

# ROTARIANS ON THE INTERNET BREADBASKET

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I am giving full front page to these kids of ours - Rotaractors of Asian Institute of Computer Studies and Global Knowledge Academy.

Not only they are cute, but also because they wear Rotary on their skin and are proud of it! They look good in Rotary uniform and we are proud of them.

They volunteer at camps for the disabled, feed children in school, solicit relief goods for typhoon victims, have fun attending our club meetings, and most of all, they promote Rotary in their Facebook accounts. I am counting that this breadbasket page will move around the globe faster than the PR machine of RI. The new generation block is a wheel of its own, when oiled properly. :-)

We call them our baby Rotarians. They want babies of their own, so they organize the Interact Club among the younger and youngest. Now, we've got more kids, great ones, too! But the new babies want to have Rotary uniform too! Ah, youth.

The kids are always welcome to drop in our club meetings anytime they want, treat us like family. They call us *tita*, *tito*, volunteer to sell the raffle tickets, or sing the National Anthem. For that, we buy them dinner. Ah, youth. Sweet and easy to please. If only adult Rotary can be like kids, then service is really fun.

## EDITORIAL

PP Glo A. Nethercutt  
Major Donor  
Rotary Club of Mabalacat  
D 3790, Philippines

*Rotaract motto:*

## Fellowship Through Service



It is a joy to work with our Rotaract Clubs. All we have to do is to inspire them, show them the way and we will have an army of young volunteers. I am happy to note that they are all working hard coordinating the gathering of relief goods for flood victims of Bicol.

- IPP Tony Shilton  
RCMabalacat D3790  
Chair, Rotaract/Interact

New Generations, being the 5th Avenue of Service of Rotary, I am writing you to please focus more on projects geared towards the Youth. Let us continue to be their guiding light and support them in every way we can.

Kenneth S. So  
New Generation Chair  
District 3790



Every  
Rotarian an  
Example  
to Youth

What a joy  
to see children  
helping other  
children.

Invite your  
Rotaract officers to  
act as the  
"president of the  
day" in one of your  
weekly meetings.



"After I graduate and find good-paying work, I will join the Rotary Club of Mabalacat and help them in their project. I will play my guitar for the children at the Kamp Pagkakaisa, teach them song, and maybe, they will forget that they are disabled."

- Richard Anacleto, 18  
Rotaract Club of AICS



# The New Generation

## - they are all unique individuals, special in their own ways

One of the most rewarding opportunities available to Rotarians is that of working closely with the youth of their community. As civic and business leaders, Rotarians serve as role models, living out the Rotary slogan, "Every Rotarian an example to youth." Helping young people develop those qualities of leadership and civic responsibility is a primary objective of Rotary's work with youth." (<http://www.rotary.org/programs/youth>)

Teen years up to adolescence are the age of discovery and maturity. They are a time for growing a sense of responsibility, but they can also be a stage of much personal struggle. Young adults can acquire undesirable habits for many reasons: to have fun, to be part of a group, to relax and to cope with stress, boredom or pain. For some, it may all be a part of the process of finding out who they are and so they take risks (e.g. substance abuse).

We cannot save the whole world, but we certainly can do something to keep young adults out of mischief. Over the years, service to out-of-school youth has always been a major sustaining project of the **Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao (RCWWD)**. This literacy program, which started in RY1993, provided non-formal elementary education to out-of school youth in **S.I.R. (Slum Improvement Resettlement)** Matina, Davao City. Forty or fifty were accommodated each year. Because of financial and work commitments, the beneficiaries cannot attend the usual six-day school week. This is a Sunday morning program held in a local school where young people, ages from 13 to 21, are taught to read and write. Without this, they are destined to a life as housemaids, pedicab drivers, or other menial work. At noon they leave the school. For most, it is back to work washing cars, washing walls, tending other people's babies, or however else they earn their 50 to 150 pesos (US\$1.00-\$250) per day. These are the lucky ones and no matter how menial their jobs are, they have a great desire to learn and improve their knowledge to keep pace with the demands of their day-to-day living. The club's functional literacy programs continued for as long as necessary to provide the youth a better chance of attaining the desired changes in their lives. Some succeeded and became highly productive members of the society.



### PWDs signing up for jobs

Another sector of the **new generations** are Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). In 2000, RCWWD held a job fair for PWDs to ensure that individuals with disabilities are given the same opportunities and treatment as everybody else and to make appropriate matches according to the skill levels of our job seekers and the requirements for the particular job.

Many disabled people – given the right opportunities – can be excellent, loyal and dedicated workers whose performance can match, or even exceed that of non-disabled workers.

Those whose performance is less than the norm can still hold down jobs and achieve a level of independence which was not possible in the past. Whatever job they perform, disabled people can make a significant contribution to the national economy and to society through their work.

By bringing together community resources, technology training and business leadership, we not only assisted them in realizing their career potential, but also expanded job opportunities for PWDs in a less-discriminating society.

Not all is doom and gloom for the new generations. On the other side of the coin are those who mature early, are already living on their own, away from home, establishing or have established their independent selves. Some are resilient and born survivors. They will change careers a few times to seek more challenges and fulfillment. They will make mistakes, but they will (hopefully) learn from them.

**The New Generations - they are all unique individuals, special in their own ways.**

by PP Gio McKay  
RC Waling-Waling, D3850  
Davao, Philippines

I am pleased to greet you at the ROTI BreadBasket. Glo and her staff continue to do an excellent job of providing you with a monthly update that is informative and presented in a style that is enjoyable to read.

We hope you will consider sharing it with your District.

You need to consider sharing all of ROTI with your District. I have been pleasantly surprised at how receptive my District is to ROTI. They can see the advantage of an international Fellowship, providing assistance in appropriate use of the Internet to spread Rotary. You do not have to sell ROTI – just present it. It will sell itself.

The **Leadership Council** has been discussing potential projects. We are now creating “project proposals” covering the various ideas. We have discussed a number of ideas and have now tamped them down and into reality. There is considerable overlap between ideas, so it is a bit premature to discuss them.

**Tris Tristram** is handling summarizing the projects for submission to the membership. Tris will have his summary done in about a month and you may see the results about the time you read this. We will clear the suggested projects through RI in advance, so the group will only need to “fine tune” the projects and determine which ones we should attempt. The money versus labor in these projects will be like those attempted by regular Rotary clubs: Some will be labor intensive and others financially demanding.

Our plans for Bangkok continue. We are waiting for group codes from their accounts receivable department and then you will be able to start placing reservations. People who have already stated a desire for rooms will have first notice. We will definitely line up a ROTI dinner one night – probably Sunday. I would appreciate any ideas on what the group would like for the dinner and any other thoughts on social activities. I suspect that I am one of the few that would like real Thai cuisine. If you have any ideas, please start a thread on the list. I would not want to interfere with any other Rotary activities, but this will be an opportunity to meet ROTIans who usually are unable to attend Conventions.

I have a lot of people giving ROTI “**Service Above Self**”. It is impossible to list all of them, and that puts me in a conundrum. I have to make a decision. I do not want to offend anyone, but I really feel a need to mention some contributions, so in my space each month I will mention one or two. They will be strictly for **ROTI service**, while **ROTIan of the Month** recognizes overall service on behalf of Rotary.

My first mention can only be described by the word “incredible”. It is **Sunil K Zachariah**. I am absolutely in awe over the work he has done on **eFlash**. That is a fabulous site for Rotary information and conveys a lot of references to ROTI. In spite of the work load for eFlash, Sunil is a regular contributor to the list and is active on the Leadership Council.

My appreciation of Sunil goes well beyond eFlash. Without any mention from me, he realized that I was having trouble identifying an appropriate facility for the ROTI hotel in Bangkok. Not only did he come to me with a suggestion, but he also introduced me to the sales staff. ROTI will have excellent accommodations thanks to his assistance.

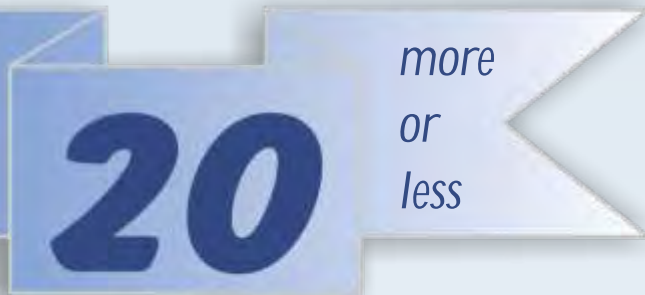
I also have to very much thank **Girish Mittal**. He has become both a trusted advisor and a friend. Girish is a ball of energy and always willing to contribute in any way requested. He has been especially helpful in answering culture related questions. The internationality of Rotary is one of its beauties, but it also helps to have support in learning the highly varied approaches one observes.

