



FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 13/2011-12

HELLO MY FELLOW ROTARIANS,

We just had a fantastic District Conference here in Kota Kinabalu attended by about 282 participants including 53 spouses. The occasion was made more meaningful with the presence of the RI President's Special Representative PRID Dr Kenneth Collins and his charming spouse Past President Diane Collins who came all the way from Perth, Australia. In the words of Dr Kenneth "in the past years or so both Diane and I have attended so many conferences some as RI President's Special Representative, this is definitely the two best conferences we have attended. The best was our own conference".

This Conference also saw the last lap of the End Polio- Trans Sabah Walk and Climb of Mount Kinabalu where about 200 Rotarians, their family members and friends of Rotary joined PP Leong Chee Woh and his team making the last lap to the Conference venue. We are indeed extremely proud of our heroes who dared to 'walk the talk' and walked their way to ending Polio... yet another great example of a successful Rotary project.

I must sincerely thank all of you coming from far and near for your attendance and for making this Conference a reality. For without you there would have been no conference. Thank you for your support.

I wish to also thank all members of the Organizing Committee headed by Past President Warrence Chan for their untiring effort and hard work over the last year or so to deliver such a successful event. I am sure, the greatest reward for the team is the positive feedback and 'thank you' received from many Rotarians who I believe have returned to their homes and clubs with plenty of good memories... and photographs (many which I see are already posted on Facebook). SYABAS to Past President Warrence Chan and his team!

A big thank you also to all Presidents and members of all the 7 Rotary Clubs in Kota Kinabalu for your strong support and cooperation rendered to making this event a great success, one that all of us is proud about. The many achievements of this conference have proven that a combined effort does not only lead to better, satisfying results but also the strengthening of friendships between clubs.

Last but not least, I wish to thank all the lovely spouses of District 3310 who were involved in the organizing of the Conference events, whether directly or indirectly, and also to the spouses who participated in the spouse program, which I believe received very encouraging response. I truly enjoyed the afternoon making pearl bracelets with all



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of you. Your contributions and great song performance reminded us of your on-going support to Rotary and that without a doubt, you are the better half of us.

I was invited to deliver a speech at the Governor's Banquet and I wish to share which I would like to share with all of you.

SPEECH BY DG HJ ZAINIE ABDUL AUCASA
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BANQUET
20 NOVEMBER 2011

SALUTATION:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, PAST RI DIRECTOR,
DR KENNETH COLLINS AND CHARMING SPOUSE DIANE.

CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVID TONG AND
CHARMING SPOUSE IRENE.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND THEIR LOVELY SPOUSES.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT LEE KONG HWEE AND CHARMING SPOUSE NANA.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MY FELLOW ROTARIANS

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WISH TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THIS GOVERNOR'S
BANQUET, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK PARTICULARLY OUR GUEST OF HONOUR, PAST RI DIRECTOR,
DR KENNETH COLLINS AND HIS CHARMING SPOUSE DIANE FOR THEIR GRACIOUS
PRESENCE HERE TONIGHT. DR KENNETH IS AN OUTSTANDING MAN IN HIS PERSONAL
LIFE AS A DOCTOR AND HE IS AN OUTSTANDING AND HIGHLY DISTINGUISHED
ROTARIAN.

DIANE HERSELF IS ALSO A ROTARIAN AND TOGETHER WITH DR KENNETH, THEY HAVE
CONTRIBUTED IMMENSELY TO THE CAUSE OF ROTARY FOUNDATION. IN THE FEW DAYS
THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WITH US, WE FIND THEM TO BE A LOVELY AND LOVING COUPLE.
THAT I THINK IS THE MAIN REASON THEY ARE EXCELLENT ROTARIANS. WE WISH BOTH



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OF THEM MEANINGFUL CONFERENCE AND AN ENJOYABLE STAY HERE IN KOTA KINABALU.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND MY FELLOW ROTARIANS.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE CALENDAR OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, I BELIEVE YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT, MEETING WITH ROTARIANS FROM OUR DISTRICT AND BEYOND. THIS CONFERENCE IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND MEET OLD ONES. WE HAVE DESIGNED AN INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE PROGRAM FOR YOU AND YOUR SPOUSES. THIS IS WHAT ROTARY IS ALL ABOUT: FELLOWSHIP AT ITS BEST.

AS WE ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP, WE CONSTANTLY CHALLENGE OUR OWN NOTIONS OF ROTARY. WE WILL PUSH OUR MENTAL BORDERS OF ROTARY A LITTLE FURTHER WHEN WE LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER. IN FELLOWSHIP WE DISCOVER THE RICHEST SOURCES OF IDEAS, THE GREATEST INSPIRATIONS AND THE BEST SCHOOLS OF ROTARY. LEARNING FROM YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS IS THE EASIEST AND MOST DIRECT WAY TO ENJOY ROTARY.

