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Qadir Mohiuddin Presents Global Outlook for 2015



Qadir Mohiuddin Ph.D, Associate Professor in School of Management, New York Institute of Technology at Nanjing, Jiangusu, China, was back at the Maiibu Rotary Club meeting January 7, to give his views on trouble spots to keep an eye on in 2015.



Since we did not have a computer on which to show Qadir's PowerPoint presentation, in which he would have shown the parts of the world where troublesome news events were expected to occur during the year, the professor drew a makeshift picture of the world on the chalkboard in the classroom of our meeting (Learning Center 152), and said he would talk about world problems working from right to left, starting in Asia. (Editor's note: I must admit the map of the world above was ripped off the Internet from Mapsoftheworld.com without permission).

Qadir says the flashpoint here is a small island located south of the Sea of Japan near Japan, China and North Korea. The island had been gifted to Japan, but there is controversy which country actually owns it. It is one of the issues that affects Sino-Japanese relations.

China is gaining in world power and the only country that can stand up to China is the United States.

Further west there is the ongoing conflict between Pakistan and India, and there is ongoing low intensity warfare between Russia and Pakistan, because Pakistan blocks Russian access to the Indian Ocean.

Further west, in Europe, the Greek economic crisis affects the countries that have lent Greece money—France, Italy and Germany.

There are the problems between Russia and the Ukraine. The Crimean crisis is an ongoing dispute resulting from an international crisis in 2014 involving Russia and Ukraine over the control of the Crimean Peninsula, which culminated in its annexation by Russia. The crisis is part of the wider 2014 Russian military intervention in Ukraine which also includes the Donbass region of Ukraine. The current international status of Crimea and Sevastopol as federal subjects of the Russian Federation is only explicitly recognized by five UN member states, other than Russia. All other countries recognize Crimea as part of Ukraine. Qadir says that Putin, who was a KGB officer, has a penchant for power, wants to rebuild the Russian empire and be a new Czar.

In the Middle East there is the ongoing conflict of the Islamic State, which is made up of the Sunni Muslims, and the Shia Muslims in Iraq and Iran. The Persian empire wants nuclear weapons. Israel will probably bomb Iran to destroy its nuclear capability. Republican congress in America would probably support Israel more than the Obama administration has.

Looking at the continent of Africa Qadir points out that it has a rich elite, and many of the students he is now seeing in the classes he teaches in China are from Africa. Africa has raw materials that are now being bought, in large part, by China.

In the Western Hemisphere Brazil and Argentina are in debt. The Brazilian debt is linked to the U.S.

Qadir said that in the *Bloomberg News* “Pessimists View of 2015” the economic fight between Japan and China continues. He points out how the Japanese economy has struggled in the last 10 years. The US remains the number 1 economy in the world, but China has supplanted Japan as number 2. If you looked at the world Gross Domestic Production (GDP) 10 years ago, US was 34%, Japan was 16%, German was 8%, and China was among the others with much less. Currently the US, although it less than was, is still number 1 with 29%, and is still twice as much as #2 China, which is 14%, and Japan, which is a little less than that. China still imports much of its raw materials, and much of that is from Africa.

Other issues facing the world include the Taliban in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and Islamic Fundamentalists. Qadir said the current President of Pakistan Mamnoon Hussain, is a smart man who has a degree in Business Administration from a university in Karachi, Pakistan, that was set up by the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

When asked about the falling oil prices we have seen lately (with lower prices at the pump) Qadir said it is due to increased supply from the Saudis, who are undercutting Iranian oil as a favor to the U.S.

As for the Republican majority in the US Congress, Qadir said he believes it will mean the U.S. will engage the world more than it has during most of the Obama Administration—just as Woodrow Wilson engaged the world. *Wilsonian* is a position in American foreign policy which obligates the United States to promote global democracy.

Other News and Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Vocal Competition

Delvin Glymph announced we finally have a venue for the Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Vocal Competition. With the help of **Chris Bauman** it will be at Raitt Recital Hall at Pepperdine University at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday January 21. We will have no regular Malibu Rotary Club meeting that day—everyone should go to the evening event.

Other News

President **Margo Neal** was collecting names for Malibu Rotarian going to the January 13 Rotary District breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the City Club downtowns. **Bill Wishard**, who worked with Peter Ueberroth at the 1984 Olympics talked about program speaker Patrick McClenahan, President and CEO of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, which will be held in Los Angeles. McClenahan will share with us the evolution of the Special Olympics from a backyard activity to a powerful global movement that promotes equality, acceptance and inclusion for people with disabilities from around the world.

