

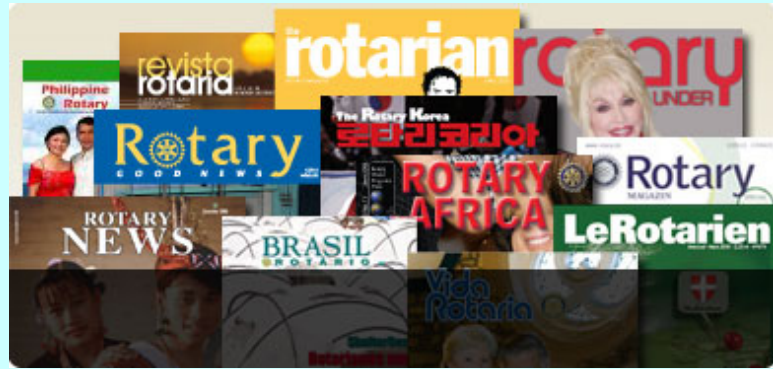


# Rotary Crossroads

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## April is Magazine Month



## Keeping Rotarians informed

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# In Focus

## April is Magazine Month

*-By John Kenny, President, Rotary International*

My fellow Rotarians,

At any given time, every one of Rotary's 33,000-plus clubs is carrying out some form of vital service in its local community and often internationally as well. Under Rotary's structure, each club works autonomously within a broader network that supports and inspires our efforts. An important piece of that network is the Rotary World Magazine Press, made up of *The Rotarian* and 31 regional magazines in 25 languages.

That is why a subscription to either *The Rotarian* or one of the regional magazines is mandatory for all Rotary club members. These publications bring us news of other clubs and districts, offer ideas for our own projects, and help us feel a greater bond with our fellow Rotarians. And the RI-mandated content printed in each issue creates a direct connection between our headquarters in Evanston and every Rotarian, everywhere in the world.

Your experience at this moment – of simply reading this message in a Rotary publication – is one that is common to every one of your fellow Rotarians, wherever they may be.

RI-mandated content is consistent in every publication. It is a single, shared message – a single, shared experience. That is invaluable and irreplaceable.

When I sit down to write a monthly president's message, destined for the pages of all of Rotary's magazines, I know that I have an opportunity that will come only once a month, for only the one year that I will be in office. It is an opportunity to speak directly, in my own words, to every one of our 1.2 million members. No matter how much I travel, or how often I speak, or how hard I work to bring my message to clubs and districts, nothing I can do will have the reach of the 400 words I am privileged to put on this page. Because I know that every Rotary magazine, everywhere in the world, carries forth that message just as I wrote it, or in its own local language.

I value that opportunity tremendously, as I value the publications that make it possible. April is Magazine Month, a good time to consider how this important member benefit can help your club's service efforts and to share the useful information in its pages with others. **RC**



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**- R.I. President John Kenny**

# Last week

## Club happenings on April 7<sup>th</sup>

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

### Opening Remarks:

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee warmly welcomed members and Speaker, none other than our member, Rtn. Dr. Rudi Ackermann.

### Welcome of Guests:

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn. Brian Jones, who recently returned from a long leave of absence:

### Guests:

Ms. Elisa Kang, Previous member Mr. Roland Wee, Mr. Mike Chan, Mr. Ulf Hoglund, Mr. Peter Williams

### Visiting Rotarian:

Mr. Jorgen Rasmussen – Lenzburg, Switzerland

### Toast:

Rtn. Dinesh Sharma called on members to join him in raising a toast to the Lenzburg club, coupled with the toast to R.I.

We learnt from visiting Rtn. Jorgen Rasmussen that his club is 52 years old with 65 members. He added that his club reflected some difficulties as a men's only club. He added that his club also agreed not to discuss the issue of women members for at least the next 5 years.

### Orchid Ball 2010:

Rtn. Shamin Vaswani reminded members of the coming Orchid Ball, which would be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Park View.

She requested members to arrive early and enjoy the services of an artistic photographer who would be available to take portrait-style photographs. Another good reason to be early was that cocktails would be served at 6.30pm!

### Adoption of the Audited Financial Statements:

President Lip Kee advised that the Club's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, circulated to members on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010, were to be formally adopted by members. He called upon IPP Paliath Mohandas to address the Club. IPP Mohan advised that only one issue on insurance cost for 2008 was raised, which would be addressed. Nevertheless, IPP Mohan added that the financial statements for adoption was for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 and requested for its adoption. Members with a show of hands then formally adopted the financial statements.