THIS EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AMONG ROTARIANS NOT ONLY EDUCATES BUT ALSO STIMULATES THE GROWTH AND EVOLUTION OF ROTARY. THIS WILL ENSURE ITS CONTINUING RELEVANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY CHANGE WITH TIME. AS THE COMMUNITY EVOLVES, WE FACE NEW CHALLENGES. THE PROBLEMS WE FACE TODAY MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM SAY 20 YEARS AGO. WHEN WE SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES WE NOT ONLY LEARN BUT ALSO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANTICIPATE FUTURE PROBLEMS.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS ALSO AN AVENUE FOR US TO THINK ABOUT CHARTING THE COURSE OUR DISTRICT WILL TAKE. HERE IN THE BACKDROP OF FELLOWSHIP AND PLENARY SESSIONS, LET US ALSO TAKE TIME TO THINK HOW WE CAN "REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY". LET US THINK HOW AS AN ORGANISATION WE CAN HARNESS OUR CORPORATE STRENGTH AND VAST RESOURCES TO DO MORE FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED.

IN OUR DISTRICT 3310, WE HAVE 63 ROTARY CLUBS, WITH A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF 1,800 ROTARIANS. IN THE LST FEW MONTHS OF THIS ROTARY YEAR, MY WIFE, KALIMAH AND I HAVE VISITED 37 CLUBS. THE HOTEL ROOM WAS OUR HOUSE AND AIRASIA WAS OUR TRANSPORT. THOUGH VERY HECTIC AND TIRING AT TIMES, BUT OUR STAMINA WAS ENERGISED AND BOOSTED WHENEVER WE MEET OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS ON THE WAY.



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THE RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY ACCORDED TO US WERE EXCELLENT AND WE WISH ONCE AGAIN TO THANK ALL OF THEM SINCERELY.

IF ANYTHING THAT KALIMAH AND I HAVE LEARNED FROM THE VISITS TO THESE CLUBS AND I BELIEVE TOO, WITH ALL THE REMAINING CLUBS, IS OUR MEETING WITH SO MANY DEVOTED AND DEDICATED ROTARIANS AT THE CLUBS, BOTH YOUNG AND SENIOR, AND NEVER FORGETTING THEIR WONDERFUL AND SUPPORTIVE SPOUSES WHO WE HAVE THE GREATEST PLEASURE OF KNOWING.

I WAS TOLD THAT 53 SPOUSES HAVE REGISTERED THEMSELVES FOR THIS CONFERENCE.

ALL OF THESE GREAT ROTARIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE, AND ARE STILL CONTRIBUTING THEIR ENERGY AND RESOURCES TO HELP MANKIND. SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN ENGAGING ROTARIANS FOR 53 YEARS OR MORE. I SALUTE THESE HEROES OF SERVICE IN OUR GENERATION. THESE ARE OUR SILENT HEROES....

MY FELLOW ROTARIANS, YOU ARE THE SILENT HEROES. AND I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT TOGETHER WE ARE ROTARIANS BUT MORE SO, THAT YOU AND I ARE FRIENDS.

WHILE MANY OF YOU ARE HERE TONIGHT, THERE ARE MANY BACK AT THEIR CLUBS WHO DUE TO HEALTH AND OTHER REASONS, SADLY ARE NOT ABLE TO BE WITH US AT THIS CONFERENCE. AS I SPEAK TO YOU ALL, MY THOUGHTS ARE ALSO WITH THEM. AND I WISH THEM WELL.

IF ANYBODY IS TO ASK ME WHAT IS MY MOST ENRICHING EXPERIENCE AS A DISTRICT GOVERNOR, I WILL SAY THIS: MEETING PERSONALLY WITH THESE SILENT HEROES .. SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES AND LIVES AS ROTARIANS EMBARKING THIS WONDERFUL JOURNEY OF ROTARY TOGETHER. THIS EXPERIENCE WILL HAVE A PROFOUND LASTING EFFECT ON ME AND ONE WHICH I WILL TREASURE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

MY FELLOW ROTARIANS, I BELIEVE THAT "LIFE IS A GIFT ... LIVE IT ... ENJOY IT ... CELEBRATE IT ... AND FULFIL IT". LET'S DO IT IN THIS EVER SO WONDERFUL WORLD OF OURS.

I immediately did my rendition of the song "What a Wonderful World" and subsequently followed on stage by my family members and all those attending the banquet joined in the singing.



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THE LYRICS TO “WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD”

*“I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself what a wonderful world*

*I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself what a wonderful world*

*The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do
They’re really saying I love you*

*I hear babies crying, I watch them grow
They’ll learn much more than I’ll ever know
And I think to myself what a wonderful world
Yes I think to myself what a wonderful world”*





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