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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: PP Tiffany Tan

Subject: A DRIVE TO CHANGE LIVES 2013

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn Elaine Tan

Fellowship: Rtn Sarkunan Subramaniam

Finemaster: Rtn Patrick Lee Introducing: PP Ken Ong Thanking: PP Choo Jee Sam

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Speaker: Mr Sim Po Jinn Subject: Malaysia Art Today

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn Edward Lee Fellowship: Rtn Sandy Soh Finemaster: Rtn Robert Tan Introducing: Rtn Loo Ming Chee Thanking: Rtn May Lim

Rotarians' Birthdays

12th : Tenny Lee 18th : AG KU Rajah

Spouses Birthdays

1st : Suit Yong (PP Sam) 19th : Shirley (PP Albert Lim)

Wedding Anniversaries

27th : Sarkunan Subramaniam and Ann Devi 30th : PP Dato P Y Choong and Ann Irene

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS - AUGUST 2013

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Sat, 3 rd Aug	1.45 pm	Interact Club of Kuen Cheng IU Day	SMK Kuen Cheng, KL
Sat, 3 rd Aug	4.00 pm	Rotaract Club of Pudu BOD Meeting	Carmen's Restaurant, KL
Mon, 5 th Aug	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Mon, 12 th Aug	_	MEETING CANCELLED	_
Wed, 14 th Aug	6.30 pm	Youth Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Wed, 14 th Aug	7.30 pm	Community Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Thurs, 15 th Aug	6.30 pm	Club Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Sat, 17 th Aug	11.00 am	Interact Club of SMK Pudu IU Day	HELP College of A&T, Jln Metro
			Pudu, KL
Sat, 17 th Aug	7.00 pm	Installation of Rotaract Club of Pudu	Rtn Tenny Lee's Residence
Sun, 18 th Aug	10.00 am	Visit Jenjarom Old Folks' Home	Jenjarom, Selangor
Mon, 19 th Aug	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 20 th Aug	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Wed, 21 st Aug	10.00 am	Interact Club SMK Dato' Onn IU Day	SMK Dato' Onn, KL
Wed,21st Aug	6.30 pm	International Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Fri, 23 rd Aug	2.00 pm	Interact Coordinating Council Meeting	SMK Methodist, KL
Sat, 24 th Aug	6.30 pm	Fireside - Club Service	PP Datuk Y K Chew's Residence
Sun, 25 th Aug	9.00 am	District 3 Pillars of Rotary Seminar	Royal Selangor Club, KL
Mon, 26 th Aug-	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 28 th Aug	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Royal Lake Club
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EDITORIAL

ante Gabriel Rossetti, the famous 19th-century poet and artist, was once approached by an elderly man. The old fellow had some sketches and drawings that he wanted Rossetti to look at and tell him if they were any good, or if they at least showed potential talent.

Rossetti looked them over carefully. After the first few, he knew that they were worthless, showing not the least sign of artistic talent. But Rossetti was a kind man, and he told the elderly man as gently as possible that the pictures were without much value and showed little talent. He was sorry, but he could not lie to the man. The visitor was disappointed, but seemed to expect Rossetti's judgment.

He then apologized for taking up Rossetti's time, but would he just look at a few more drawings – these done by a young art student? Rossetti looked over the second batch of sketches and immediately became enthusiastic over the talent they revealed. "These," he said, "these are good. This young student has great talent. He should be given every help and encouragement in his career as an artist. He has a great future if he will work hard and stick to it."

Rossetti could see that the old fellow was deeply moved. "Who is this fine young artist?" he asked. "Your son?" "No," said the old man sadly. "It is me – 40 years ago. If only I had heard your praise and encouragement then! For you see, I got discouraged and gave up – too soon."

May we, as Rotarians, heap words of encouragement upon the helpless, the hopeless and the homeless. May we also bestow liberally words of praise upon our fellow Rotarians as well.

Warmest regards. PP Mike Tung

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

Mahatma Gandhi, All Men are Brothers: Autobiographical Reflections



'd like to quote some parts of an email written by PP Karthi Palanisamy:

"Every Hari Raya, Muslims will use this greeting so simple in its execution, many forget its significance.

The greeting Maaf Zahir Batin which translate loosely to 'I seek forgiveness (from you) physically and spiritually' for Hari Raya means a time to reconcile and renew relationships with others.

Forgiveness is something we should all practice. Not just for Hari Raya but every day. We should celebrate it and embrace it as an essential part of our lives. There is nothing so bad that cannot be forgiven. Hurt will never heal until you forgive."