In **Bob Syvertsen's** "Rotary Minute" he talked about the beginning of the Rotary Foundation. The collection of money that was to become the Rotary Foundation started in 1917, but it wasn't called the Rotary Foundation until 1928 and \$500 gift was given to the Crippled Children's Fund, which was later to become the March of Dimes, the first charity to fight polio.

Happy Dollars

There were happy dollars from **John Elman** who enjoyed seeing his view from the suite in Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio on Jan 2, to see UCLA Bruins beat the Kansas State Wildcats 40-35 in what turned out to be an exciting football game; from **Margo Neal** who, as she begins the second half of her term as Malibu Rotary Club president, was able to ski at Whistler during the holidays despite her recent injury, **Irene Bettler**, and **Peter Ferosa**, who were able to spend time with their respective adult children and **Bill Wishard**, whose daughter replaced his archaic cell phone with an i-Phone 6, which will cost him less than the phone he was using.

Guests

Besides our regular winter time guest PDG **Tom Bos** from Holland, MI, we had **Joanne Gary**, who was the October 22 speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club on “Common Core” in education. Joanne has recently started a blog “Beautiful at 55 and Beyond.” Another guest was **Sharon Forrest** a teacher from Virginia who is writing a book about Andrew Carnegie and his railroad.

Malibu Rotary—Home Club of RainCatcher Executive Director David Zielski

Every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness. Women and children spend 200 million hours a day collecting water.

There are over a billion people who do not have access to clean drinking water. RainCatcher is efficiently doing something to try to reduce that number. They get low cost, low maintenance and sustainable water systems to Uganda and Kenya so women and children have a safe and close water source.

Besides the obvious health benefits, providing a local and safe water source multiple other social, economical, and educational benefits also accrue. There can be an increased girls’ school attendance, level of education and literacy rates, as they no longer need to miss school to secure water for their families and have adequate and separate sanitation facilities. There can also be reduced physical injury from constant lifting and carrying heavy loads of water, reduced risk of rape, sexual assault, and increased safety as women and girls do not have to go to remote and dangerous places to defecate or to fetch water during the night.

The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher. There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously no clean drinking water.

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher, makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

After viewing this RainCatcher video on YouTube look at some of the others. This is a project that all of the Rotary world should be participating in. Malibu Rotary Club is proud to take a lead in this endeavor.

Upcoming Speakers (yet to be confirmed)

Dana Sherman of the Fleet Street Bike Project

Dan Wise on history of the 25,000 acres from Marina Del Rey to PV Peninsula to Western Ave

Calendar (for details on these programs see maliburotary.org)

January 13, 2014

**Rotary District breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the City Club downtown
deadline for reservations is January 5. Speaker Patrick McClenahan,
President and CEO of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, which will be
held in Los Angeles.**

Shannon Latson Jan 14, 2015

Managing Conflict at Home and at Work

Description: Few of us like conflict, but it will always be a part of our lives. Dealing with conflict in healthy ways can deepen your relationships, permit personal growth, and improve the outcome of challenges that you face. Join us to get some tools on how to approach your next difficult conversation.

About the Presenter: Shannon Latson works as a Marriage and Family Therapist for Stillpoint Family Resources in West Hills, and she also works as an Office Manager in the International Studies and Languages Division of Pepperdine. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Business from Michigan State University, her master's degree in Psychology from Pepperdine University, and her Certificate in Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute at Pepperdine's School of Law. Shannon volunteers as a club convocation leader for Pepperdine students, serves as the faculty/staff advisor for the Pepperdine Swing Dance Club, and she has presented at many community organizations, including a psychiatric facility, a gang prevention unit of the Van Nuys police department, a domestic violence shelter, Many Mansions, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Malibu Rotary Club Middle & High School Music Comp Jan 21, 2015

The Malibu Rotary Club Annual Middle and High School Vocal Competition is an entertaining evening that will have singers from Amy Loch's Choral classes at Malibu Middle and High School compete for cash prizes awarded by the Malibu Rotary Club.

Three prizes will be awarded in the Middle School Division and three prizes will be awarded in the High School Division. This year the competition will be held starting at 6:00 p.m. at Raitt Recital Hall at Pepperdine University's Malibu campus.

First place winner in the high school division will be sponsored by the Malibu Rotary to compete in the Rotary District Art, Dance, Music and Speech Competition March 28 at Loyola Marymount University.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Khoi Pham Jan 28, 2015

Community Service Integrated into Affordable Housing for Low Income

Khoi Pham MBA, UCLA Anderson School of Management, one of last helicopter evacuees out of Saigon as 8 year old, and now Executive Director of Bella Communities, will talk about integrating community service into affordable housing for low income.

Third in Malibu Rotary Club exclusive series of outcomes of American involvement in Vietnam war.

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.uJTvcUe.dpuf>