

ROTARIANS ON THE INTERNET BREADBASKET

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A very surprised Ron was called to the stage by DRFC PDG Jess Nicdao and DG Digna Ragasa to the ROTIAN OF THE YEAR award during the district TRF Seminar in Baguio.

Before this was even published, Boudreaux sent me a message thanking us for "*lecting his cuzin Ron to join such a stinguished lot of folks on the ROTlan of the Month list*" Although many of us remember Ron for his Boudreaux and Thibodeaux jokes, he has accomplished many other noteworthy things in his time. He was not born in Louisiana, but when he came there for his college education he just never went back.

Ron was born and went to high school in Arkansas and then came to the University of Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond, Louisiana for his undergraduate degree. After a hitch in the Army as a bandsman at Fort Benning, Georgia he came back to Louisiana to work as director of instrumental music in Ponchatoula for six years. He seemed to like being at a university so he went back to Southeastern Louisiana University for a graduate degree, to Ohio State University for continued graduate study and then to Louisiana State University for some more post-graduate study. Oh yes, all this time he was studying music. Ron then spent twenty years as professor of music at Southeastern Louisiana University and thirteen years as general manager of KSLU public radio at Southeastern Louisiana University. He then retired.

Now that only tells a part of his career, the rest is mostly that of a professional musician. In 1991 he was the recipient of a Malone Fellowship to study Islamic and Muslim traditions in the United Arab Emirates, in 1994 to the United States Information Agency's Artist Abroad Program and taught in Tegucigalpa, Honduras and was named to the Louisiana Music Commission by three state Governors. As a professional musician, Ron has performed with many celebrities such as; Tony Bennett, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra with Buddy Marrow, Marvin Gaye, Isaac Hayes, Bob Hope, Liberace, Henry Mancinni, Helen Reddy and many others.

Ron has played with several New Orleans bands, especially the Algiers Brass Band and the Sound of New Orleans. With them he made several European tours that included Switzerland, France, Spain and Italy. Other tours included Greece and Brazil. His own band, The Jazz Professors has made over a dozen trips to Central America representing many American businesses at trade show and other events.

Ron did find time for a family and has two children, Chad Michael Nethercutt, a comptroller for an Internet services firm and Traci Sheriden Nethercutt, a Director of Publications for Phi Kappa Phi, International Honor Society. Ron and his ROTlan wife Gloria live in Mabalacat, both are members of the Rotary Club of Mabalacat, Pampanga, Philippines. He was very proud when she was named District Outstanding President in 2003-04. Ron and Glo were named Major Donors in 2009.

In 1997 Ron became a charter member of the official Rotary Fellowship, Rotarians On The Internet; serving on the BOD since 2003, and as International Chair from 2007 to 2009. During that tenure, membership of ROTlans in the Philippines increased from 5th to 3rd in the world. Ron was especially proud his district, D 3790, when it became the largest in the ROTI.

Ron joined the Rotary club of Hammond, Louisiana in 1986, became president of the club in 1995 and had the experience of leading a GSE team to England in 1997. This trip really impressed Ron and because of it he became much more involved in Rotary. The next two years he served District 6840 as an Assistant Governor and then went on a Rotary University Teaching Grant to the University of the Philippines-Diliman in QC in 2000 where he developed graduate programs in the College of Music.

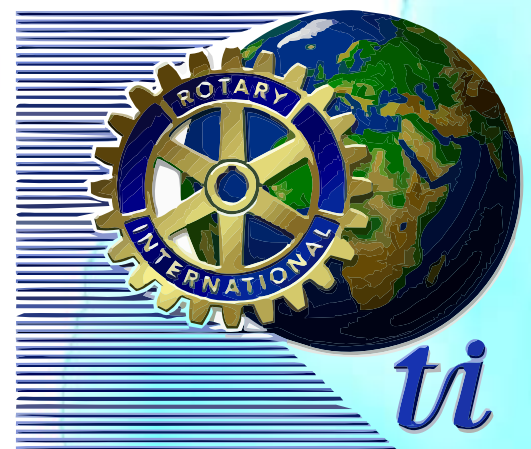
His schedule there is much too long and involved to reprint here, but the ROTI members from the Philippines should know how impressed he is with the quality of the Rotary clubs there. The participation in club activities and the support clubs give each other are outstanding. As Ron teaches, gives performances and lectures sponsored by the Rotary Foundation he is learning as much as he teaches.

Thank you, Ron, for your services to Rotary.

Ron Nethercutt
Rotary Club of Mabalacat
District 3790
Philippines

ROTIAN of the YEAR

Prepared by Mike Barr
Edited by Chip Ross



Each year the almost 2,000 member-strong Fellowship, **Rotarians on the Internet**, selects from amongst its members one Rotarian who exemplifies the ideals of the Fellowship. This Rotarian is designated "ROTlan of the Year."

This year's recipient is a Past Chairman of ROTI and a frequent contributor to the discussions of the fellowship. He is a tireless champion of International cooperation and a wise advisor to all.

ROTI is pleased to honour **Ron Nethercutt of the Rotary Club of Mabalacat as ROTlan of the Year for 2010-2011.**

Ron, will you please come forward to accept this award, which I present on behalf of Chairman Steve Sokol and the other members of our Fellowship.

Thank you for all you do to help Rotary and ROTI.

- **Chip Ross**

ROTI SIGNATURE PROJECT

I have been a bit disappointed in the slow unfolding of a signature project for ROTI. The fault is entirely on me. I have not been able to get adequately focused to develop some preliminary concepts from the earlier discussions within the Leadership Council. I have every intention of moving in that direction quickly. If you have some specific ideas for a project and would be willing to flesh it out for inclusion with our suggestions, please contact Tris Tristram <lawrence@tristram.force9.co.uk> or me. We welcome all specific suggestions.

BANGKOK 2012 ROOMS

Hopefully, you are aware that we have our block of rooms reserved at the Rembrandt in Bangkok. We have a release date of November 1 (30% payment deposit on room at that time), so you need to commit quickly. The rooms are being paid in Thai Baht, so I cannot provide you a precise amount until mid-October when we will have to establish an exchange rate to which we will pay. I can tell you that the room will probably be under \$110/night with an up-charge of under \$7 for a second person in the room. These charges include all taxes. The hotel has all amenities, including free breakfast buffet and free Wi-Fi. It is within a block of a sky-train station and a RI shuttle pick-up.

ROTI DINNER

We are already looking into venues for the ROTI dinner. We will probably make this an “Affiliated Ticketed Event”. [I am seeking more information on how that works.] In NOLA, there were some communication problems internal to the restaurant that detracted from our event. We will be a little more formal this year to avoid that happening again. We are looking at the hotel, free-standing restaurants, river dinner cruise, and others for our Fellowship gathering. We will have some options for you to consider around the time this BreadBasket is published.

ROTI ARCHIVE

I have always wondered what a position of “archivist” would involve and why it would be needed. ROTI has taught me the value of old records. When questions come up about what has occurred in ROTI in the past, the information is readily available, but Yahoo does not keep them that far back. We have, in our Fellowship, a member who has been ROTI an of the month, ROTI an of the year, ROTI Chair and apparently has never deleted an email. Philip Merritt has received every commendation that ROTI can bestow, so he really does not need yet another mention. However, he performs a great service to ROTI with his ability to not only retain data, but also to retrieve it. Thank you, Philip.

THE VALUE of ROTI

The fact that you are reading this newsletter must mean that you see the advantage to our Fellowship. Have you told other members of your club and your District of the value of ROTI?? You need to. Fellowships are good adjunct to a Rotary club, and ROTI serves as not only a Fellowship, but also as a great source of practical Rotary information. Telling people about ROTI is “Club Service”. The knowledge on our lists is extremely valuable to any Rotary Club/District.

We want to be in a position to actively promote ourselves. We have the material on digital media and can make it available to anyone who will make a presentation to a club or District. We hope to get our operating income to a point where we can have short run prints done in individual Districts for distribution at Conferences and Assemblies. We do not need to “sell” ROTI. People will sell themselves once they see what we are trying to accomplish.

Allow me to close with another leadership thought: “What the mind of man can conceive and believe, he can achieve!”

Have a great Rotary day!



Steve Sokol, 2011-13

My 62 years as Rotarian

Sam Chapmann

[Rotary Club of Liberty](#)
[District 6040](#)

Mr. Withers, the historian and best story teller in Liberty, Missouri, asked me to join Rotary in January 1949 almost as soon as I had opened my optometric office. When I did not hear again for a couple of weeks I was worried that I had not been accepted. Because of the reputation of Rotary it was the only service club I had hoped to join. Many friendships have contributed to my staying as a member, as well as being the outstanding service club in Liberty.

Liberty was/is a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri, but we were an older city, 25 years. Liberty and Independence, home of our former president Harry Truman, were starting points for the folks who passed through on the north or south trails west and supplied these early settlers in 1821 with needed supplies for their trips.

In 1949 when I joined the Liberty club had about 45 members for our population of about 3,000. Unfortunately we have not kept up with the growth of our small city which is about 30,000 now. Our club had about 100 members several years ago when some of our members, who preferred a breakfast club, split off. We founded a now successful club nearby for them. We are now about 60 members and are working hard to recruit new members.

At that time our club sponsored a Boy Scout troop and made contributions to a number of local charities. Not much in the form of community or international service. Nowadays we have a number of projects. Three four year scholarships to our area colleges, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Rebuilding Together Clay County, Shred Day, Polio Plus, Shoes for Orphan Souls, Fly a Flag for Liberty & Youth, 3rd Grade Dictionary Program, Safe Trick or Treat, Salvation Army Bell Ringers, KC Royals Baseball Day Paper Sales, William Jewell College Rotaract Club and several others, the list is long.

Rotary attendance became an important part of my life, I completed 44 years of perfect attendance before I forgot to make up a missed attendance one week. The rules were less demanding by then. I could have made up in the following two weeks or in other ways. But I decided that 44 years was a long time considering world travel with my wife and the easing of the rules for making up. No other club member has equaled my record yet, but they will in the future.

This brings me to relate the "most important experience" in my club history. It is not just my most memorable experience, but my "most memorable experiences," making up meetings both in the United States and in many countries over the world. I have been treated with the utmost respect at all clubs, but in so many make ups the reception has been outstanding, memorable and more than I could have ever expected.

In the early days while building my practice I had neither the money or time to travel the world. But I became a frequent attendee at area clubs that met in the evening and developed friendships in those clubs. Later after my practice had grown and I had acquired partners, my wife and I were able to be away to travel in many countries where I made up missed meetings at home club. The first country was in 1951 in Mexico where I was able to attend many make ups over the years. Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Argentina and perhaps others I have forgotten. We traveled in Europe where we attended in Norway, Great Britain, Italy and others. We also traveled to Australia, New Zealand, India and China.

We were treated with outstanding hospitality at many clubs. An example was in Crest's Church, New Zealand. During the meeting I visited with a member who had also been married only a short time. Our meeting our second wives was similar after our first wives had passed. When he learned that we would be flying out the next morning and had not had an opportunity to have a tour of their beautiful city he insisted on picking up my spouse for a guided tour. He drove out to the hotel where we were staying near the airport, picked up Joy and took us on a great tour before returning us to our hotel.

