



Guest Editorial

When I was DG...

Building Communities - Bridging Continents

Todd Lindley DDS FAGD
Governor, District 6060, 2010-2011

A month has passed now after completing a year as district governor for [Rotary District 6060](#), covering the eastern third of Missouri, USA. Our district stretches from Hannibal, located 100 miles north of St. Louis to the Arkansas border 200 miles south of St. Louis, all along the Mississippi River. Fifty-seven Rotary clubs with nearly 2,500 Rotarians serve their communities and are active in providing service all around the world.

Prior to beginning my year as district governor I made a conscious decision to not have some grand plan for my district during my year. Many folks asked me if I would have a special emphasis on The Rotary Foundation, since that has been a strong passion of mine for several years. It's my belief, though, that the entire purpose of the district structure is to provide service and support to our clubs. Additionally, I suspected that during the 2010-11 year, there would be some extra opportunities because our own past district governor Ray Klinginsmith was serving as Rotary International president.

This suspicion was born out in at least two cases, nearly at the same time. One was a five district joint-effort to create "**Rays Reading Room**" in the New Orleans Mission, with the ribbon-cutting to take place during the R.I. convention in May 2011. Our district needed to raise \$3,000 from our clubs to support our portion of this project properly.

The second special need was to raise \$3,500 to send our 10 inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students to the New Orleans Convention. Ours is one of the 36 partner districts in 15 US states involved with South Central Rotary Youth

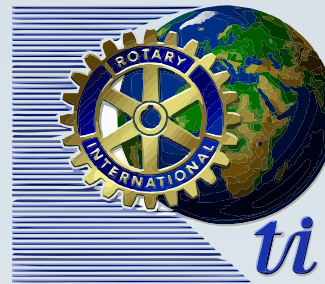


Exchange organization. SCRYE was requested to bring all 200 inbound RYE students to New Orleans to handle the flag ceremony during the opening plenary session. The students also were involved in a couple of music performances during the plenary or pre-plenary sessions. Our clubs stepped forward to these requests and exceeded our goals both times.

Two weeks after the Rotary International convention our district held its annual district conference. We were fortunate to have RI President Ray & Judie both attend our conference as well as several special guests. Rotarian, businessman, scholar, and educator Quinn McKay came and led a capacity-crowd workshop and spoke on "Integrity and the Four Way Test." Brazilian peace fellow Eduardo da Costa was a keynote speaker and also led a workshop on his hopes and dreams as a Rotary Peace Fellow returning to the Amazon rainforest region of Brazil in the summer of 2012. Past Rotary scholar and current PolioPlus chairman for Niger Gaston Kaba shared with us on Rotary work and needs in his country. And PDG Bharath Reddy, who led a GSE team to our district from D3160 in 2006-07 returned to visit with his friends.

From the Chair

Steve Sokol, 2011-13



I want to thank all of you for electing me. Thanks to the efforts of many people, our ROTI year is off to very good start. Gloria Nethercutt and her group are deserving of special comment. They have changed the BreadBasket to a new style. It is now a stand-alone feature rather than integrated into the web site, making it more appropriate to use on District sites. We look forward to more changes in your ROTI and hope you will provide us with a flow of new ideas and voluntary assistance.

We have started working on housing and events for the Bangkok Convention. I am going to try to identify a menu of potential side trips while we are there. I am not sure how this will work, but I am going to try to "make it happen". With the success of the ROTI dinner, we will try it again. We will be prepared for the larger number this time and will make sure the general manager communicates with the Shift manager. The NOLA dinner could have been much better had it been executed with less chaos.

For those of you who are familiar with Thai cuisine, I can assure you that we will not set that up for the group. I happen to love Thai food and will try to get some adventurous eaters to join me one evening. There has already been a note on reservations for the "ROTI hotel". Nothing will be committed at this point, but I need numbers to negotiate with the hotels. The exchange rate is very advantageous at this time, so we will be looking at upscale hotels. Please let me know at chairman@roti.org, how many reservations you may need.

One item that needs to be studied is fundraising for the Fellowship. This is really divided into two very distinct areas. First is project fundraising, where we have specific project(s) that require financing. This is separate from operating funds and we are waiting for a project(s) to be defined. The approach is quite different from raising operating funds. In the past, we have generated operation funding by ROTI pin sales and donations. We would like to generate adequate funds without asking for donations so donations could be reserved for project specific income.

We are looking into a couple of projects that would generate income from our booth at Conventions. We have a lot of recipes that have been provided by ROTIans reflecting the ethnic foods of their country. Tony Lamanna has agreed to chair this effort and is waiting for me to post examples of the recipes we have. A decision has not been made between digital and print media. Though we have no chairman yet, we want to evaluate revising "ROTI Institute", a manual of Rotary information initially developed by Doug Vincent. Doug is loaded with RI work currently, so he can only advise. Stan Cahn, our finance committee chair, is looking at various approaches to creating a steady flow of operating funds. Stan is ready to go on project fund raising, when we get a project defined. Stan is well experienced at fundraising for major projects.

Speaking of projects, we have talked about several on the Leadership Council, but do not yet have enough information to throw the discussion open to the full membership. The reason for building the background info first is to avoid 2,000 people running in multiple directions on multiple lists trying to create a portfolio of information on the various candidate projects. Our discussions have slowed, but will be re-energized. ROTI is you!!

Please help us by providing ideas and support. You are the strength of the Fellowship and the only way we Fellowship to its full potential. Remember these important ten words: **"If it is to be it is up to me!"**

Everyone have a great Rotary day!

Membership Development

by PRIP M.A.T. Caparas



1986-1987
Theme Rotary Brings Hope

August is Membership Development Month, when clubs devise and start to implement their plans for acquiring new members and retaining those they already have. Club growth is a year-long subject that clubs address from early in the year because the capability of a club to perform its mission depends greatly on the size and quality of its membership. Indeed, the members are really the club: there would be no club without them, and who the members are determines what the club will ultimately be. August is, therefore, a very important month for the club and its leadership.

"Membership Development" is a comparatively new term in Rotary. The first membership development committee met on the call of President Richard Evans in 1966-67. Until then, there was a simple membership committee that did not have any express directive to sign up new members. The rules of the organization in fact tended to discourage any active membership campaign, for only one member could be accepted from every useful occupation in the town. Practically all of those occupations were filled up by the charter members at the organization of the club, and there were no one with the necessary qualifications to fill the remaining classifications. Most clubs therefore started small and remained frustratingly small despite the obvious need for bigger clubs.

Opportunities to serve the community and the world abounded, but the average club could not serve as much or as well as it wanted because of its small size. As a possible remedy, the classification principle was loosened by allowing admission of additional active, senior active, and past service members. But the pace of increase of membership in clubs stayed slow due to the membership and classification committees.

Every proposal for membership had to go to the membership committee, which looked into all the negative things about the man, to make sure his good character and reputation were beyond question. If approved by the membership committee, the proposal was referred to the classification committee, which would make sure that the subject was not engaged in a business or occupation that could compete with the business or occupation of a current member, i.e., there was an open classification he could fill.

Both tasks were delicate, and were performed conscientiously by both committees. A mistake by one could allow in a member who might bring disrepute to the club. An error by the other could bring disharmony in the club from members competing against each other in business. Disapproval by both committees was therefore quite common, and possible proponents were discouraged. The result was the unfortunate public impression that Rotary was elitist and exclusive, which made it even more difficult for clubs to attract and enlist the kind of new members they want.

The major recommendation of that first membership development committee was to reduce the kinds of members to two only, active and honorary, but allow as many as five members in the same classification. The board adopted that suggestion and presented it for enactment by the 1968 Council on Legislation in Mexico City. The Council turned it down because almost all the Council delegates were senior active members who did not want to stop the practice of being called "Senior Active."

That Council defeat was a serious set-back that took a generation to reverse. In the meantime, rule changes were enacted on attendance requirements, number and frequency of club meetings, territorial restrictions on the formation of new clubs, and definition of the territory from which clubs could draw members. Rotary also began to seek new members aggressively. Several Presidents made the formation of new clubs primary target of their administration. Another President established the record for most members gained in a year. And Rotary admitted women. But in the last 25 years Rotary grew world-wide by barely 200,000 members, or less than 10,000 a year, and probably half of them are

ganethercutt@yahoo.com wrote:
Sent: Tue, 26 Jul 2011 17:47:54 -0700

MatC, will you write for our breadbasket, or send any article you have written about membership development?

matc1223@hotmail.com wrote:
Sent: Wednesday, 27 July 2011 3:32pm

Glo, this is a tall order for an old man who no longer works, and does not want to. But I will see what I can put together in a week.
Regards.
matc

women. Many believe Rotary can and should do better. But it must be noted that a good number of the clubs that hardly grew are situated in countries and areas where having even one or two clubs is already incredibly remarkable.

We should by all means make membership in Rotary pleasant and gratifying. The regular meetings should be enjoyable, by turns entertaining, informative, challenging, and catering to all interests in the course of the year if not all at once. The time and place of the meeting should be acceptable to most of the members.

