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Message from our President



The Future of Rotary is in your hands

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I am extremely pleased to have been requested to convey this message in our 1st bulletin, scheduled for the month of August itself. It has been an eventful month so far, as various projects have started rapidly. Only a few days after the induction ceremony, the literacy project has a new batch of students coming over on Saturdays. The 2nd part of the brainstorming session held at Gymkhana Club of Sunday 12 July could be envied by many corporate boardrooms. A talk by Dr Kevin Teeroovengadum on AH1N1, a training session on Membership Development and a visit of past members are the other events of the month. Organization of our Charity Walk "Never Walk Alone" - scheduled for September 13 - is now in full swing. Active participation of members can only motivate our team for further achievements. We need to demonstrate to RI President John Kenny that the theme "The future of Rotary is in your hands" is a top priority on our agenda. Our commitment and involvement will shape the destiny of our club. Together, we will enlighten the future of Rotary.

Best wishes for a glorious Rotary year

President Madoo Desha

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Bouncing Back with Vigour

One should be proud to be a Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Beau Bassin -Rose Hill. Our club has an impressive records and has played an important role in the promotion & sharing of Rotarian values, over nearly, the last 20 years. President Madoo's initiative to invite a number of Past Presidents in the first month of his mandate is quite laudable. This meeting was not only nostalgic but also refreshed the memories of all present of the dedication, drive & passion that animated our pioneer members to launch a Rotary Club in this region.

Charter President Guy Ducasse stressed that it took him two long sessions to launch & charter the club in November 1989. Successive Presidents and Rotarians have throughout brought a number of initiatives & laudable activities that earned our club the reputation of being a very efficient club in the District 9220. Further, we won on two occasions the double distinctions of Best Project & Best President in the whole District 9220 for the sessions 1997-1998 & 2005-2006.

Like any organisation, we also had our low times. However, what is impressing is our capability & elegant way that we bounced back. Credit should go to:

1. PP Eddy for the, efforts & sincerity, he put to motivate and retain a quantity of quality Rotarians. As a Professional Manager, he went according to the basic principle that "It costs much more to form a new cadre than to retain an able one".
2. Past Secretary Magan for driving the brainstorming sessions in view to connect the vision, mission of the club with the strategic plan of Rotary International. The vital support of PP Chris Bungsy & participation of more than 80% of members is now permitting the club to come out with a strategic plan for the next three years. It is important to note that these efforts were fully supported by both Outgoing & Incoming Board.

It is no secret that our club has marked the minds of all stakeholders associated with Rotary & Service Club by our dynamism, quality of our Rotarians and a number of unforgettable events. Seven impressive attributes that make our club Special are:

1. RC BB-RH is the first Rotary Club in Mauritius that has admitted a woman member.
2. As at today, we still have some 4 charter members who are still active with the club.
3. We are having under one roof different age group of members coming from a wide variety of professions ensuring a harmonious cohabitation of Experience & Energy.
4. We value sincerely the youth & has sponsored the formation of both Rotaract & Interact clubs.
5. We have launched a successful Rotary Club in Flacq.
6. We are the first Rotary club Worldwide to be ISO Certified.
7. We are the only Rotary club in Eastern Africa of having its own Club House & have even commemorated our Founder by naming it Paul Harris House.

At the last brainstorming session, all members showed enthusiasm & passion to get the club to new heights. Let us therefore walk together and participate in the realisation of the noble mission of Rotary International for the future of Rotary is in our Hands.



Brainstorming

Together and stronger



Cementing our team to excel in the execution of Rotary ideals

Take the RCBBRH to achieve the highest rank in Community

Service Excellence

Brainstorming Session held on **14 June and 12 July 2009** at **Mauritius Gymkhana Club Vacoas** was a Success...**This exercise was initiated by Rtn Magan and fully supported by P.P Chris.**

The members of the club met on two Sundays at the Mauritius Gymkhana Club, Vacoas, in spite of the winter hitting hard. These were real moments of friendship, joy and engagement in shaping the contours and drawing the roadmap of our new, revamped, rejuvenated, re-born Rotary Club.

