350,000 in 1988 to 650 last year.

All this is in large part thanks to the efforts of Rotary International. In 1985, after a successful pilot study in the Philippines, this businessmen's club cum global charity announced a plan to eradicate polio by vaccinating every child under five at risk of catching it. The estimate then was that it would cost \$120m. Some \$800m of Rotary money later (plus a lot from other sources), the virus is still out there, but its remaining hidey-holes tell their own story: where civil disorder is rife, medicine is hard.



Goodbye to all that

Rotary is getting its due ...

Rotary deserves any and all credit coming its way for the Polio campaign. But let's recognize our international partners, governments, health organizations and philanthropic groups (particularly the Gates Foundation) for also putting their shoulders to the wheel and taking up this battle.

<http://www.economist.com/node/21543126>

**Jon Deisher, PP
Anchorage Alaska/D5010
Anchorage, Alaska**

List of International Conventions

- 2012 - Bangkok, Thailand - May 6-9
- 2013 - Lisbon, Portugal - June 23-26
- 2014 - Sydney, Australia - June 1-4
- 2015 - Sao Paulo, Brazil - June 5-8
- 2016 - Seoul, South Korea
May 29 to June 1
- 2017 - Atlanta, USA - June 10-14
- 2018 - Toronto, Canada
- 2019 - Durban, South Africa - May 7-10

- **Andrew Williams**
Rotary Assistant Governor Kitchener - Waterloo Cluster (District 7080)
www.rotarykw.ca



My blog is now available at
<http://joco'sjournal.blogspot.com/>

- **P.P. Tom Telfer, B.A., P.H.F.**
Past Chair of Rotary Editors & Publishers; Editor of Joco's Journal

Canada to Kenya

Terry and Tanya in Kakamega Kenya from January - March 2012. Visiting friends, overseeing Rotary projects (water, fish farming, education, and business training), and enjoying the warmth and beauty of Africa.

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Big Pig

Ok, hands up, who ran by a guy walking a black, very loud, huge 300+ lb, oinking pig this morning down the middle of the road?

I did. Complete with oinking.

The motorbike (piki piki) dropped me off about 5km from home. On a 13km frisky run (4.35/ km on the rare flat, non technical sections) through tea fields and trails behind thereof. The pig and his owner were on the "main" road which makes the road out to Zebalos look like the Transcanada high way.

Exciting day of entering the names of all my waypoints and reading my GPS manual cover to cover. Tanya got our accounts up to date on an Excel spreadsheet. We have spent... what we thought we have spent. And that is good.

Sorry, no picture of the big pig; the light was all wrong...and he was too big to ask to turn around.

Posted by Terry Nielsen at 10:45 PM 0 comments



Two of our club members have taken three month leaves from their jobs and gone off to Kenya to work on Rotary projects. Their adventures may be followed at <http://canadatokenya.blogspot.com/>

Tanya and Terry are both former GSE participants - they truly demonstrate that Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

We are so proud that they belong to our club.

- **Chip Ross, Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club, Courtenay, BC, Canada**

*Thanks for the good news, Chip!
 Africa is the continent where Rotary is needed so much and has such a great potential for growth.*

Marco Kappenberger in Samoa
Rotary E-Club of Latinoamérica, District 4200

Fantastic!!! Another great example of the good being done by former GSE team members. We need to save Group Study Exchange!

Eugene L. Beil, Centennial PDG 6950; Rotary Club of Hudson, FL
Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coord.
for districts 6950, 6940 & 6970
District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair 6950
Board Member Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship
Treasurer Rotarians On The Internet Fellowship

ROTI friends,

One of the Rotary clubs in my district, RC St. Francois County is planning to install a handicapped accessible playground set, the first of its kind in their county. This is a >\$12,000 project and the club is participating in an online contest to earn a \$2,500 grant from a local telephone/ISP company.

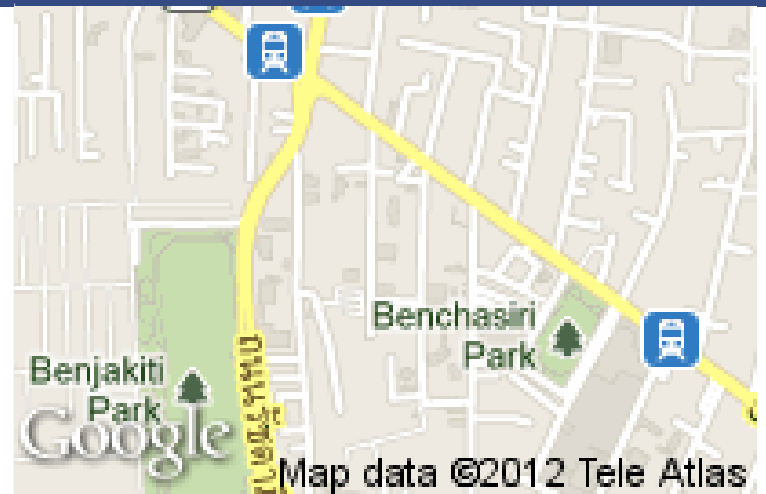
They tell me you can vote once per hour and that voting will continue until March 9. They will then reduce the field to the top few and have a new round of voting.

Let's work to make sure that Rotary makes it to that final round. Go to: <http://bigrivertelephone.com/contest/> and scroll down to "1st ADA approved Swing Set in County" and click on the green "VOTE" button. The associated video shows a short clip from a fundraising event the Rotary club is holding to raise money for this project – Mouse Races. Mouse Races are currently very popular in this part of the world.

Thanks for your support.

Todd Lindley DDS FAGD
Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, Zone 31
Past District Governor, District 6060, 2010-2011

ROTI HOTEL



Rembrandt Hotel

19 Sukhumvit Soi 18,
Klong Toei, Sukhumvit,
Bangkok, Thailand

This 4.5 star Rembrandt Hotel is conveniently located in the central business district of Sukhumvit Soi 18, a mere 10 minute walk from BTS Asoke station and MRT. The hotel's ideal location and easy access to various modes of transport make it the perfect choice for business and leisure travelers. The hotel features several popular dining options such as Senor Pico, Rang Mahal, and Red Pepper. For the business traveler the hotel comes equipped with state-of-art business center as well as various choice of meeting rooms. Within the vicinity are Pratunam Market, Siam Square, Emporium Department Store, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Benjasiri Park, Lumpini Park and several shopping malls & street markets. Leisure facilities at the hotel include a swimming pool, fitness center, and a Spa. The ultimate in luxury and indulgence awaits your visit

The ROTI hotel is the Rembrandt-Bangkok. If you want the ROTI rate, you will have to go through the web site. Since we are past the cutoff, there are no rooms left. However, I would be glad to try to help. The second payment is due in two weeks. Our arrangement is not a payment to reserve a room. Our rate is based on ROTI doing all the administrative work, so our people arrive with payment made in cash (cash to the hotel) and everything set.

The hotel has been very accommodating even though we missed a couple of commitments. I can not promise anything, other than is is no chance unless you respond quickly and meet the financial comment. One of our members committed himself to get us special treatment. We are already stretched as far as we can go without abusing the relationship.

Steve Sokol



Close to Asoke BTS (Skytrain) Station



Interview by Prime TV Channel 7 on the Mountains of the Moon Project

Hey John, is it really you in the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gBIPUEjV6A>?
Good on You, Mate.
- Chip Ross, Strathcona Sunrise Courtenay, BC,

Your work and dedication are just amazing John! You really should be the "Poster Child" of Rotary International. You are an inspiration to us all. If you have not received the Service Above Self Award, I would say it's way overdue. (though I know you don't do this for awards)

- PP Philip Merritt
RC Mabalacat Clark D3790
Pampanga, Philippines



Re the video or interview I was caught short as they called me on my cell phone and I was already in Wagga Wagga so I was totally unprepared and only had my Rotary hat which they did not want me to wear.

They are a strange mob these TV people here is a video shown last week on our club project in Coolamon NO Rotary mention even though our president was interviewed and the banner we paid for and erected in town by Rotary Coolamon and had a Rotary symbol, but they hid the logo!!! Weird.

<http://club.coolamonrotary.com/?p=1924>

The project is funded by our club and we are aiming to get locals and others to support the smaller towns in our area and do their shopping locally rather than in the big smoke of Wagga Wagga which is 30-50 ks away depends were you live in our shire. Anyhow thanks for the kind words.