Every aggressive membership drive provoked debate between Quantity and Quality. Quantity says even a Deadwood can help financially. And Quality would go so far as to accept Deadwood that is not Badwood, but insists that a club with too many Deadwood would wind up dead. The usual upshot of that debate would be an agreement to make it known that it is easy to join Rotary, that it is not difficult to be a Rotarian, that the obligations are light and few, and that anyone with a decently-paying job can be a Rotarian if invited. But membership in an organization that seeks to serve above self cannot be easy, and one who joins it with that illusion will likely resign on learning the truth. That is probably what happened more than once.

One inviting another to join Rotary is like a salesman. He will have no success if his product is not worth buying. It is true that making a living takes so much more time and commitment these days. The social and other demands of modern life leave very little time for anything else. But people who feel for others and have even a latent desire to give back and make something of their lives will make time, if at all possible, to do what he or she really wants – even at the cost of giving up something else that is just a bit less desirable. And the Rotary club, where they can make friends and promote peace through service to others – even above self if need be – is the club where they can satisfy that desire.

We should by all means make membership in Rotary pleasant and gratifying. The regular meetings should be enjoyable, by turns entertaining, informative, challenging, and catering to all interests in the course of the year if not all at once. The time and place of the meeting should be acceptable to most of the members. Alternate meetings or get-togethers may be planned for fellowship or other purpose, and everybody should be in on the planning and implementation of club projects. But, above all, the club should be actively involved in causes and undertakings that the members can be proud of and in which they would want to be personally involved. People will not want to join Rotary or



At NOLA, Rotarians gather around RI past presidents. Seated are RIPP Cliff Dochtermann (left) and RIPP Chuck Keller, with RIPP M.A.T. Caparas in the middle.

PHOTO by RON NETHERCUTT

remain in it if they do not find it worth their time.

So, a good, smoothly functioning Rotary club engaged in praiseworthy and significant service is the greatest attraction for drawing to Rotary the fine, civic-minded people of the community. It is up to every member of the club to keep the club good and strong. It is the function of the leadership to engage the club continually in praiseworthy and significant service activities. There are in fact many such activities. A good example of what would always win public praise and goodwill is something done for children, whether in education, health, or just plain entertainment.

For instance, all the Rotary clubs in the Philippines were encouraged by their District Governors to hold on July 1 this year a Children's Party to start Rotary's New Year of service. Most of them responded to the call and hosted in various towns thousands of school children, out-of-school youth, and sick and disadvantaged children. It was a fun day for children who had never been to a party before, as well as for many Rotarians who had forgotten how enjoyable a children's party could be. It was a simple gesture that cost little, but it encompassed the whole country, and it symbolized Rotary's concern for the helpless and the needy, a concern that is shared by all people who know compassion and feel for their fellowmen. It is the kind of gesture that, if continued with like activities that warm the heart, will bring in the kind of members Rotary wants and needs. May that come to pass from what the clubs will plan and do this August.

**M.A.T. Caparas, PRIP
RC Caloocan, D.3800**

I am assuming this is somewhat related to concerns and criticisms expressed about the content of our discussions on ROTI. I took the time to listen attentively to members having their fellowship moments at our regular club meetings, and there was hardly any discussion about anything Rotary related. A lot of discussion on who got sick lately or who was in the hospital, lots about where their kids were in the world, how their yard work was progressing, latest great reads or movies to see, what someone said about something or another, how each other's businesses were doing, etc. So, that got me thinking "what is Rotary related." I have concluded that Rotarians gathering and talking about anything is "Rotary-related." Perhaps, from these unrelated discussions come seeds that will germinate into great Rotary projects or programs.

- Alan Okinaka, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
D5000, Hilo, Hawaii



M.A.T. CAPARAS

Today I ran into PP Butch Celestial. He's the reason that I found ROTI. I was scanning our old bulletins and found his articles about ROTI back in the early 2000's.

He mentioned that during his term as President at our club that he was actually inducted by PRIP MATC. Unfortunately, all of the pictures from that time were either lost or destroyed. Does anyone know MATC well enough to ask him about those pictures? They'd of great historical value to our club. *Maraming, maraming salamat po* (formal thank you very much) in advance for any help!

- James Shields, Rotary Club of Tacloban, District 3860 Philippines

What is Rotary-related?

We in Rotary are a community within, and we are crazy to obsess over Rotary for Rotary's sake.

We are all there and performing at various levels in various capacities, some energetically and others not so energetically.

We all have a life in a real world of subjectivity and it is nice to share our lives with likeminded and altruistic driven people, which make us all normal, energetic, achieving and switched on to do what we do, when we have to and because we want to.

-PP Geoffrey in Sydney

Am I so blessed to have met you great friends thru ROTI thru the wonders of the internet! This early, Senora Leticia, mi amiga de Mexico, please save the date of mid-April 2012, for you to join our delegation from the USA Canada and Mexico to go to the Philippines.. to attend the DisCon of our District 3780 and/or 3790 (Ron's district) then go gallivant to other islands of the Philippines and then to Bangkok RI Convention!

Also, I am pleased to share you the news that this 1st month of the new RY, our sponsoring Club/District 3780, has filed our application to charter our Global Kalinga e-Rotary Club, that yours truly conceptualized and worked hard the last 6 months, with 40 Charter members, including the only FILIPINO who ever became RI President, MAT Caparas! (with his name, we attracted quality people as charter members of this supposedly 1st e-Club in the Philippines!

In preparation for my retirement, I have basically transferred my membership here in Orange County CA District 5320 (Newport Irvine RC) to become the Charter President...to help it grow and become a successful E-Club that we can be proud of!

To know more about us, I invite you to visit our young website (being improved, enhanced every week!): www.gkerotaryclub3780.org. Again thank you all, including our fellow ROTI members, for the work that you do for others: SERVICE ABOVE SELF.. as our lasting legacy to the generation(s) after us! More power to you all, to Rotary and to ROTI.. God bless!

- Ernie Delfin
A proud Rotarian and a businessman

Jocoe's Journal

My blog is now available at
<http://jocoesjournal.blogspot.com>
- P.P. Tom Telfer, B.A., P.H.F.
Past Chair of Rotary Editors & Publishers
Charter member of Rotarians on the Internet
Member Rotary Rolodex, ICUFR
Editor of Jocoe's Journal

West Africa Project Fair & Community Engagement Trip - Dakar, Senegal

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

We are sending this correspondence to you because you have either traveled with us before on immunization or West Africa Project Fair trips, or you have indicated interest in participating in one of these programs in the future. Although this program is not a polio immunization trip, it will provide a similar experience of getting into the villages and communities of Senegal, looking for opportunities to help the children of Africa, and to create new friendships.

Have you ever heard Rotarians speak about their personal experience participating in a polio eradication exercise, or a cleft lip/cleft palate mission, or a work on a matching grant? These trips have a profound effect upon the individual. For those of you who have gone on one of these trips you know, and for those of you who have yet to enjoy this experience, you should.

The experiences you have on one of these trips stay with you forever. You get up early in the morning, travel with local Rotarians to a village, health clinic or impoverished neighborhood, and for the next few hours, you change. Small children come up to you to say thank you. Mothers and fathers smile at you knowing that you are giving their child a chance for a better life. You meet with the leaders in the village to learn of their needs and their hopes. It is hot; it is dusty; it makes you uncomfortable; it is exquisite.

Immediate past Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith has told us he will travel with us to Dakar, Senegal to attend the Project Fair, select a project or two for his club to support and engage the Rotarians in Senegal. We are inviting you, and your club members to join Ray and the rest of us to Dakar, to witness, first hand, the possibilities of what Rotary and your club can do to help Africa.

The purpose of this e-mail is to offer to you and the Rotarians in your club, such an opportunity. From October 26 – November 2, 2011, Rotarians will travel to Dakar, Senegal, West Africa to attend the 7th Annual West Africa Project Fair, participate in community health and school program, and to engage with the local Rotarians in a community service program. The West Africa Project Fair is an official program of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa Program.

Attached to this correspondence is a detailed folder describing the trip to Senegal, summarized as follows:

Trip Dates: October 25 – November 2, 2011
Travel to: Dakar, Senegal (West Africa)

Program includes: Hotel accommodations, transfers, most meals, hands-on field work, visits to local communities to experience and explore and to provide service to Rotarian humanitarian programs, West Africa Project Fair registration, special Rotary and fellowship events, sightseeing, etc.

Participants will spend time with Senegalese Rotarians to explore their communities and see the service and experience fellowship that only Rotary can provide. Further, participants will attend a two-day West Africa Project Fair, where Rotarians from 15 West African nations will present possible humanitarian grant projects. It is an extraordinary event that will expose your members to new cultures, projects, friends and opportunities.

Please announce this program in your club and District over the next month, get it on websites, get it in newsletters. Ask people to join you on this trip.

For those of you who have made one of these trips in the past, you may not have the ability to join us. You are encouraged to invite the Rotarians in your club or District to join this program.