The list of endorsed priorities was presented as:

- 1. Eradicate Polio**
- 2. Advance recognition and public image of RI**
- 3. Increase capacity to serve others**
- 4. Expand membership globally**
- 5. Emphasize unique vocational service commitment**
- 6. Optimize leadership talents within RI**
- 7. Implement strategic planning process throughout organization**



After the presentation by Rtn Magan on "What type of Club we want in 10 years from now", PE Madoo closed the open debate on this topic by expressing his approach and ways to keep the wheel of RCBBRH turning with enthusiasm and with membership number around 45.

A sustainable future through Quality and not Quantity...

Rtn Magan then ran through the requirements of the Club Leadership Plan (CLP). "We need to have a sustainable future through Quality but not quantity projects.....Overcome the deficit in membership by expansion of the club and laying much emphasis on PHH and serving the community around and in our vicinity." This part was concluded by PN Reihaz. Some training programmes are imperative for our members.



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Forthcoming events July 09 up to December 2009



Adult Literacy (July-Dec 09)
Rtns Ya Ling & Sarah



Brainstorming (12 Aug 2009)
P.P Chris & Rtn Magan



Fund raising & Flag day (24-26 Oct 2009)
P.P Eddy



DG's visit (20 Aug 2009)
Rtn Ashok



End of year party (20 or 27 Nov 2009)
P.P Ashok & P.P Gerrish



Never walk alone (13 Sep 2009)
P.P Sham & Rtn Rajen




APRIM Party (Dec 2009)
P.P Chris & Rtn Sartah



PHH Upgrade (Nov 09 – Apl 2010)
P.P Guy & Rtn Ian







Election Day (Dec 2009)
P.P Sham & Rtn Shameer




ROTARY CLUB

**The 4 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 concerned?

	Inner World	Outer World
Individual	What is beneficial? (to each one)	What is? (empirical truth)
Group	What is fair? (to everyone) What builds goodwill?	What works? (in a specific context and for the entire system)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- I. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- II. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- III. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- IV. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

INTERNATIONAL





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Rotarians sensitized on swine flu

Dr. Kevin Teerovanengadam, a young & dynamic Specialist from Victoria Hospital, sensitized Rotaractors & Rotarians on the spread of Swine Flu. The H1N1 virus initially originated from Mexico & spread out to the world. Mauritius is now being seriously affected with already 4 cases of death recorded. As vaccinations have not yet reached the Mauritian market, preventative measures are to be enforced to prevent swine flu spread.

It is to be noted that this virus can be caught at school, workplace or even home if you come into a contact of less than 2 metres with an infected patient. It would take 24 hours for the symptoms to develop. Infected patients would suffer among of fever, sore throat, cough, body ache, runny nose, headache & even tiredness.



Although nobody is safe, but these vulnerable groups should be extra careful:

1. Children under 4 years old
2. Pregnant women
3. Elders of 65 years & more
4. Dialysis patients
5. People suffering from cancer, lung, heart, kidney and other diseases

Some precautionary measures include:

- Cut out on Business Trips
- Distribute information brochures to all your staff.
- Ensure that washing basin is fitted with tissues and soap
- Maintain good ventilation
- Be aware, but not afraid



• Wash your hands every time you touch your nose, mouth or eyes.



• Maintain good indoor ventilation.



Rotary Club of Beau Bassin, Rose Hill





A few past events

The Rotary Club of Beau Bassin- Rose Hill has welcomed a number of guests at its meetings



Past President Krishna Neerbun recalling his great days at the club.

Charter President Guy Ducasse Presenting Paul Harris Medal to P.P. Geerish



President of Macoss, Meckraj Baldowa, explaining the new challenges facing the civil society

Members paying careful attention to the presentation on swine flu by Dr. Teeroovengadum



Secretary RAJ celebrating his Birthday

President Madoo inducted in the presence of eminent personalities