I appreciate the fellowship activities of our members. I look forward to getting our projects defined and continuing to place “Service Above Self”. Your efforts have made this one of Rotary’s best Fellowships. There is one thing to remember as we move forward: “If you think you can or if you think you can’t, you are right”!

Everybody have a great Rotary day!



Steve Sokol, 2011-13



Recently I was trying to encourage a fellow CPA who is in her early 40's to join Rotary. She felt that Rotary was doing a very worthwhile job but was not interested as we were a bunch of old men who took ourselves far too seriously and were more than a little, pompous.

She used the Kiwi expression that we more than bit "up ourselves".

The discussion on jokes just brings home to me how correct she was. Friendship and fellowship are about being able to laugh with our friends and more importantly laugh at ourselves, and occasion cringe at your friends jokes, that is life.

I am not sure of the nationality spread or the cultural spread of Roti but it is very diverse, yet, reviewing the signatures of the dissatisfied, most of the dissatisfaction with inappropriate jokes appears to come from a limited national and cultural range. Lighten up, enjoy life, and value what we have.

We have three lists, so you have not excuse to throw the baby out with the bathwater by leaving Roti if you don't like the banter. I find the winging more tiresome than deleting posts I am not interested in.

- **John Nelson**, Rotary Club of Dunedin East, New Zealand

Due to the current financial situation caused by the slowdown in the economy, Congress has decided to implement a scheme to put workers of 50 years of age and above on early retirement, thus creating jobs and reducing unemployment. This scheme will be known as RAPE (Retire Aged People Early). Persons selected to be RAPED can apply to Congress to be considered for the SHAFT program (Special Help After Forced Termination).

Persons who have been RAPED and SHAFTED will be reviewed under the SCREW program (System Covering Retired-Early Workers).

A person may be RAPED once, SHAFTED twice and SCREWED as many times as Congress deems appropriate.

Persons who have been RAPED could get AIDS (Additional Income for Dependents & Spouse) or HERPES (Half Earnings for Retired Personnel Early Severance).

Obviously persons who have AIDS or HERPES will not be SHAFTED or SCREWED by further by Congress. Persons who are not RAPED and are staying on will receive as much sh\*t (Special High Intensity Training) as possible. Congress has always prided themselves on the amount of sh\*t they give our citizens.

Should you feel that you do not receive enough sh\*t, please

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- **Nicholas Westcott**, CMG, PP & PHF, London D1130

**This is inappropriate. With all the ROTI clutter in my inbox, this is the one that will make me now unsubscribe.**

- **Amber Richards**, Moncton, NB Canada  
Rotary Club of Moncton West and Riverview, District 7810

Lighten up, Everybody!!!

This joke is at least 40 years old. While I don't think it is particularly funny and deleted it before I finished reading it, we need to understand that people's senses of humor are different. We seem to be losing our sense of tolerance, not just on this list but in society in general. Just as we need to be tolerant of others, we also need to be sensitive to the fact that what strikes us as funny may not be received the same way by others.

Yesterday as Hurricane Irene was bearing down on the US East Coast and people were relieving the tension a bit, others reprimanded them for making light of the situation. I've spent 45 years of my life working in emergency services. Believe me that things would be much worse if responders didn't try to relieve the tension a little by making wisecracks and other comments. Also believe me when I say that doesn't mean that they are taking the situation less than seriously.

Just my opinion as, as a friend of mine says, I could be wrong.

- **Nate McClure**, PP, MPH  
Rotary Club of Lynchburg, Virginia, USA D7570

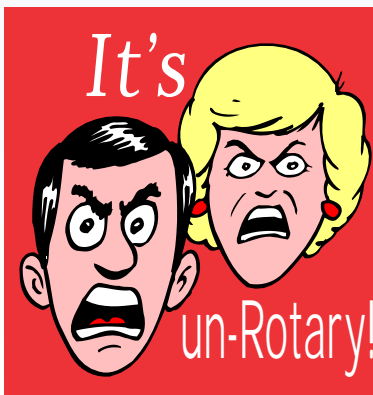
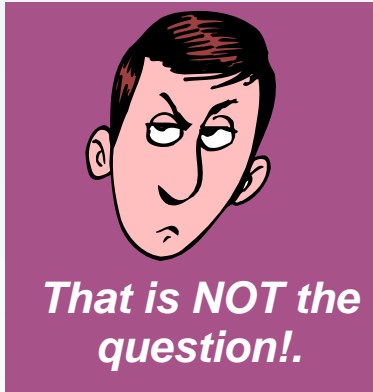
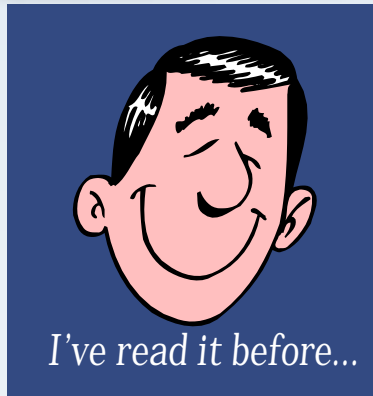
I get a feeling that there is a lack of focus on ROTI ; this is based on recent mail exchanges on matters relating to jokes and banter.

Instead of sharing valuable Rotary Information by the ROTI members to the benefit of others in different countries who could enrich their knowledge on new Projects there seems to be a tangential deviation towards subjects and matters that do not help anyone on ROTI. Hence it is a request here that we bury the past mail exchanges and resort back to serious Rotary International information.

- **PPGN Sivaramakrishna**, RI District 3230  
Rotary Club of Madras North, Chennai, India

Your observations are correct. There is nothing really Valuable here. Always the IN BOX is full of irrelevant matters. Also its a place were a few Rotians exchange their jokes/comments/ and a place where they do not entertain others . This place is discriminatory here. If you have followed the mails you will understand . SORRY STATE of affairs. Yes I do also hope the ROTI Chair does something about it . (((((((Moral is :::: Either fall in Line or be silent or quit))))))

- **John Paul**, RC of KottayamKerala, India



I have been a member of ROTI since 2004. Not once did I ever regret joining this Fellowship. I have made many good friends and through this fellowship and numerous sisterhood relationships were established between my club and that of other ROTI members. Many of them have provided assistance to many of our projects through direct assistance or even matching grants.

Every time I encounter issues and concerns that needs second or third opinions, I would normally post it in the ROTI egroup and immediately at least 4 to 5 members respond with suggestions and comments.

If you look closely in the ROTI website, there are actually 3 egroups to this fellowship - the general egroup where you belong, the serious Rotary egroup where only Rotary matters are discussed (no banter) and the Roti-Tech where only technical issues and concerns are discussed regarding the use of computers and programs.

You may want to subscribe to the serious ROTI egroup and not to the general. But let me tell you this, most of the friends and connections that I have established came from the general group which is the most active among the 3. It does take patience sometimes as I do not really read all the postings preferring to use the delete button many times. But this perseverance has paid off many times. Some of the

jokes I have used in our bulletin (specially those coming from Tom Telfers "Joco's Journal").

Rotary is about service to others but in the course of doing so, we also establish close ties, friendship and fellowship with those that are similarly situated, sharing the same beliefs and passion. The bottom line is let's enjoy Rotary. That's only thing that can insure our longevity in this organization.

Good luck and God bless

- **PP Jesse Tanchanco**, RC Loyola Heights  
District Secretary RID 3780 Quezon City, Philippines

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Dear Members,

At the beginning of the year, Chairman Steve and I discussed at length the degree to which posts to the General List would be acceptable. It was decided that our members were all mature adults, capable of making balanced decisions on the material they submit, having regard to the sensitivities of other people. From time to time, it is inevitable that someone will fail to do so and cause distress. When that does occur, the obvious remedy for the injured party is to promptly use the Delete button. I suggest, also, that if members are distressed by a post, more benefit to the fellowship can be achieved by writing off-list to me, rather than to the List.

Jon commented on the absence of the Management Council and the S@A in the most recent instance. I can only respond as the S@A. I do not intend to adopt a censorious approach to posts, but rather take action only when they are the subject of more than one or two complaints, are irrelevant to the particular List, or are outside the bounds of good taste and civility. If members do not agree with this policy, I welcome their opinions.