Let me know if you have any questions. Because of limited space, we expect this program will sell out in the next few weeks. I hope that you will join fellow Rotarians to provide service, fellowship and a wonderful highlight of your experience as a Rotarian. We hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards for a successful Rotary year,
Bradford R. Howard, PDG Rotary District 5170
West Africa Project Fair Committee, 2007-11
E-mail: Rotary@HowardTours.net

A lump in my throat and tears in my eyes as I read through the messages written 14 years ago, by Ivan the Khan and Ray Smith the fiercely loyal supporter of Billo's prodigy website, bringing back memories of the time before the birth of ROTI when there were just about 40 of us, or was it 60?

Closely knit, sharing information and banter, in close personal friendship lasting to today.

Time may fly faster as we grow older but thankfully it is still there for us who are still here.

- Mingo in Sabah, RC Likas Bay D.3310 in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, The Land Below The Wind, North Borneo State of Malaysia

How time flies...



Known in ROTI as Mingo The Sage, architect George Chin received the ROTIAN of the Year award from Ron Nethercutt. Ron (with Glo) flew to Kota Kinabalu to present the award to Mingo at his club's meeting. It was Mingo's birthday.

[mailto:owner-rotary@listserv.prodigy.com] On Behalf Of George K M Chin
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 1997 3:40 PM
Subject: Re: Rotary: General: Time flies like the wind, fruit flies like bananas

Okay Ray, I shall put in my two cents worth.

I see no difference in the speed of time ever since I can remember. Each day time starts for me when I awake and stops when I fall asleep. Sometimes I manage to get something important done but often I just manage to think about getting something done.

Nowadays I see the sun shining brightly high up in the heavens when I sit myself down in front of my computer, and before I know it, it is in total darkness outside my window. But that doesn't mean time is flitting; it only goes to prove how much I am enjoying myself amongst my virtual friends here.

They say the speed of flight of time is relative depending upon how old you are and what situation you are finding yourself in, like, for instance, time will virtually stand still when you are confronted by a snarling long-nosed tailless Australian terrier and surrounded by a riot of howling guavamoses backed by a ring of avacondas and dagged carpets let loose from their cars. On the other hand, time will flit by like a thought when you are enjoying a delicious Australian meatpie laced with Filipino *bagoong* or Malaysian *belacan*, topped off with a just nicely ripe durian.

Or when you are, like Ivan, doing something all night what you used to do all night.

Cheers -- hip hip hip Mingo

At 2:43 PM +0800 12/4/97, RAY SMITH wrote:

Come on Mingo, let's straighten out these bods. You are as young, and as old, as your youngest grandchild. All this nonsense about time flying is all The older you get the more abilities you possess and the more opportunities there are for you. At 68 I'm still trying to knock some sense into the executive of my Club.

- PP Ray Smith, Rotary Club of Doncaster Sunrise, District 9810, Victoria, Australia



Bangkok 2012

This may seem a little early, but actually it is a bit late. I am working on a ROTI hotel for Bangkok and need some idea of how many so I can negotiate rates with the hotel. This is not a firm commitment and I cannot give you a cost. I will be negotiating that when I have some idea what the count will be.

If you have interest in packaging air fare with hotel cost, please let me know that also. Combining the two may be the most economical approach.

Again, I am only asking interest. I cannot give you any numbers yet. I will provide details before asking you to commit to anything.

Please give me your needs/thoughts by replying to the note or mailing separately to chairman@roti.org. Please make sure you have "**Bangkok 2012**"

Bangkok should be a beautiful and exciting venue. I am hoping we can get a good crowd representing ROTI, and will be able to meet some members who have had difficulty making the long trip to recent conventions.

- **Steve Sokol**, Rotary Club of Seneca, South Carolina, USA, D7750

Rj and I are already registered for the Bangkok 2012 and about 10 or more from our club are joining due to proximity of Manila to Bangkok. Re airfare, it will be cheaper if we book ourselves through the Philippine Airlines 'Saturday midnight madness sale' wherein we get a discounted airfare.

Re hotel, if you wish we can help you look for a hotel where ROTI members can stay. A lot of our club members frequent Bangkok for business and I can ask them to get the different rates then email it to you. from there you can try to negotiate for a ROTI rate. We have to consider if we want to stay near the convention center or travel to the convention site and back to the city at night by shuttle since the convention site is in the outskirt of Bangkok city as per information given by the Bangkok 2012 staffer in New orleans.

- **Baby Tan**, RC Cosmopolitan San Juan D3800, Phils

Got the hotels the wrong way round!
Lower cost hotel that I have found in Sukhumvit:
<http://www.woraburi.com/woraburisukhumvit/index.html>

RI Official Hotel in Sukhumvit for comparison below:
<http://www.millenniumhotels.com/th/grandmillenniumsukhumvitbangkok/index.html>

Early days or is it I see some of the official RI hotels are booking up fast.

Yours in Rotary
John Glassford



www.savegse.org

Welcome to SaveGSE.org.

This website is the work of a group of Rotarians committed to the preservation of Group Study Exchange as a program of the Rotary Foundation. This effort has resulted from the realization of Rotarians in the Future Vision Pilot Districts that the loss of Foundation Support of GSE will lead to the loss of this outstanding program and the international relationships it builds.

This group will not work against the concept of Vocational Training Teams (VTT) other than to point out that VTT is a significantly different program and not a replacement for GSE. If you would like more information about Rotary you should check the [Rotary International](http://www.rotary.org) website where you can learn more about Rotary and its many programs and efforts around the world, including Group Study Exchange.

Our goal is to collect resolutions from individual Rotary Clubs to show support for GSE. Please go to the [RESOLUTION](#) page to download the resolution form.

www.savegse.org

The website is up and running at www.SaveGSE.org. Everyone who wants to keep GSE as a TRF program should go there and have their club adopt the Resolution and return it to us as per the directions. (If anyone has slept through my rants, Future Vision drops GSE as a TRF program.) I already have resolutions from our local clubs and look forward to a big response so we can show TRF and RI the support for this program.

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

just finished reading as much of the site as possible this morning and wish to commend you (all) ! GSE truly is one of the finer programs sponsored by Rotary as we (all) move toward that better world with peace, understanding, and tolerance - we all are different.

As a result, we ARE able to learn from each other and I later today I shall print off what I am able and give it to "meu" clube's Officers and Directors for their consideration !!!

Obrigado, Gracias, Merci, Danke, Kamsa hamnida,

- **Jay Dzurilla**, RD 6630 (NE Ohio, USA) DG 2006-2007
Rotary Club of Strongsville, Presidente 1991-1992

Offshore call centers - woo or woe?



I guarantee businesses are listening. Here is a snippet about HP's new small business program:

But good hardware is just a start. EliteBooks also offer a three-year warranty--not the standard one year--with U.S.-based support manned by certified technicians, according to Hutcheson.

"We've changed our Elite support. The U.S. call center...will be complete by the end of the year and we're ripping out the IVR (interactive voice response) and putting certified reps in who can talk about our elite products," he said. And when HP partners sell an Elite product they will get an incentive to provide HP partner services with the product, said Hutcheson.

Read more: http://news.cnet.com/8301-13924_3-20085908-64/hp-or-apple-for-small-business/#ixzz1TjSWtQDP

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

This discussion reminds me of the comment about MacDonaldis ... They brought in high profile sports personalities and paid them millions of dollars to bring the customers into their establishment ... and then staffed the establishments with mouth breathing idiots at minimum wages to chase them out!

Sounds like the process with high priced techno-gear and low priced, contracted off-shore service centers ...

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

The problem with off-shore call centers is that their English is poor making them hard to understand. They also are using help desk systems and can not be convinced to escalate - apparently that is frowned upon.

If Dell has gone back off-shore, it is relatively recent.

- **Steve S**

Many call centers here go to a lot of trouble to get rid of accents. Plus, if one has trouble getting service, this is not the fault of the call center. It is the fault of the manufacturer who has made the process difficult. The call centers simply do as they are told.

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

As I clarified later, I'm not talking about accents. I'm talking about speaking English, as in comprehending and communicating. Much different issues. Nothing to do with accents - as many have pointed out, we have lots of different accents in America! I can understand them all, if the person talking comprehends what they are saying and are trying to communicate ideas. Speaking pure King's English (which of course, we Americans don't do!!) doesn't help if the speaker is unable to form thoughts, understand the other party, and have an exchange of ideas.

That is the problem with script readers in call centers. And, again, it is NOT the fault of the manufacturer - they have just award the business to the lowest bidder, which implies lower cost, which implies workers of lower caliber. You get what you pay for.

- **Don**, RC St. Thomas, District 7020

I guess the real question is what is the problem with the poor service. For me, whether the agent is from the US or from another country is not the issue. The issue is why is the agent not providing the answers to questions asked. This, for me, is a Dell issue and not whether the agent is from the US or from another country. If there are country-specific questions that the agent is not capable of answering, I agree there is a need to get a more knowledgeable agent who is familiar with the country-related question -- and chances are, there is a higher percentage of it being answered by an agent residing in the country. Bear in mind that many call centers located out of the US conduct daily "Americana" sessions to discuss current events and country-located subjects. But, this is not a 100% guarantee of it fulfilling the need.

Again, I would go back to what the problem is. I do hope it is not just a distinct preference to talking with a fellow country man that is the issue. Because for me, the global economy is a reality. Otherwise, my suggestion is to just buy a product built in America alone -- and that is also a dying breed.