Just sent a reply to the list on the Future Vision and I brought up the upcoming Peace Conference to be held in Wagga Wagga in September this year. Here is the link to the event:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50099&pid=66230>

Wagga Wagga was the first Rotary Peace City in the world and our town of Coolamon was the first Rotary Peace Town in the world.

- John Glassford, Rotary Club of Coolamon D9700, New South Wales, Australia

*"Whether we are reaching out to those in our clubs, or reaching halfway across the world, personal involvement has always been fundamental to Rotarian service. When we **LEND A HAND**, we focus on this personal involvement and we celebrate our shared humanity. Working together, ready and willing to help our brothers and sisters in need, one hand can become many and there is no limit to what the helping hands of Rotary can accomplish."*

- 2003 International Assembly, Anaheim, CA, USA



Our **2011-2012 President Kalyan Banerjee** has been named Man of the Year by Southeast Asian Times Magazine. His picture is on the front page of the New York edition. If you take the time to read the 9 page article, you cannot help feeling blessed to be a member of our great Rotary.

He said that, in America, Rotary is considered an organization of old people, and in India, it is growing because of young people. He tells young people that they might be very busy, but they can spare two hours per week for social service.

If you are one of the people who scrolls through all 9 pages of these Banerjee articles, you will be a very informed and inspired Rotarian. Here is the link. Just click on it.

<http://thesouthasiatimes.info/node/1384>

Rtn. Sanjay Kulkarni
Rotary Club Aurangabad West, Maharashtra, India, RI D3132

Chip Ross speaks



H. L. Ratan <hariratan@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:
 Here is Chip's speech at the valedictory function of an artificial limb camp in Feb 2011 at Chennai.

ROTARY FELLOWSHIP is OVERWHELMING

By Dr. Todd Lindley
 Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, Zone 31
 Past District Governor, 2010-2011
 Rotary District 6060, St. Louis Missouri, USA

ROTI members,

I'll give you a personal reflection on the service from Evanston. My wife Tricia and I are still traveling in India. I completed my official duties at R.I. President's Rep at District Conference 2980 last Sunday evening and have been traveling throughout D2980 ever since seeing the sights and project locations.

Yesterday we drove from Salem to Chennai, but went through Pondicherry to visit my classmate as DG Joseph Suresh Kumar and to see the devastation caused by Cyclone Thane which came ashore on Dec 29 immediately on Pondicherry, breaking off nearly every tree 15 feet above the ground and uprooting 50% of all trees, removing lots of roofs and destroying thatch huts and must more.

In the afternoon, Tricia and I got out of our minivan and walked along the promenade along Bay of Bengal. Our driver stayed with the van, but stepped out to stretch his legs - standing in front of the van, while leaving the van run so the air conditioner could keep the van cool. Somebody reached in and grabbed Tricia's purse, along with a Rotary blazer of the DG I was traveling with. Inside Tricia's purse was her passport, a credit card, and drivers license. Nothing else of value.

I immediately called the credit card company and blocked Tricia's account (separate account from mine). Within 10 minutes one of the local members of parliament was helping us weave through the police system, obtaining a "certificate" from the police stating what had happened. Rotarians from Pondicherry hovered around us and traveled with us to Chennai, along with my friend, DG Asoka from D2980 and his DGND Bala.

I called Rotary International Travel service while still in Pondicherry since we were scheduled to fly out of Chennai this morning at 8 AM. Our flight was moved back 24 hours within 5 minutes. This morning, Rotarians scooped us up at our hotel at 10:15 AM and took us for passport photo's (8 photo's for US \$2 !!!), then to the US Consulate, where they were waiting on us thanks to a phone call from a local Chennai Rotarian. We arrived by 11 AM and left with a new US Passport by noon.

When I reached my hotel last night at 1 AM, after driving from Pondicherry I had an email waiting from Rotary International asking if all details were being taken care of, that they were aware of our problem and giving us a 24 hour number to call if we had any trouble.

We are headed out to dinner tonight to a hotel owned by a Chennai Rotarian which has an excellent Thai restaurant in it. I'll enjoy dinner with my batchmate Olivannan, a few other local Rotarians and spouses, many of whom were instrumental in helping ease our way though this (otherwise) tense situation.

We are headed tomorrow to Delhi, where my Rotarian travel agent is already working on smoothing the way for Tricia to obtain her exit visa from the Foreigner Regional Registration Office. We will relax the rest of the day Friday and Saturday in Delhi, visiting a bit with my good friend Dr. Pallav Agarwal (ROTI member) and then fly home at midnight to St. Louis via Chicago.

Friends, my glass is full to the brim. Rotary makes this world a small place full of friends united to help others. The fellowship of Rotary is OVERWHELMING. A few late reports that I can edit and use with 10 minutes of work on Adobe Acrobat or a pencil and white-out is not going to ruin my day and cause me to gnash my teeth together.

Warm regards from Chennai

Todd

PS: While inside the consulate, the consulate officer we were working with asked, "do you know Alexis?"

I was puzzled at first, but then asked "is this the vice consulate?"

"Yes" was the answer. She is a good friend of Rotary and had alerted all in the office that we were coming and to smooth the way. Even the guard at the gate, behind the bullet proof glass asked my wife "do you have any photo ID?"

Tricia said "No, it's all missing."

He then asked "Are you Patricia?" Small world..... he already knew we were coming.

Who owns the Rotary Logo?



As you know I am a member of a Rotary Action Group, RFFA or Rotarians For Fighting AIDS, in fact a member of the RFFA Board of Directors.

RI approved RFFA as a RAG and also approved the use of our logo see:

<http://www.rffa.org>

You will see the logo which has the Rotary wheel superimposed over the AIDS red ribbon. This was a hard task for the RFFA CEO Marion Bunch to have approved. As you know RI is very protective of the RI logo.

The question who can use the RFFA logo? Who owns it?

I am sure that RFFA does not and as long as the logo is used in the right manner for AIDS projects around the world, run by Rotary clubs or districts then they should be able to use it.

What would be your considered opinion?

The trick in the question, well the AIDS red ribbon in Africa is seen as a stigma and I know that many AIDS clinics in Kenya and South Africa do not display the red ribbon. So care has to be taken in the use of the red ribbon in areas where AIDS is present.

**- John Glassford, Past President 08/09
Rotary Club of Coolamon District 9700
New South Wales, Australia**



RI authorizes organizations to use the Rotary wheel in logo's associated with recognized Rotary organizations as long as the image is not distorted. . . and no part of the Rotary wheel may be obscured by other elements of the design. For example, the pink ribbon on the RFFA logo must be BEHIND the wheel and no part of it may pass in front of the wheel.

Find out more at www.graphics-for-rotarians.org/
- Peter, D1030

Fellowships should forward a copy of their logo to RI World Headquarters for review, to ensure that the design complies with RI guidelines, especially those governing the use of the Rotary emblem. For information on the use of the Rotary marks, refer to the Manual of Procedure (035-EN).

Also, if Fellowships wish to sell things with the Fellowship logo on them they do not have to be licenced but must follow RI guidelines.

The handbook doesn't specifically mention granting permission to use the emblem.

Tris Tristram, Assistant Editor - ROTI Breadbasket; President RSFI Rotarian Singles Fellowship; International, District 1110, Hampshire, England

Just to clarify, the provisions of the Manual of Procedure in chapter 5 explain in detail the ownership of Rotary "marks". It says, in part:

"To fulfill this responsibility, RI owns, protects, and oversees the use of Rotary's intellectual property throughout the world, including the trademarks and service marks, collectively referred to as the Rotary Marks. The Rotary Marks include the word Rotary, the Rotary emblem, and many others, some of which are shown below."

- Dan Mooers, District 7780

I think RI has trademark on the Rotary International wheel logo so I would say they own rights in any logo that has the Rotary wheel. Another way to put it might be that RI authorizes organizations to use the Rotary wheel in logo's associated with recognized Rotary organizations as long as the image is not distorted and there is associated text and other images identifying the specific organization and distinguishing it from RI itself. The final word on any issue with logo's should come from the RI legal department which does entertain specific questions and looks into reported misuse of the Rotary wheel etc.

