



## **Rotary International President's September Message:**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

September 2008

In Rotary, we know that planning ahead and planning wisely are the keys to successful service. This is why I urge all of you to plan ahead – and plan wisely – by registering now for the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England.

If you have been to a convention before, you already know how wonderful this annual event can be. And if you have never been to a Rotary convention, Birmingham is the perfect place to start.

Like Rotary, Birmingham is a mix of the old and the new. With a pedestrian-friendly downtown area and excellent public transportation, the city offers diverse neighborhoods, historical interests, great dining, and ample shopping. And Britain's extensive rail network makes it easy to get to many sites in less than an hour. The excitement of London, the natural beauty of Wales, and all the charms of the English countryside are close enough for a daytrip and engaging enough for a post-convention vacation.

With its own airport and rapid rail links to London, Birmingham is an easy destination from anywhere in the world. And once you're in Birmingham, your stay will be more than worth the trip. There, you will join thousands of Rotarians from dozens of countries as you celebrate a year in which we have worked together to Make Dreams Real for the world's children.

It is impossible to describe the energy and excitement of a Rotary convention. It is the highlight of the Rotary year and an event that I look forward to from the end of each convention until the beginning of the next. I know I will see old friends and make new ones, learn about Rotary projects throughout the world, and find new ways that my club can put Service Above Self.

Each convention is different, but each one promises the same friendship, fellowship, and inspiration. Each one is unique, and each one is memorable. Each one is an opportunity that will not come again.

I strongly believe that every Rotarian should experience a Rotary convention at least once. It will forever change how you see Rotary. And after you leave, you'll find that you are already planning for the next convention. Young and I look forward to seeing you in Birmingham for the 100th convention of Rotary International.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee  
*President, Rotary International*

### **Announcements**

#### **Sunday 21 September :**

Seminar on Malaria, Sun 21,  
 Rotary Sadan, 10am-2pm

#### **Sunday 28 September :**

New Members' Orientation  
 Workshop, Rotary Sadan,  
 10am to 4pm

#### **Sunday 28 September :**

Visit to AAA, Paushi (Pre-Puja)

## Minutes of 114th RWM cum 2<sup>nd</sup> Zonal Meet of RCCR

held on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 at CRC, at 12:00 noon.

- 1) President Nihar along with Presidents of Zone XXI clubs called their respective meetings to order at 12 noon.
- 2) National Anthem was rendered.
- 3) President announced that our new member Dr. Aditya N Sen had represented India at the UICC World Cancer Congress at Geneva and welcomed him back to Kolkata and our club.
- 4) Chief Guest PDG Prabir Chakravarti was introduced and asked to speak. He discussed how to organize Rotary projects with minimal or no cost involved.
- 5) On behalf of Zone XXI, Rtn Srijit proposed a formal vote of thanks.
- 6) There being no other matter to discuss, the meeting was terminated at 1:05pm.

Members present: 9,  
District Officials, Visiting Rotarians, Guests,  
and Other Club Secretaries and Presidents: 42

### Common words - what they 'ACTUALLY' mean

**School:** A place where Papa pays and son plays.

**Life Insurance:** A contract that keeps you poor all your life so that you can die rich.

**Nurse:** A person who wakes you up to give you sleeping pills.

**Marriage:** It's an agreement in which a man loses his bachelor degree and a woman gains her master's.

**Divorce:** Future tense of marriage.

**Lecture:** An art of transferring information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through "the minds of either"

**Conference:** The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.

**Compromise:** The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

**Dictionary:** A place where success comes before work.

**Conference Room:** A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.

**Father :** A banker provided by nature.

**Criminal:** A guy no different from the rest... except that he got caught.

**Boss :** Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.

**Politician :** One who shakes your hand before elections and your confidence after.

**Doctor :** A person who kills your ills by pills, and kills you by bills.

**Classic :** Books, which people praise, but do not read.

**Smile :** A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

**Office:** A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

**Yawn:** The only time some married men ever get to open their mouth.

**Etc :** A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do.

**Committee :** Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to

Decide that nothing can be done together.

**Experience:** The name men give to their mistakes.

**Atom Bomb:** An invention to end all inventions.