The Club extends its thanks to the Honorary Auditor, MGI N Rajan Associates for undertaking the audit.

### Major Project (2009/2010) Fund-raising:

President Lip Kee reminded members of this year's Major Project to aid Singapore Red Cross. He advised that the committee was discussing fund-raising projects and two proposals were being considered:

- 1) Holding the Miss World/Singapore Pageant Finals
  - 2) Film Premiere of "Toy Story" 3D
- President Lip Kee requested for and received members' opinions and feedback on these two proposals. He called for a show of hands as an indication of interest for the two projects. The majority of members preferred to support the Film Premiere of the "Toy Story". **RC**



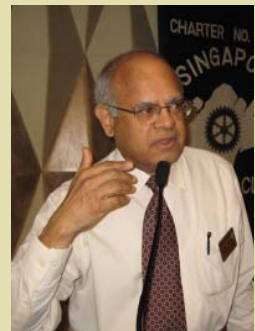
Brian Jones



Dinesh Sharma



Shamin Vaswani



IPP Paliath Mohandas

# Guest corner...

## “Singapore and its Position as a Legal Hub”

**Speaker: Rtn. Dr. Rudi Ackermann**

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

### Speaker's Introduction:

**Rtn. Willi Hess** was pleased to introduce the Speaker, none other than our member, **Rtn. Dr. Rudi Ackermann**, who is the Managing Partner of GSK Stockmann (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., a multinational law firm with offices in Asia and Europe. Rtn. Rudi holds various appointments and is the Director of Messe Berlin (S) Pte. Ltd. He is also a Director of ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems International Pte. Ltd. He is on the Board of the Singaporean-German Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Rtn. Rudi is a lecturer at the National University of Singapore for international commercial law and is an attorney of trust of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Singapore. He has written several publications and has conducted TV/Press interviews and presentations.

### Speaker:

At the start of his talk, Rtn. Rudi advised that he would keep talk brief and recounted his presentation made to the Sultan of Brunei on the German legal system.

In a very informative and entertaining style, Rtn. Rudi spoke about the law and its impact on our daily lives. He cited the example of Bayer's Mr. Felix Hoffmann who in 1897 invented the famous aspirin as well as heroin, which were marketed then as dual remedies. He added that the legal frame allowed this during that time, but was now considered a crime.

Rtn. Rudi gave a very insightful overview of the history of law and its practices.

Rtn. Rudi noted that whilst Singapore was a small country, its legal system has made it popular as a place of arbitration and he added that this was something to be very proud of.

### Vote of Thanks:

**Rtn. Jamshid Medora** warmly thanked Rtn. Rudi for his highly intelligent and entertaining talk. He added that the quality of Rtn. Rudi's talk was obvious as members paid so much attention to his presentation. **RC**



Speaker Rtn. Dr. Rudi Ackermann



Willi Hess



Jamshid Medora

# Club Activities

## 20<sup>th</sup> Rotary International District 3310 P.E.T.S. & Assembly

**Date:** President Elects Training Seminar- April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2010  
District Assembly – April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Venue:** The Zon Regency Hotel, Johor Bahru

**Registration Fees:**

Rotarians – S\$190.00

Spouses – S\$175.00

Golf Fellowship – S\$100.00

Registration forms are available from the Secretariat.

## Sister Club Visit to Rotary Club of Krabi

**Date:** April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

The Rotary Club of Singapore is organizing a fellowship visit to our sister club, Rotary Club of Krabi.

Part of the highlight of the trip will be renewing the sister club agreement.

Arrangements have been made to stay at the Aonang Cliff Beach Resort and their web site is [www.aonangcliffbeach.com](http://www.aonangcliffbeach.com). The hotel belongs to Rotarian Billy from the Rotary Club of Krabi. Per night is estimated to be about Baht 1500 inclusive of breakfast and airport transfers.

Please book your own tickets at <http://www.tigerairways.com/sg/en/index.php>. Tiger Airways flies direct to Krabi. Flight details are as follows 12.35pm depart Singapore and arrive in Krabi at 3.20pm on the April 30th and return from Krabi at 3.00pm and arrive in Singapore at 5.45pm on May 3rd. Book early to enjoy good rates for the air tickets.

Activities are varied, from island tours/rock climbing/ hot spring spa/ tiger caves visit and not forgetting feasting on glorious Thai food. The actual itinerary will be ready closer to the departure date.