- Don Higgins, ROSNF Chair 2011-2012, Member Rotary Club of Pinellas Park, FL District 6950

Rotary Code of Conduct

Ho Loon Shin <loonshin@yahoo.com> wrote:

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. Honour the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

Source:
http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/200en.pdf



Won't the Future Vision rules and regulations be in place for 2013-2014 for all 530 districts and GSE will no longer be applicable, instead we will have VTT? - John Glassford

Technically, districts can still have a GSE under FV but in reality they don't. We're already in FV as a pilot district and in FV you can still do GSE if the district pays for it and organizes all of it, including travel and coordinating everything with the other district. I think the pilot program is confirming that once FV sets in there will no longer be a GSE because it is much more difficult to organize and totally up to what the DG wants to do. Our district that did two GSE's per year has not had one since we became a pilot district. Our total GSE experiences during the FV pilot years would have normally been six GSE's and we're hoping to finally have one. We're already faced with a problem of way too many clubs wanting to host the team because, by the time we receive the new team, it will have been three years since anyone has hosted.

**- Steve Coleman
SaveGSE.org
R.C. Danbury, TX, D5890**

DOWLOADING U TUBE



peter - Tiscali wrote:

I find I have dropped myself into a hole and am now way out of my depth with a video project.

Next Thursday our newly formed Interactors are to join our Club meeting. I was tasked with downloading four videos from the Interact 2011 video competition to show the new Interactors the sort of activities that others engage in.

Then I discovered that to d/l a YouTube clip is not straightforward, so I found some s'ware. Then I find that I have to sign up to Google and YouTube to get passed another hurdle. Then my pc reports that it lacks some flash facility that is essential. None of this is helped by my chronically slow broadband connection that limps along at 0.35 to 0.4 megabits/sec! (It takes at least 8 minutes to d/l and view a 3 minute clip.)

I confess to having no working knowledge of handling video but then neither has anyone else in my Club (one chap has an old 8mm cine camera!) and I have never given more than a cursory glance at YouTube before today. So I am way out of my depth!

Ideally I would like to acquire the following clips and string them together to make a 10-12 minute sequence.

Downloading YouTube videos can be complex. I've tried a couple of free tools and now use the Freecorder stuff – see

<http://applian.com/freecorder4/help.php#youtube>

<http://applian.com/freecorder4/help.php#youtube> or

<http://applian.com/freecorder5/>

This might help
- **Garry Krischock**

ask ROTI-TECH

TIME IS PRECIOUS

Dear Fellow ROTians,

Recently I saw this interesting poster on the wall of an International School in Mysore, India. I thought of sharing the content of this poster with you all.

Time is Precious:

To know the value of 1 year ask the student who has failed in his annual examination.

To know the value of 1 month ask the mother who has delivered a child prematurely.

To know the value of 1 hour ask the parents who eagerly await the return of their children, home.

To know the value of 1 minute ask the person who just missed a train.

To know the value of 1 second ask the one who just missed an accident.

To know the value of 1 millisecond as the athlete who has come 2nd in an Olympic race.

Time is Precious and let us not waste it!!!

Rtn G N Sivaramakrishna, RI District 3230
Rotary Club of Madras North, Chennai, India

Good news....

Rotary receives about 2.5 million United airline miles for humanitarian projects Rotary International News -- 27 January 2012

Thank you to all those at United -- including President and CEO Jeff Smisek -- for their generosity and the opportunity to participate in United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway. And thank you to everyone who voted for us. We couldn't have done it without your participation and persistence.

or the miles giveaway, we officially came in second place and will receive 2,488,070 charity miles from United. Rotarians will use the miles for humanitarian missions, such as transporting sick children to hospitals.

- PP Ron, Past ROTI Chair
RC Mabalacat D 3790

HOTEL KEYCARD

Ever wonder what is on your magnetic key card?

Answer:

- a. Customer's name B. Customer's partial home address c. Hotel room number
d. Check-in date and out dates e. Customer's credit card number and expiration date!



When you turn them in to the front desk your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner. An employee can take a hand full of cards home and using a scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping at your expense.

Simply put, hotels do not erase the information on these cards until an employee reissues the card to the next hotel guest. At that time, the new guest's information is electronically 'overwritten' on the card and the previous guest's information is erased in the overwriting process.

But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with YOUR INFORMATION ON IT!

The bottom line is: Keep the cards, take them home with you, or destroy them. NEVER leave them behind in the room or room wastebasket, and NEVER turn them into the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card (it's illegal) and you'll be sure you are not leaving a lot of valuable personal information on it that could be easily lifted off with any simple scanning device card reader.

For the same reason, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, do not toss it in an airport trash basket. Take it home and destroy it by cutting it up, especially through the electronic information strip!

If you have a small magnet, pass it across the magnetic strip several times. Then try it in the door, it will not work. It erases everything on the card.

Information courtesy of: Metropolitan Police Service.

- Ronald L Trimming, P/P multi-PHF, Uddevalla-Skansan RC, D2360, Sweden

peter.sotheran@tiscali.co.uk wrote:

There is an argument raging, well, sort of simmering, in my club about how often to turn off a computer.

One side argues that it is not a good idea to turn a computer off when it is not in use as this will make it wear out more quickly due to the extra starting and stopping. I have also read that my internet connection will probably be faster if I don't switch off as doing so appears like a line fault and prompts a slow down. The other side argues that switching off enables the system to do some regular housekeeping. (We are talking about desk-top machines not lap tops that automatically hibernate when left unattended.)

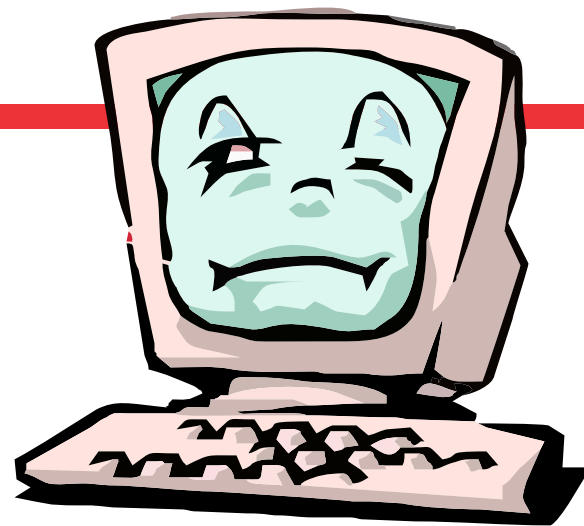
So what is best? Normally I turn it off at night, which if nothing else saves a bit of energy and some background noise.

Agree that turning off the computer will save energy. However, with these new computers, putting them to sleep turns off all the fans and monitor, so I am wondering what could be running that is sucking up energy. It is very convenient to start up the computer without going through the booting process.

Then, on the other hand, it is good to reboot to keep things healthy and stable.

- Alan Okinaka, RC of Hilo Bay, Hilo, HI

COMPUTER TURN ON



The `extra starting and stopping will not do any damage to the computer unless maybe you did it 500 times every day. In an age when we are thinking seriously about energy conservation I believe it is wasteful to leave a computer on when it is not being used. (especially overnight) There are also advantages to restarting the computer regularly as it will often solve conflicts and corruptions that might have occurred when leaving the computer on for an extended period.

From my experience you are likely to get more damage to the computer if you leave it on all the time because the heat sinks and fans will accumulate dust much faster and become clogged and you will risk the chance of overheating if they are not cleaned regularly. Also the fans will wear out quicker if left on all the time. You are likely to find a fan on the CPU, on the graphics card (if it's a good one), in the power supply and likely one or more on the case.

But to me the biggest argument for turning the computer off when not in use is energy conservation.

- PP Philip Merritt, RC Mabalacat Clark D3790

ask ROTI-TECH

I switch my PC off at night but leave the Wi-fi hub on. My ISP stated that the BT exchange reacts to switching the hub on and off as a transmission problem and reduces the speed of the connection.
- Tris Lawrence



*- Not complaining -
DRFC
for
years
and
years*

Normally TRF requires that a DRFC 'serves up to 3 successive years in office' but many districts have followed a one or two year pattern and TRF has accepted the decision. However TRF requires the DRFC to serve the full 2013-16(3 year) term, as MOST districts/clubs are not familiar with the FVP Grants model, which brings in many changes - primarily sustainability & stewardship - that they propose to train the DRFC at San Diego in January 2013 and would naturally want that the trained resource is available for the full tenure for a smoother transition. Thereafter the other committee members would get trained and we would be back to business as usual. Hope that answers some of your questions.