- **Norm Winterbottom**, RC Milford, Auckland, NZ (D9910)  
ROTI Sgt @ Arms 2011-2013

Give me a break!





## After Polio, what next?

I decided to "interfere" here, because later conversation somehow gone astray. I still remember when I was a child, how awful this epidemic was. Thank God and modern medicine, there is no Polio in Israel. However, the basic problem is Sanitation, and Hunger based on Poverty in over populated societies. I believe that governments on those areas do not deal with

basic and elementary need, partly because they don't care and partly because they rely on others to take care for. I was reading this article of WHO. Who they think they are? They are not alone in this struggle, yet they don't like to share! This takes us to the other facet: where is Rotary? How come that such a great Service Organization do not succeed in its public relations? If Polio is not considered as an avenue of Rotary, what is left to do? The response of Rotary General Secretary was good, for itself, but to me it shows the weakness of Rotary PR, and so with Rotary image. - [Shlomogaloz@yahoo.com](mailto:Shlomogaloz@yahoo.com), D2490 Bulletin & Site Editor

*I thought that the fight against polio was started by PRIP Sir Clem Renouf after a visit to the Philippines? Probably a club project that got it off the ground in the first place?*

- **John Glassford**, RC Coolamon D9700 New South Wales

Past President Clem Renouf certainly was the father of the 3-H program as part of the lead-up to Rotary's 75th Anniversary. At first it was a program of RI, as opposed to the TRF. It is my understanding that the first 3-H grant was in support of an immunization effort in the Philippines. I suppose most of my understanding of the beginning of the program comes from speeches of Cliff Dochterman and here is what he said in one of the speeches I have in my files.

"In 1978, Rotary had a committee, appointed by R.I. President Clem Renouf, to design a new direction for Rotary. It was called the Health, Hunger and Humanity Committee. This was a small committee to design a program for Rotary International to undertake projects far greater than any club or district could do. Rotary had never undertaken a corporate or worldwide project – just club programs. I happened to be co-chairman of that 3-H Committee. We knew that if we didn't have an immediate success, the Rotary world would probably scrap the program the next year. So we looked for an "immediate success" project. We had about 16 projects proposed from around the world. One proposal was from the Philippines. Dr. Benny Santos wrote that if Rotary could provide the vaccine, they would mobilize all the Rotarians in the entire Philippines and immunize all the children. So, that was it. We approved the project; and if I recall correctly, some 6 million children were immunized against polio. It was a huge success."

So, I'm not going to question Cliff Dochterman. I would add that Carlos Canseco, the President of RI in 1984-85 really got RI committed to the PolioPlus program and pushed the program announcement during his year as President.

Someday we will see a book published by Rotary on the history of the program. I suspect that will come only after polio is eradicated.

- **Dan Mooers**, District 7780

*Dan, as far as I know our Breadbasket editor Glo is a member of the original Rotary club in the Philippines and Philip was or still is a member of that club. I joined Rotary that year and in 1982 and 1983 we took our kid out of school for a year and traveled to US in our motor home and I was in northern California and I made up at a club, that was the day that PRIP Cliff was speaking about the 3 H program and he got me so excited that I came home and joined a new Rotary club as we had moved from Downey CA. Rotary Club ( in the Los Angeles area ) to Escondido (just north of San Diego CA.*

*The first thing I did was donate enough to the Foundation to get my first Paul Harris medal. At that time our club had never donated to the Foundation, but since that time we are about 43 members and are a 200 % Paul Harris Fellow club and now have about 150 PHF's between our members And we also have 3 members that are major donors and 3 that are Arch Klumph Society. We spend less for Breakfast so we have more to donate.*

- **Arthur (Art) McCullough**, P.P. Escondido Sunrise RC Escondido, CA

Bruce McTavish was the president of the Rotary Club of Mabalacat during the time of the pilot program of polio inoculations in Angeles City, Philippines. That club has bound copies of the weekly bulletins and I did considerable research by studying the bulletins and interviewed PP Bruce and PRIP MAT Caparas. Both Bruce and I were interviewed by David C. Forward in New Orleans. David has authored several Rotary publications, including "A Century of Service," and is working on another which will include more information on the history of the Polio Plus program.

- **PP Ron Nethercutt** D 3790 Information Chair Philippine Rotary Magazine Photography Director, RC Mabalacat D3790

*The original Polio pilot project was done by our club RC Mabalacat and what we call the "Mother Club" in this area, RC Angeles. I believe that was in 1983-1984 as Ron mentioned, in the term of Bruce McTavish. I joined the club in 1994. I have a video tape that was given to me by one of the Past Presidents of some footage of the actual administration of the vaccine to some of the communities here by then members of RC Mabalacat. The quality is not great though. I think Ron dug up some more information.*

- **PP Philip Merritt**, RC Mabalacat Clark D3790, Pampanga, Philippines

*Can someone explain why some messages use "disarmed" in the subject line as shown above. Doing a Google search, I have found the following.....*

*We have been getting e-mails with the following in the subject: {DISARMED}.*

*What does it mean and is it part of the e-mail checking you do at CIIC?*

- **Peter Battle**, PP & PHF  
RC Barry, Dist. 1150  
South Wales, UK

DISARMED

Yes, this is a feature of the Virus checking we do. Whenever you see {disarmed} it means that a web bug or tracking code was found in an HTML e-mail. That is to say code that would have sent info back to a remote server without your knowledge or consent. These are most often found in HTML e-mails and SPAM to track when users open and read their e-mails. The {disarmed} tag means that the tracking code was removed but other than that the e-mail is unchanged and will look normal.

Hope that helps?

- **Douglas Price**, AG SE D1250  
Rotary Club of Chichester Priory  
[www.rotary-priory.org.uk](http://www.rotary-priory.org.uk) >  
[www.rotary1250.org](http://www.rotary1250.org)

*Well can some of the techie guys tell me, does that indicate I need to do some sort of scan or something on my computer?*

- **Steve C.**

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No, Steve,

One of our other members has some anti-virus software on it that puts that notation in the subject line after it has deemed the message safe, or has cleaned out all active HTML hotlinks in the message. Then the "disarmed" remark stays in the subject line as it gets forwarded and replied to unless someone else cleans it out.

You'll know if you need to run a scan when all the money is missing from your bank account.

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

Can any USA ROTI members tell me success stories about starting Rotary Community Corps in their area? I have a local club trying to decide between starting a Rotaract Club or a Rotary Community Corps. I had always thought of a Rotary Community Corps as being totally in developing regions, but after downloading the handbook, the first full page example is from a Rotary Community Corps sponsored by a Rotary Club in Virginia.

- **Todd Lindley**

**ROTARY  
COMMUNITY  
CORP**



*I could talk about RCC in India and in our district and more so in our club. In fact RCC makes more sense in developing countries as it creates vocation. We started one in the village we adopted and it worked quite well for some years and now requires a little push to help it get in to top gear once again. It helped many destitute women get some livelihood.*

*In fact our club also inaugurated a tailoring vocation center in a women's welfare society in 2007-08 when the then RIPE D K Lee inaugurated it. This is just information share with you on the importance we give in this part of the world for RCC.*

**PPGN Sivaramakrishna**  
RI District 3230 Rotary Club of Madras North  
Chennai, India

**Club membership must be 20. Paying for 20 is also not in order. Member ship with less than 20 are nothing but in house club not Rotary club**  
- T. Krishna Rao

*In my opinion, this 20 minimum rule is a guideline, not a hard and fast law - if your club is successful, however you may want to define success, then I feel you should carry on regardless. Your actions, and perceived successes, will probably generate new members.*

*Our world needs as much help as it can get at the moment so don't just give up.*

- **David H. Simpson**, DG 2012-2013 D1190  
Lancashire and Cumbria, UK

More than that, David, it is just a number that was under discussion as a minimum number of members for which a club would need to pay dues – and no action was taken to approve that change. If they did make that change then you could still have an active club of 16 members, as long as you paid dues to RI and district for 20 (or whatever number might be approved.)