PP Karthi also quoted Mahatma Gandhi as well in his email. An excerpt of PP Karthi's article is reproduced on page 18 under 'Points to Ponder' together with PP Doris Chang's response.

Let us all try to forgive and forget in this beautiful season.

On the social front we were hosted generously, as usual, in the residence of our PP Dato Muslim. Our charter member PP Tan Sri Soong, PDG Paul Lee, PP Gary Lim, PP KH Low, PP Quah, PP Richard Liew, PP Sim Bee, PP Michael Tung were there, to name but a few Past Presidents. And of course Rotary Anns and many Rotarians & family members; and friends of Pudu also attended. We thoroughly enjoyed the delicious servings and the varieties of Raya goodies that our hosts laid out for us. Thank you Dato and Datin.

For our meeting today we have requested for a special Hari Raya menu from the hotel; and Shangri la has graciously agreed to indulge us. Thank you Shangri la.

Alex Chang President RY 2013-14

PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 5 August 2013

Guest Speaker: Ms Lim Ee Lin

Subject: 1M4U — Funding Youth Volunteerism

& Social Change

Visiting Rotarians:

Name	Club
Rtn Keith Walter	RC Fair Oaks, USA

Guests:

Name	Host
Ms Chow Bee Ling Mr Steven Chiew Mr Kelvin Lam Rtc Yeoh Siew Peng Rtc Edwin Chow Ms Lim Ee Lin	President Alex Chang PP Gary Lim Rtn Steven Ho Club Club Club

Statistics

Guests Visiting Rotarians	6 1
Club Members	27
Total Present	34

Collections:

Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	RM 42.00
Paying Diners	150.00
Raffles & Others	82.00
Total	RM 274.00

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Sgt-At- Arms Rtn Tenny Lee called the meeting to order at 1.15 pm on behalf of President Alex Chang. She welcomed all visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors and Guests.

Rtn Tenny Lee led in the singing of the National Anthem.

The fine master was PE Daisy Chiu.

- She announced that she was the fine master for the first time and fined all members RM 1
- She fined PP Mike Tung RM 1 for arranging her as the fine master
- Rtn Tenny, Rtn Sandy and Rtn Veronique were fined RM 1 for dressing in red.
- Members who attended the wedding lunch hosted by Rtn Dr C C Wong and Ann Pearl were fined RM 1.
- Rtn Robert Tan was fined RM 3 for coming late, attending the wedding lunch and Daisy's role as maiden fine master.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUCEMENT

- 1.The lunch meeting on 12th August 2013 will be cancelled.
- 2. PP Dato' Muslim Ayob and Ann Raja Azma have cordially invited all members to their Hari Raya Open House on 8th August, 2013.
- 3. Youth Service and Community Service Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th August 2013 at the Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club at 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm respectively.
- 4. The Interact Club of SMK Pudu will be presenting their I U Day on Saturday, 17th August 2013 at 11 am at the HELP College of Arts and Technology, KL.
- 5. The 40th Installation of the Rotaract Club of Pudu will be held on Saturday, 17th August 2013 at 7 pm at the residence of Rtn Tenny Lee.
- 6. The Club Service Fireside will be held on Saturday, 24^{th} August 2013 at the residence of PP Datuk Y K Chew.
- 7. Members are requested to come dressed in Baju Melayu, Baju Kurung or Kebaya for our lunch meeting on 19th August 2013.

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

Rtn Veronique introduced the guest speaker Ms Lim Ee Lin who spoke on the subject "iM4U-Funding Youth Volunteerism and Social Change."

SPEAKER'S CV

Ms Lim Ee Lin is currently working in the Promotions, Public Relations & Marketing Department of 1Malaysia For Youth - better known as iM4U, an organisation set up to promote youth volunteerism.

She has a background in the Arts and Education having started as a lecturer before moving on to Arts & Culture Management with the British Council where she was part of an international team linking artistes and cultural institutions in the UK and Malaysia.

She then joined Badan Warisan Malaysia, Malaysia's leading conservation NGO where she served for 10 years working on education, projects and centre management.

After 20 years working in the education and cultural sectors, she then explored the commercial arena by taking up a position in a media company before quitting to study to become a professional tourist guide when she was invited to take up her current position.