**- Madhukar Malhotra, Rotary Club of Chandigarh
Past District Governor 2010-11**

The three year appointment applies now to all FV districts and for 2013-2016 to all districts. Please note the text from the following Future Vision page:

http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/FutureVisionPilotProgram/Pages/fv_dist_leadership_structure.aspx

DRFC chair

To provide continuity for district Foundation projects and the management of the District Designated Fund, the district governor, with the approval of the district governor elect and district governor nominee, appoints the DRFC chair to a three-year term (from July 2010 through June 2013).

As the Foundation prepares for the worldwide launch of Future Vision, all districts will need to confirm their district Rotary Foundation committee chair appointment for 2013-16 by 1 July 2012. Learn more about appointing a DRFC chair.

**- Don Murphy, Rotary Club of Salida, CA, USA
Past District Governor 10-11, Rotary District 5220
California's Northern San Joaquin Valley & The Mother Lode**

DRFC - 3 YEARS

Sorry, but I don't think your interpretation is realistic. Imagine any of the following scenarios:

1. DRFC leaves the District due to a change of employment
2. DRFC suffers serious ill health and is unable to continue
3. DRFC quits Rotary for any reason
4. A change of work or domestic situation leaves DRFC with insufficient time for the task
5. DRFC proves to lack the necessary skills or enthusiasm for the task.

What do you do then? You cannot oblige him/her to continue if he resigns. Will you disqualify the entire district - I presume from the FV grants programmes, not from Rotary?

Regrettably there are one or two Rotarians who 'collect' titles and positions. If you have a DRFC who proves inadequate for whatever reason - perhaps he she/ under-estimated the workload - do you penalise the District by insisting he/she complete the full three years?

In the ideal world, there is much to be gained by having continuity of office. Certainly when I served two consecutive years as Club Pres', the second year was easier and we achieved more. But we are all volunteers and you cannot oblige or force any Rotarian to do something against his/her will.

If you say 'we will only appoint DRFCs who declare their willingness to serve for three years', you will greatly reduce the pool of volunteers.

It's fine to devise these rules but there is nothing to be gained by creating rules that are impossible to enforce and may only result in alienating a lot of grass roots Rotarians.

It would be better to declare that a DRFC 'may serve up to 3 successive years in office.' That leaves the option open to achieve the desired result with imposing any un-enforceable obligation on the person or the district.

- Peter Battle



ATTENDANCE INTENT

I would be interested in hearing what you would do with this Rotarian: He has been a member of the Club for the past 11+ years and has served in all officer capacities; he currently serves as the Exec. Secretary for the Club. He is the one who does all the ordering of supplies, comes each week a half hour early (7am breakfast Club) to set up and ensure all is working properly. Unfortunately, he cannot stay for the whole meeting as he has to be at his jobsite no later than 7:40am. In the past, he has been to all meetings, staying for the entire time, until he got this job in October.

(The job, by the way, should end by mid-May, at which time, he will be temporarily (he hopes) out of work.) He takes part in all fundraising activities and other Club functions held in the evenings. He has been known as the "conscience" of the Club. He is also a Paul Harris Fellow, and a PHF+6, and a Major Donor Benefactor.

He also serves on the District Grants Committee (will be Grants Chair next year), is on the District RYLA committee, and various other positions. He has also served as AV Chair for Zone Institutes the past 3 years, and is Programs Chair for the upcoming PETS/SETS.

Question - should this Rotarian be asked to resign? If so, how do you go about "replacing" him on the various committees on which he serves? Or, do you think he is doing what he can, given his current job situation and should be kept on as a member of the Club?

Is his "lack of attendance" so detrimental to the Club that he should be replaced?

**- David Robinette, Overland Rotary Club
Past District Governor 2008-09, Make Dreams Real**

*Dear PDG David,
Attendance used to be a requirement for discontinuing membership few years back. Through revision of Club Constitution this responsibility is now with the Clubs. As long as members support and could be considered as resources, attendance should not be requirement for expulsion. The concerned member should be informed to take the advantage of "Attendance Makeups".*

**- Hari Om Shrestha, President 2000-2001
Rotary Club of Patan West, D-3292 Nepal**

Most clubs should be happy that you were not in our club in Liberty, Missouri during the tenure of one of our club secretaries.

He was the only printer I ever knew who had no printing ink under his fingernails. That should tell you something. His printing had to be perfect; he was known to print over a job missing a comma etc.

When you came in to a meeting he clocked you in. If you arrived after 12:36 I believe that was the cut off time of 60%. He, of course made some of the club members angry and some resigned.

Surprisingly our club % of attendance was over 90% during his year.

When the year was completed we promoted him and the problem was mostly avoided from there on in. He maintained that the regulations required your 60% presence to be counted present. Of course he was correct. smile

- Sam Chapman, D6040 Liberty Missouri USA

I too believe that it is the "total value of the individual's contribution" that should be looked at in this matter.

We have a couple of member whose meeting attendance alone would not have them remain as members, however it is the things that they do in all other areas that make their membership valuable to us, and the very last thing that we would consider doing is have them leave just because of a less than "standard" meeting attendance.

Rotary membership is more than just coming to weekly meetingsand it is the strength or out organisation that people can contribute in other ways to make their membership valuable not only for themselves but for what we stand for and do.

It would seem to me that if you apply the Four-Way Test to this situation that the member concerned is giving what time he can to Rotary in a variety of ways.

In our club the priorities are 1. Family 2. Your Job and then 3 Rotary and not the other way round. I think we expect too much of people at times and if we were more flexible and tolerant then more people would join and certainly more would stay longer.

**- David Bennett, President 2011-12
Rotary Club of Brimbank Central, D9800, Victoria, Australia
www.brimbankrotary.org.au**

This Rotarian of yours should not be asked to resign and must be kept. His current job is not his own liking and he has no choice. After all the service he has done for the club, he does not deserve to be de-listed. His records, as you have said, will prove his dedication to our organization. We just have to ask ourselves: Is it fair?

The wait is only till May 2012 - that is just a few months from now. And you said that he will be out of a job after that? It would be a great pity if you take him out from Rotary despite all the great things he has done for the club which he seems to love and to be out of a job later. To whom does he relate when he becomes jobless? Where will his friends be - meeting at their Rotary Club of which he is no longer a member. This guy will swear you all to death.

Fairness is the key, compassion too perhaps. You won't see another dedicated Rotarian like him.

**- Manny Reyes, MD/Ben/TRF Alumnus
Annual Gift Giving Chair, RY 2011-12 up to RY 2013-14
Charter President, R.C. Rizal Centro, D3800, Philippines**

I think we are missing the point with this post all together. This Rotarian is an excellent Rotarian and does not need to make up at any club or do anything else in his volunteering. He is an example to all of us.

My take is get a life, enjoy your life and if your enjoyment comes from attending every meeting and if you miss a meeting you make up at another club, fine. However if like this Rotarian you do more than your part in other ways within his Rotary club, then why would one even consider asking him to make up, just preserve him at all costs. He is rare.

- John Glassford, Rotary Club of Coolamon D9700 New South Wales, Australia

From my view, the intent of attendance is Fellowship, participation and involvement. The focus is on those who do not participate. While I think there is a solid benefit to both the member and the club from attendance, obviously there are exceptions that might have to be taken individually. That's why I attend and encourage others to do so.

The point is not about those who can generate, or already have, motivations for meeting that intent. If one can meet that intent without adhering to an attendance requirement then they can work it out with their clubs on how it is recognized. Some chronic non-attending members are "carried" by their clubs because of "who they are." If their club is happy, then so-be-it. Sure, we can all find exceptions as to why the attendance rule might seem inappropriate, inconvenient or even draconian. For me it's about the purpose for having an attendance requirement ... Fellowship and participation. After that, within the "rules" to which we all agreed upon accepting membership, it's up to the individual Rotarian and his/her club. If there's any doubt, then the attendance percentage is an objective indicator ...

**- Jon Deisher, PP, Anchorage Rotary/D5010
Anchorage, Alaska**

From your entire account of his involvement with Rotary, in all fairness, he certainly deserves empathy from the Rotarians, in the light of his long conscientious services to the mission named Rotary. Moreover, it is not that he has been remaining totally absent. He has been trying to cope with the difficult situation as best as he can. Does n't it reflect his sincere commitment to Rotary? Would it be very difficult to make some alternative arrangement in the interim to cover for him for the 'few minutes' that he needs to leave early. Come on guys, let us be good Rotarians in letter and spirit!