In Norway we were traveling north along the coast stopping at many cities as we went north. At one port I spotted a young gentleman with a slip of paper in his hand and heard the name Chapman. Fearing that some of our family was sick or had had an accident I immediately went down to the dock to check. He told me that my friend in Oslo had asked him to give us a tour of their beautiful city when we arrived. He said, "Hurry up you do not have a lot of time in our port." His city was surrounded by beautiful mountains. He took us to the top, stopped at a place that made Joy an honorary member of the Polar Mountain club and stopped to meet his family at their church. This was arranged by the same Rotarian who had intervened without our knowledge with the shipping company to change our budget cabin to the best cabin on the ship as I later learned.

There have been many examples of great hospitality from Rotarians at clubs over the world. These have been greatly appreciated and are the "memories" that have made my Rotary membership memorable over my 62 years as a Rotarian.

- Sam



Sam
& Samantha

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL MONTH

I GIVE THANKS TO MY VOCATION

This is "Labor Day Weekend" here in the USA, with the official Labor Day being Monday.

This is not a holiday to celebrate our independence from the King, or to celebrate Moms or Dads, or to give thanks for living through the harsh winters in the "new world."

Not to celebrate the beginning of a new year, the birth of a president or our Lord, or the death of soldiers, our forefathers who helped us keep our freedom.

This weekend we celebrate all who work. It is their toil that gives us the things we enjoy so much. Our homes, our cars, our computers and lawnmowers. All those people who work at every job, in every line of work imaginable. Indeed, it is a weekend dedicated to our entire Avenue of Vocational Service.

I can give thanks to my vocation in dentistry and my wife's work in our delightful stock market, to my parents' labor in veterinary medicine and vocal music teaching, to my grandparents' vocations in farming, insurance sales, automotive sales, and bus leasing. These are the vocations that have given me the life I celebrate today.

This is only possible because all the other millions and billions of people are working in their own lines of work, improving our world one minute at a time.

Thank you
Todd Lindley DDS FAGD
Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, Zone 31
Past District Governor, District 6060, 2010-2011
Overland Missouri, USA

PROMOTING ROTI

<ssokol@ix.netcom.com> wrote:

I have uploaded some files that can be printed to help you promote ROTI to your clubs and Districts. I hope you will put this material to use in support of the growth of the Fellowship.

The first file is "**Brochure 2011.**" It is the full color tri-fold brochure (PDF format) that we use as the standard for ROTI. It is print ready, so any local printer can "load and go" which should make it a relative inexpensive, short run print job.

ROTI is a bit of a secret. Help us get the word out. "**bcard f**" and "**bcard b**" are the two sides of a business card to use as a ROTI handout. These can easily be printed on card sheets with an office printer. When you talk to someone about ROTI, they need a memory jogger for when they return to their office. These will do that.

There is "**What ROTI is,**" a Power Point presentation explaining what our Fellowship is and what we are trying to do. It can be used as a self running presentation for an Assembly or Conference. I can also be switched to manual run and be the based of a presentation to clubs. Clubs regularly seek speakers and you can fill that need with this presentation and its companion piece.

The companion piece is "**ROTians help their clubs.**" It was split from the previous presentation to reduce the size. They can be run together or separately. We would love to add mention of your projects to this presentation. Just send a picture and a couple of sentences on the project and we will add it. I am having a connection problem loading this item, but should have it up in the morning.

Any additions or changes to any of this material will be welcomed. Just send it in to me.

We are will continue to work towards getting the word out on ROTI. Any contribution you may make is greatly appreciated, and suggestion on an approach to growth are always welcome.

Steve Sokol, ROTI Chair, Rotary of Seneca, South Carolina, USA



ORBITUARY: COMMON SENSE

From Jon Deisher, PP, Anchorage Rotary/D5010 Alaska

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- *Knowing when to come in out of the rain;*
- *Why the early bird gets the worm;*
- *Life isn't always fair;*
- *and maybe it was my fault.*

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

*Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents,
Truth and Trust, by his wife,
Discretion, by his daughter,
Responsibility, and by his son,
Reason.*

*He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;
I Know My Rights
I Want It Now
Someone Else Is To Blame
I'm A Victim*

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

ON ROTI TECH

peter - Tiscali <peter.sotheran@tiscali.co.uk>wrote

Our District Sec has taken to distributing info in files created in the latest version of MS Publisher. Is there a 'look-alike' freeware version available anywhere?

*Your district secretary will probably learn quite quickly (after a flood of complaints!) that many members will be unable to open files. She should ideally convert them to **pdf format** before sending them, as pdf is the standard for distributing files on the web.*

I hate Publisher with a passion! I thought that www.openoffice.org supported the format, but can't find a reference to it on their site (great software and it's FREE!

*- **Chris Sweeney, Rotary Club of Conway, North Wales;** www.conwyrotary.org*



MOM TURNS 96

Today my Mother is 96 years old. She lives in Marshall, MO a small town about 90 miles east of Kansas City. I visit her 3 or 4 times a year and call (from the Philippines) twice a week. When in Marshall, I always attend the Rotary club there, and some jokingly say my attendance is better than some of their members.

Yesterday I emailed some of the members with which I have become close friends over the past years and asked if they would call my Mom and wish her a happy birthday. I just called and she told me of several calls she had received, and one had notified the local radio

station and Mom heard their special birthday greetings.

Mom resides in a Senior Citizens Residence Center where she proudly claims to be the "Senior" Senior Citizen. Guess that is where I take my sense of humour?

Shows you how amazing this fellowship of Rotary is doesn't it?

- **PP Ron Ron Nethercutt** Past ROTI Chair RC Mabalacat D3790 Angeles City, Philippines

Ron, I called your mom and wished her a happy birthday. Was lucky to get off the phone after just a couple of minutes. I know now where you got your ability to talk. I was also informed that one of her favorite sons will be 75 on October 5 and that you will be visiting her in Marshall from Oct. 11 - 21. I include this information for Gloria's friends, so they'll know when the card parties and late night carousing will begin.

Perhaps we can find a time to meet while you're in Missouri. Advise of your schedule once you have an idea.

- **Todd Lindley DDS FAGD**

CHECK OUT THIS SITE WHERE YOU GREW UP

From: Jon Deisher <jondeisher@yahoo.com>

Here is an interesting site, some of you may have seen it before ... works well in US, but I'm not sure about elsewhere. You can type in an address and get an image of the building at that address. It is promoted as a way to see "where you grew up." But it can be used to look at a building at any address ... who knows who has been, is or will be, looking at your home or business through this URL? Or, who knows what building or address you might want to see yourself? Be advised ... there are no secrets ...

Check out some of your old "haunts." When you enter an address you will see a picture of that place. Put your cursor on the picture and drag it around for different views of the street and house.

Really nice, or maybe scary, website!
<http://www.vpike.com/>

Used this site a few times before to look at homes I lived in before. For some homes, they actually allow you to virtually walk through the house and I am assuming this is useful for real estate sales to allow a prospective buyer "see" the home before expressing interest. Felt weird to walk through my yesterhome, but I was glad I didn't live there anymore because this would be useful information for burglars.

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

...kinda scary! My sister-in-law's shows the parked cars and you can get close enough to read the plates.
- **Lori Wood**, Littleton Rotary Club, D7910

INVOCATION

From: gary wegner <gwegener4098@wavecable.com>

Is it typical for Rotary Clubs to include a Rotary grace? We are probably a typical west coast club, and have a Rotary grace that goes:

For Rotary we thank thee Lord, for fellowship and ample board.

For Rotary we freely give, that other folks might better live.

Inspire us to do our best, to make a difference err we rest. Amen.

For the ROTI non-Christians, does that cause any issues? Uncomfortableness? We don't have any Muslims in our club, but I intend to invite one and am wondering what his reaction might be. (Actually not concerned about his reaction, as I fully expect it not to be an issue as he is very active in inter-faith relations, and would likely be very open to discussing it.)

Have a Moment of Silence standing up. During which each member do his/her own thing; pray for someone or something, bless Rotary or someone, and so on, and sit down when it is done. within a couple of minutes. This should satisfy everyone.

- **Mingo in Sabah**

Prayers at Rotary club meetings have bothered me for a long time. I am a Christian and believe in the power of prayer, however, there is a time and place for everything. Even though we tell club members to be secular their thoughts, they don't. Rotary is for everyone, not just the religious minded.

- **Howard O'Neal**, PHF&B, PP, PADG, D5730, Lewisville, Texas

There is a club in my District (4710), Rotary Club de Santa Mariana, that has used for years a creation of our fellow Rotarian José Lino Zumstein:

"Meu Senhor e meu Deus, fazei com que nós, rotarianos, amemos cada vez mais nossos irmãos, servindo-os através de nossa profissão" which translates aproximately:

"My Lord and my God, make us, Rotarians, love ever more our Brothers, and serving them through our professions."

Note that I don't encourage prayers in our meetings; for this, I believe, we have churches. The presence of any religion followers or atheists in Rotary is one more marvelous quality I admire in our institution.

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

We think ours is the best, and suits all.

The Sargeant calls the meeting to order with the gong and when silence prevails calls on the President. He announces the Invocation

For Good Food For Fine Fellowship and the Opportunity to serve through Rotary We give thanks.

- **Aubrey P McLaren** (90years) RC Camberwell D 9800 (70 members) Melbourne Australia (Land of Sunshine)

Our club has a grace in some form at the start of every meeting. It is a collection that I put together some years ago when I was Secretary. We include some non-religious 'graces' for the benefit of the Humanists, who have specifically asked for them. Our club includes most forms of Christian faiths and none, a Mormon, a Humanist and two members from India. In my personal experience, part of it in the Arab and Muslim world, our enthusiasm for denying our faith, which is so widespread in the UK, is more likely to trigger contempt than complaint

- **Robert Bewell, President 2011-2012**
The Rotary Club of Hitchin Tilehouse

We meet over a cup of tea, recite the Four Way test & carry on with the meeting...

- **Madhukar Malhotra**, RC Chandigarh, D3080, PDG 2010-11

I believe every club should have a blessing of the food, as long as the prayer is non-demoninational and does not refer to a particular God. It is a tradition of Rotary that should continue.

- **Dan Mooer**, District 7780

I have no problem with prayer at a Rotary meeting. I am proud that my club stands for Christian values

- **John G Kuykendall**

It is the idea of "Christian values" that excludes those from other religions from feeling welcome within the clubs. I agree that clubs must stand for values, but must they be Christian values.

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- **Cheri "C.K." Cutright, PP**, Marseilles, Illinois Rotary Club

SAVE the GSE

Here’s another shot at the enactment:

ENACTMENT:

To provide a policy for the continuation of Group Study Exchange as a program of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation through the RI Bylaws

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

Article 17 Fiscal Matters:

17.091 Group Study Exchange

The Rotary Foundation will continue its financial support of Group Study Exchange at a level equal to or above the level of support provided during the Rotary year of 2009-2010 and make that support available to all Rotary districts. Rotary International will continue its logistical support of Group Study Exchange and make that support available to all districts in a manner equivalent to the support provided during the Rotary year of 2009-2010. This support will be re-established for those districts in the Future Vision pilot program and will continue as an element of Future Vision’s final form.

Purpose and Effect:

The purpose of this enactment is to re-establish the support of Rotary International (RI) and the Rotary Foundation (TRF) for Group Study Exchange (GSE). That support is not a part of the Future Vision (FV) program and during the first two years of the FV pilot program it has become obvious that GSE participation decreases dramatically, not because of a lack of support for GSE but because of the inability of districts to participate in GSE without RI and TRF support.