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*Nobody has suggested that clubs with less than 20 members should close. They have considered but not approved an increase in the minimum dues a club must remit in order to be in good standing. If you had a club of 16 that would mean about \$240 USD extra to RI per year. Whether it also meant extra to districts would be up to the individual district which each set its own dues level. It seems difficult to understand that a small club of 16 would be unable to raise the extra funds in order to be part of the international group and share the benefits of membership. Remember that individual Rotarians are not members of Rotary International - the clubs are the members of RI. What is being discussed is a minimum club dues - not club closure.*

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The discussion, as I was addressing it, was about action by Rotary International rather than by the districts. Your district may have considered doing away with clubs that have less than 20 members, although I don't know what mechanism they would use to accomplish that. I suppose that they could independently set district dues at a higher minimum headcount than RI has done so that the club would close under the pressure.

**To my knowledge there is no provision for a district governor or other district body to independently revoke a charter.** They can only recommend that action to Rotary International. I cannot imagine the RI Board revoking a charter for a club that was paying its minimum dues simply for having fallen below a district designated minimum headcount. Once again, even if RI were to raise the minimum club dues from ten times the per capita rate to 20 times the per capita rate that would not force a small club to close - just to pay its dues.

- **Don Murphy**, Past District Governor (2010-11) D5220

*Instead of supposing this or that, why don't those of you who are really interested in how things work break down and read the Manual of Procedure and Code of Policy. Who knows, someone might learn something new. But then of course, what would you have to grouse about!!*

- **Bob Collins**, RC of Council Bluffs Centennial D 5650  
Iowa/Nebraska USA

When this was mentioned in our District a few years ago I actually DID go to the MoP. It ain't there...

A few years ago our little town (a "municipality" too small to be called a "city") was devastated by the purchase and ultimate ransacking of our copper mine. Businesses shut down and two banks actually closed their offices here. The business district still has several empty buildings. Half of the industrial area of town is empty.

Our Rotary Club dropped to 6 members (two of them in our house!). Slowly we are climbing back to the elusive 20 members, but it takes time to rebuild a commercial centre after this. Three of our 14 members are Major Donors. Four others are PHFs. We have "former" members all over Zambia who are actively involved in Rotary... they just don't live here anymore!

To suggest that clubs under 20 members are not really Rotary Clubs is simply a foolish thing to say. We are one of the most active clubs in D9210 (Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique) even though we are smaller than most. There are seven clubs in the capital city (Lusaka) and we do more than all of them combined.

And we are STILL doing more!

- **PDG Patrick G. Coleman**, D9210  
Rotary Club of Luanshya, Luanshya, Zambia



I'd like to

mention that a past RI Director made a study or calculations that indicate, as he told us, that 16 members contribution (per capita) were needed to equilibrate RI budget.

I am afraid

that no measures were mentioned about the expenses or the way things were being conducted, only the payments necessary to the keep going the same "status quo".

I don't

know about the economic realities in the many countries Rotary is present nowadays but I cannot agree with the idea that all economies are equal; if and when we push the numbers up just to satisfy the expenses of management in a period of economic world depression (US and Europe, no to mention Africa) I have the feeling that we don't look at the benefits of Rotary Clubs in poor countries.

To push for

numbers, whether it is for more members or to guarantee the actual management system, and ignoring the good Rotary does in poor countries or economies in momentary slowdown (I hope) is not a solution. It is perhaps aggravating the problem.

I just

lived in South America, Europe, US, 32 days in India, 46 days in French Africa, and I don't feel qualified to understand the economic realities of the world. I have been in banking for 30 years and I only have daily and real life experiences in 8 countries (brief professional duties in other countries apart and tourism also do not count).

I just want

to aid that, every time I read what Paul Harris said or wrote, or what I think is the Rotary ideal, I don't agree with people that only understand Rotary associated with money. Rotary is so much more and the presence of Rotary clubs in societies in development is so much more important that I regret the CPA mentality that budget equilibrium is more important than the transformation Rotary does in these societies (sorry CPAs, I have many CPA friends but it is the stereotype that I am referring to).

I try hard

not to wrote to you ROTI fellows, afraid of my English (it comes 3rd or 4th in the languages I am used to), but I receive your commentaries as a source of good information and sometimes I am really and deeply glad that I joined you. I am very proud of ROTI as it is.

Please,

continue as you are, good, dedicated people, members of ROTI or not, and consider the good Rotary does when a club, however it is now only 6, 7, 12 members only, is doing a good work, an irreplaceable one, because there is no alternative, in poor countries or even in rich ones. I read an email from a 13 members club guy (mine is 44 members now and choosing carefully who will be 45, 46,) and I am sure they are essential to the community they belong.

If I was to

write down what I feel in this very moment it would too much of your time; let me finish saying that Rotary (and organizations such as ROTI) are essential whether they are in rich countries or in poor ones; we are not perfect, perhaps not even close of perfection, but I don't know of any other organization capable of what we do, all days, in all countries, all days.

The final

reason of this lines, don't ever see Rotary through numbers; quality is more important than numbers. Don't allow anyone to see us as numbers. Ever.

**José Machado BOTELHO**, Rotary Club Londrina Norte  
Governador 2009-2010, Distrito 4710

### 3 Dimensions of Rotary

Rotary Club inductions play an important role in the activity of Rotarians in the Philippines. Some may recall the story I wrote for the August issue of the ROTI Breadbasket revealing the large variations of club inductions throughout the Rotary world.

The one Glo and I attended last night was remarkable in that it became an international event with many coming from South Korea to witness the installation of a Korean president, the 2nd one for RC Metro Olongapo. The incoming president's dad, a PDG from Korea was on hand, along with members from 2 or three Rotary clubs. We were also treated to young Rotary Kids displaying their Tikawndo skills.

At this point you may be wondering about the title used in the subject line; the 3 dimensions of Rotary inductions. Glo and I are frequently found at Rotary inductions, as many clubs are invited to share in the festivities which are part of inductions in the Philippines. We frequently attend 2 or more each week; hence the following:

- 1) Our dining out/entertainment budget go **DOWN**
- 2) Our fuel costs go **UP**
- 3) Our waist size go **OUT**

And that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

**Ron Nethercutt** ROTI Chair 07-09 RC Mabalacat D3790 Phils

### There are no bigwigs from Evanston!

Peter:

I cannot understand why you are determined to disparage the leadership of the International organization to which your club belongs. There are no "bigwigs from Evanston" sitting on the RI Board of Directors or the TRF Trustees. Last year however, the RI Board was made up of a dedicated Rotarian from Germany, a dedicated Rotarian from Uganda, a dedicated Rotarian from Norway, a dedicated Rotarian from England, a dedicated Rotarian from Korea, two dedicated Rotarians from Japan, a dedicated Rotarian from New Zealand, a dedicated Rotarian from Brazil, a dedicated Rotarian from Italy, a dedicated Rotarian from Sri Lanka and six dedicated Rotarians from the United States, in addition to the President and President-elect. These are the Rotarians who establish the policy for Rotary International and this is the way it has been for 75 years. The staff, at offices around the world, are charged with carrying out that policy. Demeaning the dedicated Rotarians who are selected by Rotarians from different regions of the world to represent them for two years on the RI Board, by referring to them as "idiots" or the "bigwigs from Evanston" does further fellowship or goodwill and understanding.

If you take a few minutes to examine the financial reports published on the web site, you will see that the RI Board has done a good job in attempting to minimize expenses while providing the needed support for Rotary clubs. I certainly would be interested in some specific examples of the "many [who] enjoy excessive expenses and [who] expect us to keep on paying higher and higher dues to fund them." Could you give some examples? Or perhaps you can give a call to Past RI Director and current Foundation Trustee David Morgan from Porthcawl, Bridgend, Wales, and share with him your posted messages and ask for his comment. I would be interested in knowing his reaction.

It is always easy, I suppose, to criticize by calling people names, making unsupported charges, and pointing to the international headquarters as some dreadful place. Maybe someday you will realize that things really are not how you characterize them. There are simply Rotarians, like you, trying to do what is best for their organization after long study and discussion. So please, let's focus on fellowship and not on name-calling.

- **Dan Mooers, District 7780**

**On Aug 23, 2011, at 11:45 AM, Peter Battle wrote:**

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Most organizations try to make reductions in their overheads when faced with rising overhead costs. Over the years we have seen our dues going up and up, while in theory costs should have been going down due to modern technology. The bigwigs from Evanston down seem to believe that they are exempt from economic forces. Many enjoy excessive expenses and expect us to keep on paying higher and higher dues to fund them. They should reduce their overheads and not keep milking us for more and more money.

Maybe there is a case for reducing the dues for a larger club. Don't penalize the smaller club by increasing the members dues.