**- Tarun Ch Bordoloi, President Elect
Rotary Club Of Gauhati South, District 3240.**

Rotary Attendance Intent.
By
Jon Deisher, PP, Anchorage Rotary, Anchorage, Alaska

I have noticed an ebb and flow of discussion about Rotary's attendance requirements. Some Rotarians do not like the requirement that they must attend 60% of their club's annual meetings per year. They want the rule changed. It bothers me.

It concerns me that some Rotarians do not want to attend meetings. So, if we do not attend meetings, do we just send our contributions in as a "proxy" for our not showing up? Is that the intent of our "Grand Mission?" I don't think so. Rather than summarize the pros and cons, let's look at the intent of an attendance requirement. Why is it important we attend meetings, functions and conferences?

Rotary is about "World Peace and International Understanding THROUGH FELLOWSHIP (emphasis added.)" That's it. That's our purpose. Admittedly it's idealistic. But without idealism, how does anything improve? Fellowship is the heart and soul of Rotary and leads to our wonderfully productive philanthropy and good works ... locally, regionally or internationally. Fellowship is the salve that promotes our conviviality and makes our selfless contributions possible. If we do not attend meetings, participate on committees, or "show-up," none of what Rotary does is possible. The intent is to avoid the inevitable process of people sending checks/contributions in lieu of their physical presence and participation. Rotary is participatory. Participation means attendance ... and not just the passive, sit around and "have lunch" kind of attendance. It means to actually DO something. If we do not "show up," get involved and actively participate, we do not engender and promote the essential Fellowship among ourselves: especially among those with whom we are not likely to otherwise know and spend time with, unless it's at a Rotary meeting, conference or convention.

Attendance is the beating heart of Rotary.

It's about Fellowship. If we don't attend meetings, we don't get to know each other, we don't generate the needed Fellowship, and nothing gets done. Really, it's not that difficult. We are leaders in our respective fields. We are selected because we have a certain amount of executive control of our time and resources. We have expertise and capabilities that the world needs. Just schedule the meeting, plan for the conference, and show up.

Sure, we raise money, mostly by and through each other. But it's not about our money attending a meeting in some club account or Evanston trust. Piles of bank notes in a vault don't decide how to improve the world. Money is simply a potential waiting for an idea to make it work. When money gathers together it just "sits there" doing nothing until Rotarians attend meetings, identify a need, design a matching grant, organize a community service project, participate in an NID, or create a concept to improve the lot of people who need it. Then those Rotarians get off the butts and DO SOMETHING about it. Many of us are Paul Harris Fellows and/or multiple PHFs. We make grand contributions of our personal treasure and resources. The generosity is often humbling, and a true testimony to our love of our fellow man. But it's not the only or even most important one. Contributions and donations of money, our capital, alone is idle paper. It takes the Fellowship and participation that comes from the attendance of Rotarians (you and me) to combine those resources with our hearts, minds, and sweat to make our combined contributions of treasure and time work. Given the time and personal presence of Rotarians we will change the world ... indeed, we already have, and are continuing to do so.

The most important capital we invest is our time and personal participation, our ATTENDANCE leads to our fellowship. THAT's what makes it happen. THAT's how world peace and international understanding will occur and is occurring. Attending meetings 60% or more of the weeks in a year is easy! Make up opportunities are numerous. But you must WANT to do it. If you can't, or won't, show up then Rotary is not for you. But if you can and will show up, then Rotary is for you and the world will be a better place because of you.

While I agree with your statement above, it is also important that participating Rotarians make decisions for the club and non-participating Rotarians don't show up "just in time" for an election or a club assembly. Members who do not show up are voting with their feet. They also "resign" with their feet.

There is honorary membership for friends of Rotary who want to help but who cannot find the time to attend meetings.

PDG Patrick G. Coleman
District Trainer 2011-12 - D9210
Assistant Rotary Coordinator Zone 20A South 2012-13
Rotary Club of Luanshya
Wat/San Project Coordinator
P O Box 90010, Luanshya, Zambia

john glassford wrote:

Knowing your impeccable knowledge of all things historic re Rotary do you know when attendance became compulsory or did it?

Reading the constitution and by-laws it only says that: "If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership shall be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non attendance for a good cause."

Attendance Compulsory?

This discussion is making me more confused as it continues. In my club of 55 members, established in 1967, we rarely have more than 50 % at our weekly meetings as many of our members are traveling overseas for business or pleasure, or whatever other reason. Fellowship is our strength. If any member is ill, he/she is well supported; members' wives regularly socialize together and participate in Ladies' Nights and weekly meetings if the speaker is of interest to them.

Community Service is directed towards actively supporting our hospital, hospice, handicapped people, the environmental and community groups. Youth Service hosts an International Youth Exchange student each year, promotes high educational and cultural attainment in our middle and senior schools by way of speech competitions, support for young musicians, scholarships for university students and outstanding young athletes, and sponsorship for students to attend a residential National Science and Technology Forum run conjointly at three universities. (This Forum was set up by the club in 1988 which continues to manage it). International Service is concerned with providing assistance to impoverished Pacific Islands territories.

When I read of the emphasis on 50% attendance as being critical to a club's health and growth and the adherence to the strictures of the MOP, I just wonder what kind of a rumpy club we have and where we went wrong. It's a bit of a worry.

- Norm Winterbottom, Rotary Club of Milford Auckland, NZ (D9910)

I have found that the attendance is pre requisite to fellowship. However, poor attendance due to work load or other commitments does not mean you are not valuable and can not be productive. I was asked to resign when I was unable to attend for 3 months. There were others who had attended 3-4 times a year are there five years later.

I joined another club and initiated projects and fund raising which have become the highlights at the district. Even when I do not often attend regular club function which are currently inaccessible to me due to construction and traffic congestion, I offer Rotary education and awareness to the club. I spend more time on internet and project participation than some of rotarians who have perfect attendanc. I provide auditing services to the club. All these are wrthwhile activities.

**- Ken Kapur PhD, CGA, Newman & Sversky LLP
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Alan Okinaka <aokinaka@hawaiiintel.net> wrote

In my year as president, I tried to work with the members with attendance problems because I wanted to respect them as professionals and have them make the decision on whether they wanted to continue with Rotary or not. It took a few months to do this, but the three members who decided to resign felt that they were treated respectfully.

In response to Gene's comments, RI and the district does influence club's attendance by using "indicators of success" to recognize clubs with good attendance and high percentage of new members. By recognizing the top three clubs in each category, you indirectly admonish clubs who don't do well. I know...I hear often that competition is good, but I wonder about competition applied to Rotary clubs. I wonder if it is really needed to improve clubs.

I would prefer to use this energy and focus to have clubs help each other to be successful in a non-competitive manner. Helping communities locally and internationally is not a race. It may be a race against disease, poor education, and poor health, but it is not a race to see which club was the "best" club of the year.

on SAR

If our SAR is due on January 1, why isn't our detailed invoice ready until January 13?

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I've just been informed by the folks at the data center that the SAR reflects our club's status as of December 1, 2011. Any changes that have been made since should be written directly onto the SAR itself.

What is the point of going through Member Access? What's the point of having modern computers if this will be the case?

- James Shields, Rotary Club of Tacloban D3860 Phils

IMadhukar Malhotra wrote:

James, Dec 1 is the date SAR is frozen and clubs need to make changes not reflected for any reason whatsoever - mainly logistics, changes advised thru post or made thru member access after 1st December/June as may be the case. Changes after the date can only be made only after SAR reports are received to have consistency and avoid duplication/errors

Am no votary of RI working but must say they do an admirable job managing and updating records of over 34000 clubs and 535 districts worldwide. In my own district most errors reported by clubs were attributable to their own ends or not following instructions. RI readily coordinated to resolve all problems

Steve Sokol wrote:

Madhukar, I think you miss the point. If RI can not get the information out until mid-July, why put an impossible deadline of June 30. Be realistic and end July 31.

That is the problem. I do not care when I get it - just give me a few days to reply - not move back in time.

My clubs data is always current to within 24 hours. The information is electronic all the way to RI's computer

Daniel W. Mooers" <dwm@mooers-law.com> wrote:

Steve:

As I believe I mentioned before I was a long term club secretary and dealt with the SARs. When I received them, I corrected them, adjusted the dues bill and mailed the amount I calculated was owed. No SARs I received was correct and I never paid the amount on the bill. I fixed, paid it and moved on.

Part of the difficulty I think is caused by the fact that data entry is now done in Pune, India. Despite electronic communications, have the data on one side and the input on the other side of the world has to cause a problem.