This enactment is properly proposed as it is consistent with the precedent set by the 2010 Council of Legislation wherein fiscal matters of RI and TRF were addressed with the enactment of Article 17.090 of the Bylaws of Rotary International.

Group Study Exchange is an essential tool in the stated purpose of Rotary to establish international relationships and bridge cultural differences. Without the support of RI and TRF smaller districts and those with limited funding are unable to participate in GSE. Even those districts with sufficient funding to allow their participation find the logistics of arranging an international program without RI support difficult and in many instance simply beyond their ability.

The discontinuation of funding for a program with the level of support among Rotarians enjoyed by GSE will potentially accelerate the development of individual club and district foundations to continue support for GSE. That course of action would thereby create a system of these foundations which would compete with TRF for funding from sources which now support TRF.

The effect of this enactment will be to continue Group Study Exchange as a program with the full support of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.

- **Steve Coleman, SaveGSE.org**, R.C. Danbury, Texas

ROTItech: PDF

I have Nuance PDF, that for around \$80 US will allow you to convert ANY document to a PDF. I have found it quite handy with a variety of situations. Additionally, another program, PDFill (runs about \$20) allows you to make and edit PDF documents from scans, rather than purchasing Adobe Acrobat.

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

- EDITOR’s NOTE:

I use Nuance Adobe Acrobat 10 to convert BREADBASKET in COREL file to PDF. Very handy. Also comes with editing tools - crop, insert page, edit page design, etc.

Anthony <anthon37@streamyx.com> wrote:
I need info on Rotary "preventable blindness" project.Can any club with experience in this project give some information. Is cataract operation included in this project. The info is needed to brief my club on intended project preventable blindness nature.

PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS

Our club carries out ABO at least once a year at various parts of Sabah and has just completed one a Pitass, northern Sabah. We contact the Medical Department where it is most needed, then register fellow members and their families and Rotaractors, Staff from the Medical Department and arrange for transportation. check for funds and other incidences and contact the local authority to make the necessary arrangements etc.

The Eye Department staff handle all the medical tasks and required operations and we Rotarians will handle all the logistics - venue, publicity, liaison with local authorities, transport, food and other related tasks.

We are NGOs and voluntary organizations that are helping the government by complementing their efforts to deliver the services to the people. We have no other agenda other than service.

BTW the president and secretary of the local opticians association join to test for needed specs and supply these free of charge. Hope this helps.

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

Rotary6060.TL@Gmail.com wrote:

Certainly, Anthonysamy, Cataract surgeries would fall in this category, as would refractive exams, providing equipment to eye hospitals to help them expand capacity for treating the needy, creating eye banks, providing education and safety glasses for those workers at risk of eye injury, education of children, early exams and surgeries for children to identify eye problems at an early stage and many more things in this vein. You may find a bit more information on the website for the **Blindness Prevention Rotarian Action Group**: <http://www.rag4bp.org/>

ROTI ORGANIZATION

guptajeetender@gmail.com wrote

I am not very well versed about ROTI's organisation structure. It was not too popular in Northern India, especially my home district 3010 which also includes India's capital Delhi. As the district director administration 2010-11, in an attempt to promote Rotary fellowships and action groups, I identified ROTI and suggested our 125 clubs to join this. I myself joined only then. And I am proud of my decision.

What I feel is we need something like district coordinators and zonal (multi district) chairs all over the world who can take it up appropriately with their existing and incoming leadership, promote by being speaker in club meetings, forwarding some of relevant information picked from ROTI to clubs e.g. ROTI breadbasket, writing about ROTI in club bulletins and finally by requesting clubs and districts to provide a link to ROTI on their websites. Something on the lines of RLI (rotary leadership institute). If such a structure exists then it is fine and excuse me for my ignorance. But if does not you might well consider it. ROTI is a wonderful concept. It needs to be promoted. This in a way would also create a solid foundation for many existing and future-clubs all over the world.

steve sokol <ssokol@ix.netcom.com> wrote:

This year, we replace the idea of a large board with a small board as part of a Leadership Council which includes Officers, Board, Committee Chairs, Past Chairs and Regional Representatives. The hope was to move in the direction which you suggest. We have 15 years of making head-way, but I think we still have quite a journey to get to the position we would both like to see for ROTI.

For now, we need to supply the materials so our individual members can make the presentations. We can support the individuals by using webinars to club and District to provide impact and to make the individuals more comfortable. Many people have not used Internet seminars and meeting, but it is a great way to eliminate the problems of "getting together". It is very effective. Schools have been doing it for quite a while under the term, "Remote Learning."

Aside: In roughly 1996, four of us were "live" (text only) at a meeting in India - I believe it was Hari Ratan's club using a product called "PowWow." It was not impressive by today's standards, but was invigorating to those of us involved because we realized it was a peek at what the future could hold.

Back to the point, I think if we can get enthusiasm started with all of our members, we can provide support to them and carry our Fellowship deep into the Rotary world. Doing it that way seems very logical as it would be using our mission to sell our mission.

Girish Mittal <mittalgirish@gmail.com> wrote:

A lot of people use gmail for their communication...and they would find the post below useful. However, most of the suggestions below are applicable for any web based emails you may be using.

Have safe Internet usage experience....

1. *Check for unusual access or activity in your account.* Regularly review your account for unfamiliar or suspicious activity. If you have a Gmail account, you can see the last account activity recorded at the bottom of the page, including the most recent IP addresses accessing the account.
2. *Check for viruses and malware.* Run a scan on your computer with trusted and up-to-date anti-virus software. If the scan detects suspicious programs or applications, remove them immediately. Read more<<http://www.google.com/support/accounts/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=88072>>
3. *Perform regular operating system and browser updates.* Whether you use Windows <<http://update.microsoft.com/microsoftupdate/v6/default.aspx?ln=en>>, Mac OS <<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1338>>, or another operating system, we recommend enabling your automatic update setting if one is available through your operating system, and updating when you get a notification. To manually check for browser updates in Internet Explorer, select the Tools tab and click Windows Update. In Firefox, just click the Help tab and select Check for Updates. Note that Google Chrome <http://www.google.com/chrome/?hl=en> automatically updates to a newer version when one is released.
4. *Protect your password and enroll in 2-step verification.* Change your password regularly and don't share it with others. **We recommend changing passwords at least twice a year.** Make sure you choose a password that contains a combination of numbers, characters, and case-sensitive letters to strengthen the security of your account. Read more <<http://www.google.com/support/accounts/bin/answer.py?&answer=32040&hl=en>>. For an extra layer of protection, we recommend that you enable 2-step verification on your Google Account. 2-step verification <<http://www.google.com/support/accounts/bin/static.py?page=guide.cs&guide=1056283&topic=1056284&hl=en>> requires a code from your phone – as well as your username and password – when you sign in. Watch this video <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?hl=en&v=zMabEyrPRg>> to learn more.
5. *Guard against phishing.* Never enter your password after following a link in an email or chat to an untrusted site. Instead, go directly to the site, such as mail.google.com <<http://mail.google.com/?hl=en>> or www.google.com/accounts/ <<http://www.google.com/accounts/?hl=en>>. Don't send your password via email or write it down. Google will never email you to ask for your password or other sensitive information.

If you use Gmail, here are some additional things to know:

- *Check the forwarding and delegation settings in your account.* Make sure your email is being directed properly. Check the "Mail settings" tab in Gmail for forwarding and delegation settings that grant others access to your account.
- *Update your secondary email address, your security question, and provide a mobile phone for SMS-based account recovery.* This will help you recover your account if you ever lose access to it. Make sure that you have access to the email address listed as your secondary and/or the mobile number to which an SMS-recovery message would be sent. Also, be sure the answer to your security question is easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess. Read more <<http://mail.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=6566>>
- *Use a secure connection when signing in.* By default, Gmail accounts use a secure HTTPS connection -- a setting to help protect your information from being stolen when you're signing in to a Gmail account on a public wireless network, like a cafe or hotel. You can view or change your settings at any time in Gmail or Gmail for Mobile. Read more <<http://mail.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=74765&hl=en>>

Using public or shared computers presents security risks. If you must use a shared computer:

- *Always sign out of your account when you're using public computers.* Whenever you're done using your Google Account, click "Sign out" at the top right corner of the screen.
- *Clear private data from your browser.* Your browser may be set to save certain information. Be sure to clear that data, including passwords, cache, form data and cookies on a regular basis, especially right after the use of a public computer. Read more<<http://www.google.com/support/accounts/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=32050>>

Nate McClure <nmcclure@gte.net wrote:

Lexiphile: (i.e., "lovers of words" you know . . . like . . . you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish . . . or, I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger . . . then it hit me . . .etc.)

LEXIPHILE...

Well, here are a few more:

- To write with a broken pencil is . . . pointless.
- *When fish are in schools they sometimes . . . take debate.*
- A thief who stole a calendar . . . got twelve months.
- *When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, . . . U.C.L.A.*
- The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes . . . was on shaky ground.
- *The batteries were given out . . . free of charge.*
- A dentist and a manicurist married. . . . They fought tooth and nail.
- *A will is a . . . dead giveaway.*
- If you don't pay your exorcist . . . you can get repossessed.
- *With her marriage, she got a new name . . . and a dress.*
- Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you . . .A-flat miner.
- *You are stuck with your debt if . . . you can't budge it*
- Local Area Network in Australia : . . . The LAN down under.
- *A boiled egg is . . . hard to beat.*
- When you've seen one shopping center . . . you've seen a mall.
- *Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was . . . resisting a rest.*
- Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? . He's all right now.
- *If you take a laptop computer for a run you could . . . jog your memory.*
- Abicycle can't stand alone; . . . it is two tired.
- *In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, . . . it's your Count that votes.*
- When a clock is hungry . . . it goes back four seconds.
- *The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine . . . was fully recovered.*
- He had a photographic memory . . . which was never developed.
- *Those who get too big for their britches will be . . . exposed in the end.*
- When she saw her first strands of gray hair, . . . she thought she'd dye.
- **Nate McClure**, PP, MPHF, Rotary Club of Lynchburg, Virginia, USA, **D7570**



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

Nice idea for billboard.

<http://www.eflashonline.org/photo/membership-drive-rc-berhampur-ri-dist-3260?context=latest>
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I have also uploaded it to the Photos section of it at the Photos section of Welcome to ROTI Serious list..see Membership Recruiting

- **Ron Nethercutt** ROTI Chair 07-09 RC Mabalacat D 3790 Angeles City, Philippines

ROASTING - the ROTARY WAY

peter - Tiscali <peter.sotheran@tiscali.co.uk wrote:

I understand your term 'roasting' to be what we might call 'winding up' a person or 'taking the Mickey.' Any clues as to what my constitute a 'roasting' in the US? It might be interesting to compare your humo(u)r with the British sense of fun. At my former club the same couple of perpetrators regularly got at the same two or three victims, on an almost weekly basis. It wore very thin on both the victims and the majority of other club members yet nothing could persuade them to give it a rest.

A "Roast" in the U.S. is usually an organized event where everyone takes turns telling stories about the "guest of honor." The stories are usually funny at the guest of honor's expense. Some can get fairly elaborate.