SPEAKER'S TEXT





iM4U: FUNDING YOUTH VOLUNTEERISM AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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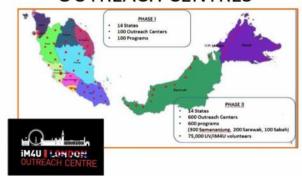


The 5 categories of projects supported by iM4U:

- o Youth Development
- o Social Enterprise
- o Community Service
- o Sports
- o Arts, Culture & Innovation

*only applications via website / dre1m@1m4youth.com.my

OUTREACH CENTRES



iM4U PERODUA STREET TEAM



To date the iM4U Street Team has :

- supported 600 Outreach Centre and DRe1M Fund volunteer based projects all over Malaysia
- travelled almost 60,000 km throughout the country
- carried out volunteer activation campaigns
- · run promotion exercises through regular live crosses
- been invited to participate in national, regional and local programmes

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iM4U BCARD





1MALAYSIA AMBASSADORS



To honour 21 youth icons for their contribution to nation building





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17,475 followers

www.instagram.com/1M4YOUTH

1,663 followers

www.youtube.com/1malaysia4youth
256 subscribers / 219,253 views

As at 1500. 2 August 2013







THANKING THE SPEAKER





PP Dato' Jasani on behalf of the Club thanked Ms Lim Ee Lin for a very educational and enlightening talk. Dato' mentioned that these Youth programmes initiated by the government augurs well for the nation and will help promote harmony and unity in the country. Dato' then presented a Memento to Ms Lim Ee Lin.

CLUB MEETING ON 5 AUGUST 2013



Birthday. Too excited. Tenny got sash on wrong shoulder



Daisy Finemaster



Veronique Introducer



PP Sim Bee alerted to something



The Top Table



Good audience. Tan Sri Soong also present



PP Dato Jasani presented memento to Ms Lim

FAMILY OF ROTARY — WEDDING PICTURES



n Saturday 3rd August 2013, Rtn Dr C C Wong and Ann Pearl had their daughter's wedding reception at Shangri-la Hotel Kuala Lumpur. The bride Sonia Wong and her spouse Benjamin Perrson mingled with guests especially Pudu Rotarians who turned up in force with their ladies resplendent in their Saturday best.

FAMILY OF ROTARY — OPEN HOUSE PICTURES





PP Dato Muslim and Ann Raja Azma opened their house on the first day of Raya (on 8 Aug this year) — as they have done every year for many years before — to receive their relatives and friends from far and near. Pudu Rotarians and their families turned up in sizeable numbers including our Charter Member Tan Sri Soong Siew Hoong and recent member Veronique Pearcey. As always they enjoyed the good food. A Rotarian wife even said "don't change the menu, we love your lamb; and kuey teow; and curry mee; and satay; and rendang; and cakes; and what else ah…"

PUDU INTERACT NEWS



nternational Understanding Day (IU Day) of Kuen
Cheng High School was successfully held on the 3rd of August. This year, we chose 'France' as our IU theme. The reason we chose this theme is to let our members know more about the customs and cultures of France.



This year, we just let our members of the Interact Club to

participate this event. That day we had invited our New Generation Director, Rotarian Veronique; our school's Vice Principals, Mr. Leong and Ms. Tan; and also one of our teacher advisers, Ms Lam; to attend our IU Day. Before we started the IU Day, Rotarian Veronique and our IU director—Ong Sze Hui gave their speeches to us. After members enjoyed their lunch, our two MCs—Tan Wern Shien and Shum Zi Xuan—introduced about France with their Power-Point that was done by themselves. They explained history of France, cultures of France, buildings of France and so on. Every member was enjoying themselves listening to the speech.

After that, our Rotarian Veronique demonstrated French cooking to us. She used her own ingredients to cook the French food. They look tasty and sweet-smelting. One is called *Poulet Basquaise Basquaise* a chicken dish and another is called Apples stuffed with butter and dried fruit. All the members loved them and they all wanted the *recipes* to cook themselves.

After the cooking lesson, our IU director gave souvenirs to Rotarian Veronique and Ms Lam. We also requested Rotarian Veronique to give a present to our board of committees of 2013 as a reward. Last but not least, we took a group photo together. We ended our IU Day at 4:00pm.

Although it may not be a successful IU Day, but all of us enjoyed ourselves. This is because we just planned this IU Day only a few weeks ago but we all felt grateful and happy. Thank you everyone who attended our IU Day and we appreciate it very much.