- **PP Johnny Sy**, RC Makati Metro, RI Dist. 3830 - Philippines

I can't say I am madly impressed with them from an Australian perspective.....they are supposed to fix up my Telco Problems but I end up being shoved around and stuck on the phone for hours.....and then some from other Call Centres like to ring you up two and three times a day to tell me I am overdrawn.....driving me crazy. do not answer any blocked calls now.....inevitably the Land Line goes first, then the Mobile, and back to the Land Line.

- **Geoffrey** in Sydney :)

I hope this comment doesn't upset anyone or step on a sensitive toe.

I have had enough of this topic. I am curious how discussions of Offshore Call Centers, the pros and cons, the ethnicity of the service providers, the various languages involved and accents of providers and/or their inability to speak English, has anything to do with Rotary, Service Above Self, World Peace or International Understanding. The topic is not funny, does not meet the definition of banter, and is not solvable in our Fellowship.

Maybe it's important to Americans because so many of such services are contracted out by various American Companies. It's the companies to whom complaints should be made, NOT to the providers who simply took the opportunity to serve a contract. Don't like Offshore Call Centers? Complain to the companies. Like Offshore Call Centers? Tell the Companies. To make the issue prolonged as it has become here is beginning to have a prejudicial and chauvinist flavor.

Is it okay for one to say, "We've heard and said enough on this one. Let's move on to a more redeeming and Rotarian topic?" Just a thought.

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

I personally welcome discussions like this because it gives me the opportunity to see other perspectives and perceptions on common issues. I

know how hard we try to suppress the Ugly American, but it is alive and well

in most Americans and it is a good idea to hear what others across the oceans have to say. I also welcome Rotarians from other countries to poke at us Americans so we can understand ourselves more, so we can appreciate cultural and economic differences.

- **Alan Okinaka**, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, District 5000, Hilo, Hawaii

I'd like to add to this debate and say that I too, am really unimpressed with offshore call centres. I have had several extremely bad experiences trying to get items fixed/replaced/ warranties adhered to and it has been a nightmare, and I am sorry but the fact is that many call centre operators in other countries are extremely difficult to understand.

I now refuse to deal with any of them and if the manufacturer of the goods that I am buying does not have an Australian connection then I won't part with my money.

- **David Bennett**, President 2011-12, Rotary Club of Brimbank Central Rotary District 9800, Victoria, Australia

When I had an issue with the installation of Windows 7 on my computer, I contacted a remarkable young woman in India through the Microsoft listed number who was courteous, efficient and completely effective in helping me resolve the problem. Her English, though slightly accented, did not create a barrier to our communications.

- **John Challender**, RC of Cumberland Centennial, BC, Canada D5020, www.rotaycc.org

Amazing Irish family tradition

It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grand father had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday. On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink.

So when Paddy's, 18th birthday came 'round, he and his pal Mick, took a boat out to the middle of the lake, Paddy, stepped out of the boat ... and nearly drowned!

Mick just barely managed to pull him to safety. Furious and confused, Paddy, went to see his grandmother. 'Granny,' he asked, "It's me 18th birthday, so why can't I walk cross the lake like me fa, his fa, and his fa before him?"

Granny looked deeply into Paddy's, troubled brown eyes and said, "Because your fa, your grandfa and your great grandfa were all born in December, when the lake is frozen, and you were born in August, ya idiot!!!

- **Ron T.** P/P multi-PHF etc. Etc., Uddevalla-Skansen RC. Distr, 2360, Sweden

End Polio Now fundraising

*Rotary has the bottle to help End Polio Now
Don't keep it bottled up. Enjoy the sauce, enjoy filling the bottle with change
and then donate to End Polio Now.*

*"The Rotary year 2011/12 will be the final year when we are asked to meet
Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which we aim to complete by 30 June
2012. The Rotary Tomato Sauce (End Polio Now) initiative was conceived
as a way for Rotarians and clubs to raise funds to help meet the challenge.
A number of Rotarians and clubs have asked if they can utilize the Rotary
Tomato Sauce initiative to support Rotary Foundation giving or support
other charities – the answer is of course yes. This is an excellent way of
promoting Rotary and raising funds to save and change lives." Vice
President Ray Burman*

*Here is a 'saucy' new idea to help End Polio Now. Pick up a bottle of, or
donate a pound for, this special tomato ketchup and use it for family events
and social activities, such as 'meet the club' days and barbecue fundraisers.
When the bottle is empty, just clean it out and fill it with change, Gift Aid it and
hand it in.*

*Over 50,000 bottles of tomato ketchup have been sent around to all Rotary
districts in these islands, thanks to the extreme generosity of Wilkin & Sons
in Tiptree, Essex, which is partnering, once more, with Rotary International
in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI) for another innovative fundraiser. The
company previously helped with a marmalade initiative in 2003 when over
\$1m was raised for The Rotary Foundation.*

*If every bottle generates a £1 donation and is then filled with £5 of change,
you could help raise over £300,000. This could buy over a million doses of
the polio vaccine and save children in the four remaining endemic countries
from this crippling and painful disease.*

*It is a really simple way to save hundreds of thousands of young lives and
means everyone can support the incredible drive to eradicate polio for
good.*

*Since 1985, Rotary clubs all over the world have been committed to
eradicating polio. From hundreds of thousands of new cases every year,
there are now barely a thousand. There were 125 endemic countries, now
there are just four: Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nigeria.*

*Contact your local Rotary club to grab your bottle and help stop polio at the
'sauce'.*



ROTI Gallery



When international Partner takes over an MG project

There are always two ways to look at every issue. In the 150 or so Matching Grant projects that I have been involved with managing, there have been 4-5 where we asked to have the money sent to the International Partner. In nearly every case, these were the 2nd or 3rd Matching Grants done with the same partner clubs and the international partners had found the host partners in the previous projects to be 1) slow in filing reports, 2) bad in keeping financial records, and/or 3) non-communicative with the international partner.

When the project is in development and the emails are flying back and forth between the sponsor and international partners, this is one of those issues that need to be discussed.

Is the host club willing to open a dedicated bank account for this specific project? Do they have the ability to scan every invoice and email it to the international partner, so all sides are fully informed about expenses? Will the host partner be sending regular reports with lots of pictures to the international partner from beginning to end? (If I don't get great reports with lots of pictures, I never work with that partner again.)

Also - if the international partner planned to come to the project site and do most or all of the implementation, that should have been discussed from the very beginning of the project development and application process. It should be clearly described in the 3rd question of page one of the MG application where duties of the host and international partners are spelled out and agreed to.

Was there a language barrier present that interfered with the host club discussing all these things with the international club?

I don't feel there was anything wrong with having the international sponsor manage the finances or with the international sponsor do the majority of the implementation - but it should have all been discussed thoroughly with the host sponsor from day one so that none of it came as a surprise.

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

Oldie but goodie....

USE OF BOTTLE TOPS TO SEAL A BAG.....
WHO EVER THOUGHT OF THIS SHOULD GET A GREEN MEDAL

WHAT A GREAT IDEA. NO MORE TWIST TIES OR RUBBER BANDS. This method is WATER PROOF AND AIR TIGHT. GREAT!

The guy who first thought of the idea should be given an award for originality!!!

[Seal Plastic Bags with Old Bottle Caps](#)

Cut up a disposable water bottle and keep the neck and top, as in photo.



ROTI booth no. 278 in one Rotary International Convention
Past ROTI chair Doug Vincent
Name the rest...

Submit your old ROTI photos to ganethercutt@yahoo.com
for a walk down the memory lane.

ROTIAN of the MONTH

Alan
Okinaka



Life started in a lazy, quiet, remote, and very special place called Hana, Maui in Hawaii. Hana's claim to fame is depicted on coveted tee shirts with the words, "I Survived the Road to Hana!"

The sugar plantation closing moved the family to Kahului on the same island, where my post formative years came from my early education at the Kahului Grammar School and the Henry Perrine Baldwin High School in Wailuku.

Being a third generation Japanese, sansei, probably meant something important, but I was swept into the American ways having a firm "youthful filter," that embraced the western culture and ignored my ancestry. I regret this now because I find myself often searching and trying to understand the traditional Japanese traditions and customs.

Post-secondary education was at the University of Hawaii, Manoa campus on the island of Oahu. I wanted to be a chemist and discover something special to help the world, but then switched in midstream to the other end of the spectrum to earn a degree in Fine Arts focused on industrial designing. This didn't seem like such a gap in interest at that time, although many friends shook their heads with a puzzled look.

Tired of studying, I decided the U.S. Army would be a good change of venue. Despite my dad's disappointment, my "youthful reasoning" prevailed and I became a soldier for three years, serving two years on Okinawa as a cryptographic technician. Now I was hooked on electronics and the wonderful things it does, so after my discharge from the Army, I worked for Kentron Hawaii on Kwajalein, a little atoll somewhere in the Pacific supporting the Nike X project. Later, with enough money earned combined with the reintroduction and passage of the G.I. Education Bill, I pursued and earned my bachelors and masters in electrical and electronic engineering

Just before finishing my second tour at UH, Manoa, I was hired as a Research Associate for the ALOHA System Project. Believe it! It was an acronym for Additive Link Online Hawaii Area, funded by the Advanced Research Project Agency. This seven-year research project produced a novel method of using radio for computer communications. Today it isn't a big deal, but back then, it was innovative and amazing!