- **Steve Coleman**

It has been the custom of our club to **demote (roast mildly)** our outgoing president at the end of his or her year and bring up in jest everything that they might have done wrong during their year. It is that at this time we review everything that went well also. The President then gives small gifts of each board member etc and thanks them for their work. Then we introduce the incoming President and let he or she close the meeting, it has always been that way and everyone looks forward to the event.

- **Arthur (Art) McCullough**, P.P. Escondido Sunrise RC District 5340 San Diego County, California USA

"Roast" is not only with funny stories. All types of events of that person's life, good, bad, funny are presented as reminders along with the real person who may have heard it, or was involved in it or he might have done it. Humour arises out of these memories on account of the explanation or descriptors used by the host of the program. CORRECT me if you think otherwise.

- **N. Paul Sabharwal**, PP., PHF., Benefactor, Rotary Club Panchkula, D 3080 India

Ramasamy Asokan <rtndrasokan@yahoo.com> wrote:

In USA, there used to be a TV show : Dean Martin's Celebrity Roast. A celebrity would be invited and other known personalities would **"ROAST" (not toast)** the celebrity by saying something really funny about them. But, finally the celebrity would get a turn to reply to the roast and they would have the last word and Dino concluding. Really funny, enjoyable show when it was done with the roasted person being present.

In my 30 years in Rotary in the USA I have only attended 2 meetings where someone was roasted in the comedy sense. Both were intentional. In both cases the roaster knew what was going to happen and had agreed. One was in July 2010 at a special "celebrate Ray day" and the special guest was Ray Klinginsmith. The other was not truly a roast but an exchange of comedy barbs thrown back and forth between 2 folks who were putting on the program at a special spouses night. With both of these the comedy was not crude like we see with the celebs on TV. -Todd Lindley

One must be very careful with "Roasts," particularly in a cross cultural setting. While the intent may be a good natured "ribbing" of or joking about the "guest of honor" at his/her expense (and sometimes embarrassment,) such ribbing may be inadvertently in bad taste or insulting. I attended one such "roast" at a Rotary dinner at a District Conference, the keynote speaker made "roasting" comments about the DG that were inappropriate, off-color, and insulting such that many of us got up and left. My advice is to avoid such "roasts" as the law of unintended consequences lurks within the fabric of such humor ...

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



PH didn't like the roasting!

Paul Harris resigned as the 3rd president? Did he come back in time to finish his term ?

According to his contemporaries and the Chicago club historian, the club decided to **"roast" Paul**, thinking he would enjoy it. Instead, he stormed out of the meeting and resigned. Some say he resigned from the club; others say he just resigned the presidency. He stayed away "for months",

according to accounts. Harry Ruggles was elected to replace him as President and Paul did not finish the term (it was during his second year as club president). In a 1952 Rotarian article, Harry Ruggles (talking through Rotarian editor Leland Case) said: "It was such carrying on of this kind which led to Paul Harris resigning as President of the Club, and as I mentioned before, that is told in another story in this book. The joke of course was on Paul. He took it seriously and the Club members could not induce him to return as President. This incident was responsible for the Club's growing up and dropping most of the childish pranks."

Two years later, Paul and Ches Perry organized the first meeting (convention) of all the Rotary clubs and established the national association. Apparently this was done over strenuous objections within the Chicago club. Paul was elected President of the new National Association of Rotary Clubs and served two years. After that he remained essentially inactive in Rotary for 23 years.

Most of this is not found in official histories published by Rotary, but is well documented in writings, if searched carefully.

- **Dan Mooers**, District 7780

The following excerpt from the Joseph Caulder Collection may give you some idea as to what transpired that particular evening :

Paul Harris was a great jokester but subsequently it was proved that he liked to hand it out but was not so good at taking it. He had been elected President for the Rotary year 1907 and 1908, and was re-elected for the next year. One night a close friend of Paul, an ex-Congressman, by the name of George I. Foster, got up at a meeting and charged Paul with being dictatorial. Other speakers, as had been arranged, backed him up. It got to the point where President Paul's face got red and then he got up and left the room. He too gave up the Presidency. No amount of coaxing could bring him back. This taught the members a great lesson and they realized that fun could be carried too far. Paul, of course, did not resign from the Club. He merely resigned as President.

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

Many US members probably recall the Dean Martin Roasts broadcast on TV in the 1960's and 70's. Here is an example:

<http://youtu.be/4VrNURaMhnA>

Hope this gives you an idea of what upset Paul.

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

It sure would be interesting to read a transcript of the "Roasting" but certainly that does not exist. Roasting has to be done carefully so as not to cross the line and people with thin skin might not survive it.

- **PP Philip Merritt**

Dear Rotians:

The incident which caused Paul Harris to resign led to the end of childish pranks. It is for other similar incidents that Rotary MOP prescribes a constitution which must be followed by all clubs. Rules of procedure, however, are not distinctly laid out. These ought to be just like all NGO's follow because in newly emerging democracies these are almost unknown.

- **N. Paul Sabharwal**

"Friendship... the craving for which brought Rotary into existence is the thing that will keep Rotary a living, vital force for all time, the very foundation of our organization."

- Address to 1920 Rotary Convention, Atlantic City, NJ, USA

"The first thing we must do if we are to have international understanding is to realize what is prejudice and what is fact."

- Address to 1927 Rotary Convention, Nice, France

DEADLINES to REMEMBER

I have compiled a list of important deadlines for various RI awards, recognitions, TRF programs and grants, etc. in the form of a READY RECKONER. I hope you would find the information useful.

Deadlines to Remember (2011-12)

Participate in Draw to win 1000 TRF recognition points by registering on Member Access (14th Sep - 14th Oct 2011)

<http://rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/Register.aspx>

Service Award for a Polio Free World for Rotarians - 1 Nov 2011

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/polio_service_award_form_en.pdf

Club Builder Award for Rotarians - 15 Nov 2011

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/awards_club_builder_en.pdf

RI Distinguished Service Award for Rotarians - 15 Nov 2011

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/distinguished_service_award_nomination_form_en.doc

Matching Grant Requests (\$25,001-\$200,000) - 15th Dec 2011

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/HumanitarianGrants/Pages/MatchingGrants.aspx>

Club Termination for non-payment of outstanding financial obligation arising from July Semi-Annual Dues - 1st Jan 2012

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/collection_cycle.pdf

RI Changemaker Award (2011-12) for clubs. Application to DG office - 15th Mar 2012

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900b_en11.pdf

RI Significant Achievement Award for Clubs - 15th March 2012

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/awards_saa_en.pdf

Matching Grant Requests (Below 25000 USD) - 31st Mar 2012

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/HumanitarianGrants/Pages/MatchingGrants.aspx>

RI Presidential Citation (2011-12) for clubs to reach DG Office - 6th April 2012

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900a_en11.pdf

RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives application to DG - 15th April 2012

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/422en.pdf

RI Membership Development and Extension Award - 15th May

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/901en.pdf

RI Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth - 16 May - 30 June 2012

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/416en.pdf

- **PP Rtn. Jeetender Gupta** (Ph.9810050748)

Secretary, North Zone, Rotary Leadership Institute South Asia (RLISA), District Director, Administration 2010-11, RID 3010

Member, Rotary Club of Faridabad Amity

MORE PHFs THAN ROTARIANS

guptajeetender@gmail.com wrote:

I would like to share with you an interesting observation - **"MORE PHFS THAN ROTARIANS"**

Many of us would know : There are 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. As of July 1 2011, there are 12,21,610 Rotarians from 34,244 clubs and 530 districts all over the world.

Not many would know : There are more Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs) than Rotarians. As of 30th June 2011, there are 13,04,583 Paul Harris Fellows and 14,195 Major Donors

mittalgirish@gmail.com wrote:

It shouldn't be a surprise at all... Spouses, children, grandchildren, siblings, parents etc of Rotarians and several other non Rotarians also become PHFs. Also, PHF is awarded to people who do outstanding work in community...

Additionally, many of the 1.3 million PHFs are dead while nearly all of our 1.2 million Rotarians are still alive.

- **Todd Lindley**

I am aware that Paul Harris Fellowships get awarded to many Non-Rotarians as Recognition for their Station or for significant services rendered, so this number does not necessarily indicate merely a commentary on Rotary Membership numbers.

- **PP Geoffrey in Sydney**

Win 1000 Extra Recognition Points

Here is yet another interesting reason to register on Member Access. One can win an extra 1000 TRF recognition points (equivalent to a Paul Harris Fellow recognition). Who knows, maybe one of your members might turn out to be the lucky one. So please circulate it to your members.

Win 1,000 extra recognition points by registering on Member Access

From 14 September to 14 October, Rotary club members are eligible to win 1,000 extra Rotary Foundation recognition points simply by registering on Member Access. Registrants will be entered into a drawing, and the winner will be announced after mid-October. Start the registration process by using a valid e-mail address to create an account. You may be asked to provide additional information to help determine your relationship with Rotary International and match you with your record in our database. Within 24 hours, you will receive a verification e-mail with a hyperlink that will connect you to a Member Access screen to complete your registration. If you do not see the e-mail in your inbox, check your spam/bulk/junk folder. If you have questions, e-mail the Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org

Source : *End Polio Now, A newsletter of The Rotary Foundation, September 2011*

http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/WaysToGive/Announcements/Pages/110308_annc_MemberAccesswinner.aspx

To register : <http://rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/Register.aspx>

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

RLI is not an official program of Rotary, which is why you won't find much on the Rotary.org site. It is however a multi-district project, and at last word 285 of the 540 districts participate.

My friends from Sunshine have given you some links. Let me add mine **RLI33.org**. This is the zone 33 or mid-atlantic division. Each division uses the same curriculum. The courses are taught in 3 one day sessions. the curriculum is updated every three years, and you'll find the materials on the links provided.

It is anticipated that the RLI program will be a resolution at the next COL to make it an official program of Rotary Intl. I have served as a faculty member, not only in my own division, but also with the Sunshine Division in the past.

- **Stanley Cahn**, PP - Hilton Head - Sunset RC, Treasurer - RLIZ33

PATHWAYS TO SERVICE

RI7630DG0102@aol.com wrote: I invite you to listen to Pathways To Service, a weekly radio program about Rotary and other service organizations that has been produced and broadcast since August 2001 by Rotary District 7630 (Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore).

We are broadcast live and streamed on the internet every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m EDT (New York City time). If you are in our listening or signal area it's over-the-air at WDEL Radio 1150 AM in Wilmington DE USA. If you need to rely on the internet, it's streamed at the same time through our district website:

<http://www.rotary7630.org>

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This program is also archived on the internet and is available anytime for 2 to 3 months again through our Rotary District website: <http://www.rotary7630.org>

DO YOU NEED A CLUB WEBSITE?