DISTRICT NEWS

Kindly Adopt Amendments to Your Rotary Club Constitution

Dear Rotarians

At the recent RI Council on Legislation several enactments were adopted amending the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

Rotary International has now directed the District Governor to ensure that all Rotary Clubs in the District replace their old club constitution with the new revised version.

The following documents refer (already emailed to all clubs via rotary3300@googlegroups.com)

- 1. "2013 Report of Action_SRCC only" listing all the enactments that amend the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.
- 2. "Standard Rotary Club Constitution_2013" as a word file and also as a pdf file, which is the new revised Standard Rotary Club Constitution.
- 3."ROS -Amendments of the Constitution Law" which are guidelines I downloaded from the website www.ros.gov.my
- 4. "Pertubuhan 10" to be sent to ROS

Adopting the amendments

All Rotary Clubs will now have to adopt these amendments at a regular meeting, a quorum being present, with notice of the amendments being mailed to each member at least ten days before such meeting.

Informing Registrar of Societies (ROS)

After adopting the amendments, all Rotary Clubs will have to inform ROS. Kindly see the ROS documents **Informing Rotary International**

After adopting the amendments, please email a copy of your revised Rotary Club Constitution to contact.center@rotary.org and cc to DG and to me.

All Assistant Governors. Please ensure that all the Rotary Clubs in your Group have amended their Rotary Club Constitution before the District Conference on 13-15 December 2013.

Seeking your cooperation.

Thank you and kind regards PP Dr.Krishna District General Secretary1

Recruitment or Retention?

Since it is Membership Development and Extension Month, it is nice for all our members to at least think about this subject matter.

I would like to share just a simple statistic that is known to most Rotarians. i.e we lost just as many as we recruited in the last 10 years. This is generally a fact world wide.

So far what I have read is the emphasis on recruitment. I think recruitment is not the problem. The real problem is Retention. Based in the statistics I mentioned earlier, Retention should be equally important as recruitment, if not even more important.

We hear a lot about ways and means of recruiting new members but do we hear just as much about retaining members. I think not. Even our new programme is designed to bring in new members, nothing about rewarding Retention.

Perhaps we should do the opposite for a change. After all, doing the same thing will more than likely give you the same result. To get a different result we should try doing things differently.

Focus and emphasise Retention instead. When retention is strong, it means we have more Rotarians than members. If a Rotarian brings in a member, I believe that Retention would be stronger than a member who brings in a member and in the long term this will have a multiplier effect.

Just ask ourselves, how many clubs actually have a Retention programme? I am sure we have heard of member-getmember, but have we heard anything like "we don't lose any member" programmes?

I recently attended a club meeting and the guest speaker talked about *passion* particularly about people who have *passion* for their job. The speaker indicated that a world wide survey found that only about 35% of employees have passion for their job. The speaker indicated that the most effective way of instilling *passion* in employees is to engage them to buy into the *values* of their company.

Would Rotary be any different? What greater ambassador can Rotary have other than a true Rotarian.

IPP Mah Soon Chai RC Kajang

DG COMMUNICATION 5/2013

(truncated to fit in one page)

FOREWARD

My apologies for not sending out DG Communication last week, as I had many personal matters to handle following my recent unfortunate encounter on 28 July 2013 with burglars. I have put that one week behind me and started to pick up the rhythm again. Very soon I will be starting my official visits to Clubs, with RC Klang being the first.

NEW ROTARY CLUBS IN THE MAKING

Two interest groups comprising over 20 persons each have been meeting regularly to form Rotary Clubs. One Group will be having its **4**th **meeting today** (**5.8.13**) together with its Sponsor Club, Rotary Club of Greater Kuala Lumpur. I will attend their meeting to give them Provisional Status. The other Group will be meeting me tomorrow. They want to form the New Generations Rotary Club of Mon't Kiara. Their sponsor Club is R.C. of Melawati.

NEWSLETTERS OF ROTARY CLUBS

I have been receiving Newsletters of the following Rotary Clubs: Kajang, PJ, Bukit Larut, Melawati, KL West, Bandar Sunway, Tampin and Pudu Thank you for sending me your Bulletins. Some of them are excellent and give a lot of Rotary information, including District and R.I. news. Clubs which are not producing regular newsletters, should read some of the above. They are very enlightening and a pleasure to read.

ROTARY CLUBS NEED TO UPDATE THEIR CONSTITUTION

In view of the changes approval by the Council on Legislation, Rotary Clubs are required to amend their Constitution. If you need clarification, please contact **PP Dr Krishna Kumar**, our General Secretary 1, or **PDG Datuk Dr N. Lakshmanan** our COL delegate or our "Constitution Expert" **PDG Dr Paul Lee**.