To me, no matter when the SARs is received, it should be promptly corrected, signed, and returned with a check, Being few days late, for whatever reason is not, to me, a big deal. Just live with it and move on to something important,

John Glassford of Australia wrote:

Just been on the RI web site looking up our SAR and dues. They give me the January 2012 figure but when I go to print the invoice they give me the July 2011 invoice, something wrong here. Different sums of monies as we have lost 2 members so far since we paid the July 2011 account.

Has anyone else had the same problem?

I have been watching this 'debate' re SARs with gradually decreasing interest, but having a need to peruse the MOP (2010) issue I spotted the following:-

"Every club secretary receives a semiannual report (SAR) packet, which includes the dues invoice, in early July and early January. Clubs must submit updated membership lists to RI by 1 June and 1 December each year to ensure an accurate dues invoice. Any club that has not received its SAR packet by the third week in July or January should download it through Member Access at www.rotary.org or request it by e-mail at data@rotary.org. Dues are payable even if the SAR packet has not been received."

So it seems as though everyone (including RI) is correct. It is due by end of the relevant month, you will not receive it until within the month, you can download it after the third week. The implication is that by the third week the SAR should reflect the membership level at 1st of June or December. They must use steam powered computers at RI.

- Tris Tristram, RC of Petersfield, District 1110

It is usually December 1 for the 2nd semester and June 1 for the first semester SAR. Changes must be made before these dates so that they will be reflected in the January 1 SAR for the 2nd Sem and July 1 for the First sem. In our district, we remind the club presidents to make sure that they purge inactive members prior to these dates, otherwise, they will be carried over to the next immediate SAR.

- Jesse Tanchanco, RC Loyola Heights

I think some people think the complaints about Evanston are exaggerated or even misstated. I am looking at an example right now that occurs two times every year (and has been mentioned here).

The SAR (SemiAnnual Report - submission of dues to RI) was due back to RI one week ago. The form has not been received by the clubs yet. This is not a strange event. In six or seven years as a club secretary, I have only seen the SAR received by me before the due date one time, and then only one day. I am sure people can think of reasons. Maybe they are trying to get the latest data. Any secretary can tell you that the data was pulled a couple of months before it is sent, which creates a problem for the secretary - the report has to be manually changed. It is not delay on my part - our system is automated from my machine through District and on to RI. I can see only two possible problems: 1) the procedures in Evanston are inadequate; or 2) the procedures are not followed.

Either way, it is ineptitude in Evanston and trying to defend it only enables more of it. There is no excuse for a group the size of RI to have such a faulty administration I sure hate to think the same thing may be going on inside of TRF, but they are isolated enough to get away with it.. I know there are questions about the accuracy of individual accounts from time to time and I do not know how they are resolved and some may be at the club level.

Okay, now I have vented and I can relax and wait for the form to get here next week.

- Steve Sokol, Rotary Club of Seneca, South Carolina, USA, D 7750

Yes Steve. I agree with you 100%. The Club Presidents too get reminded about the fact that the Semi-Annual Dues based on the SAR is payable ON 1st Jan and 1st July and that the grace period only extends upto 31st Jan or 31st July respectively. The Clubs too take it easy and hurriedly send the dues to RI Zonal offices in the last minute so as to reach the Zonal office before the impending upward Revision of the Parity with the Dollar. (In India the Rs Vs \$ parity gets upward revised almost once in 2 months)

In the earlier days we used to call the dues as SAD(abbreviation for *S*emi *A*nnual *D*ues) One of my Club members objected to the use of the term --SAD!

He said it is sad enough to pay the dues; Why do you want to remind about it again and again for the preceding 4 weeks before the grace period ends and make us feel sadder and sadder every week.

Incidentally the RI must be loosing considerable interest on the amount received almost at the end of the grace period! (In India the monthly rate of interest is about 3/4 percent!)

- Col Sabapathi, Rotary Club of Hosur Midtown, RID 2980

Steve:

Like others on this list, I become concerned with trying to blame anything that happens on Evanston. For example, one of the biggest problems used to be (and perhaps still is) that many Rotary clubs fail to send their club officers' information promptly to headquarters. Needless wasted hours are spent trying to figure out where club information needs to be sent.

Another poster remarked that the SAR frequently is not sent to the club secretary but instead winds up with someone else. Usually when that happens it is because RI does not have current information for the club. Hopefully, with on-line transmittals, that is occurring less often, but by the looks of the OD, it must still be a frequent occurrence.

I believe characterizations of the adequacy of staff at headquarters or at the regional offices is not constructive. And, if I elect to defend the staff against what I believe to be unjustified criticisms, I think I have the right to do that. Please do not tell me I do not have the right to do that.

- Dan Mooers, District 7780



MY TRAVEL to INDIA

By PDG Doug Vincent

Hi everyone:

I've been tardy in reporting my India travel activities, partly due to getting behind on things here since getting back home and partly because my computer froze up and bit the dust. So I'm back to using an older one for a few days.

In addition to my regular reports, I wanted to share with everyone the great world of ROTI and the fact that during my three+ weeks traveling southern India, I had the chance to meet with many ROTI friends in person.

It started with **Ganesh Rayne**, a United Nations colleague and Rotarian in Mumbai whom you met in my first report. I also communicated with **Girish Mittal** who's name you see on ROTI, but unfortunately our schedules did not allow a personal visit.

Next were some Rotarians in Kolkata during my visit there attending their D3291 conference. Due to my tight and rushed schedule it was difficult to spend much time with anyone. And my conference schedule was cut short due to a medical mishap you may have read about in another report.

In Hyderabad I was hosted by **PDG Sambasiva Rao Patbandla**, who by coincidence is also a ROTI member. I had not communicated with him or met prior to arrival at the airport, but we shared ROTI stories. Even though he does not post much, he said he has a keen interest in positive Rotary topics.

Further along my journey I was the beneficiary of my friend **PDG Sunil Zachariah's** kind hospitality efforts. I have met Sunil previously and it is unfortunate that his schedule did not allow us to meet during my time in Cochin. But alternately, he made arrangements for our time in his region, including tours and great home hosting by his Rotary friend and RC Past President. Sorry Ram that I my schedule did not allow us the visit in Kerala.

And finally, similar to Todd a few days before us, we enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of Hari Ratan and friends. Time was too short to take in all of Hari's historical stories and trivia as he drove us on a tour of Chennai to see many of the hallmark buildings and historical markers of his home city. We also enjoyed meeting with some of his Rotary friends at the cricket club and will look forward to a return visit.

This is just a short recap of the enjoyable times shared with ROTI members. You'll read more details in past and upcoming reporting.

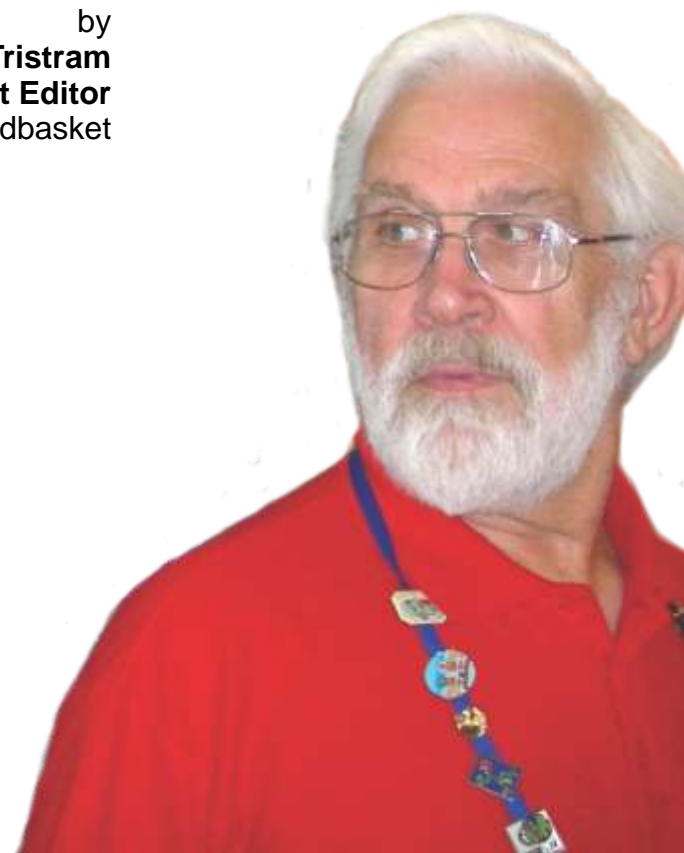
In the meantime, I want to remind you that you too can take advantage of this wonderful organization and enjoy the friendship, fellowship and hospitality of fellow ROTI members whenever you travel abroad.