I must admit that RI is a very remote being which has little if any impact on day to day running of the club or the projects which we undertake. We are a service club not a money machine. Any money we raise is for charitable purposes and we do not expect to have to dig deeper and deeper into our pockets for the privilege. It would be interesting to know how much they spend on a club.

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### The Louvre

A burglar plans a daring robbery of paintings from the Louvre, everything goes well until he's making a getaway and he runs out of petrol and gets caught. The detectives are amazed that he can mastermind such a daring robbery, getting past the most sophisticated security in the world and forget to put petrol in his van. His answer shrugging his shoulders " I have no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh.

- **PP Philip Merritt,** RC Mabalacat Clark D3790 Pampanga, Philippines

### Literacy for Prisoners

Hi all,

I am working on a project within our club to improve the literacy of prisoners and their families.

Lack of literacy is a significant factor in swelling prisoner numbers as lack of literacy massively reduces life options, such as employment or type of employment. Being able to find help with everyday problems etc is much more difficult if you cannot read. In NZ the literacy levels of prison populations is less than 20% of the general population. The prison manager is certain that lack of literacy contributes to offending and inhibits rehabilitation.

- **John Nelson,** Dunedin East Rotary, NZ

*Dear John,*

*Would the idea of "EDUCATING" prisoners be better than "improve the literacy of Prisoners and their families"? Literacy usually implies the 3 'R's. While education is more broad-based to include the 3 'R's along with bringing out the knowledge and humaneness in one, so that they can live comfortably and in peace with all of God's creations.*

*Takes a little more patience but is worth the while. They have the time, do we have the inclination?*

**Asokan.** PDG - RID 3212.

### RI DIRECTORY, CD

**Dr. Todd Lindley <rotary6060.tl@gmail.com> wrote:**

I was about to give up hope, but the Official Directory 2011-12 CD arrived today. I've heard they are going to stop producing it altogether in 1-2 years, since most of the club/district data is now available on Members Access.

**From: mittalgirish@gmail.com**

Todd

*I don't know if RI is still publishing the book. If it is, it is such a colossal waste of resources. CD still makes sense-I don't know if it is installable version. I wonder if they plan to bring out Android/IOS version also....*

*It makes sense to access online data as it is most updated and available everywhere. For example, our club president has not updated the data of club secretary (inspite of reminders)...so it is still carrying data of previous year.*

*There might be a small section of Rotary, which has issues with Internet access-but then they would probably not need the book as well. We might save a dollar or two in RI dues or it could be used for a better "project".*

The print form is still required as there are several thousands of Rotarians who do not access Internet at all.

**Rtn G N Sivaramakrishna,** D3230

Rotary Club of Madras North, Chennai, India

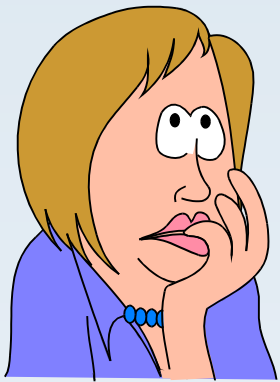
*There is still a large number of Senior Rotary Leaders who require the printed version of the OD. Certainly it does not need to be produced in the numbers of the past, but it is still required for a large number of senior Rotarians and many in the not-so-senior range. - Dan Mooers, District 7780*

Access. AAA GGG HHH !!!!!!!!!

I think if RI discontinues producing the CD or publishing the book ( I prefer the book myself !!! ), it may just be a major mistake on their part !!!! I know that I prefer it over Member Access myself !!!!

- **jay dzurilla,** RD 6630 ( NE Ohio, USA ) DG 2006-2007

Rotary Club of STRONGsville - quite possibly THE most appropriately named club in the Rotary world !!!!!



## I hATe RoTArY!

I figured this topic would grab the attention of people who know me, and know I love Rotary. However, It is Sunday night for me and this means I have Rotary tomorrow in my own home club in Marseilles, IL, and I really do HATE going to Rotary here.

I got so angry last week, I nearly walk out of the meeting, instead I changed tables. It is a very small club 16 members right now which means there are only two tables plus the head table where the president, program host, and speaker sit. The one table which is closest to the speaker and the best for me to take notes (I do the newsletter) is also the table where the topic of conversation is usually politics and religion (mainly anti-Islamic rhetoric). I am Jewish and have Muslim friends and cannot figure out how educated people can lump all of any religion under a negative label, but this is what goes on at this table. I could never invite any of the Muslim business people in town to join the club for fear that this bigotry would show while they were present.

I want to stay with my hometown club, because they are struggling with membership and are an important part of this small town's life, but each week I dread the meetings more and more. Tonight I actually said, "Damn, tomorrow's Rotary. I really HATE Rotary. It is the first time I have ever used these words. I've said, "I Hate going to Monday Rotary" (I go to a Rotary meeting on Wednesday in Ottawa, IL where I do their newsletter too, but I am not actually a member). But I have never actually said "I Hate Rotary," until tonight, when it just slid off my tongue as if it meant nothing.

Even though I know my small club needs the membership, I am seriously considering asking the Ottawa Club to accept me as a member and leave the Marseilles one. I'm worried the poison that led me to say "I HATE Rotary" tonight might spread, and I really do love Rotary and what it stands for and don't ever want to say those three words and mean more than I hate going to the Rotary meetings at one club, even though I have always enjoyed them elsewhere. Any Advice,

**Cheri "C.K." Cutright**, Illegitimis Non Carborundum  
Marseilles, Illinois Rotary Club  
District 6420 <http://www.rotary6420.org>

*If you will be happier changing clubs, do so. However, I think you have an obligation to explain to your entire club exactly why you are leaving. Clearly, they do not follow the four-way test. My hope is that you would have some impact and they might change to become better Rotarians. Perhaps they need to do exchanges with Muslim countries (GSE, Youth Exchange, Friendship exchange). Being involved in those programs often changes people who are prejudiced.*

**- Karen Weiss**, Rotary Club of DeLand, Florida  
Area Governor District 6970

Dear Friend,

*I was once in your position. I wanted to leave Rotary because of the happenings in my club. But before that I wrote to my ROTI friends ... they sympathised with me but one thing all of them wanted was for me to stay in Rotary. At lease one PDG. who knew me well said this. " You can leave your club but don't leave Rotary. That was about 12 years ago.*

*I sent a resignation letter to the club and informed them that I would be joining another club in town for personal reasons I was a Past President in that club. .The club had no objections. The new club accepted me as a member. At 75 I am still a Rotarian ..... and God willing I will travel to 'The Happy Hunting Grounds' as a Rotarian." Look for me if you are still a Rotarian , when your time comes.*

**Anthonyamy Francis**

Rotary is a wonderful organisation. There may be a few wrong people in the organisation (or right people with wrong ideas or actions). Dont judge it by those few people. HATE is a strong word used in any context. And actually your expressions are against another form of HATRED only.

You should attempt requesting your fellow members not to use the platform of Rotary to indulge into conversations that reflect political or religious bias or prejudice. Maybe your members would understand and there may be a few others who endorse your views. You have a right to raise you voice, whether you are heard or not, it is the problem of others. But first try itinside the four walls of your club.

Leaving a problem as problem is not a good idea. Mostly we focus more on Problem than the solution. Time to Act instead of React.

Lastly, if you still decide to switch over, I am sure you are aware that you may require a no objection from previous club (as regards no outstanding dues etc.). Just consider that how easy or difficult it would be for you to obtain that in the present scenario.

**- PP Jeetender Gupta**, Rotary Club of Faridabad Amity D 3010

The Donkey.

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well, and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

The moral of the story: Life is going to shovel dirt on you; all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping-stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up!

**Shake it off and take a step up!**

**Remember the five simple rules to be happy:**

- 1. Free your heart from hatred.**
- 2. Free your mind from worries.**
- 3. Live simply.**
- 4. Give more.**
- 5. Expect less.**

**FIVE  
SIMPLE  
RULES  
TO BE  
HAPPY**

A young lad from Glovertown, Newfoundland goes off to University.but halfway through the semester he foolishly has squandered all of his money.

He calls home. 'Dad,' he says, 'you won't believe what modern education is developing. They actually have a program here in St. John's that could teach our dog "Jiggy" how to talk.'

'That's amazing!' his Dad says 'How do I get Jiggy into that program?'

'Just send him in here with \$1200,' the young lad says, 'I'll get him in the course.'

So his father sends the dog "Jiggy and \$1200.

