

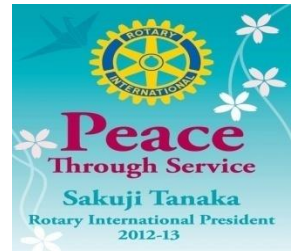
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Rajah Senathirajah

Meeting 29th May, 2013

Our Charter Member, Treasurer and International Service Director Rajah Senathirajah was our speaker this week. Rajah has been a backbone of the RCFB since it was Chartered in December of 2008, serving as its Charter Treasurer, he's been a reliable, meticulous Treasurer for all but one year in the Club's history.

Born in Singapore, he grew up in Malaysia. Rajah's grandparents came from Sri Lanka, hence the language spoken by his family is Tamil. Origins of the Malays are Indian, Chinese, Malays and indigenous who came from Sarawak and Borneo. Politics was not race based in Malaysia until the country gained independence in 1957.

Rajah attended Johore English College for Secondary school. It was started in 1930, was staffed by teachers from England and concentrated on English sports. Rajah went on to study Engineering at the University of Malaya. Awarded an International Fellowship which allowed him to spend two years in the UK with Thorn Electronics, he spent the second year living in Brighton where he became involved with the International Foreign Society which went on extensive walks and ended up in Pubs.

After Rajah returned to Malaysia he was sent to Manila for training. He first came to Perth in 1980 to find a market for leather shoes. His next assignment was in Kuching, Sarawak and Sabah, where he spent 18 months. Coming to live in Perth in 1989 he found the terminology of the various social standings to be startling, particularly in the areas of language and cultural differences. An early employer in Perth was Watercorp. Rajah went back to work in Malaysia, flying back to Perth every couple of months to visit the family. In 1995 he returned to live in Perth. Professionals came to Australia from Malaysia as there was a quota system in place locally at Universities so coming to Perth provided most Malaysian with extra opportunities, particularly in the area of education.

Rajah took up Industrial Engineering but discovered he enjoyed Management Accounting thus made the switch in careers. He has worked for Councils for a number of years and is currently employed by the Nedlands City Council.

Rajah is married to Jes. They have three daughters, now all married, some with children. Their newest granddaughter arrived during the last week to daughter Karla who was a member of a GSE Team to Malaysia several years ago.

Thank you Rajah for sharing your Life and Times with us. You are a valued member of the RCFB and truly appreciated.

Meeting 5th June, 2013

Speaker next week is Steve Dixon who will talk about Interplast.

Upcoming Meetings:

As it is the final round of meetings in June for the 2012-13 Rotary year, it would be beneficial if, as far as possible, members of the incoming and outgoing committees could attend, particularly the Incoming Directors, where there is a change in this position. This will assist the smooth transition of committees into the new Rotary year.

Community /Vocational Service Committee meeting will be held on Friday, 7th June, at the O'Hara's, 22 Otram Way, Churchlands at 5.30pm.

Joint Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, 13th June, at the Collins', 1 New Court Green, Mt Claremont at 5.30pm.

International Service Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, 16th June, at the Senathirajah's, 57 Mountjoy Rd, Nedlands

Youth Services Committee TBA

Vocational Visit to Manna Industries

Hope all members have Wednesday, 12th June in your diaries for a vocational visit to the Manna Kitchen at Maddington Primary School, Albany Hwy, Maddington. Time will be 6.00pm and there will be the usual nibbles etc. available as per our regular meeting.

Awaiting advice as to whether Rotaractors or Interactors will be joining us for the visit.

Changeover Night Dinner

The importance of this function cannot be stressed enough. It is the most important event in the Annual calander for the Club, hence the attendance of as many members, their family and friends as possible is encouraged as this will greatly enhance the evening. If you haven't already begun to promote the dinner to your friends and family, you are asked to do so as an extra effort is sought of all members. Some have already advised they will be away, thus it will be up to the rest of us to boost the attendance from amongst our friends.

Details are as follows:

Thursday, 27th June, 2013 at the Nedlands Golf Club, Melvista Ave, Nedlands.

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: \$45.00 for a three course meal.

Cash bar is available. Special dietary requirements to be advised to Sec. Di.

Pre Payment: Payment in advance is requested into the RCFB's Westpac Bank Operating A/c BSB 036034 A/c 304015. OR this event can be paid for in cash at any of the meetings prior to then.

