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Philippines President joins Rotarians in Manila Celebrations

Philippines President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo gave a rousing welcome to more than 800 Rotarians who attended the RI Presidential Celebration on Poverty Alleviation at the Makati Shangri -la Hotel in Metro Manila on 31 January.

Warmly recalling her days as an active member of the Rotary Club of Makati Central, Macapagal - Arroyo delivered a keynote address in which she paid tribute to the Rotarian friendship and fellowship that she still enjoys.

"When I was coming down the aisle, (RI President) Jonathan noticed that I greeted so many people by their first names. And he (asked), 'Do you remember all the Rotarians by their first names?' "remarked the Philippines president."I said, a lot of them,' because before I became a senator or vice president or president fighting for poverty alleviation, I was a Rotarian fighting for poverty alleviation. And I am happy to be able to see many of those Rotarians that we used to work together with here in this hall today."

RI World Headquarters ceremony brings centennial home

For a moment it appeared as if the gentle tugs at the ropes dangling from the lamppost were too feeble to do the trick. But undeterred by the wintry chill, more than 200 guests, local Rotarians, and Rotary International staff looked on patiently as RI President-elect Glenn E. Estess, Jr., Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman James Lacy, and Evanston Mayor Lorraine Morton strained to accomplish the task at hand.

Then, at precisely 1:08 pm on 2 February, the white-and-blue street banner celebrating 100 years of Rotary was veiled to clapping and the ceremonial tooting of a trumpet in front of RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Similar signs will be displayed on streets throughout downtown Evanston to announce Rotary's centennial anniversary.

"It is great to be a part of this city," said R I General Secretary Edwin Futa, who was emcee at the event. "We are proud to be a part of this community."

Government. UNESCO officials learn about Rotary's humanitarian efforts

More than 40 education ministry officials and UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) representatives across Asia returned home from a 19-23 January meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, with a richer knowledge of Rotary's literacy initiatives and other humanitarian programs.

Recalling the more than 50-year-old relationship between Rotary and UNESCO, Phaphan Hutasingh, RI's representative to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, told attendees how partnerships and collaboration among nonprofit organizations, governments, and UN agencies at the grassroots level are a more effective way to solve the world's problems than going it alone.

New nominations deadline for Four Avenues of Service Citation

Beginning in *2003-04*, the deadline for Rotary clubs to submit nominations for the four A venue of Service Citation for individual Rotarians is 30 June. Nominations are accepted throughout the Rotary year and are usually processed within four weeks.

This citation program provides Rotary clubs with the means to personally recognize one club member for his or her outstanding efforts across the Four A venues of Service. Candidates for nomination should be Rotarians in good standing, who have consistently demonstrated their support of the object of Rotary through participation in service activities in club, vocational, community, and international service.

As famine persists. Southern African district prepares to help

Southern Africa is in the throes of an extended drought, resulting in severe food shortages affecting tens of millions of residents. The situation is most dire in Zimbabwe, where an estimated eight million people are in danger of dying from starvation this year. Due to shortfalls in donor funding the UN agency World Food Program (WFP), was forced to halve its December *2003* cereal ration to Zimbabwe and the situation is unlikely to improve.

According to a recent WFP statement, "In most rural areas, there is simply not enough food to go around. Overall, food security is rapidly deteriorating. More than four million Zimbabweans, the most vulnerable of the rural poor, will need assistance by January."

To help address this food emergency, the District 9210 Disaster Relief Programme is collaborating with local and international humanitarian organizations. As a result of their nonpolitical credentials, Rotary clubs in the district - comprising swathes of Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe - are widely accepted as a neutral grass roots network of volunteers who can operate in an environment aggravated by political crises.

Rotary's Sports Meet

The Sports meet for the Rotary Clubs organized by the Rotary Club of Bhagyanagar on the 14th & 15th of February was a huge success with participation from Rotarians of all the clubs. The venue for the event, The Railway Recreation Club, Secunderabad was the meeting point for Rotarians to participate in Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis, Carroms and a few track events.

The two day meet saw active participation from Rotarians in the true spirit of Sportsmanship. The meet was formally inaugurated by District Governor J.A.S.Giri. Our Congratulations to all the winners, to the participants and the host club under the leadership of President Kumar for making this Two day event a memorable one

What is greatness?

True greatness, true leadership is achieved not by reducing men to one's service, but by giving oneself in selfless service to them.

It was Anon, who said: "Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service, and character. "

"Really great men have a curious feeling that the greatness is not in them but through them."

- John Ruskin

I've learned

that we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

that its taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

that money is a lousy way of keeping score.

that my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

that your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

that the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

Miles Stones March,2004
Birthdays

Rtn Ajit Gandhi -7th
Ann.Shreya Malani -10th
Annette. A Sparsha -12th
Annette. Alekhya -17th
Annette. Jayashree -20th
Mr manu Gossain -28th

Programme for the month March,04

6th Business meeting
13th Speaker meeting
20th Speaker meeting
27th Fellowship gettogether

THE FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1.Is it the TRUTH ?
- 2.Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- 3.Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP ?
- 4.Will it be beneficial to all

How long we live is not for us to say:

We may have years ahead-or but a day.

The length of life is not of our control,
but length is not the measure of the soul.

Not length, but width and depth

define the span

by which the world takes measure

of a man.

It matters not how long before we sleep,

but only how wide is our life- how deep

-Helen Marshall

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