About two-thirds through the semester, the money again runs out. The young lad calls home. 'So how's Jiggy doing, son?' his father wants to know.

'Awesome! Dad, he's talking up a storm. But you just won't believe this. They've had such good results with talking, they've begun to teach the animals how to read.'

'Read?!' exclaims his father 'No kidding! How do we get our Jiggy in that program?'

'Just send \$2300. I'll get him in the class for sure.'

The money promptly arrives But our hero has a problem.

At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk nor read. So he shoots the dog. When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited.

'Where's my Jiggy? I just can't wait to talk with him, and see him read something!'

'Dad,' the young lad says, 'I have some grim news. Yesterday morning just before we left to drive home, Jiggy was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading the Evening Telegram. Then he suddenly turned to me and asked,

'So, is your daddy still messing around with that little redhead working in the bakery at the grocery store?'

The father groans and whispers, 'I hope you shot that son of a bitch before he talks to your Mother!'

**to BE a  
LAWYER**

I sure did, Dad!  
That's my boy!

The kid went on to be a successful lawyer.

**Ron T,P/P MPHf, D 2360 Sweden**  
Uddevalla-Skansan RC

# ROTIAN of the MONTH

*James  
Shields*



**James Shields**  
Secretary, RY 2011-2012  
Rotary Club of Tacloban  
District 3860, Philippines

Board Member  
RY 2011-2013, ROTI

James Shields is a 44 year old American now living in the Philippines. He resides in Tacloban with his wife, Joan, of nearly 12 years, his 8 year old son, James Jr., and his mother, Ruth, of an undisclosed age. James was born in Shirley, Massachusetts, but moved to Seattle, Washington when he was four. He grew up in the Seattle area and considers himself to be a "west coast boy" (sunglasses, beaches, shorts, and water).

James and his family moved to the Philippines in 2007 so that his wife could be closer with her family.

James' classification is "computer software", but he says it really should be "business automation through custom software development". He has been around computers his entire life and started learning to write software when he was six. His parents sat him down in front of a teletype to help alleviate his boredom while waiting for them after school.

He is currently retired ("until I get bored") and focuses his work efforts entirely upon Rotary. He has written web-based software to maintain his club's website, keep track of attendance, produce and format various reports all from the same database of pictures and data. He's even gone so far as to write a small app for his phone so that he can submit attendance reports for various activities in the field.

Aside from computers, James has one other serious passion in his life: cooking. So much so, some of his friends in the Philippines call him "Chef".

James says that he very much loves Rotary and the impact that is made on the lives of people in his community. He never intends to leave Rotary and, as such, he is a lifetime subscriber to the Philippine Rotary Magazine. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recipient and, with this year's donation, will be PHF+3. James plans to become a Major Donor by the time he turns 60.

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# ROTI Gallery



## *San Antonio 2001* ROTI Party



*Remembering Gavin and Marguerite and.....*



PRIP Frank Devlyn and ROTI Chair Philip Merritt, 1999-2001

*In  
memory  
of  
Jocoe*



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Sadly ROTI lost one of its most active and dear members about a decade ago. His name was **John Coenders**, but we all knew him affectionately as "Jocoe". Jocoe was one of our most active ROTIans and provided our Fellowship with some essential services. Jocoe created and maintained "**The Rogues Gallery**" for many years. This was a site where ROTIans could place their photos so that we would be able to put a "face" to the written words posted. The Rogues Gallery was very successful and a great asset to ROTI. John also created and maintained the **Banner's Gallery** where members could scan their "Club Banners" and send them to Jocoe for all to share. He also kept our ICQ member list so that we might get to know each other better through ROTI chats.

Jocoe will also be remembered for his "**Sunday Morning Ramblings**", a collection of humor and nuggets he sent to the list every week. Tom Tefler continued the effort after we lost Jocoe with "**Jocoe's Journal**" and has steadfastly maintained this wonderful tribute to Jocoe for about 10 years. Jocoe was also a candidate for ROTI Chairman in 1999 and he was on the ROTI board of directors on at least 2 occasions. **Possibly his most significant contribution to Rotary was his early efforts to create "Cyber Clubs" which we now know as E-clubs.** Unfortunately he passed before knowing that his dream would eventually come to fruition. His passing was a big shock to all of us and his contributions are remembered and appreciated. If there is a Rotary Cyber Club far up above us in the heavens, then surely Jocoe is the Charter President.

**- PP Philip Merritt**  
ROTI Chairman 1999-2001

## **11/22/2001** **Re: Cyber Club Proposal**

*Our committee crossed the boundaries of all countries worldwide, and all Internet Rotary fellowships. On the standard cyberclub constitution, there were some 600 e-mails, I believe. Most important, our committee created dialogue on all the pertinent information, at no RI administrative expense, and conclusions were meant at the grassroots level. I enclose my response to your questionnaire, which for the most part were derived from committee discussions a long time ago.....*

*I can tell you, in my humble opinion, that RI has proven to me that they do not seriously want dialogue on the cyberclub question. The complexity of their questions alienates an intelligent response from an average busy Rotarian. Our committee sought and completed its mandate as such. I see immense advantages on taking the dissemination of the cyberclub notion and the multifaceted communication avenues of getting a cyberclub running via our committee, however, I have left that entirely up to the committee. I leave my thoughts of the administrative costs that may burden RI entirely up to RI. And thank you for your interest.*

**Kind regards**  
**John Coenders**



- Ron Nethercutt

With my column being named "What's Up," I felt it appropriate to discover a bit more about the word up. It appears to have more meaning than any other two letter word and thought ROTIans might like to see some of that discovery.

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We sign UP members for ROTI and call UP our friends. Some take UP the slack when there are few posts on our listserv. But traffic on the list usually picks UP when someone discusses religion, or sends a questionable joke. Many ROTIans ask where they might be able to make UP a meeting. Some are asked during election time if they are UP to serving as president of the club. We are asked to stand UP if the national anthem or invocation is done at meetings.

We use the word when to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP since both musicians and athletes warm UP before performing.

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP. When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so...it is time to shut UP!

***Project ideas  
Reflections  
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Collections  
of Club,  
District, Zone  
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among  
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# MEMBERS' REPORTS

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## New Rotaract Club Chartered



The Rotary Clubs of Maghull and Aughton, Ormskirk and Ormskirk Clocktower chartered the Rotaract club of Ormskirk Edge Hill on Friday 6 May 2011.

There are 22 charter members, with more signing up after the event, who come from either students at Ormskirk Edge Hill University or from the local area.

Their aims are to assist the local community with projects including clearing of a footpath between the local bus and train stations, cleaning the pond in the local park and clearing the local Ruff Wood as well as assisting at old people's homes playing bingo as well as fund raising for local, national and international charities, whilst enjoying good fun and fellowship.

The Charter presentation was made by Gwyn Dryhurst-Dodd District 1180 Governor & Rotaract Liaison Officer Rtn Tim Tucker. 82 including the local Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire the Edge Hill university pro vice chancellor (resources) Steve Igoe together Rotarians and Rotaracters attended the event. The three Rotary clubs are looking forward to working with them to achieve their aims continues success.

- **Rtn Martin Williams**, Past President, The Rotary Club of Maghull & Aughton, [www.maghullandaughton.rotary1180.org](http://www.maghullandaughton.rotary1180.org)

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The Ripple Effect Program

The **Ripple Effect Program** ([www.rippleeffectprogram.org](http://www.rippleeffectprogram.org)) is a Basic Education and Literacy Program, one of the six areas of focus for Rotary International. The program was developed by Canadian Rotary Clubs in District 5550. Under the direction of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee and the Guatemalan Ripple Effect Committee, school projects are identified, club-to-club agreements are signed and projects are implemented in partnership with Rotary Clubs in Guatemala (District 4250)

Project components of the program include building or renewing school infrastructure, providing school furnishings, providing school supplies, books and computers, safety and security measures, recreational equipment and playgrounds focusing on Kindergarten to Grade 6. The Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to help increase the number of students who progress to middle (grades 7-9) and high school (grades 10-12)

The Ripple Effect Program has a 12 year history. The program has assisted many thousands of students, built or refurbished more than 50 schools, and invested over \$1.25 million in education in Guatemala.

This is truly a multi-participatory program which encompasses 6 R.I. Districts, more than 50 Rotary Clubs, and the Canadian Government through the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development. Communities in Guatemala are involved as well working together towards a common goal to provide basic education and literacy through International Service.