With best regards and appreciation to the ROTI members who helped make our travels safe and enjoyable.

Doug V

MEMBERS' REPORTS

by
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Today I was excited to visit Mother Teresa's "Missionaries of Charity" orphanage where Subha, Rotary India Foundation's Executive Director, met us. She volunteered here as a youth so knew a lot about the well known institution. It was great for her to meet and catch up with some of the sisters she worked with in her younger days.

Since Mother Teresa's passing, one room has been set aside for her tomb and another has been set up as a museum with several news reports and artifacts from her days. Subha took us down the street to a second location where we saw the children having lunch. It was a pity to see some so handicapped, yet loved by caring volunteer workers.

The rest of our day was in meetings with RID Shekhar and the Rotary India Foundation staff to discuss current and future MG projects. Our last evening in Kolkata included enjoyable food and fellowship with our great hosts, the Rawat family.

It was an early 5 am departure for the airport and flight to Hyderabad for another presentation. The airport was hectic as we stood in the long line up to check in. We had plenty of time so I was not worried until the ticket agent informed us we could not be processed until our bags were x-rayed and screened. Apparently we had missed the machine as we first entered the airport. So back we went.

Our next approach included weighing our bags which was stressful since we knew that we were over. Much heavy stuff was already in a carry-on bag to minimize this but our strategy did not work. We found India airlines very strict on baggage allowances.

So off we go to pay an extra fee at the opposite end of the airport. No, the check in cannot take the money. You have to go to admin and stand in line again. Stress was building as our departure time drew near. Good thing we arrived early.

The chap in front of me did not have small bills and the clerk had inadequate change. I had the exact amount I needed and offered to pay first, then she would have change to handle the chap in front of me. He agreed, but she could not fathom such a simple solution. Off she goes to obtain smaller bills.

Time was getting close to the wire and rushing back to the check-in I met a helpful ticket agent who had brought my carry-on items and paperwork. After confirming payment he escorted me to the second level security, which had a long lineup.

"There is no way I'm going to make the flight now", I said to myself as I observed the lines. He pointed to an entrance with very few people and told me that after I passed by the initial boarding pass guard, I should go through that entry reserved for late passengers.

My Travel to India continued...

It looked like a great plan, until the guard at that entrance got bored and left his post. Upon which many saw a short cut and took it. So no longer did I have advantage of the short line.

I finally got to front of the line, passed through screening and thought I was good to go. Nope! My suit bag was OK but they were curious what all of the wires and gadgets are in my briefcase. They asked about liquids and I denied having any.

"Please empty your bag into this bin," demanded the inspector as I jumped from one foot to the other pleading for mercy. You can imagine my embarrassment when he pulled out a bottle of maple syrup, a heavier item placed there to reduce overweight.

He removed a bar of soap insisting it was not allowed and yet, after watching me drink some maple syrup, allowed me to keep the bottle and move on. Strange!

I'm on the run now, noticing the monitor screen says "final boarding". I start up the escalator where there are two men in front of me with bags, then an older lady with her daughter, led by a handicapped lady in front. SLOW was bad at this point. It got worse when the older lady fell, causing a domino affect back down the line. Lucky I did not fall. Someone pushed the emergency stop and I was buried in a multitude of carry-on bags. Can it get any worse? Yes.

After clearing the entanglement, I rushed back down the escalator and up the regular stairs. Running to the gate, I arrived to hear "You're the last one; we've been waiting for you," then . . .

"You do not have your bag tag stamped by security. "You are not allowed on the plane like that." The courteous mannerism of the agent was the only reason I did not loose my cool at that point.

He assured me they would hold the flight while I returned to security. All sorts of scenarios played through my mind as I hoped that I would remember the same security guard and more specifically, that he would remember me and our interchange. Maybe he would just stamp my tag and avoid me going through the process all over again. Not so lucky, but he did take my bag and place it at the front of the entry belt. Soon I'm on my way again with the required stamp of approval.

The plane was way out on the tarmac so the agent took me down to ground level and hailed a airport van much like a taxi. They took me directly to the plane and I joked with those who saw me that it was nice to have "limo service" direct to my flight.

OK, I've taken too long to get on with describing my other activities, but it is stories like this that makes travel interesting. Or at the time, I would have said frustrating!

In two hours we land in Hyderabad to be welcomed by the smiling face of PDG Sambasiva "Sam" Rao Patbandla. It is always wonderful to have a friendly person at a foreign airport to greet you and ensure your safety and comfort while in their care. After arrival at his large home, a mansion in Canadian standards, we had lunch with his daughter, Madu. Later in the afternoon we did some email and worked on my evening presentation.

Rotary events are often different in India as compared to Canada. It is normal to have "snacks" prior to the meeting, along with coffee or juices. Some are simple sandwiches and India style, usually vegetarian, deep fried finger foods.

We were located in a large event room of a private club and I shared my thoughts on "The Power of One". It was great to share fellowship and Rotary conversation with many of the Rotarians attending and I enjoyed some great feedback on what I presented.

Following, we were invited for dinner in the club dining area. It was a late night but we made up for that the next day with a relaxing morning and popular Indian dosa breakfast.

Next was some sight seeing and learning more about the wonderful culture and customs of this country. There are a lot of Muslims in this region so not uncommon to see ladies in black burkas with faces hidden.

We started out at the 4 towers "Charminar" which is an impressive monument in the centre of the old city, surrounded by markets and street vendors. We climbed up the 121 steps inside a circled concrete stairway and the view up top was worth it. Wow, what a magnificent panorama view of the city landscape.

Walking along the pot-holed market streets was and experience with scooters and taxi's driving all over the place, often causing near misses. By the time you account for carts and vendor displays that encroach on the muddy street, there was not a lot of room for traffic.

A strange sight was seeing the Muslim burka-clad women, many with cell phones, buying bangles in the market. Who knows what all they hide under there?



We stopped at a second floor coffee shop to enjoy the panoramic window views. To our surprise and discreetly sitting in the corner was a young Muslim couple who appeared to be dating (not allowed) with her face showing.

Next stop was the world famous museum, housing mostly a private collection of historical artifacts, clocks, weavings, statues and paintings. Two featured life-sized items included a wood carving which had a man on one side and a lady on the other. It was amazing how the artist could design and weave them together seamlessly.

Even more magnificent was a white marble carving of the "Veiled Rebecca." One could not imagine how anyone could create such a detailed masterpiece with a lady covered by a transparent veil. The simulated ribs of material and veins on the body made her remarkable in every detail.

Well our time today is at an end as we gather our bags and stop for dinner on our way to the train station. Tonight, we'll experience an overnight train ride to Hampi, home of a UNESCO World Heritage site.

With best regards,

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For pictures of our most recent humanitarian aid trip, go to:
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The screenshot shows the eFlash_Rotary website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'My Page', 'Members', 'Photos', 'Videos', 'Events', 'Blogs', 'Rotary International', 'Chat', and 'ROTI'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- What is new:** A section titled "2012 International Assembly" with a sub-heading "Accessing government sub about 2012-13 RI News". It features a photo of a man speaking at a podium and a text snippet: "Two of our members find their space in the RGHF's Hero's list. They have inspired others and recorded their dedication for posterity. Their deeds and dedication to the ideals of Rotary enhanced the effectiveness and reputation of Rotary International. eFlash_Rotary Congratulates our members for their achievement."
- Member Profile:** A profile for "PDG Sant K Zacharia" with a photo and a bio: "Sant K Zacharia is a member of the Rotary Club of Woodstock-Oxford. He has been a member since 1988 and has held several offices including President, District Representative, and International Representative. He is also a past president of the Rotary Club of Woodstock-Oxford."
- News Item:** "Pakistan committed to erasing potholes this year - PM Geelani" with a photo of a man and a text snippet: "DAKOS - Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani on Friday said Pakistan was committed to erasing potholes by the end of 2012 and would use all resources to rid the country of the irritating disease."
- Video Player:** A video titled "Change 4 Change" Interact video" with a play button icon. Below the video, there's a text snippet: "Congratulations to the winners of the 2011 interact video contest! The Interact Club of Episcopal School of Knoxville, TN (USA) won the grand prize for its entry 'Change 4 Change' which tells a dramatic story about the fight against potholes."
- Other News:** "2006 - John Hawko outlines five priorities for strengthening Rotary's strategic success" and "A number of major initiatives are underway that will help Rotary International's professional staff, the Secretariat. Do a favor, effective, efficient, and lasting resources for clubs and districts."