Launching a new club website or updating the existing one is a priority of many of the clubs. Many clubs often raise related issues when they are planning such things. I feel the below summary could be of some use to you.*

- A. **Cost of website** (domain, hosting, development). It could anywhere be a few hundred dollars to anything. Either someone sponsors it or it goes from club funds.
- B. **Cost of Updating** - Mostly you would be dependent on a third party agency to update the website frequently, to upload your bulletins, projects, meetings etc. It could be a cost and if not dependency.
- C. **Continuity Issues** - Sometimes the next team may find the expenditure not necessary or may not be too technology savvy and may or may not continue or update the site.
- D. **Target audience** - Are you making the website just for your 30-40 members. Is there anything for them to visit it frequently. Will it be able to attract traffic from other rotarians or outside world etc

Please address the above issues before planning a website. **What you can alternatively consider is a facebook profile / page -**

- A. It costs nothing.
- B. Anyone can upload easily and free of cost photos, events etc.
- C. Birthdays of members are automatically reminded.
- D. Active Members can keep on updating the page year after year.
- E. You can make friends or suggest page to other rotarians etc to make them aware about your developments.
- F. The page can be shared with those who are not on facebook.
- G. You can keep security control and areas for members only.****

However, if the club has long term vision, want to have a proper website, which would remain like an online identity of club, no harm in having a club website.

For all others I suggest following -

- 1. Member access on rotary.org for president, secretary, TRF contributors
- 2. Closed Email group for members only
- 3. Facebook profile / page for all i.e. members, other Rotarians and non Rotary friends
- 4. Closed Facebook group for members only

The above four cost nothing and are easy to maintain and can be a starting technology toolkit for all clubs.

- **PP Rtn. Jeetender Gupta**, Rotary Club of Faridabad Amity
Classification : IT Consultant (BCA, MBA, LLB)

eric Lewis <Mail.ericlewis@gmail.com> wrote:

would offer the following as some resources for free or almost free website solutions for Rotary clubs.

- <https://www.tumblr.com/>
- <http://wordpress.com/>
- <http://www.blogspot.com/>
- <http://www.gotonames.com/>

One option, if you don't want to have to deal with the responsibilities of maintaining a website, but you do want to have a web presence besides Facebook is to create an account at <http://www.about.me> . This is a simple one page site that gives you many options for embedding Facebook, Twitter, and other links, and could be used to showcase a club and push out to their other 'places' on the web. Its free and pretty snazzy. You could also register your domain name, for about \$10,00/year, and 'point' it to this kind of page at no cost.

Example: <http://about.me/ericlewis/>

So many options is probably what keeps many folks from jumping in, as it is hard to make a decision, but remember, you can always change it up if you don't like it in the future.

Our club uses 'Social Networks' to promote our club. We integrate more traditional media as well, such as billboards and indoor advertising.

We have a website for our club, and we of course, publish links to our other network sites there, Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, and a link to the District and Club Database, where members can go to record make ups, and update personal information.

We are actively engaged in a PR effort this year to qualify for the

Presidential Citation, and Changemaker Awards, so we have a club member who works for an advertising company donating a bill-board on a major by-pass area in town. We are using the "missing piece" graphic from RI and we've superimposed our name, and the Facebook logo on it. We also have about 6 indoor screens around town in local restaurants that are showing about 5 different pictures of your club members engaged in past community service activities, with our club logo and our web URL listed on each.

How do you target potential members?

We publish our club meetings as "Events" each week and invite all those who have 'liked' our page to attend, then members also send Facebook invites to their friends. I imagine that we generate several hundred invitations to each meeting this way. Does everybody show up? Of course not. But we do have some that show, and some that repeat. It all about branding.

We also put pictures of our members participating in Rotary activities, and we 'tag' them in those pics. Their friends see that they've been 'tagged' and they go to see what they were up to, make comments, and a conversation ensues. Those who benefited from a service project are able to comment, and publicly thank the club for their work. This is reinforcing for the members and its advertises what we do in a way that's different than anything else.

How to you make folks in the community aware that the club has a Facebook or Twitter presence?

As stated, its on our website and public advertising. While it might seem odd, one of the best ways to do this is put the fact that you have one out on the other social media outlets. Tweet your club's activities and put links to your Facebook page. Use **TwitPic** to tweet pictures of your club, and put links to them on Facebook. LinkedIn recently has added more 'discussion' type functions, and this can be used to start 'social conversation' about topics the club is interested or concerned with.

How do you control what appears on the club's 'page(s)'?

This is something that only gets asked by those who are not engaged in social media. Its understandable, since unless you are engaged in it, you would probably tend to understand it as the same type of presence as web page.

With respect to Twitter and Facebook, the content on the page isn't really 'controlled' in the sense that the content on a web site is. Twitter is more like a stream of information, a 'babbling brook' where you toss out information you want to contribute to the stream. To use twitter, people don't randomly just look at the stream, they search for either information that is categorized by its context, or specifically by #hashtags. If I want to tweet about a Rotary subject, it will help if I include the hashtag #rotary in it somewhere, so it will show up in a search of tweets containing those hashtags. If I'm tweeting about our clubs water project, I'd include #rotary and #water or #cleanwater.

Facebook is a little different. Your 'page' will show posts by you, and posts by your friends. What shows up when you look at the page and what shows up when someone else looks at it may be different, if they have different friends in common with the owner of the page. So to control what shows up on your facebook page isn't really a relevant question. What facebook shows on any page is a result of who's logged in, how many common friends they have with the owner of the page, what the privacy settings are for that person, the friends in common, etc. Again, you have to change the way you conceive of these services. They aren't static 'pages' they are more> like aggregated streams of consciousness. Its like standing in a crowd, where everyone wears a t-shirt stating their general world view, and they shout out statements, or hand out flyers that serve their purpose. Those around them can choose to pass on the info, adopt it for their own, or ignore it all together.

Are the social networks really worth the effort as a recruiting tool? Is any tool really worth the effort? Every tool is worth some effort in the right persons hands. Each club will have to determine if any or all of the social network media will serve to accomplish their ends. If your club is looking to connect with, communicate with, and / or recruit members from the 20-35 year old crowd, these are some of the tools you're going to need to use. Will it be effective if the club only uses it sporadically? Not likely but maybe. Will it be worth the effort if the person in charge has to stay up to all hours of the night to get it done? Probably not in that person's eyes. **Will it be effective if the club has Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages, but none of the members do?** Probably not. Its about building relationships through the media. The wider that footprint is, the more effective it will be.

- **Eric Lewis**, Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Club, Montgomery, AL
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In 1986, after 16 years of teaching English Literature, Speech and Composition in colleges in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Tennessee, and South Carolina, I quit the English professor profession (too many papers to grade with toddlers underfoot) and began a different journey.

I took a job as the Director of the Library of my church, First Baptist of Greenville SC, USA. I acquired a Lazarus Library; it had been dead for about 7 years, but with careful planning it soon came back to life with family activities, book reviews, and reading club activities. In my four years' tenure, the budget grew from \$500 to \$10,000, from no volunteers to 25, from 30 circulating books to 300 a month.

Then one day, a conversation changed my life. A good friend suggested another career path: she noted that all the children in First Baptist were going to grow up to be literate—they were all middle and upper class children who had books in their bedrooms. She suggested that my talent was turning children on to reading and that I should think about serving children who had no books in their lives.

Shortly thereafter, with prayer and misgivings, I transferred my energy to an African American Community Center. At first it had 25 books for 350 children who spent the summer there. Within a year my volunteers and I had built a 2000 volume children's library collection. We began an afterschool reading program and sent home circulating book packs for the preschoolers. United Way awarded our program "the Outstanding Volunteer Program of the Year."

In year 2, a preschool party reinforced my growing resolve that this work called me. This time it was a child; Jazmine was 4 with multiple braids and ribbons. She tore open her gift-wrapped book and began swaying and hopping on one foot and then the other, singsonging with joy "Miz Sara, I ain't never had no book before—is it really mine to keep?" That day led me to the knowledge that in the USA, 62% of low-income families have no books in their homes.

Next I began doing research into the cause of our book packs returning to us unopened. Finding: parents uninvolved with books. And with that, I arrived circuitously at the area that encompasses my true passion with work—a field called Family Literacy which posits that literacy transmittal by parents and caregivers from birth is vitally important for language connections in the brain.

So for more than 2 decades, turning families of young children on to a love of reading has spanned not just my work but also my focus as a Rotarian. While I was Family Literacy Coordinator for the School District of Greenville County, PDG Dr. George Mackey Grimball recruited me as a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville.

Greenville is the original and largest Rotary Club in South Carolina. "Find a literacy project for these men to do" was DG George's mandate. It was 1992, and our club of nearly 400 members, had 390 men.

So my first contribution to Rotary was creating **A Rotary Read to Me** program, helping male Rotarians find preschool classrooms where small underserved children, especially little boys could see, sometimes for the very first time, MEN who enjoyed reading and sharing books! This program, described in more detail in an accompanying article, began with 20 readers in 4 Head Start sites and now involves as many as 60 readers in multiple Head Start and 4K classrooms.

In 2005, I was asked to serve as the District 7750 Literacy Resource Chair for 54 clubs in half our State. Six years later, I am still in this role. I introduced a "Read to Our Youngest" Early Readers Campaign in which clubs have a variety of projects to choose. Read to Me Readers now has with a manual and DVD to simplify training. See accompanying article for more information.

Our District has long had outstanding international outreach in Haiti and Honduras with agricultural and water projects. We have now begun a multi-year Literacy Project to provide French and Creole books and literacy services for libraries, schools, and homes to enhance at least 6,000 Haitian families and children's literacy levels in the Central Plateau.

To sustain and possibly expand this project for the future, in July, Partners in Haiti Literacy (PIHL), a coalition of selected 7750 Rotary "Leader Clubs" with interested community and Haitian partners was created. The Rotary Club of Easley is the principal Leader Club in this effort. Easley Rotarians along with the other Leader Clubs serve as project planners on the PIHL Steering Committee, provide volunteers for committees, and participate as District 7750 Work Team members. The Easley Club along with other Leader Clubs, Greater Anderson and Pleasantburg, will each provide \$2,000, a total of \$6,000 to match (we hope) \$6,000 in DSG support. We have been unable so far to find a Haitian club for a matching grant.

Other Rotary Leader Clubs are being sought to help us, especially from Rotary Clubs interested in social change through education and those speaking fluent French. As I learned at the NORC, partnerships inside and beyond Rotary are the keys to success and progress.

How did I become so involved with Literacy and Reading? It probably all started with "Wee Willie Winkie," an American nursery rhyme, my dad faithfully played as a bedtime game every evening when I was two. At that age, at home, there were innumerable books and stories. By the time I was six, I walked 2 miles slathered in lotion in the hot Baltimore sun to our local library where the children's librarians greeted me with, "Well, here's the little girl who reads all the books about Indians." I was outraged at social injustice even then. I've just always loved books, surrounded myself with them, and of course at Wilson, an all women's college, majored in English Literature.

My husband of 36 years and I met in Boston at a tennis tournament; Frank was successful at winning them; my only fame was being his hitting partner. After I received my doctorate, we moved from Boston to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to Toms River, New Jersey, with his job as a structural engineer. In 1979, we settled in Greenville, SC, where Frank still works for Fluor Corporation, and we raised a daughter and son, now grown.

Traveling is my favorite activity, but I definitely haven't done enough of it. NORC was a delight. I am looking forward to Bangkok. I am an avid Classic Movie enthusiast, serve as a deacon and community boards member, like water aerobics, and of course--enjoy a book club!

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Chris Wilks

Production

Rotary Friendship Exchange is a wonderful but relatively less popular program of Rotary. I am one of the fortunate ones to be the Team Leader to Canada, RID 7010, 2009-10 and a Team Member to USA, RID 7260, 2010-11.