- **John Dawes**, President, Rotary Club Regina South, Member Canadian Ripple Effect Committee (CREC)

**Country and Location:** Southern Sudan

**Total Budget:** \$16,000

**Areas of Focus:** Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, Economic and community development

**Activity Type:** Water Supply/Access

**Summary:** Dig wells in Southern Sudan through the 'Water for Sudan' organization. The goal of **Water for Sudan, Inc. (WFS)** is to increase the quality of life and health of families in Southern Sudan by drilling wells to provide fresh, safe potable water. In the period 2005 - March, 2010, WFS has installed sixty (60) successful pumping systems in remote villages serving tens of thousands Southern Sudanese. WFS has two drilling rigs to install permanent "deep water" wells. Drilling locations include a highly populated region called Bahr al Ghazal around Wau and Tonj and some in the northeast called the Upper Nile. **Water for Sudan** installs the villages' first water well in close proximity to the community providing fresh, safe, potable water.

Sudan, a country beset by war in many of the last 50 years, is 40% of the size of the U.S. **Water for Sudan, Inc.** is working in Southern Sudan, a completely undeveloped area of the country that is itself about the size of the U.S. State of Texas. Water pumping systems are being installed in the most destitute areas of Southern Sudan. In most areas there are no roads or bridges like those found in developed countries. If a river needs to be crossed, the trucks may have to be transported across on rafts.

The drilling teams work seven days a week during the dry season. Wells drilled in the rainy season will likely dry up in the dry season as the water table falls. The teams often work in temperatures of up to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. The timeline of the dry and wet seasons and the extreme climate coupled with delays and vehicle breakdowns drive the success of the well production for a given season.

There is no electricity, no supply stores, repair facilities, cell phones or gas stations. All provisions - pumping equipment, food, diesel fuel, maintenance equipment for vehicles and wells, drinking water, welding equipment, camping equipment and supplies must be carried by the **Water for Sudan** convoy. All supplies must be imported and can take weeks to arrive. There are no roadside services; the teams must be self reliant. As equipment breaks down in the harsh conditions, staff members must create repairs that work until more highly-trained repair facilities can be found. Such parts and skilled-mechanics are often several days drive from our drilling sites. Medical clinics may be several days drive away. Few people speak English (WFS staff speaks Arabic and several Sudanese dialects.) There are wild animals like leopards, hyenas, scorpions, cobras and lions roaming our drilling areas.

**Outcome Objectives:** By bringing fresh, safe, potable water to the people of Southern Sudan, **Water for Sudan, Inc.** seeks to achieve the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals. These objectives parallel Rotary's mission: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution; Disease Prevention & Treatment; Water & Sanitation; Maternal & Child Health; Basic Education & Literacy; and Economic & Community Development.Project

**Contact person:** **Mark Evans**, District 5340, Rotary Club of: Rancho Bernardo Sunrise (San Diego). [markevans@gmail.com](mailto:markevans@gmail.com)

**Project Status:** This project is "Completed". This means the project has been implemented and the report was accepted by the district leadership. The project will stay listed on this website as a testimony of the achievements of the project partners.



## WATER for SUDAN



# Rotary RID 3291's Mission : Preventable Blindness

By Binod Khaitan, RC Central Calcutta – RID 3291

Eyesight..... a divine blessing for the Humans to be able to appreciate Life's essence, colour, charm and beauty..... But there are many whose vision is Hazy/Out of Focus/Blurred and many for whom the World is Full Darkness and cannot see Nature's beauty.

WHO estimates state, that presently there are 285 Million visually impaired worldwide....out of which 39 Million are blind and 246 Million have low vision. However, 80% of all visual impairment can be prevented, cured or treated.....Preventable Blindness Efforts can bring back light in the lives of those engulfed in darkness.

It is estimated that 18 million people suffer from Preventable Blindness in India

Making the visually challenged see the world around them, once again, brings out the best feelings in ones heart. It is also a process of re-enabling an individual, giving a new life to a person on whom the Family depends for a living.

ROTARY International has encouraged Rotarians & initiated a program - PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS to create infrastructure and provide Surgeries for Cataract blind people.

The initiatives of Clubs in Rotary International District 3291 has been commendable....touching and transforming the lives of many....with their Mission Vision Program.

Rotary District 3291 started this effort in the 1990s when Rotary Club of Purulia started an Eye Clinic. Today to meet the need, that small beginning, is a full fledged Hospital giving light to 5000 suffering people every year.

In 1995, Rotary District 3291 found a new angel ... Rtn. Dr. Samar Das an Ophthalmologist from Rotary Club of Guildford, RID 1250 UK and the efforts to provide LIGHT under his guidance & enthusiasm gained pace and accelerated. Rotarians in Rotary District 3291 have created **10 Rotary Eye Hospitals mostly deep in the rural areas capable of doing 50,000 Intra Ocular Lens Implant (IOL) surgeries every year, as follows:**

**1) Rotary Service Centre & Eye Clinic - 5,000;** ( RC Purulia) West Lake Road Purulia-723101; **2) GRSM Rotary Eye Hospital - 4,000,** (RC Budge Budge) C/o Budge Budge Municipal Hospital Compound, Budge Budge - 743319, Dist. South 24 Parganas, West Bengal; **3) Makhla Seva Sadan - 2,000** (RC Serampore) Raghunathpur, P.O. Makhla, T.N.Mukherjee Road, Makhla-712233, Dist.Hooghly, W.B.; **4) Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital - 5,000** ( R C Hooghly) Homeswari Road, P.O.Bansberia -712 502, Dist. Hooghly, West Bengal; **5) Dakshin Barasat Eye Foundatio - 4,000** (RC Dakshin Barasat) Station Road, Dakshin Barasat - 743372, Dist. South 24 Parganas, West Bengal; **6) Rotary Narayan Nethralaya - 20,000** (RI District 3291) CN 5 Salt Lake, Sector V Kolkata – 700 091; **7) Kali Prasad Gupta Rotary Nethralaya -2,000** (R.C. Sunda-rbans) Canning Port, South 24 Parganas; **8) Rotary Lalpur Eye Hospital - 3,000** (RC Purul) Lalpur Mor, P.O. Hura, Dist. Purulia; **9) Haricharan Garg Rotary Nethralaya - 4,000** (RC Calcutta Mahanagar) P 19 Beliaghata Main Road Kolkata – 700 085; **10) Joynagar Eye Hospital - 3,000** (RC Central Calcutta) C/o RCC Human Development Centre Hasanpur Road, Circus Math, Ward No.6 Vill : Joynagar Mozilpur, Dist : South 24 Parganas

**New Rotary Eye Hospitals under construction**

**11) Rotary Medinipur Eye Hospital - 3,000** (RC Mednipore) Medinipur; **12) Rotary Kakdwip Eye Hospital- 3,000** (RC Calcutta Victoria) C/o RCC Human Development Centre Kakdwip, South 24 Parganas; **13) Rotary Gangadharpur Eye Hospital - 3,000** (RC Howrah Gangadharpur) Gangadharpur, Howrah – 711 302

**In addition three more being planned by –**

**14) RC Salt Lake Metroploitan - 3,000,** Kolkata at Sonarpur; **15) RC Belur at Belur -5,000;** **16) RC Calcutta Mid Town - 3,000,** Mathurapur, South 24 Parganas

Rotary Clubs over the years have cooperated, provided equipment & are regularly using the facilities of the following Eye Hospitals; **1) Eye Care & Research Centre,** 2A, Dr.Biresw Guha Street, Kolkata-700 017; **2) Eye Pavillion,** Insti-tute of Eye Care, Microsurgery & Research; Little Russel Street, Kolkata-700 071; **3) Dr.Nihar Munshi Eye Foundation,** 1/3 Dover Place Kolkata-700 019; **4) Aurobindo Netralaya,** 4A, Rajendra Deb Road Kolkata -700 017; **5) Susrut Eye Care & Research Centre,** 36/A/1, Block-HB Sector - III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700 091; **6) Calcutta Lions Netra Niketan,** 18/2/A/2, Uday Sankar Sarani Golf Green, Kolkata-700 095; **7) Anandlok Hospital,** DK -7/3, Salt Lake city Kolkata-700 091; **8) Gujarti Eye Hospital,** Hooghly; **9) Netra Seva Ashram,** 15,Prafulla Sarkar Street Kolkata-700 072; **10) Vivekhanand Mission Ashram Eye Hospital & Research Centre,** Vivek Nagar, P.O. Chaitanyapur Haldia - 721 645 Dist. Midnapur, West Bengal; **11) DISHA Eye Hospital & Research Centre,** 88 (63A) G.P.Road Barrackpore Ph: 5613737; **12) Southern Health Improvement Samity,** Bhangar, South 24 Parganas.