After making your reservations, please contact **Rtn. Indi Tulsi** at email [tulsisin@pacific.net.sg](mailto:tulsisin@pacific.net.sg) or tel. 9001-1211, in order to be included in the Club's delegation list.

- contributed by Director Rtn. Indi Tulsi



## Board of Directors Year 2009-2010

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## Bulletin Committee

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# Club Activities...continued

## Mega Free Eye Camp @ Chitradurga - A Village near Bangalore, India

We have received donations/pledges for 451 surgeries. **451 persons can see again!**

Each Cataract Surgeries costs only S\$35.00. We call upon you to sponsor a minimum of 10 surgeries (S\$350). Please make out your cheques in favour of Rotary Club Of Singapore-International.

Please join the camp and make it memorable.... Lets Book Early to get a great fare on Tiger Airways.

### Camp Program:

**Location** : Chitradurga , 3 hours drive from Bangalore

**Dates** : April 25th - 29<sup>th</sup> 2010. (Rotarians may return to Singapore by April 27th night flight)

### Tentative Program:

April 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 9pm : ETD Singapore

April 25th Sunday at 11.30pm : Lunch Meeting with RC Bangalore Brigade at 2pm : Depart for Chitradurga by road

April 26th Monday at 9am : Inauguration Ceremony at 11am : Surgeries start. Rotarians will be required to help out.

### Return Journey:

Option 1 : April 27th Tuesday at 1pm - those who desire can take the flight back to Singapore

Option 2 : Stay at Chitradurga till the end of camp which is till April 29<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Option 3 : April 27th - 29th - A sightseeing tour to Mysore and other areas can be organized.

### Description of Project :

- 1) IOL Surgeries will be conducted by Dr. Solanki & his team of three surgeons.
- 2) Estimated number of surgeries will be approximately 1000.
- 3) All patients will be from the rural areas and cannot afford to pay for a surgery. Most of the patients will be senior citizens.
- 4) A week prior to the actual camp, screening will start to shortlist those who will be operated upon.
- 5) Patients will be provided free transport to and from the venue of the camp.
- 6) Free Food and Medicines will also be provided for.

- contributed by Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao

## Photos taken at previous Mega Free Eye Camps...



Patients waiting for their operations



Rotarians assisting in the procedures



Patient recuperating from surgery

## The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the precept of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

First : Have I spent some time in self-examination?

Second: Have I spent quality time with my family?

Third : Have I given my best to my work?

Fourth : Have I given some time to someone near and far?

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

# Mark your **Diary!**



- compiled by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

## Birthday Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Birthday* to celebrants:

- April 12** – Etienne Chenevier
- April 13** – Raj Ramiah & Jeff Rajeck
- April 15** – Paul Phua
- April 17** – Shalini Sharma
- April 18** – Robert Craiu

## This week

April 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Reception Desk duty:** PP J K Ong, Tapan Rao  
**Sunshine Box duty:** Xavier Sanjiman, Win Lu Htut  
**Speaker:** Mr. Jon Cooper  
**Topic:** "The Adam Park Project"

## Service Committee Meetings International Service

No Meeting in view of the final Club Assembly for Rotary year 2009/2010 which will be held on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Tanglin Club at 6.00pm.

## Anniversary Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to all celebrants:

- April 17** – Christian & Lucie Luetkehaus

## Next week

April 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

**Reception Desk duty:** Dinesh Sharma, Hon. Treasurer Nirmal Singh  
**Sunshine Box duty:** PP C K Ang, Florian Edelmann  
**Speaker:** To be advised  
**Topic:** To be advised

## Service Committee Meetings

### Service to New Generations

No Meeting in view of the final Club Assembly for Rotary year 2009/2010 which will be held on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Tanglin Club at 6.00pm.

## April

### Magazine Month

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly Visit to Assisi Home

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

PETS & District Assembly

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly Visit to the Society for the Aged Sick

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mega Free Eye Camp in Chitradurga, Bangalore

## May

### Community Month

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly Visit to the Assisi Home

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Monthly Visit to the Society for the Aged Sick

## June

### Rotary Fellowships Month

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly Visit to the Assisi Home

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Installation Dinner

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly Visit to the Society for the Aged Sick

## The Four-way Test

Of the Things we think, say or do:

- ❖ Is it the truth?
- ❖ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ❖ Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- ❖ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**Humour!**

- contributed by Rtn. Paul Phua