Rotary Friendship Exchange: The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to host and visit Rotarians around the world. In addition to experiencing other cultures and making lasting friendships, an exchange provides a strong foundation for carrying out other international activities and service projects.

The exchange could be for family (including children) of individual Rotarian or team exchange of 4-6 rotarian couples. However, it is not a structured program and allows some flexibility subject to mutual consent of participating districts. There is no limit to the number of teams that can be planned in an year.

Rotary Friendship Exchanges are funded entirely by program participants. Specific details about expenses should be agreed upon by both exchange partners before finalizing plans for an exchange. Guests are responsible for their own travel expenses and personal spending money. **In addition, they should be prepared to cover the following expenses: Admission to tourist sites, any overnight stays in a hotel that may be required by the itinerary, gifts for hosts, meals at Rotary club meetings, meals purchased outside of the host's home, passport or visa costs, transportation to and from the host district.**

Experiences at Canada. Some of the experiences are listed below

- Initially, Team from Canada came, stayed with Indian families, visited our projects, attended our meetings, fellowships, went for sightseeing at Agra and Jaipur etc.
- Our team of 4 families went to Canada in June 2010 and duration of the trip was for a fortnight. Our trip was divided into two parts, into two different geographical parts of Canada, covering places like Barrie-Washago and Sudbury.
- The reception and hospitality was much better than what we expected and no way any less than what we Indians extend to our guests. More so, because unlike us, who have access to domestic helps, drivers and staff, they do most of their things on their own.
- Except our travel ticket, most of our expenses including transfers, all meals, sight seeing, entry tickets, club meetings etc. were born by them, just on the lines we did for them when they were here in India.
- Canada is a beautiful country of warm people and picturesque Lakes. One of the members even made us all stay overnight at his private cottage on the lake side.
- We visited various projects being supported by clubs there which included health care projects, hospice, water conservation, heritage fort restoration and projects with local colleges and hospitals etc.
- Rotary Park is a popular concept there, you would find one in various parts of Canada, being managed by one or the other club. In fact, this is a very good idea for improving Public Image of Rotary.
- One of the clubs had its own meeting place in the heart of city.
- Many clubs have their own mega fundraisers for their projects like a wine festival, beaver festival etc. and the scale of many of these club events are no less than any district ball.
- Most of the meetings we attended were breakfast or lunch meetings, which would have good attendance, excellent time management, meals along with meeting (instead of after the meetings).
- Some of the clubs had an interesting sunshine collection system which they call 50:50. each member buys a ticket at the time of registration (mandatory for all). Throughout the year money goes into a pool, half the money goes to community projects and for other half there are certain fun activities that goes round the year and a single winner takes it all.
- Time management is what we need to learn from rest of the world. A normal meeting (including meal time) lasts for an hour or so. No wastage of time and resources in formalities like bouquets, or repeating names of all dignitaries in address etc etc. President acts more like a moderator, who would speak very little and make a large number of members participate in meetings by asking them to share in a minute or so, whatever is relevant for all e.g. service projects chair would talk on an upcoming project. Everyone speaks from the seat rather than from dias.
- No free lunches. Visiting rotarians and most rotary guests pay meeting expenses at the registration desk itself. Although, we were exempted to pay.
- Apart from the local sight seeing, we were taken to the world famous Niagra Falls, CN towers and an island where First Origins (Red Indians) live.
- At CN towers we were dining at a revolving restaurant at the top floor. There were specially printed menus, mentioning Rotary Team from India, for us placed at our tables.
- They organised our interaction with a Canadian MP who gave us a citation and also with the Mayor office, Sudbury, Canada.
- In Rotary year 2010-11 one of the clubs which hosted us, also agreed to do a matching grant project with one of our clubs.
- Most Canadian families have a country flag, outside their houses. It was a proud moment to see an Indian flag also at some of the host residences.
- The Indian community at Sudbury have created a temple and meet every sunday religiously to pray and also to preserve Indian culture and values in their next generation.



Experiences at USA :

- I personally feel it is always better to have an inbound team visit us first, experience our hospitality and then invite us there. That way they try to reciprocate, else they would normally do what is basically required.
- We were a team of 8 families (including 4 kids) and reached USA in June 2011. We were staying in the Long Island region of New York and the duration of trip was 10 days. It was more like Country Side and some of the places had that Old World Charm.
- Our hosts were excellent and gave us a very warm reception. My family was hosted by an Indian family, settled in USA for long.
- Clubs in the district are involved in various projects all over the globe, supporting medical help and surgeries and the Gift of Life programme in various parts of Asia and Africa.
- Our team attended various club meetings and also their District Thanksgiving Dinner.
- The meeting program and time management was excellent. Not too mention, some of venues were quite beautiful.
- In most club meetings you would find a paid bar from where one can buy drinks.
- I was also impressed by the simplicity. Most meetings were short, sweet and simple. In one of the club meetings which we attended, the District Governor addressed the gathering but he did not sit on the Dias (a sight hard to imagine in our part of the world). Further, at his thanksgiving, which was attended by a 100 odd people, the District Governor was himself arranging all the citations, he himself conducted the meeting and personally gave away the awards. No Sgt at arms, No MoC, no office bearers or photographers. A function where the District Governor personally wanted to do everything and thank his team and clubs. There were no category of awards like Platinum, Gold etc, just the RI presidential citations, some awards for team members and few clubs for some special achievements.
- Our local sight seeing included going to some islands, light houses, vineyards, horticulture sites, art gallery of a renowned artist etc. and also the tour of New York city.
- The Indian community is managing a temple and hosted a reception for our team. It was an amazing experience.
- Two kids including my son Kushagra attended regular school for two days along with the son of one our hosts. It was an experience in itself and after we came back to India, Kushagra's Principal made him share the experiences with rest of students.
- USA is a big country with a large number of historic and tourist places. Since different team members had different interests, a slot of two days in the itinerary were left open for us to take personal tours (on our own) which could not be included in the itinerary. Those who were staying back, had an opportunity to individually attend club meetings of Rotarians hosting us.
- Our stay, breakfast, airport transfers (provided no deviation from itinerary) and some local transportation were taken care by the hosts. However, some of the meals, entry tickets, meeting costs, transportation to city were our responsibility. It is important to mention this, because one should always be prepared for these expenses, when planning to be a part of friendship exchange team.

I would love to be a part of this program whenever given a chance. In case any district is interested for a friendship exchange with India, feel free to get in touch with me.

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Seven Habits of Highly Effective Rotarians

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1. ATTENDANCE
Effective Rotarians always try to attend their club meetings or make up at other clubs as much as possible. They are aware that regular attendance is an important part of their membership commitment and do not miss a chance to attend. They participate on committees which they are members of, plus others if invited. They are keen to attend all club events and district functions. They participate in the District Assembly and District Conference each year, and have attended a recent Rotary International Convention.
2. FELLOWSHIP
Effective Rotarians enjoy meeting other members and often feel this fellowship is as important to Rotary as the actual business part of a meeting. They go out of their way to talk to those whom they do not know and believe a stranger is a friend whom you have not met yet. Outside of Rotary they also enjoy meeting people and getting acquainted with them. At large Rotary gatherings they make an effort to meet others, rather than just fraternizing with friends from their own club.
3. VOCATION
Effective Rotarians respect every vocation and understand how the classification system is the basis of Rotary. They firmly believe that each vocation provides a cog in the wheel and is important, however insignificant it may appear. They firmly believe each member should try to excel in their job and they try to support and help others to reach their full potential.
4. DISCIPLINE
Effective Rotarians understand the value of self-discipline and know that productive accomplishments are hard to achieve without it. They realize that both inner and outer discipline must be maintained in a proper balance and can enforce both disciplines when and where required.
5. TIME, MONEY & ENERGY
Effective Rotarians know they have a purpose in Rotary and fully realize they must earmark a certain amount of time, money and energy to maintain this commitment. They also realize these three things should be shared in proper balance between their family, vocation and community.
6. EMPATHY
Effective Rotarians put themselves in the position of the other person, especially if that person is in difficulty. They know that mere sympathy may not be enough, can be empathetic and feel compassion for the difficulties of others. They believe that what they are doing for their community is merely returning a small part of what they have already received from it. While they may appreciate recognition for their efforts they do not hanker for it.
7. IMAGE OF ROTARY
Effective Rotarians may sometimes feel that all is not right with Rotary or there are too many 'politics'. They know some elements in Rotary need improvement but rather than be negative they use a positive approach to help rectify things. They maintain a positive attitude and portray a good image of Rotary, both inside and outside the organization.



In Memoriam

Dr. Jagdish
V. Bhatt

Rotary Club of Bombay Airport

Sadly when ROTI lost its resident sexologist **Dr Jagdish V Bhatt** in 2005 there was no one who could take his place. Jag was quite a character (likely because of his profession) and added a lot of spice to our ROTI lists.

He was also a sharp, witty and kind man who was always willing to help his friends. Possibly his most enduring legacy that he left for ROTI and for Rotarians around the world was his **“Seven Habits of Highly Effective Rotarians”** that was written for ROTI.

After knowing Jag for a long time I think we all came to feel that the man was simply full of love and goodwill.

You are very much missed Jagdish and you will always be remembered by your many friends here.

Philip Merritt
ROTI Chairman 1999-2001



- Ron Nethercutt

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To Pee or Not to Pee

– That is the Question

"To be, or not to be" is the opening line of a soliloquy from William Shakespeare's play Hamlet, and is one of the most famous quotations in literature. I am hopeful that readers forgive my borrowing these famous words as my topic on public urination. This appears to be a problem in some countries other than the Philippines, and I felt a column I wrote recently for a paper here, might be appreciated by others.

Ramon Jimenez, the new tourism chief for the Philippines, was quoted as saying "the Philippines is one of the most beautiful countries in the world." Perhaps he was referring to the land, sand, mountains, and the warm climate. Any tourist traveling here and viewing the "pee on a tree" or "wash the wall" attitudes will certainly cause them to downgrade the otherwise visual beauty found in the Philippines or any country where this is a prevailing habit.

Being interested in the history of Rotary, of which I am a proud member, it reminded me of the first project of Rotary members in Chicago. The group grew and became interested in developing businesses in Chicago. Some felt that the lack of public restrooms did not allow shoppers to remain downtown very long. They decided in 1906 to create a public toilet outside Chicago's City Hall. That event became Rotary's first community service project. Recent findings have shown that while the Chicago Rotary club was active in the establishment of the public toilet, the funding was provided by the city government.

Acceptability of outdoor urination in a public place other than at a public urinal varies with the situation and with customs. Typically males do this standing up, while females squat. Potential disadvantages include the smell of urine, and some exposure of genitals. The latter can be unpleasant for the one who exposes them and those who can see them. The more developed and crowded a place is, the more urination tends to be objectionable. In the countryside and in the middle of nowhere, it is more acceptable than in a street in a town. In many places, public urination is punishable by a fine.

A bit of research found some humorous examples of laws regarding public urination. At one time in the England, it was legal for a man to urinate in public, so long as it occurred on the rear wheel of his vehicle and he had his right hand on the vehicle.

Public urination is made a crime in many areas seeking to have people use toilets rather than empty their bladder in a public place. Public urination laws are primarily governed by state and local laws, which vary by jurisdiction. It is possible to be charged with littering, public nuisance, indecent exposure, disorderly conduct, or other laws if the locality doesn't have a law specifically addressing public urination.