A successful research project has one draw back. When you complete what you were researching, the project is ended! But, with every door closing, a window opens and I was lured to GTE Hawaiian Tel to work on their plans of offering computer and data communication services and products.

By the way, did I say I mention getting married? Well, I did and I still am after 46 years. My wife and I were blessed with two great sons, and they have blessed us with three beautiful grandchildren who constantly embrace life! I have often wondered what we did right to raise great sons, but I don't anymore. Someone told me that when something works, don't mess with it. Yes, if isn't broken, don't fix it.

Working for GTE Hawaiian Tel took me to the GTE World Headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut for two years. What a cultural change for the family. It even snows there, but so rich with history! Returned to GTE Hawaiian Tel, and after four years in various department head jobs, I was transferred to Hilo on the Big Island, where after 22 years with GTE, I retired as the Island Manager. With all the managerial training and experiences I received in GTE, I started a consulting business called Questor Associates, and I offer businesses and organizations techniques and methods to develop their leadership, facilitation, and planning skills.

My Rotarian life started in 1988 when I moved to the Big Island and became a member of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay. Having spent many years in the Boy Scout program and later as a member of the Lions Club, I well knew the value of helping communities locally and Rotary expanded this to helping others nationally and internationally. We are one of 48 clubs in District 5000 in Hawaii, and the only sunrise club on this side of the island. I have served in various club committees and avenues of service and in 2005-2006 served as the president of our Rotary Club. I am presently the chair of the New Generations Avenue of service and PHF+6 contributor. It is very humbling to be one of the oldest Rotarians in my club and be the chair for New Generations. Someone once said that it was too bad that youth was wasted on the young, but after interacting with Rotaractors and Interactors regularly, I learned that we spiritually stay young forever. Regardless of what our bodies say or does.

After recently giving up golf, I spend a lot of time on writing, reading, hiking, and battling weeds in my yard. The weed war continues.

Many have asked me what I want from being a Rotarian and I quickly answer "world understanding and peace." A recent article in a local newspaper quoted someone saying that it is not naïve to look for ways of ending wars...that it is naïve to think that wars end wars. I embrace this way of thinking. Rotary gives many ways of ending wars.

A

Chris Wilks

Production

From: "Peter D. Wulff" <rotary@peterwulff.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 15:19:40 +0200
To: "Philip Merritt" <pmnugget@datelnet.net>

My dear child,

I am sending this message to your dad's e-mail address on one of the most important days in your life, i.e. the day of your christening in the name of Keagan Sarah Merritt. Let me introduce myself as your Godfather who is fighting a so-called terminal illness in the hope not only to still see his own son through his higher education days and remain available to his loving wife Melly (receiving a copy of this message), but also see you through to at least the day that you will be able to read this message yourself, and hopefully a lot longer than that.

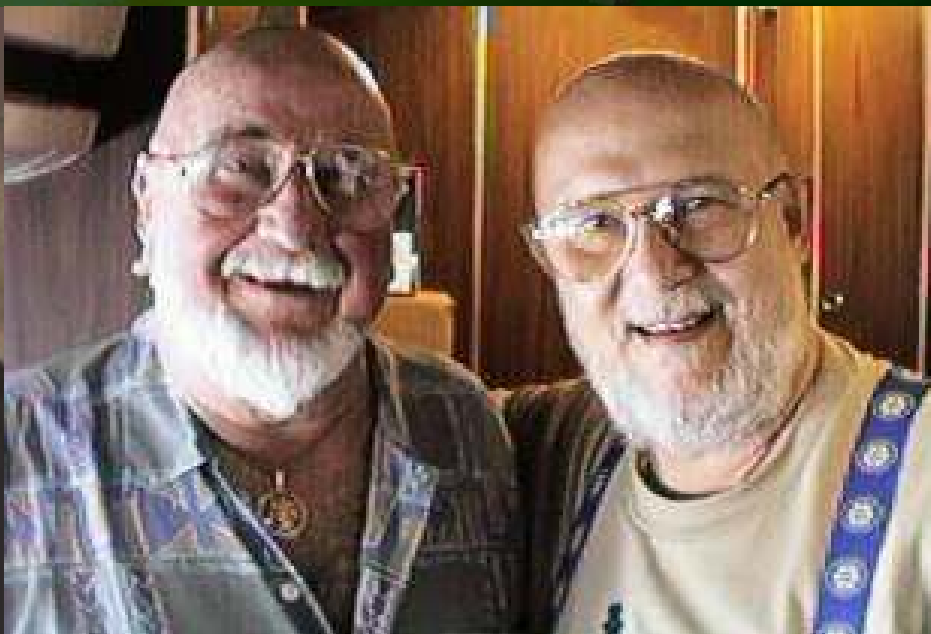
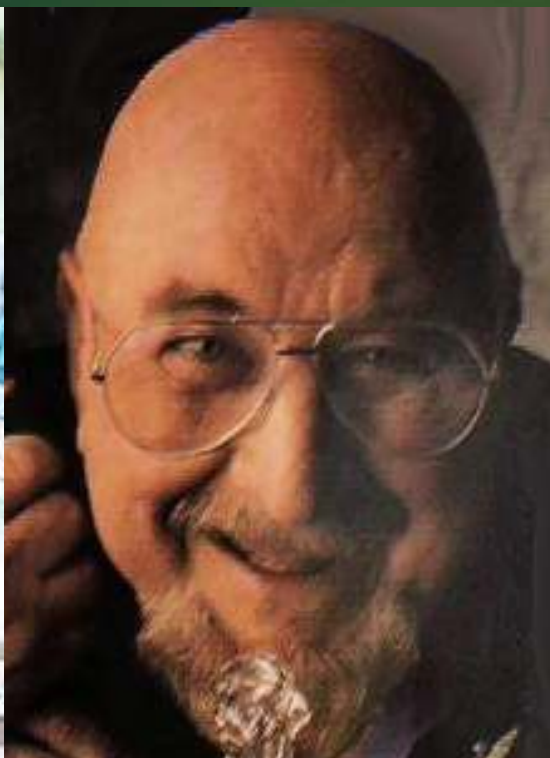
Lots of love and kisses.

Peter D. Wulff
Elbchaussee 356
22609 Hamburg
Germany

In
memory
of
Razor

From: "Peter D. Wulff" <rotary@peterwulff.com>
Dear all of you in ROTI, 3/19/2000

Aren't I ever so pleased I have very few - if any - regrets about the way I have lived my life this far. And that's probably the one and only reason why I am successfully standing up against that buggar cancer that has caught up with me some six years ago. So, gals and guys, take my advice:
Live, act, and think positive!!!!
Razor



Razor just happened to be on the plane with Pete Fontaine from NOLA to SD. That was his most exciting part of the trip

Many of you in ROTI now may not remember our beloved **Rotian Peter Wulff, AKA "Razor"**, as he passed away in 2000. He was without a doubt one of the finest, kindest, most compassionate, most generous people I have ever known. Razor was one of a kind. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He very much loved his wife Melly and son Mark and he loved ROTI. And ROTI loved Razor.

Razor was our first "Rotian of the Year". It is difficult to write this tribute as sometimes words cannot adequately describe such a wonderful person. After reading through his old messages for about 4 hours I became rather emotional. Razor was my daughters Godfather and I was finally able to let her read today the message below that he sent to her when she was 1 year old. After 11 years you are still very much missed Razor. His messages below may better reflect his true essence. Let us all make a toast to this very fine person/Rotian! (a glass of Merlot if possible)

Philip Merritt



- Ron Nethercutt

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

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CLUB INDUCTIONS

My column this month deals with the induction of club presidents and officers. As an academician, I first start with defining "induct" and "induction." Here is what is generally considered the meaning of those terms.

Induct – verb 1. to install in an office or position, etc., especially with formal ceremonies We will not consider the other meaning; it reminded me of my 3 years in the US Army. 2, to take (a draftee) into military service;
Induction – noun 1, the act of inducting; introduction; initiation. 2, a formal installation in an office, benefice, or the like.

In light of these findings I wonder why we do not 'deduct' the outgoing President? We do take away his power as the executive officer of the club don't we?

Deduct – verb 1. to take away (a quantity) from another; subtract and 2, to derive by deduction;
Deduction – noun 1. the act of deducting; subtraction 2. an amount that is or may be deducted: tax deduction

After finding out what the linguists felt were the meaning, here is what RI said about inductions:

"While there is no prescribed ceremony for installing officers, it is suggested that some formality be observed to honor the new officers and to acknowledge the officers they succeed. Please feel free to adopt or adapt the following information accordingly."