Change of Email for Alistair Brown

Would members please update your membership list to reflect a change in email address for Alistair Brown to Alistair.mignon@gmail.com

Resignation

It is with regret that it is advised our quite recent member Ann Karas has decided to resign. She would like to continue to assist Jenny Day with her work by collecting items for the CDF Passport project, however, has found Rotary a little more demanding of time and energy than she is able to manage.

Annual Report

To have the Annual Report on the RCFB printed and distributed on Changeover night, it is required by PE Marcos Carot (who has kindly agreed to format the document) by mid next week. Pres. Ken and Secretary Di have been working on it and are awaiting a few final details for its completion.

Pasta and Sauce for Manna

When Carina Marshall was a member of the Club, she



Some of the items collected last Christmas

told us of a personal project she and her friend Jo Muir had started. It was collecting pasta and pasta sauce for the needy that Manna provide food for. A few members contributed to this for Carina two Christmas's ago. Last year, on discussion with Bev Lowe from Manna, it was expanded to include all non perishable foods. The result was that a photo and article was published in the Post Community News and a collection tub placed in the Nedlands Council Office. Through the generosity of local residents quite an amount of suitable foodstuffs were donated and passed onto Manna for distribution.

The following email has recently been sent on from Carina, advising that Jo Muir's young daughter is taking over the pasta and sauce drive this year and is seeking support. The letter reads:

"Hi there! It's Jadzia.

As part of my community service requirement at JTC, I am doing a pasta and pasta sauce drive for Manna - Perth's largest soup kitchen. Manna feeds 250 homeless people on our streets every night.

Would you please consider donating pasta and pasta sauce to help add to my donation to Manna? You can do this by buying an extra packet of pasta/sauce during your weekly shopping trip and dropping it in the donation box at 92 Evandale Street Floreat. Alternatively, you can organise a Woolworths or Coles gift voucher and I can deliver this to Manna on your behalf.

If you would like more information about my project, you can contact my teacher, Sara Ferguson at ferguson.sara@johnxxiii.edu.au

Thanks for helping! Jaz

Rotary WA Driver Education

With the assistance of Max Hipkins, Pres. Ken is working to overcome an issue with the Victoria Park Council for permission to use the carpark at Lathlain Park Oval by the Driving School for the Session on Stopping Distances when the Driver Education Day (formerly RYDA) is held for Yr 11 students from Newman College and Shenton Deaf Ed. Unit. The date is Wednesday, 7th August. 6-8 Rotarians are required to assist on the day as marshals to escort students from one session to another, plus assist with morning tea and lunch for teachers who attend as well as the presenters and volunteers. If you are able to attend or have family or friends who can help with this project on 7th August, please contact Dir. Jenny Day or incoming Director Liz Hollingdale. The project cannot happen without the assistance from members.

For newer members, this is a full day where Yr. 11 students, through six simultaneous sessions, are educated on the responsibilities of driving before they are eligible to go for a drivers licence. The sessions are by the police, the RAC, Youth Focus, Hazard Driving, and one is a very confronting presentation by a crash survivor and the final one is a driving instructor who demonstrate stopping at various speeds.

ESL Books

Dir. Laura has been able to hand over the ESL (English as a Second Language) books to Nathan for distribution to refugee families. Good to have Nathan and Sivo back at our meeting after Nathan's frequent brief trips .

The RCFB intends to apply for another Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant next Rotary year. The District Rotary Foundation Chairman has advised that this year, the Clubs applying for these grants will be required to put in an equal amount into the project to that requested from the District. I.e. if \$1,000 is requested for a District Simplified Grant then the Rotary Club must also put \$1,000 into that project bringing the total of a request to \$2,000. Another condition on receiving a DSG is that the Club must also contribute financially to the Rotary Foundation.

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The Community / Vocational Service Committee is very keen to get this project up and going. Incoming Director Stephanie is anxious to assist Yogi to make this successful.