Even athletes and celebrities find themselves in trouble sometimes. Former New York Knicks and Boston Celtics guard Nate Robinson apologized to fans after police caught him urinating in public in a New York City suburb. Authorities told reporters that he was taken to police headquarters, issued a summons and made to pay a \$50 fine. South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said quarterback coach G.A. Mangus will be back to coach despite his arrest this week for urinating in public in downtown Greenville.

An attorney in New York City said this about public urination: Most often, if you are issued a summons for public urination in New York, you are being charged with a misdemeanor. Generally, the charge can be dismissed in exchange for a plea to a violation and the payment of a fine. He continues by saying that even where no criminal record results, a public urination may result in adverse consequences to your business or career.

The attitude locally appears to be "there are no available toilets and I have to pee." But why are only men that are seen urinating in public? Do they have smaller bladders? Do they consume more liquids? Is it that they care less about being seen urinating in public? Is it that women are less crude in their urinary behaviors?

I spoke to a man who has traveled a lot in Asia and he said you don't see men urinating in public in most countries as a general rule. I lived in Korea for 2 years, and they have no public toilets to speak of. I never once saw a Korean man urinate in public. I don't see it in Hong Kong, or Beijing, and they have 10's of millions of people in Beijing, and no public toilets that I saw. So, this leads one to conclude this is a matter of cultural acceptance, and not of necessity. And the same goes for the littering.

So is there an answer to the problem some countries face? Laws do not seem to work for traffic or littering, and perhaps laws for "washing the walls" would not help the problem. Do we have a new group of P Police as law enforcement officers? If public toilets were built, would they be used? Manila erected many public "pee pots" and colored them pink. They were designed to hide the upper part of the body, but the lower legs of the occupant showed. I my travels to Manila, I do not recall anyone using them. They have now been repainted green; but people don't even walk near them. Some journalists have said the lack of use is due to the prevailing odor.

Perhaps if we stressed the "2 Es," Environment and Economics, it might encourage a few to limit their public display in the release of body fluids. Why Economics you ask? Because less public peeing might encourage tourism and the financial benefits tourism brings. I'd appreciate any comments from ROTIans in countries that face a public urination problem, and what has been done to prevent it.

MEMBERS' REPORTS



A school boy is seen in the picture planting tree in front of a primary school where he studies to take part of go green project of Interact Club of Naogaon, District 3280 Bangladesh.

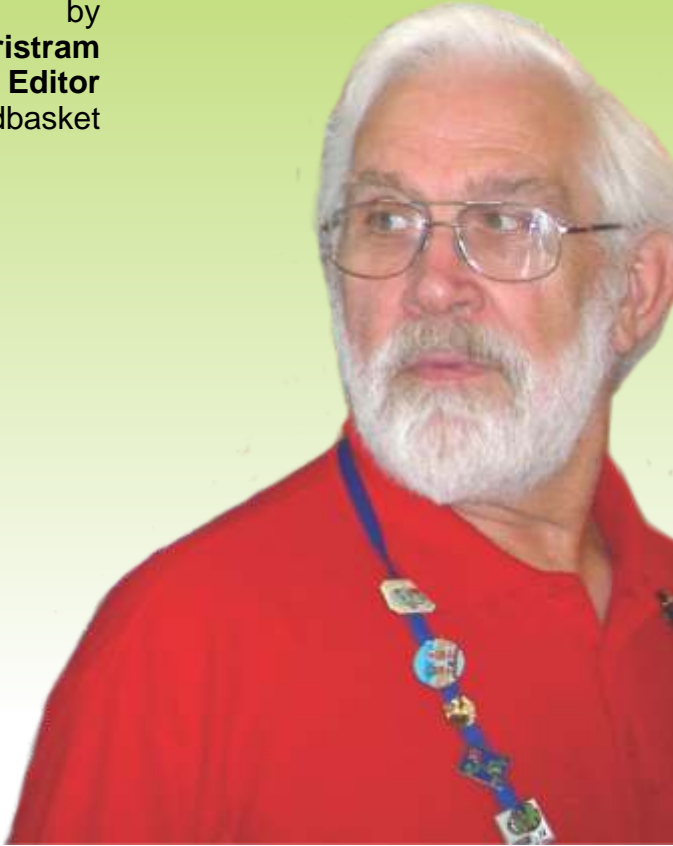
Students and plants which they just received from Interact Club of Naogaon, District 3280 Bangladesh for plantation. The school is has 250 students and is located in a remote village area.

Each student received at least one baby tree to be planted at their house premises. It is an Interact club's environment project.

Thanks to the Interact club of Naogaon.

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GREEN

Sundarbans, the famous habitat of the Royal Bengal Tigers – situated in the southern fringes of Bengal, India - an area of tidal rivers, creeks, intersected by numerous channels enclosing flat marshy islands is covered by dense forest. This vast tract of forest and salt-water swamp forms the lower part of the Ganges Delta, extending about 260 kms along the Bay of Bengal forming the mouth of River Hooghly is quite a distance from the main-land. The poor & deprived local community comprising farmers & fishermen has very little access to proper health services provided by the Government Sector.

Interacting with the people of the community it was found that it is difficult for them to reach the nearest Hospital in time during emergency as they have to travel by boats through the difficult tidal rivers. Traveling after sunset is impossible & they wait until morning to catch a boat to take the critically ill patients to the nearest Hospital which may be 100 kms away. There are frequent incidents of death of pregnant women who do not get timely emergency maternity support.

I and my batch-mate PDG Dr Reinhard Fricke were working hard for quite sometime to find a proper solution for this burning problem & finally at the 100th RI Convention in Birmingham we both decided to go for a life saver **Mobile Boat Clinic**. That long cherished dream is now a reality. A Matching Grant No: 71025 worth USD 37,518.00 took shape with RC DumDum D 3291 Kolkata India as the Host Partner & RC Munster-St Mauritz D 1870 Germany as the International Partner & the Project was initiated in February 2010.

The project was to provide a Mobile Boat Clinic for the remote water-bound Islands in the Sundarbans to facilitate better health service to the poor community. The Clinic would provide the community an easy access for maternity care, pathological tests and timely diagnosis.

JIBONTORI – ROTARY MOBILE BOAT CLINIC was made operational on 23rd June, 2011 in association with our Co-operating Organization–Human Development Centre (HDC) stationed at Dakshin Barasat. The rest-of-course is history.

The Boat is reaching out to the deepest pockets of the Sunderban Islands allowing people to consult Doctors on-board, offering ambulance facility to patients in remote habitats to reach the nearest hospitals / health-centers and also helping the pregnant mothers with proper maternity support inside the Boat. Special arrangements are made to treat patients in snake-bite cases. The Boat is also equipped with Pathological Laboratory to conduct pathological tests at site.

A population of over 50000 is being benefitted from the project. For the first time, the beneficiaries are receiving free medical facilities and free medicines near their homes in the remote islands. This was an unbelievable thought for the poor villagers but The Rotary Foundation has transformed this impossible dream into reality. They are now beginning to believe that Rotary Foundation through their local Clubs will extend many more services for a better living. The suffering community needs Safe Drinking Water and proper Sanitation Facility very urgently.

ROTARY today has become a household name to the community & the wheel logo of Rotary is recognized by one and all.

- Niharanjan Deb Barman. A poor senior citizen of village Banashyamnagar of Sundarban suffering from a serious eye disease is now cured by the Doctors who treated him in Free Eye Camps being organized in the Boat.
- Kalpana Das a pregnant mother from Village Gangapur in Sunderbans gets her regular check-ups done in the Mobile Boat Clinic. Kalpana highly appreciates the services provided by the Mobile Boat Clinic right at her doorstep.
- Manashi Pradhan is another young & happy mother whose little baby is under the care of the medical practitioners of the Rotary Mobile Boat Clinic - Jibontori.
- Jogomaya Samanta. She is suffering from chronic abdomen disease for a long time. Now she is satisfied about the treatment at Jibontori.
- Jharna Das and Ashtamibala Das are young mothers from Sunderbans. They come with their sons for dental check up. The boys were suffering with carious tooth before coming to Jibontori for treatment. Now they are fully cured.

ROTARY FOUNDATION IS TRULY TOUCHING LIVES



ROTARY MOBILE BOAT

**Debasish Mitra, Major Donor
Governor 2006-07
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D 3291 Kolkata India**



Now every morning the sun rises over the islands of deepest Sunderbans with a new hope – hope of a better, healthier & safer life. The poor villagers look up at the life saving Rotary Mobile Boat Clinic called Jibontori as a savior serving the suffering humanity. TRF & the Rotarians of both D 3291 & D 1870 are touching lives of so many – an earnest attempt to embrace humanity.

Interact Leadership Training - Nepal

PP Rtn. Kim Baaden (MPHF), RC Pashupati Kathmandu, D3292 Nepal

Prepare our Interactors of today to become Rotarians of the future! To celebrate September, the 'New Generations Month', the sponsoring RC Pashupati Kathmandu, Nepal, has conducted an **ILAM (Interact Leadership And Management Training) Training** on September 9, 2011 and under leadership of trainer and **ROTI member PP Rtn. Kim Baaden (MPHF)**. The trainees were 47 members of the 'Interact Club of Occidental Public School' in Kathmandu, Anamnagar, of classes 7-9 (age 13-15 years).

The training agenda included topics ***Interact Quiz, What committees do, Great projects in 7 steps, Ten Golden Project Rules and Leadership do's and don'ts***



Goals of the training were to provide knowledge, to impart modern & democratic leadership styles, to practice certain club procedures, to develop team spirit, to enhance unity, to encourage & motivate the young people and, to make them enthusiastic about their upcoming tasks. The 3-hours training was held highly interactively, practical and group-game supported. It was perceived very positively by the participants and it will be repeated next year again. This project cost about USD 10.

Free Medical Camp

Dr.Hari S. Chandran, President, RC Mavelikara, D 3211. Kerala, India



On 28 August 2011, the Rotary Club of Mavelikara, Kerala, India, held a free medical camp in the Rotary Community Centre.

Eight Rotarian doctors and medical students participated and 340 people benefited from consultations, blood investigations and medicines, all free of charge.

A free cardiology consultation camp is planned in September at the same venue.

The ROTARY CLUB OF PENNANT HILLS (District 9680) and PKU

What is PKU? **Phenylketonuria (PKU)** is a rare inherited disorder affecting one in 10,000 babies a year in Australia. They have a particular enzyme deficiency and cannot process proteins. If untreated, a build-up of the amino acid, phenylalanine, occurs. It is toxic to the brain and will lead to a severe intellectual handicap and epilepsy. For over 40 years, now, infants have been tested for this disorder at birth and treatment leads to normal development. Treatment is based on a very strict low protein diet, developed for each case. The diets comprise specially designed medical foods, aimed to supplement deficiencies arising from the severe restriction of protein. For most affected children, meat, chicken, fish and dairy products are off the menu. Even bread and pasta need to be specially prepared. It is a difficult diet and the protein substitutes are unpalatable to most children. Importantly, parents must maintain a strict and constant oversight of their child's dietary intake.

The Rotary Club Pennant Hills

A few years ago the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills became aware of a young family whose son was diagnosed with PKU. The relatively low incidence of the problem means research funding is more difficult to secure than for more common diseases, such as cancer and cerebral palsy. The Club decided to support research into PKU and this led us to Professor John Christodoulou, AM, and his team at the Children's Hospital, Westmead, NSW.