A suggested outline for the installation of new officers:

*Presiding: outgoing president or a past president
Farewell comments from outgoing president
Outgoing officers and directors thanked
Continuing directors and officers acknowledged
New president installed
Presentation of past president pin to outgoing president
Installation of incoming officers and directors
Introduction of committee chairmen
New president's address*



JOINT INDUCTION of RC CLARKFIELD & MABALACAT D3790 PHILS

Oath for the President: I, _____, do solemnly pledge that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the Rotary Club of _____ and that I will to the best of my ability support the district governor and Rotary International and that I will uphold the constitution and bylaws of this club.

Oath for the Officers and Directors: I, _____, do solemnly pledge that I will fulfill the duties of my office in the Rotary Club of _____ to the best of my ability, that I will support President _____, and will abide by our club's constitution and bylaws.

Comments made on ROTI posts, I felt it may be of interest to survey some of the membership re the policies re Inductions at different clubs on different continents and in different cultures. I wrote 25 ROTIans scattered throughout the ROTI world and found out that a wide variation exists in the policies utilized by Rotary Clubs. Here is the questionnaire I sent with their responses.

Is the DG the inducting officer for the new president?
YES 20% NO 60% Sometimes 20%

2) If NO, who does induction?
IPP 58% AG 17% PDG 25%

3) Are other clubs invited to attend
YES 20% NO 80%

4) If yes, about how many attend?
1 to 5 33% 5 to 10 67% More than 10

5) Are meals a part of the induction?
YES 100% NO 0%

6) Does the club assume expenses for invited clubs?
YES 13% NO 87%

7) Please classify your club's induction's apparel
Formal 7% Business Attire 33%
Relaxed 33% Varied-6%

8) Is the club BOD inducted at the same time?
YES 64% NO 21% (introduced only 14%)

9) Who inducts the BOD?
DG 14% Other District Officers 43% IP 43%

10) Is a formal oath taking used?
YES 46% NO 54%

11) Are new members also inducted at this time?
YES 15% NO 70% Sometimes 15%

12) Do you have joint inductions with other clubs?
YES 14% NO 86%

13) Where is the induction held?
Regular meeting place 57%
Special restaurant/Hotel 43%

14) Is live entertainment part of the induction?
YES-21% NO 79%

15) How many attend?
0 to 50 14% 50 to 75 57%
75 to 100 14% Over 100 14%

16) How long does your event last?
1-2 hours 70% 2-3 hrs 23% 3 hrs or more 7%

17) How is the induction paid for?
Special fee charged to members 38% Other 62%
If reply is Other
How are funds for induction raised? Varied greatly

Here is the list of countries responding and their percentage of returned replies:
Asia 20% US 27% Aus 13% Europe 27%
Canada 13% Africa 0

The replies show that Rotary is truly diverse and that diversity extends to the manner in which the inductions of their officers take place. It should give us an idea of variety of what is being every day somewhere in the Rotary world. I thank all of those that took time from their busy activities to supply the data used for this survey.

Yours in ROTI and Rotary,
PP Ron
ROTI Chair 07-09, TRF Major Donor
RC Mabalacat, Angeles City, Philippines

ROTARY CLUB of CALCUTTA INNER CITY R.I.DISTRICT 3291

This report has been abridged to give the idea of the work contained in the full report which can be found here [URL](#) I recommend that the full report is read to understand just what can be done by Club with determination – Tris Tristram (Assistant Editor)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rotary year 2010-2011; Period 1st July 2010 to 21st May 2011

Projects on Health & Hygiene

MEGA HEALTH CAMP:

A Mega Health Check-up camp was organized on Sunday, 15th August, 2010,

COAGULOMETER: Our Club handed over a critical medical equipment called a "Coagulometer" to Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Matri Bhavan

Project on Health

Heart to Heart: Master Rizwan - After successfully heart operation completed by BM Birla hospital on 6th October 2010.

Project on computer Literacy

Our club runs a Computer Literacy Centre at RCC Deara Shibanattya Sangha. Club has donated Computers to the RCC Vivekananda Seva Kendra, Usthi,

Project on Eye Care & Avoidable Blindness

EYE CHECK-UP CAMP: The operation of the permanent eye clinic at our RCC Vivekananda Seva Kendra, Usthi, (opened two years ago). Once a month, one eye check-up camp is held for local villagers.

EYE CARE SEMINAR: The annual programme of Dr. Anutosh Datta Memorial Eye Foundation & Seminar on Community Eye Care in association with Rotary club of Calcutta Inner City was held at Dr. Triguna Sen Hall, Jadavpur University on Sunday, the 29th August 2010.

SUNAYAN – Workshop on Eye Care & Avoidable Blindness. A Seminar on "Workshop on Eye Care & Avoidable Blindness" was organized by R.I.Dist. 3291 on Sunday, the 26th Sep'10 at Ramakrishna Seva Pratisthan, Sishu Mangal Hospital.

Project on Literacy

- (a) Two Pre-Primary schools have been adopted and are being run by our Club at our RCCs
- (b) A Tutorial Home for the children organized by our RCC Vivekananda Seva Kendra is run on our club support.
- (c) Educational tours organized by our all three RCCs for their school children were sponsored by our club.
- (d) Scholarships are being given to three school children,.

Project on Environment

- RCC Vivekananda Seva Kendra, Usthi

RCC Vivekananda Seva Kendra was organized a program on plantation on Sunday, 29th August, 2010, under the "Kallolini Kolkata" project.

RCC Ranjapur Mitali Sangha, Hoogly

RCC Ranjapur Mitali Sangha organized its tree plantation program on Sunday, 12th September, 2010, under "Kallolini Kolkata" initiative.

Project on School:

- 1) A Pre-Primary School called "Inner City Education Centre" is being run by our Club at RCC Deara Shibanattya Sangha
- 2) A Pre-Primary School called "Inner City Education Centre" is being run by our Club at RCC Ranjapur Mitali Sangha in Hoogly.
- 3) A Tutorial Home for the children is being run by RCC Vivekananda Seva Kendra, Usthi for 3 years.
- 4) Free Homeopathy Clinic run by our RCC Ranjapur Mitali Sangha is sponsored by our club.
- 5) Scholarships are being distributed to three school children, presently in class 8, 9 and 10. This project is two years old.
- 6) Work has already started on a new school building at RCC Vivekananda Seva Kendra, Usthi, scheduled for inauguration by the first week of June 2011.

by
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SHELTER BOX PHILIPPINES, INC

ShelterBox team assess storm damage in the Philippines A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) is en route to the Philippines after a tropical storm struck the island causing widespread flooding and devastation.

According to the Philippines National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre (NDRRMC) over 150,000 families have been affected by Tropical Storm Juaning (also known as Nock-ten), which made landfall in the province of Aurora on July 27.

SRT members Scott Robinson (US), Abner Tayco (PH) and Jose Ongkiko (PH) are travelling to the worst affected areas to assess the impact of the storm and to determine if there is an unmet need for emergency shelter.

ShelterBox Operations Manager, Alf Evans, said: 'It's been reported that over 100,000 people are in evacuation centres or staying with relatives and it's not yet known how soon they'll be able to return to their homes. Our team will work with local authorities to find out whether emergency shelter and equipment are needed and to ensure that we can help in whatever way we can.'

As well assessing the need for emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies in the Philippines, ShelterBox continues to respond to the drought throughout East Africa. This weekend, the first consignment of aid for the region is set to arrive in Ethiopia along with a second Response Team.

The Response Teams operating in the region are working with Save the Children and UNHCR to provide the most vulnerable families with emergency humanitarian aid.

Many thanks,
Coralie Farren
International Affiliates Coordinator
ShelterBox

- **PP May Shilton**, RC Mabalacat D3790 Philippines

Project on Hospital:

Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City has been working with a dynamic lady, Subhasini Mistry, and her son DR Ajoy Mistry, to build initially a small clinic. Today it is the RCC Humanity Hospital, Hanspukur

Project on Pulse Polio

A total of 8 National Immunization Day "Pulse Polio" were organized by our club between the 11th July 2010, and the 1st May 2011..

TRF Contribution

Club contributed US\$ 2500 to The Rotary Foundation during this Rotary year.



Dulag Central School

Dulag Joint Project

District 2650 (Japan) and the
Rotary Club of Tacloban (RID 3860, Philippines)

Reported by
James Shield

Introduction

This is an abridged version of the full report submitted by Rtn James Shields the full version can be seen here [URL](#). The report describes a joint project between Rotary International District 2650 (Japan), the Rotary Club of Tacloban (RID 3860, Philippines), and the World Health Organization (acting in an advisory manner). In essence, this project was an experiment. It was the first time that RID 2650 gave complete local control and administration to another entity, in this case, the Rotary Club of Tacloban.

The experiment was a resounding success. Complete local administration in the hands of a capable club works very well. Oversight by the donating partner is still highly recommended. And, complete transparency by the administering club is required.

This works because the model plays to each organization's strengths. RID 2650 supplied the funding. But, they could not be on-site at all times to make sure everything went smoothly. RC Tacloban is local and could be on-site at all times, but may not have the easiest time raising large amounts of money.

By working only with the strengths, RID 2650's funding and RC Tacloban's close proximity, this project was implemented with relative ease and definite success.

