



R.I. President's December Message

FOCUS ON FAMILIES IN DECEMBER

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As a father of four and grandfather of five, I have been fortunate to have spent many years in the company of children. When raising our own children, my wife, Young, and I worked hard to give them what all children need most: a loving, safe, and stable home. Our children were our first priority, and we made sure that they always had nutritious food, appropriate clothing, quality medical care, and a good education. We knew very well how fortunate we were to be able to do this. We were grateful that we never had to say to our children, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing to eat tonight," or "I'm sorry, but we can't pay your school fees."

When I was a child, Korea was a poor country, and there were many children who went to bed hungry at night and had no school to go to in the morning. As a Rotarian, I know only too well that there are still far too many children in the world without the absolute essentials: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. And as a Rotarian who is also a father, I consider all of the world's children to be my responsibility.

When I see my own grandchildren – happy, healthy, and enrolled in good schools – I cannot help but think of the millions of children who do not have so many advantages. I think of the children who have too little to eat and only dirty water to drink. I think of the children who are sick with diseases that could have been prevented and those who will have nowhere safe to sleep tonight. And I think of the children, millions of them every year, who won't live to see their fifth birthday.

December is Family Month. It is a time to focus on our families, to involve them in our Rotary service, and to challenge ourselves to do even more for those in need. Because there are so many families and so many children waiting for our help, we, as Rotarians, cannot look away. We cannot and will not rest until all children, everywhere, have the chance for a long and healthy life. We will not rest until we Make Dreams Real for every child in every home where there is hunger, sickness, and want. As Rotarians, we can do no less.

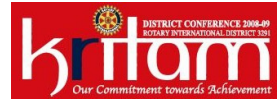
Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee, President, Rotary International

Announcements

Saturday 13 December : District Governor's Official Visit, DKS Club, 5pm

Sat & Sun 20 & 21 December : RCC Conference SWAPNA PURAM –
Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium

District Governor's Message - Nayantara Palchoudhuri



Rotary International District 3291 Conference 'KRITAM', the most important event of the Rotary 2008-2009 year, is scheduled to be held at Nazrul Mancha, Kolkata from 9th to 11th January, 2009.

The purpose of the District Conference is to advance the Object of Rotary through inspirational talks and discussion of issues important to Rotary clubs in the district and Rotary International, besides the warm fellowship. The conference will showcase Rotary programmes and successful district and club activities.

It will be my team's effort to ensure crisp and interesting plenary sessions by identifying and inviting good speakers to cover areas of Rotary Information, current important issues related to the community we serve, leadership and motivation, besides arranging good entertaining cultural programmes and fellowship. My team will also endeavour to ensure that 'KRITAM' will be your three days of HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

In order to make this event a great success, I invite all Rotarians, spouses and children, Rotaractors, Interactors and all associated with Rotary to attend KRITAM, the first District Conference of District 3291. It is my dream that KRITAM stands tall amongst all the district events besides being the pathfinder for all the future conferences. I am confident that with your presence and active participation YOUR District Conference will not only be a memorable event but the TALK OF THE TOWN.

Let us, therefore, come together and MAKE DREAMS REAL.

CARDS THAT CARE

New Year cards are readily available with the District. You can see them on the District website. Look under 'C' for Cards. Or Click: www.rotary3291.org/cards.htm. All payments are to be made in cash or by cheques in favor of "R I District 3291 Publication". Orders may be placed with:

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HUMOUR - Logic and Law

After having failed his exam in "Logic and Law", a student goes and confronts his lecturer about it.

Student: "Sir, do you really understand anything about the subject?"

Professor: "Surely I must. Otherwise I would not be a professor!"

Student: "Great, well then I would like to ask you a question. If you can give me the correct answer, I will accept my mark as is and go. If you however do not know the answer, I want you give me an "A" for the exam. "

Professor: "Okay, it's a deal. So what is the question?"

Student: "What is legal, but not logical, logical, but not legal, and neither logical, nor legal?"

Even after some long and hard consideration, the professor cannot give the student an answer, and therefore changes his exam mark into an "A", as agreed. Afterwards, the professor calls on his best student and asks him the same question.

He immediately answers: "Sir, you are 63 years old and married to a 35 year old woman, which is legal, but not logical. Your wife has a 25 year old lover, which is logical, but not legal. The fact that you have given your wife's lover an "A", although he really should have failed, is neither legal, nor logical."