The Professor's Research

A potential therapy would be a different, simpler enzyme to that which is lacking. One suitable enzyme, not present in humans, is found in yeast and some plants. It can break down phenylalanine to a nontoxic chemical. Early studies with mice show that a purified enzyme can reduce toxic levels by up to 50%. The trick is to deliver this enzyme in a form that will retain its effectiveness. Because of the way the enzyme reacts in the body, it cannot be given as a tablet, nor can it be injected. Professor Christodoulou is taking a different approach of delivering the enzyme. His team is researching a modified biotic. Biotics are health-promoting bacteria. A gene found in parsley has been found to make a suitable enzyme. A well-established mouse model is being used to fine-tune this procedure with the aim of making an efficient therapy for PKU. If successful, this will be the first new and safe oral therapy potentially effective in the majority of PKU sufferers.



Rotary's Support

Over the past five years the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills has raised funds from golf days and dinner dances. To date some \$AUD210,000 has been made available for PKU research with \$AUD81,000 coming through matching grants from Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. This year Ms Naz Al Hafid was assigned, as a PhD student, to further the research. Naz gained her MSc from the University of Technology, Sydney, and has worked with the Professor for over five years. Recently she was presented with a plaque from Australian Rotary Health that recognises her research grant. Professor Christodoulou has recognised the support of the Rotary Club with the presentation of a Bronze Bear.

**For more information contact Rotary Club of Pennant Hills Inc.
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1954-55 Herbert J. Taylor (cooking utensils distributing), Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA. ROTARY VISION: To Inspire businessmen around the world to honor the Rotary ethic as reflected in the Four Way Tes.

“The fundamental principles contained in Rotary’s Four Way Test - truth, justice, friendliness and helpfulness to others - are among the tenets or doctrines of the religious faiths of practically all Rotarinas. These four simple questions apply in all we think, say and do:

1. Is it the **truth**?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **goodwill** and **better friendships**?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

*- Address to 1954 Rotary Convention
Seattle, Washington, USA*

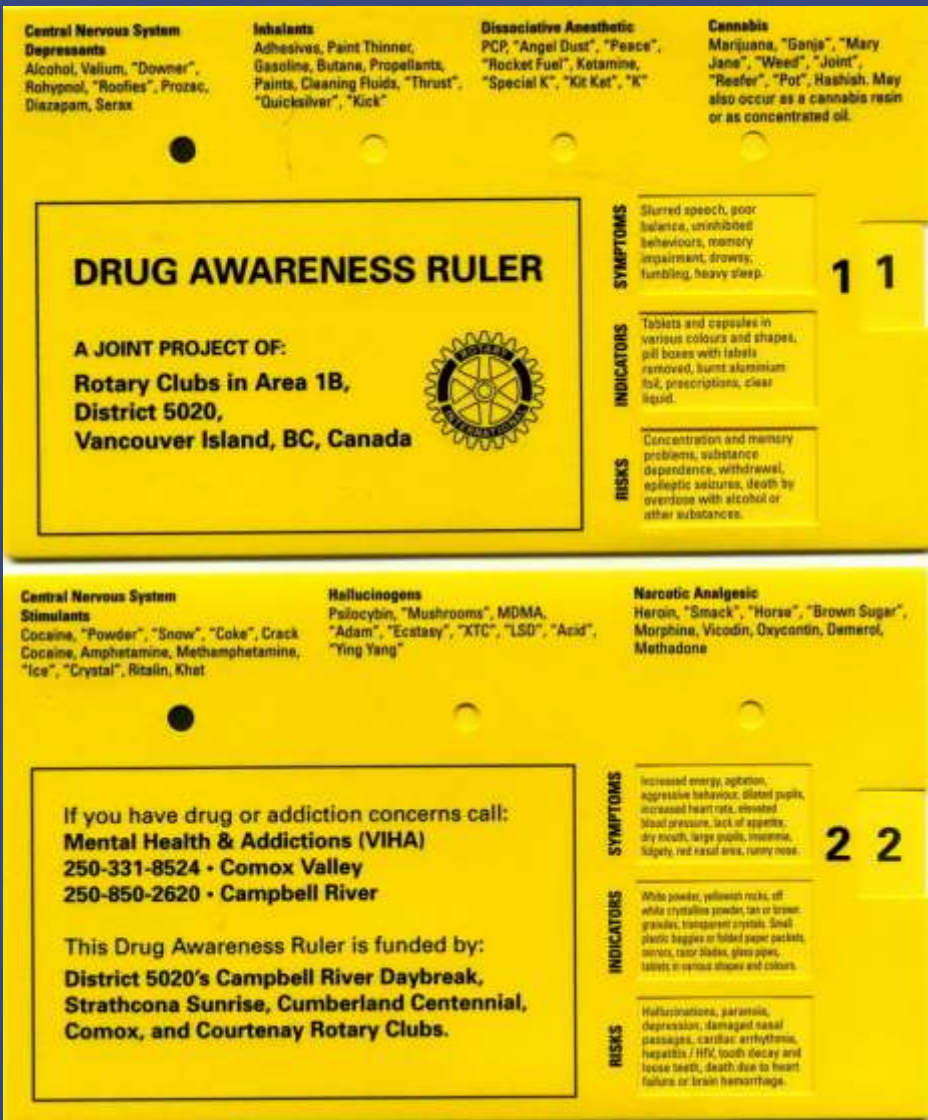
“The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of bring and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary as expressed in our Objects and with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, then we are engraving on these tablets something that will brighten all eternity.”

- The Rotary Foundation, The Rotarian, April 1929

1916-17 Arch C. Klumph (lumber), Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA. ROTARY VISION: An endowment to fund the association’s good works into perpetuity. The result: The ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Campbell River and Comox Valley Rotary Clubs Fund Production of Drug Awareness Rulers

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The Drug Awareness Ruler is a double-sided tool (side 1 and 2) with a card that slides out of an open-ended envelope. As the inside card is moved, a black dot appears in a hole in the envelope connected to a particular category of drugs and the Symptom. Indicators and Risks appear in the three cut-out slots. The tool is very simple to use.

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In 2009 a group of four non-Rotarians from different walks of life, visited several countries in Europe for about four weeks as part of a Rotary Group Study Exchange. The purpose was for team members to connect with people in their professions to exchange information and ideas. Constable Pierre Vezina of the Comox Valley RCMP Detachment was a participant in that Exchange. While in Norway, Vezina was given a Drug Awareness Ruler that had been developed to help parents, teachers and other adult leaders of children to identify young people who may have been using or abusing drugs.

On his return, Vezina showed the ruler to his Rotarian sponsors and a project was born. First, the Norwegian on the ruler was translated into English by retired Highland Secondary teacher, Mike Hoy, and then Key Graphics, owned by Rotarians Bob and Ellen Hatch, took on the job of creating a version to be used in our communities based on the Norwegian model.

On Friday, 9 September, at a brief ceremony, 2000 of the rulers were presented to RCMP Corporal Gus Papagiannis, of the Drugs and Organized Crime Awareness Service by Rotarians from the Campbell River and Comox Valley Rotary clubs. Papagiannis, whose responsibilities include serving Powell River and the North Island from the Comox Valley to Port Hardy, accepted the rulers.

Plans are that the rulers will be delivered through the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in the schools, particularly aimed at students in grades 5 and 6 and through other drug awareness groups. Through connections to other Rotary clubs on Vancouver Island and other RCMP detachments, the idea will spread to other communities in the very near future. The initial cost to launch the first 2000 rulers was \$2400, largely as a result of the set up charges.



(L-R) Chip Ross, RCMP Cpl Gus Papagianis, Karen Ross, Susan Griffin, Patricia Gagnon, Michael Syer, RCMP Constable Pierre Vezina, Naomi Carmichael, Linda Oprica, Jay Oddleifson, John Challender, Lana Eagle, Liz Turnbull and Ellen Hatch posed with the yellow drug awareness rulers created to heighten awareness among adults of indicators and symptoms of drug use by children.

Vegetables belong in the real girls' Top Four food groups, along with chocolate chip cookies, ice cream, and fat-free crackers. And they're never better than hot off the grill, especially with a dab of garlicky basil oil.

Real girls

eat their vegetables

- 2 medium zucchini, sliced diagonally into 1/4-inch thick ovals
- 2 medium summer squash, sliced diagonally into 1/4-inch thick ovals
- 1 large sweet onion, sliced into 1/4-inch thick rounds
- 1 sweet red pepper, quartered, seeded, and deribbed
- 1 sweet yellow bell pepper, quartered, seeded and deribbed
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- PESTO OIL (OPTIONAL)
3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup store-bought pesto, at room temperature
- Vegetable oil for brushing

Prepare a hot fire in a charcoal grill or pre-heat a gas or electric grill on high. Lay the vegetables in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Brush on both sides with the 1/2 cup olive oil. Sprinkle salt and pepper on the top side of each vegetable.

If you are using the Pesto oil, in a small bowl, combine the 3 tbps olive oil with the pesto. Set aside.

When ready to grill, brush the grill grate with vegetable oil. Place the vegetables in a single layer directly over the hot fire. Grill, cut-side down, and just until grill marks appear, about 3 minutes. Turn and grill until tender, but still firm, about 2 to 3 minutes longer.

Serve warm, drizzled, if desired, with the Pesto oil.

***Serves 6**



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Savvy recipes

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A message of solicitation which appeared on the list prompted the discussion...

philip merriott wrote:

I think if we started allowing solicitations on the lists it would be a dangerous “slippery slope.” It could quickly reach a point where ROTI would appear to be a commercial/solicitation site and I think our members would be offended and many would leave. Once you open the door to solicitation it could quickly get out of control and the integrity of the ROTI lists and brands name could be tarnished severely. And also I believe it is against RI policy. I feel it would be a BIG mistake. My opinion anyway. :)

Steve finally came up with solicitation guidelines for Netiquette, confirmed by members of the leadership council.

The NETIQUETTE GUIDELINE

Rotarians On The Internet (ROTI) is not a venue for advertising. No advertising or promotion should be done on the Fellowship for non-Rotary businesses. Mention of a product in response to a query is acceptable.

Rotary entities are welcome to promote their projects. However solicitation for funding is not appropriate. An exchange of concepts and experiences is a welcome part of the ROTI mission, but we are not a venue for funds exchange.

Requests for funding of projects for other Fellowships is not appropriate. However, ROTI may, from time to time, have joint projects with other Fellowships and ROTI project Netiquette rules will apply.

The only requests for cash contributions that are acceptable are those made in pursuit of specific ROTI projects. Even requests for The Rotary Foundation (TRF) donations should not be made unless supporting ROTI projects. Mention of TRF as a possible recipient is appropriate and encouraged.

Only passive fundraising, as approved by the Leadership Council, will be used to cover general operating expenses for ROTI. Techniques, such as “pay for click through”, will be used as well as sales of specialty items and memento’s at Rotary events.

These restrictions will allow us to fulfill our mission without diversion to other worthy projects that are not mission critical.

If there is a question about confirmation, please request a ruling through protocol@roti.org. To submit a request to the lists when appropriateness is questionable is not “beneficial to all concerned.”

The Leadership Council will apply “rule of reason” to all requests.