Project Overview

Rotary International District 2650 and the Rotary Club of Tacloban partnered to bring improvements to the Dulag Central School and to the health system of Dulag.

Total donations for this project are approximately P1,300,000, (around US\$30,000 or 2,500,000 Japanese yen).

Dulag Central School Improvements and Donations

At the Dulag Central School, the old science room's floor was replaced with concrete. The old floor was rotting and was a danger to all who entered the classroom. In the same room, a small bathroom was completely renovated to provide the students easy access to sanitary facilities.

Throughout the school, windows were screened and screen doors were added. In the area of the school, there are a lot of mosquitoes and there is serious concern about Dengue. With the screening, the risk of Dengue is reduced for the students and faculty.

School supplies were donated. Paper, pens, pencils, tablets, and more were donated by one of the clubs in RID 2650. These are worth US\$1,000 or approximately PhP44,000.

Total cost of this part of the project: just over P500,000.

Dulag Health System Improvements and Donations

This project's goal was to increase the effectiveness of the health system of Dulag. Specifically, to increase immunization coverage and effectiveness, especially in the more rural parts of Dulag.

To this effect, two refrigerators were donated along with a number of refrigerator thermometers. Keeping vaccines at the right temperature is important to maintain their effectiveness.

To help provide for outreach and training, a new Honda XRM 150 motorcycle, a used Mitsubishi L300, a laptop computer, and an LCD projector were donated. These vehicles and equipment will help the Dulag health workers reach people in the more remote parts of the town. Also, they will help Dulag keep their workers training up-to-date.

In the town's newest barangay health station (BHS) in Barangay Tigbao, a bathroom was installed. To go with the bathroom, a pressurized water system was added, including the drilling of a well to get water for it all. Because this BHS is situated next to the community basketball court, grills were added to all windows and all existing windows repaired.

An existing BHS in Barangay Salvacion was found to lack water. So, its pump and tank were replaced and the well dug deeper to get better water.

Needles and needle-disposal tools were donated to deliver any vaccines.

And, finally, funding was provided for training. The goal is to get all barangay health workers trained so that they can keep track of children who require immunizations.

Total cost of this aspect of the project: approximately P800,000.

Project History

On September 9, 2010, Dr. Yoshikuni SATO, a member of the World Health Organization, visited the Rotary Club of Tacloban (RC Tacloban) accompanied by Dr. Lilibeth Andrade, the sister of our member, Rotarian Robert "Bobby" Andrade".

Following several meetings and site visits the project was agreed. Starting in late November 2010, implementation plans were put into effect. Director Jun Wenceslao was chosen to handle the construction elements of the project. Rotarian Willy Julio handled the screening of the Dulag Central School's windows and doors.

Construction started in early December 2010 and was completed in late January 2011. At the request of the school and the Dulag health workers, additional work was added to the project that pushed construction into mid-February 2011.

On the morning of Monday, the 21st of February, the entire D2650 delegation and members of RC Tacloban proceeded to Dulag. There was a morning-long ceremony with speeches by various dignitaries. The ceremony culminated in the official turn over of all project materials and construction from D2650 to the Municipality of Dulag. Representing D2650 was PDG Shigekazu Miyazaki. Representing the Municipality of Dulag, Mayor Manuel Sia Que.

After the ceremony, polio vaccine was administered to 160 children under the age of 5. D2650 has shown great interest in polio vaccination since the immunization rate in the Philippines has dropped below 60%.

After lunch, the group proceeded to the Dulag Central School to inspect the work done there. To experience a part of Philippine life, everyone rode pedicabs to the school. After the inspection, the school put on a short ceremony which included a short message from both the Department of Education district supervisor and the principal of the school. Also, some of the children performed the Tinikling (Philippine National Dance) and the Maglalatik (another Filipino dance which involves the use of coconut shells).

At noon that day, a joint meeting was held between the Rotary Club of Tacloban and District 2650. We met at the Rotary Center, the normal meeting place of RC Tacloban. A few people spoke. District 2650 presented RC Tacloban with a donation of thanks for the effort in this project. RC Tacloban presented each delegate with a local woven bag (bayong) containing local delicacies: binagol from Dagami, moron from Abuyog, pastillas from Carigara, dried fruits, and otap from Tacloban (made by one of the members of RC Tacloban).

Project Locations

Barangay Tigbao BHS
Dulag Central School



Barangay Tigbao BHS

'You must learn that the disasters govern the man, not man the disasters.' David Alexander

Generally, Rotarians in District 3310 can be proud of their purposeful engagement and worthy achievements in disaster relief works. The effects of major disasters like earthquake, tsunami, cyclone, typhoon, flood, and volcano eruption can cause sudden and serious social disruptions requiring humanitarian assistance. In catastrophic crises, concerned Rotarians naturally want to be of service to their fellow human beings by seeking to take steps to alleviate suffering and hardship. As a matter of the heart, the rotarians had, on numerous occasions, taken on the task of generously volunteering help following the natural calamities in neighbouring countries and at home.

The strategy used is simple and effective. When there is an appeal for help in a crisis, Rotarians respond fast by carrying out district-wide fund-raising activities. With the approval of the district governor, the district disaster relief committee will send out appeal letters for cash donation to Rotary clubs and individuals by email. Following up with the cash in hand, the Rotarians then turn their attention to meeting the most pressing needs of the affected people, sometimes coordinating and working in close partnership with volunteers in other relief agencies.

In the meantime, other Rotarians are updated regularly with progress report of activities in the field. It is necessary to create a core group of enthusiastic volunteers connected all the time by telephone and internet to sustain a community spirit to organize and get things done. At the end of a project, a final report with financial summary is submitted to the governor. Let us go through some of the disaster relief works accomplished.

Sadly in July 2010, Pakistan was severely ruined by its worst monsoon floods in 80 years which killed about 1,600 people and displaced more than 15 million in several areas. The Pakistan Ambassadors in Malaysia and in Singapore had requested for humanitarian aid. The Rotarians promptly carried out a fund raising exercise which raised about RM98,000 (1USD=RM3.1). This enabled Rotarians to contribute cash and team up with two non-government organization relief agencies, namely the Mercy Malaysia in Malaysia and the Red Cross in Singapore, to plan and deliver food packs, safe drinking water, medicine, and health care services to affected victims in Pakistan. Two dedicated Rotarians, Dr Yap Lip Kee and Dr Kumar, as volunteers with the above relief agencies, travelled to Pakistan and successfully participated in separate disaster relief missions. Dr Yap Lip Kee (RC Singapore), in dark jacket, with Red Cross relief team in Pakistan.

Then in October 2010, the world saw two natural disasters happening in Indonesia within weeks of each other. In Sumatra, the earthquake and subsequent tsunami in the Mentawai islands had washed away entire villages. The death toll had surpassed 500 with many missing. In central Java in the Mt Merapi volcanic eruption, officials said almost 42,000 people had fled to temporary shelters around the nearby city of Yogyakarta; many were killed. Again, Rotarians answered the appeal for help from our Rotary friends in Indonesia raising about RM72,000 and contributing the sum directly to food aids for the internally displaced people in the two disaster zones.

The flash floods in Segamat, Johor, Malaysia caused much damage in January 2011. With district disaster funds, local rotarians organised well to replace damaged teaching equipment and furniture in an Autistic Centre for children. The rotarians also replaced furniture, gas stoves, beds and mattress in a home for handicapped children; bought and distributed new school uniform to 50 poorest students; and replaced two units of Solar Panel, charge controller & monitors, and dry back-up battery for an Emergency Communication Centre

After the terrible Japanese earthquake, tsunami disasters of March 11, 2011, a small team of rotarians participated with a local relief agency in the collection and purchase of new blankets, which were then send by air to Sendai to keep some affected folks warm. Mr Tay, Josephine Khoo, Dr Ho, and Jerry Lau at a 'blanket collection' centre in Senai.

Looking back the past years, it is heartening to highlight that when the Asian tsunamis struck in 2004, similar fundraising activities were successfully launched to help carry out response, rehabilitation, and reconstruction work in many communities in Bandar Aceh in Sumatra, Krabi and Phuket in Thailand, and villages in Sri Lanka and India.

Over the last decade, in the aftermath of typhoon catastrophes in the Philippines, groups of Rotarians had on different occasions coordinated relief efforts with Rotarians there -- offering moral support, and dispensing some financial and food aids. Cyclone Nargis slammed Myanmar and earthquake struck Wenchuan in Szechuan China within weeks of each

District 3310 Disaster Relief Work

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2009-2010, 2010-2011.
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other in 2008, and later rotarians provided about 50 Shelter boxes. Rotarians did a lot of good work in the 'flood of the century' in Johor in the 2006/07 period handing out substantial assistance to a tune of over half a million ringgit. For many weeks in many towns, dedicated rotarians were on the ground hands-on distributing biscuits, rice, canned food, bread, bottled water, and milk for babies, besides supplying new household items like mattresses, blankets, gas cylinders, stoves, cooking utensils. They provided new school uniform, school bags and shoes, pencils and books for hundreds of primary school pupils. Rotarians also identified about 170 poor families in two communities in Kota Tinggi and Masai to receive financial aids. The national newspapers picked up some moving stories and published them. The news of the orderly distribution of cash to the poor families in a community hall in Kota Tinggi was very well received, giving Rotary a good public image.