Dental Oral Hygiene Project

Our member Jen Martins hopes to be able to come along to meetings again in the near future. Her project where she and other Dental Students go out to schools in low socio- economic areas to teach children how to care for their teeth has been embraced, however, she is looking for more schools. Would members who have contacts in schools in low socio-economic areas please contact Jen E: jenmartins81@gmail.com

RYPEN

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment Camp recently held was attended by three young boys from Brookton District High School, who were collected and returned to Brookton by Dir. Jen Day. Lee Eagles, one of the grandparents of Tate Lunn emailed as he and Mo (the other grandparent) wanted to contact Jenny and the Club to voice appreciation and was seeking an address to send a letter. In the email he said

“Mo and I are rather overwhelmed regarding the care, kindness and generosity of your Club. We are just so fortunate to live in Brookton and have Mrs. White and clubs like yours. Thank you, Lee”

NYSE and Science Experience

One application has been received from a student from St Hilda's, an enquiry has been received re sponsoring an application for a student from Hale, plus the Head of Science at CCGS has advised that he has a possible applicant from CCGS. Michael Masterton also advised that he has two students for the Science Experience at UWA in January from CCGS for the RCFB to sponsor.

Microscopes in Schools Project

I hope all members have voted and have had their friends vote for the \$1,000 Happy Communities Grant the RCFB has put in for with Bankwest. Liz should be advised of our success or otherwise in the near future.



Microscopes in Schools project

Another avenue of funding has opened up with the availability of “Our Neighbourhood Community Grants” from Australia Post. These grants are available for registered charities and community groups and are for between \$1,000 - \$25,000. Targeted educational programs are an area in which a grant can be applied for, so Pres Ken has completed and submitted an online application. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be advised in September.

The District Community Service Director, Mark Williamson, has emailed PP Di advising it has been brought to his attention that there is nothing in the District Directory about the Microscopes project. He believes there should be and requested information and contact details to see if this project can be included. The information has been provided as requested and we'll see what the new Directory brings.

Recycled Computers

Nathan and his business InfraTech acquired 15 computers which he was able to send to the same area in Sri Lanka that the RF Matching Grant is in, at a very reasonable cost. He has discovered there are a quantity of used computers (only about 2 years old) which can be recycled from businesses, and contacts. He'd like to make it a project between the RCFB and Infratech to organise to collect and send the computers both to needy areas overseas and even to parts of the State where they are required.

Bali School Kids

The Rotary Clubs of Swan Valley and Bali-Denpasar are in their fourteenth year of running 'Bali School Kids'. The project currently provides primary school education to over 450 students in eight different schools and a further 600 children have passed through the program to attend high school.

\$130 per student a year provides a 'schoolkit' which contains 2 school uniforms, an exercise uniform, a scout uniform, 1 cap, 1 school tie, 1 belt, 2 pairs of shoes, 4 pairs of socks, 1 school bag, 12 writing books, 6 ball point pens, 6 pencils, 2 rulers and 2 erasers. Any funds left over are used to benefit the students or their school and these have included establishing libraries in each of the schools, complete with books and computers.

In July each year the schoolkits are handed over at an annual Distribution Day, which includes a day of traditional dance, music and games for the children. It is a memorable highlight for sponsors who combine attending the Distribution Day with a holiday in Bali. Sponsors are encouraged to visit schools and their sponsored students in the small agricultural villages of Sembung and Sobangan (about 45 mins) drive north of Denpasar, or the needier area of Karangasem (about 2 ½ hours drive to the east).

For further information on the project visit the website www.balischoolkids.org. The project is registered as a Rotary Australia World Community Service project (RAWCS) and all donations are tax deductible. If you or your friends are interested in sponsoring and providing a brighter future for the school children of Bali, please contact Dir. Rajah.

[Australian Government Pledges \\$80 million for Polio](#)

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Foreign Minister Bob Carr today announced further funding to help eradicate polio – a debilitating disease that continues to strike the world's most vulnerable people, especially children.

Australia will provide \$80 million over four years from 2015 to 2018 to help finish the job and achieve worldwide polio eradication.



**Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Bill Gates at the Lodge
28th May 2013**

It was Australia's Sir Clem Renouf who, as President of Rotary International in 1978 and 1979, led the international campaign to vaccinate every child against polio. As a result of these early efforts by Rotary, the global community came together in 1988 to launch the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). Shortly before addressing the National Press Club, [Mr Gates met with Prime Minister Julia Gillard at the Lodge](#) where he lobbied for an increase to Australia's \$5 billion overseas aid budget. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is contributing \$US1.8 billion to help eradicate polio..

In August of 2011 PRID (Pres) Ken Collins and Christopher Maher from WHO met with then Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd's Advisors in Canberra where they sought \$50 million for the Polio Eradication Program. This was successful, with the announcement made by the PM Julia Gillard at CHOGM in Perth in October, 2011 with PRID Ken and PRIP Glen Kinross in attendance. The Government's announcement brings its total funding for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to \$130 million.