Book on Mental Health

"Malabarile Manasasthra Sayannangal" a public interest book on mental health which was written by President Dr. Hari S. Chandran was released at Rotary Club of Mavelikara by handing over a copy to Assistant Governor Rtn. Jacob Varghese on 01.01.12.

Stress Seminar

Stress and anxiety related to examination has become major problem of students in India. RC of Mavelikara has organized several seminars and stress reduction training programs for students.

Here you can see President Rtn .Dr. Hari S. Chandran, a Clinical Psychologist, leading one of the seminars



Jaipur Limb Project

Article by Robert and Jennifer Sommerville - The Rotary Club of Blairgowrie

Four years ago the Rotary Club of Blairgowrie began fundraising for a project to fit artificial limbs in India.

The Blairgowrie Rotary Club had initially planned to work through the Rotary Jaipur Limb Project, but as they were unable to find a partner club in India we linked up with the Rotary Club of Central Calcutta, where we have friends. A two year project was planned, which would supply lower limbs and artificial arms, provide polio victims with callipers and pay for some patients to have corrective surgery. Rotarians from Calcutta would supervise the project in India.

We thought it might take us a couple of years to raise the £6000 we needed – but thanks to the generosity of Blairgowrie folk we did it in 6 months. We started in October 2007 with a hunger lunch, with a speaker from the Rotary Jaipur Limb Project, and that raised £1000. Publicising the project locally brought in £3000 from two donations, we collected at the Blairgowrie Pantomime and raised the rest at our charity golf day. Rotary District 1010 were very supportive and gave \$10000, and the Rotary Jaipur Limb Project added £2000 of their money to our project. We applied to The Rotary Foundation for a Matching Grant, and thought we might have a problem because of the financial crisis of 2008, but in 2009 we were one of only two clubs in D1010 to get our matching grant in full. As a result our £6000 turned into \$42000. We received a lot of moral and practical support from D1010, especially from Steve and Cath Chorley. Blairgowrie had not applied for a matching grant before, and we needed all the help we could get. PP Binod Khaitan from the Rotary Club of Central Calcutta spoke to the club when he stayed in Blairgowrie with two of our members in 2008; the personal link was very valuable – as was the RCCC's extensive experience of Matching Grant projects.

The project was inaugurated in Kolkata (Calcutta) in January 2010, in the presence of Trustees of the Rotary Jaipur Limb Foundation (UK) and since then a series of Limb Camps lasting 1-5 days has been held in West Bengal and Varanasi (Benares) as well as at the Shree Jain Hospital in Kolkata. The banners displayed at every camp name the Rotary Club of Blairgowrie as the International Partner. In December 2010 Bobby and Jennifer Sommerville, from the Rotary Club of Blairgowrie visited Kolkata and were guests of honour at limb camps in Kolkata and Varanasi. The final camp has just been held (23-26 November 2011) with a visit from Santa Leal, the Grants Manager from The Rotary Foundation, and by the time it is finished over 800 patients - adults and children, men and women, urban dwellers and villagers, will have benefited from Blairgowrie's generosity and the hard work of the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Central Calcutta. We have given these people more than a limb – we have given them their life back.

The table below shows the results of the project.

	Planned	31 March 2011	23 Nov 2011
Jaipur Limb below knee	200	198	262
Jaipur Limb above knee	200	112	163
Calliper knee/ankle/foot	150	120	161
Calliper ankle/foot	150	112	117
Polio corrective surgery	50	37	51
Hand below elbow	34	35	35
Hand above elbow	25	12	12

ReUSE Mela

By the ROTARY CLUB of BANGALORE YELAHANKA, RI DIST. 3190

As part of Bengaluru Recycling Habba 2011, our club organized ReUse Mela in association with Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, BBMP and Solid Waste Management Roundtable Bengaluru. The Reuse Mela were held on Sunday, 6th & 13th November at the Rotary - Suresh Rao Learning Centre.

Members and public donated items they no longer use. Others, who found these useful, collected it for a token donation. Some of the items that changed hands included medical equipments, furniture, music systems, CDs, cassettes, iron box, sports goods, books, suitcases, bags, electronic equipment and old utensils to name a few. The idea behind this event is to reduce waste and promote recycling and reusing. The funds generated would be used for community service projects.



ROTARIANS on the RAMP

A Cluster 3B District 3790 Fundraising Production for the Month of January 2012

Evening wear made of indigenous materials by RC Metro Clark



Sportswear by RC Mabalacat



Lead club RC Angeles Kuliati in exotic gowns

Every month, since July 2011, 10 clubs in Cluster 3B (Angeles City and Mabalacat areas of Pampanga) conduct a project that is hosted by a club assigned to do the project on specific month. Previous projects done from July to December 2011 were Children's Party on 1 July Rotary New Year, Medical Mission, Relief Operation, Cluster Website Competition, etc.

Each club contributes a fixed amount to fund the agreed project for the month. For the month of January 2012, host club Angeles Kuliati organized a Fashion Show participated in by Rotarians (in Cluster 3B) and their families. From sports wear, to summer clothes, to evening creations, Rotarians displayed their fashion form and knack in designing and presenting clothes of interest.

The attendees greatly enjoyed the show which included dancing numbers and song intermissions performed by their Rotaractors.

For the month of February 2012, it will be the turn of RC Mabalacat to manage a project in tune to the celebration of Rotary birthday. A FUN RUN, targeting 1000 runners, is on the offing, and will be held on 25 February at Clark parade ground.

March 2012, Cluster 3B Rotarians will enjoy a fellowship of Bowling Tournament to be hosted by the Rotary Club of Balibago.



Rehabilitation Day

By Ambalacat Ram Mohan

This function was organised by Rotary Club of Ottapalan District 3201 on the Day of International Disabled Day and also as a part of phase 2 implementation of our Matching Grant with RC Bandar Sunway Rotary Club in District 3300 Malaysia.

PDG Sunil Zackaria was the Chief Guest.

On this day we have distributed 10 crutches, 10 callipers, 50 spectacles, fitted 6 Artificial Legs (under the Leg for Legless Project) and an educational help for post graduation to a visually impaired girl approx. 500 US\$

A large number of relatives of ably disabled persons, Rotarians and local community attended the function.

This was really an image maker to Rotary Foundation.



Treble Clef Palette

1 ounce of compassion

1 teaspoon tears of a fresh widow

1 overflowing cup of longing

A heartfelt of unrequited love

Half cup of ecstasy

2 fistfuls of quavers, crochets, etc

Blend ingredients to produce marinade

Soak for few decades of lasting friendship

*The mixture is ready to use when it begins to bubble and
no longer be held in container*

Ladle liberally over years

Chill, baby, chill

from the book of Mike Riddell

MINUTES of ROTI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL @RotiLdr1113

Prepared by
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ROTI Secretary

Steve Sokol wrote each member of the board:

We have been batting around a lot of questions on Social Networking. I think it is time to poll the group and get some direction for Girish's efforts. If you would, please answer each question with yes or no. Then you can follow it with whatever comment you feel necessary to make.

Questions:

- 1) Should ROTI use SN(Social Networking) as part of its Internet resources. (If no, no need to continue)
- 2) Should ROTI use FB(FaceBook) in it SN strategy? If no, go to 6
- 3) Should ROTI have a FB Group that is restricted to ROTI members?
- 4) Should ROTI have a FB page with no restrictions on joining? (if no, go to 6)
- 5) Should ROTI create its unrestricted page from scratch (alternative is to assume the ROTI Associates page created as a start to ROSNF)
- 6) Should ROTI use Google+ as a SN instrument (if so, your answers to 3 & 4 will apply to its use)
- 7) Should ROTI handle SN sites as a banter site.
- 8) Should ROTI maintain the listserver as the main hub with links between all ROTI sites.
- 9) There is currently a ROTI Associates existence on LinkedIn - should the name be changed to ROTI for consistence and to indicate membership requirement.

The result of the survey will help the leadership council plot a path to the future while keeping the overall mission in focus.

The membership will be informed accordingly.



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