For three weeks between March and April of 2010, I share the good tidings I completed a successful relief mission with two nurses under the Mercy Malaysia organization to extend primary health care services to more than four hundred tsunami and earthquake victims in the devastated seaside town of Constitución

in central Chile. Volunteers and Dr Ho at work in make-shift clinic in a village of Constitución.

To sum up, and not forgetting, there were many other commendable disaster relief efforts conducted quietly by motivated individuals and clubs in the district. Not mentioned above, you may know some of the projects. Excellent ones were done under sister-club relationships. Some were arranged in other meaningful ways through the 'family of Rotary' involving the Interactors and the Rotaractors. In fact, some are still on-going at different stages in the field of rehabilitation and reconstruction.



PDG Dr Wu presented a gas stove and cooking utensils to a flood victim in Johor.

The 4 WAY TEST ROTARY PRAYER

The following prayer was written by Oscoda Rotarian James Blair Deb@RotaryOscoda.org and presented for the first time at our September 20, 2007 evening special meeting. The meeting was held on the 75th Anniversary of the 4 Way Test and took place to present Peter B. Hervey with his Paul Harris Fellowship.

O God, our Heavenly Father,

May we intentionally place *Service above Self*, in all our daily pursuits. Help us to remember as we walk together in this club, that whatever we might say, only be the truth.

Whatever steps we take together, let them build goodwill and better friendships among us. Whatever goals we strive to accomplish through this club, let them be beneficial to all concerned.

And, help us never to lose sight of your many blessings, O God. For good food, fellowship, and the opportunity to serve others through Rotary. For all of this, and for a few doses of good luck and grace, we give You our thanks. Amen.



From the pages
of *Dressed to Grill*
- Savvy recipes for girls who play with fire

RECIPE of the MONTH

Better to grill some tasty swine than to live with one. Celebrate your newfound freedom with supportive pals and pork tenderloin gone tropical with tart, chile-filled flavors and rum-grilled pineapple. Paradise found.

Chauvinist pig

2 pork tenderloin (about 1 ½ to 2 pounds total), trimmed of silver skin

1 cup Jerk paste (see below)

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

2 tablespoons sugar

3 tablespoons dark rum

¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1 ripe pineapple, peeled, halved lengthwise, and cut-crosswise into ½ inch thick slices

Vegetable oil for brushing

JERK PASTE

In a food processor, combine the chiles, yellow onion, green onions, ginger, garlic, and cilantro; process to a coarse paste. Add the salt, allspice, thyme, pepper and brown sugar until combined. Then add the lime juice, soy sauce and oil. Process until the mixture forms a paste. Use immediately or transfer to a jar with a tight-fitting lid and refrigerate up to 1 month. As a rule, food should only marinate at room temperature up to 1 hour - the maximum amount of time you should cry over any jerk; beyond this, refrigerate.

*2 to 5 Scotch bonnet or habanero chiles, including seeds, quartered
1 small yellow onion, quartered
3 green onions cut into 1-inch lengths
4 quarter-size slices fresh ginger
3 cloves garlic
½ cooked packed coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
2 tablespoons kosher salt
1 tablespoon each: ground allspice, dried thyme, and coarsely ground pepper
¼ cup packed dark brown sugar
¼ cup fresh lime juice
¼ cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons vegetable oil*

Place the pork in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag or in a shallow baking pan. Coat all sides of the pork with the Jerk Paste. Seal the bag or cover the pan.

Refrigerate and marinate 2 to 4 hours. Turn the bag or the pork occasionally to coat all sides. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes prior to grilling.

Prepare a medium fire in a charcoal grill or preheat a gas or electric grill on medium.

While the grill is heating, combine the butter, sugar, rum and pepper in a small bowl. Place the pineapple in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet and brush both sides with the rum mixture. Set aside.

Brush the grill with vegetable oil. Place the pork directly over the medium fire. Cover the grill and cook the pork for about 6 minutes. Turn and cover again. Cook another 6 to 7 minutes, or until the meat is slightly pink in the center, or an instant-read thermometer registers 145 oF when stabbed, oops, we mean inserted into the tenderloin's thickest part. Remove the tenderloins, tent with foil, and set aside.

Rake the coals together or turn the burners to high (and imagine vaporizing him with flame-throwing eyes). Arrange the pineapple slices in a single layer directly over the hot fire. Cover the grill and cook until grill marks appear, about 5 minutes. Turn the pineapple and grill until golden, about 5 minutes longer. Remove from the grill and brush with any remaining rum mixture.

Cut the pork into ½ inch-thick slices, arrange on a plate, and serve with the grilled pineapple. Pig out. You earned it.

NOTE: The oils from hot peppers permeates the skin of your hands. Absentmindedly touching your nose or eyes after handling the peppers is going to be more painful than the first lonely night. Get yourself some disposable surgical gloves - just be sure to remove them before guests arrive so they don't get the wrong impression.

The rum mixture also works wonders on sliced mangoes, halved nectarines, or slices of grilled sweet potatoes.

MINUTES of ROTI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL @RotiLdr1113

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Memorial page. Right after the July issue came out, the board mulled over the need to have a fixed memorial page in the breadbasket. Past chair Art McCullough said, "**Steve, I make a motion that we proceed with the memorial idea before we all die.**" The motion was approved, but there was no hurry among the leaders to be in the memorial page.

Names of esteemed Rotians who passed on were recalled; Bear, Razor, Joe Coender, Roger Kemp, etc,. The order that they would appear in the page would be the editor's choice. The page would be a permanent link in ROTI.org.

Http://rtnbook.com was brought up by immediate past chair Leticia Parra whether the site was related to Rotary. **Past chair Philip Merritt answered:** "This <http://www.rtnbook.com/> site is apparently an unauthorized site that takes on the appearance of a RI site, but it is not. As far as some of us can tell it violates RI Policy and I would imagine they will eventually ask them to take it down. It is full of advertising everywhere. It seems that possibly the primary purpose is to use some Rotary content to sell ads. Please take a look and will be glad to hear your opinion. We should probably report this site to RI so they can take action if necessary."

The letter from Rfellowships.rotary.org requiring all Rotary Fellowships to "**submit an annual report of activities and finances to their members, with a copy to the general secretary, by October 1 each year. together with a copy of the bylaws or other governing documents**" led into inquiry of ROTI financial status to which treasurer **Gene Beil responded that he received check of \$3670.04 from immediate past treasurer Ann Godwin.** The only expenses during the last two years were for ROTI booths and brochures.

Finally, **Steve said, "We should be looking at signature projects,** that would have to be interpreted **as involving internet and/or communication.** It does not have to be highly specific, but the tie must be there. This is the only way we can keep the Fellowship Committee on our side.>>>>In my mind the project has to be defined. From there we determine the cost to complete the project and then discuss the actions necessary to acquire those funds. I do believe all that should be done before taking alternatives to the membership."

And the discussion was on.

Girish: I see nothing wrong in promoting club projects on ROTI as long as it is not soliciting funds... It is always good to know about what people are doing...>>>>I think we can make an excel sheet with the name of the project, budget & number of people benefiting and sustainability.

As you are aware I am heavily involved in Africa and we have a great World AIDS Day project up and running. It is ideal for the internet as it will focus on ONE day December 1st 2011.>>>>ROTI may be one way where we can unite so many different cultures, religions, politics and the countries that ROTI represents, by helping these children, the most vulnerable on this planet, who have suffered and are suffering so much. Just a thought mate.. Great to be home again! **John Glassford**

Our new club was chartered in April and our Charter President is a close friend of mine and is a GP medical doctor with very strong ties to the community. We could probably do a large ROTI Medical Mission in one of the resettlement areas here in our jurisdiction and I think the cost would be below \$1000. The doctors and volunteers would all donate their services, and the money would go to medicines and medical supplies and a large banner showing the joint project between ROTI and the club. It could likely be done even for \$500 if on a lower scale. Just one possibility, **Philip Meritt**

What about projects that could potential benefit EVERY Rotary club? Projects that consist of presentations, how-tos, or others Internet-oriented things that all Rotary clubs could use. **James Shields**

Looking at all these ideas perhaps we could fix a closing date for ideas then set up a simple survey that members could access and "vote" for their favourite. The winner would then become our project. Tris Tristram

>>>>As has been mentioned, doing something within the area of "internet" or computer may be a different consideration. In the past we've facilitated projects via the electronic communication and through Graham Leon-Smith many computers were shipped from England to Africa for schools. In other cases projects have been developed through ROTI network and friendships. We also did the ROTI Child Heart Surgery and currently I'm involved with those in India. For \$1500. put into a MG you can save a life and I'll take you to meet the child who received surgery and the family. >>> If we push through with the desire for doing projects, then at a bare minimum I'd expect it to be within the focus of electronic communication like supplying used computers, CAL literacy training, etc. >>> **Doug Vincent.** PS - Here is another project idea not requiring money. What about ROTI developing a PETS on-line training package? Or, similar on-line data base of useful Rotary leadership sessions?