By Mushtaq Yusufzai, NBC News

PESHAWAR, Pakistan – Two health workers giving polio vaccines to children were shot dead in northwest Pakistan on Tuesday, prompting the World Health Organisation to suspend its operations in the area. Anti-polio workers started being attacked after a Pakistani doctor, Shakeel Afridi, ran a fake polio campaign in the city of Abbottabad to help the United States track down Osama bin Laden, according to a senior health official in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where the latest killings happened.



Pakistani health workers administer polio vaccine

WHO officials say 18 people, including health workers and police officers, have been killed and seven others injured during attacks since July 2012.

And nine anti-polio workers [were also killed in Nigeria](#) in February. Suspicion fell on Islamist militant group Boko Haram, which has condemned the use of Western medicine.

On Tuesday, senior police officials in Peshawar said the two health workers were killed when they went to a nearby village to vaccinate children against polio.

“Both the female health workers were administering polio vaccines to children in Badbher village of Peshawar when two armed men came on motorbike and opened fire at them,” said a local police officer, Bakhtiar Khan.

He said one of the female polio workers, identified as Sharafat, 18, died on the spot while her colleague Sumbal Gul, 20, suffered serious gunshot wounds. She was taken to Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar, where she died of her wounds.

Family members of Sharafat said she was going to be married next month.

The Peshawar police chief Liaqat Ali Khan said they lived in the village where they were killed and the offer of a police escort.

“Keeping in view the deteriorated security situation and growing attacks on polio workers, the government sends two police guards with each polio team to protect them during vaccination drive. A number of policemen had lost their lives during the past one year while escorting polio workers in KP [the province],” the police chief said.

After the attack on the polio team, a large number of security personnel went to the area, but they were unable to make any arrests.

Senior officials of the health department in Peshawar said the World Health Organisation called an emergency meeting after the attack and decided to suspend all their operations in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

A senior WHO official said growing numbers of parents were refusing to have their children vaccinated against polio.

“There is misconception among the people and associate polio vaccines with an attempt by the government to control birth ratio, which is totally wrong,” the WHO official said on condition of anonymity.

A senior official of the provincial health department, Janbaz Afridi, who heads immunization campaign in the province, said the polio workers began facing serious security challenges after Afridi ran the fake polio campaign to help the CIA find bin Laden.

“The day people learnt about this dirty game of Dr. Shakeel Afridi, they started hating all health workers, particularly those engaged in vaccination drive and consider them spies,” Janbaz said.

In North Waziristan, five polio cases have been reported so far and around 160,000 children have gone unvaccinated during the last year. Government officials said they feared more cases of the disease were likely.

The Path to Peace

Peace is more than the absence of conflict. It brings freedom, security and happiness. It is the enemy of persecution and instability. It is central to Rotary’s mission and a driving force in our efforts to eradicate polio across cultures and in areas of conflict.

In July, RI President Sakuji Tanaka challenged every Club member to build ***Peace Through Service***. In response, Rotarians have initiated and bolstered projects, sponsored Rotary Peace Fellows and organised Peace Forums. Global Forums in Berlin, Honolulu and, this month, Hiroshima are bringing community leaders and club members together to evaluate Rotary’s role in the path to lasting peace.

“In Rotary, our business is not profit” RI Pres. Tanaka says. *“Our business is peace”*.

Birthdays

Upcoming birthdays are Dir. Laura O’Hara on 2nd June, Kay Mason on 3rd June and Zerina Ramanathan on 7th June. A very Happy Birthday to our three ladies.

Program for June

Date	Program	Attendance	Introduction and Thanks
5 th June	Steven Dixon - Interplast	Kristen Meagher	Yogi Kanagasingam
7 th June	Community/Voc Meeting, O'Hara's 22 Otram Way, Churchlands	5.30pm	
12 th June	Visit to Manna Industries, Maddington PS, Albany Hwy, Maddington	6.00pm	
13 th June	Joint Board Meeting – Collins' 1 New Court Green, Mt Claremont	5.30pm	
16 th June	International Service Meeting – Senathirajah's, 57 Mountjoy Rd, Nedlands	10.00am	
19 th June	TBA	5.30pm	
27 th June	Changeover Dinner – Nedlands Golf Club	6.30pm for 7.00pm	

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