Life has changed for Mahadeo Rai....Kabita Biswas or Md. Irfan....all who have conquered Visual impairment by the Magic of Rotary. Each IOL costs only US \$ 20..... we urge Rotarians around the world to lend a hand and be a part of our efforts to meet the need or at least to contribute only US \$ 10 ... Come forward to give back eye sight to a person living a life of darkness.

Thank you Rotarians from ... USA; UK; Australia; Europe; Canada; South East Asia..... who have encouraged Rotary's Preventable Blindness program and efforts of RID 3291. Thank you to have come forward with your encouragement, support & contributions.

But the need is great ..... there are miles to go !

Rotary's Vision 2020....Rotary District 3291 aims to achieve 100,000 IOLs per year.....set up Hospitals in the deepest rural areas....be the Messiah of Preventable Blindness for those who are still left uncared for.

Be a part of Rotary's Vision 2020....let us provide Preventable Blindness surgical services at a very affordable price....at every possible remote location....for every common needy individual. Be a change maker.....transforming those blurred; dark; meaningless lives into Lives having a clear vision and meaningful mission.

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Before



After



## WATER FILTRATION PROJECT



Our board adopted the water filtration project for public schools in Saida the first time in July 2009. There were 17 public schools, and one association for mentally handicapped children "the Beit Said", which needed this project to be implemented. We finally achieved our plan on January 2010, then we extended our project to Saida area with the hope to reach the number of 38 schools. Till today we did **45 schools**.

We investigated the drinking water in the laboratory and found out that the filtration is mandatory (TDS-TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS- besides more factors is 350—390 TDS) while it should be 200-220 TDS. Besides, the tanks of drinking water were open to the air, pipes were very old, and cleaning process was not going on.

**The filtration benefits:** provides clean fresh water; removes microscopic impurities (dirt, rust, sand, silt, herbicides, pesticides, iron, mercury, arsenic acid..)as small as 1 micron; removes bad taste and odors and color; reduces chlorine (found in most municipal systems); inhibits hard water scale-remove excess of calcium; protects equipment from scale and corrosion; eliminates stains on texture and clothing caused by rust in water; extends life of appliances, faucets and fixtures..

- **Dr Bader Ghazzaoui**, President RC Saida-2009-2010

## WANNA MATCH?

1) A forestation of siltation with red mangrove in the Balao - Guayas area to nourish the ecosystem, protecting the coastline from erosion and floods, represent the habitat of hundreds of species and a work source for hundreds of villagers and their families.

2)Speech contest (Four-Way Test), involving young students from 14 to 18 years of public and private schools in Ecuador. They choose a topic of any kind and pass by each of Rotarian ethical values?truth, fairness and justice.

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## PROJECT MATCH

### ADOPT A SCHOOL PROJECT

That will involve the following activities to 3 public elementary schools for one schoolyear: supplemental feeding to pre-selected 100 malnourished children, ages 7-12, Grade 1 to 6; medical-dental mission that will take care of their health at least 2 times within the year; equip the school library with more children books, 2 sets of computer; provide health education to students, teachers and parents through symposium on Dengue prevention, anti-drug, family planning and reproductive health.

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Whether flaming out on a relationship or sparking a new romance, you need a rush of something, so it might as well be the mysterious and intriguing ingredients of the East. This combo is meant to sear and seduce the palate.

# Burning desire:

## An Indonesian blend

1 or 2 serrano chiles, including seeds, minced

1 stalk of fresh lemongrass, tender inner bulb only, minced

3 cloves garlic, minced

3 tablespoons minced fresh ginger

1/4 cup shredded unsweetened coconut

Zest of 2 limes

1/3 cup fresh lime juice

3 tablespoons *nam pla* (fish sauce)

1/3 cup Asian sesame oil

In a medium bowl, combine all the ingredients and stir thoroughly to blend. Use immediately, or cover and refrigerate up to 2 weeks. As a rule, foods should only marinate at room temperature up to 1 hour; beyond this, refrigerate.

### MARINATING TIMES:

Shrimp, 2 to 4 hours;

whole chicken, 6 to

8 hours; chicken parts including wings, 4 to

6 hours; chicken kebabs, 2 hours; fish fillets or

kebabs, 1 to 3 hours. Grill the coated foods as desired.

● Makes 1 1/2 cups

### cook and tell

**Recycle savvy:** Stick the long stem of the lemongrass with a few tropical flowers for an instant centerpiece.



# MINUTES of ROTI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL @RotiLdr1113

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## SIGNATURE PROJECT for ROTI

The council is still looking at **SIGNATURE PROJECT for ROTI**, which, in the words of Steve "that would have to be interpreted as **involving internet and/or communication**, does not have to be highly specific, but the tie must be there, the only way we can keep the Fellowship Committee on our side."

### tristram.force9.co.uk wrote

The time has come to stop debating this issue and start firming up. Therefore please research and nominate a project for ROTI. It should be a real project, not a concept or idea. Then write a SHORT brief about the project including the "what, who, where and benefit"

What - what is required

Where - location

Who - will benefit

Benefit - what will be the outcome including if possible how many will benefit. And also a ballpark cost. The nomination should be no longer than 150 words long.

I consider that we should consider projects that fall within the mission of ROTI as stated by Steve earlier. Hopefully the chosen project may be replicated in other locations to honour more ROTIans in the future.

Finally please send your nomination to me (off list) at <mailto:lawrence%40tristram.force9.co.uk>. Following the nomination I will produce a .pdf document and voting "survey" so that by the end of September we will have something to get on with.

OFF COLOR JOKES. The council was still upset about "bad jokes"; Ho Loon Shin [<loonshin@yahoo.com>](mailto:loonshin@yahoo.com) wrote:

*I think: jokes are jokes, period -- good, bad, and the ugly to boot. If one were to internalize the content in the joke -- meaning taking what is said personally -- and reacts negatively, then I think the person's self-esteem becomes the problem, not the joke. Then the issue is no more about the joke for the reacting people have inadvertently becomes the issue; this is what I saw in the last two controversies over the so called 'bad' jokes. I believe the fellowship can flourish in many forms, and nothing is personal.*

THREADS and SUBJECT LINES. A number of messages on ROTI were off-subject or running on threads. **james shield responded:**

"What's wrong with letting threads run on? This is a fellowship. Honestly, when some SAA-type tells me to shut up because the thread I just posted on is "too long", it really makes me angry. Two thoughts come to mind: 1. We have a separate banter list already. If people don't like the banter, don't join it or quit from it. We have a serious list that these people can join. 2. People need to learn to use their delete buttons. I just returned from three days away and found 214 messages in my inbox. I deleted most. No big deal.

FINALLY, BANGKOK CONVENTION 2012. Hotel, where to party, and sharing the booth -

**steve sokol wrote:** I am completing the booth application for Convention 2012. I know that Roger has a lot of trouble getting volunteers for the ICUFR booth. He had to man it essentially alone in NOLA. I think it may be a nice gesture to ask him if he would like to share our booth. No cost to ICUFR, but we would take the best of the banner spots, while leaving him one side wall. I do not have a strong opinion, but would vote to do it unless someone presents a good argument against it.

We had discussed having banners from as many clubs represented in ROTI as we can get. I think this should be mentioned, in case I am missing some thought here. Seems like quite a promotional point for the Fellowship.

***It might be possible to get a double booth if you partner with ICUFR? - JB@z@-***

***Double booth with ROTI, if possible. Otherwise let's share. - Sunil K Zachariah***

One thing for sure. Listening to board discussion is like picking the top 20 posts :-). Best as said, as is. High-voltage or static. It will be a literary sin to abridge some one's thoughts into one dispassionate line or paragraph. That is what happens when you assign an editor the secretarial job.

At least ROTIans will know where the discussion is leading, and can form and shoot their own opinion in the general list or direct to council's private booth.

The magic of technology. Meeting of the board does not have to be eyeball to eyeball. And no one will know that the secretary is sleeping... But the editor is awake with recorder and sidebar menu running. See you next month. 1st of October. The next BB. Do not hesitate to send article or photo if you have one. But please send clearer photos in separate jpg file. [ganethercutt@yahoo.com](mailto:ganethercutt@yahoo.com)