HONORARY ROTARIANS UPDATE

We have so far received names of Honorary Rotarians from the following Clubs:

Ampang (1), Bukit Bintang (8), Bukit Kiara Sunrise (2), Cheras (1), KL West (7), Pantai Valley (4), Sentul (1), Sri Petaling (1), Subang (1), Taiping (2), Teluk Intan (3). Total 31.

I take it that this is the full list of our Honorary Rotarians to be published in our Directory of Honorary Rotarians to be released at the District Conference 2013.

Where is Pudu? We have 4.

<u>STOP PRESS – DGN</u> <u>ESTHER IN HOSPITAL</u>

DGN Esther Tan just informed me that she has been hospitalized due to a minor stroke. Please pray for her quick recovery.

EVENTS:

JOINT TRF, PUBLIC IMAGE AND MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR 25 AUGUST 2013 AT Royal Selangor Club, DATARAN MERDEKA

Please take advantage of this opportunity to update yourself. Contact Rotary Club PJ to participate.

R.I. DISTRICT 3300 CHARITY WALK/JOG – A FUND-RAISING NATIONAL EVENT ON 24 NOV 2013 FOR CHARITY

The Central Region event will be held at Padang Merbok, Kuala Lumpur, jointly with the **20th Annual Charity Walk/Jog/Wheel-A-Thon with the Disabled** which is a partnership of 40 welfare–based NGOs.

The Rules for the Central Region have been finalized and are printed in the Jogathon Cards which are available to all Rotary Clubs at RM 1.00 payable to Spastic Children's Association of Selangor & Federal Territory.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

Dear Friends,

It's almost 2 months into this Rotary year and already the Youth Exchange Program is well on the way.

- 1x Short-term exchange to Germany (1month) in July/August
- 2x Long-term exchanges to France in August
- 20x Interact exchange students to Korea in Nov/ Dec for 10 days
- 1x Long-term exchange to Germany in January 2014

Meanwhile, I have had a request from Aurangabad, **District 3132 Maharastra**, India for an **Interact** youth exchange with them for a period of **10 days**.

I am therefore seeking your participation in sponsoring **seven (7) students** from your Interact clubs for this exchange. The team is to go out in **Nov/Dec** this year and the incoming team will probably be here in June next year.

I am listing some of the requirements below:

- Students qualifications- age between 15–19 yrs. They must demonstrate leadership qualities and be above average academically. They must be **Interactors**
- Parents of outgoing students must host the students of the incoming team
- It is preferable to have all the Interactors sponsored by one Rotary Club. This makes it easier to manage. Alternately, they can be sponsored by different clubs, but preferably from the same locality ie Klang valley, Perak etc)
- Sponsor club(s) must be responsible in planning and executing a program for the incoming team.
- The team will be accompanied by a team leader, preferably a member of one of the sponsor clubs
- Closing date for submitting names of students and team leader is 15th September 2013

Please note that the IYE selection committee will have the final say in selecting the students and the team leader, taking into consideration all aspects for making it a successful exchange. For further details, please email or call me For more information go to www.rotary youth exchange/a guide for exchange students and also look up the lovely sights of Aurangabad. Thank you

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PP Pushpa Krishna District Youth Exchange Chairman +6012-622-5735

In 1963, 17-year-old Danielle Baltus boarded a ship bound for New York City to start her year-long Rotary Youth Exchange.

The trip across the Atlantic took two weeks, and it took another two weeks for her first letter to make its way back home to Belgium.

"A month went by before my parents even knew I had arrived safely," she recalls.

Baltus remembers her year in Mission, Texas, as an immersion in American culture. She became a Rotarian in 1999, when she joined the Rotary Club of Lessines, Belgium.



Danielle in 1963



Danielle in 2013

Source: The Rotarian 2013

Editor's Note: How time flies. Now we have smart phones, email, sms, whatsapp, viber, skype to keep in touch, literally with your fingertips. But how many of our IYE students that we hosted so far have ever kept in touch with their host parents since they went home?

SHARE ROTARY



Have you ever wondered why you are a Rotarian?

You would practically have more than a 1,000 reasons, but I strongly believe your reasons should be among these five:

- 1. To do charity and be able to help those who are less fortunate
- 2. To be able to give back to your community what it has given you
- To enjoy the Rotary fellowship and the network of friends from different background, ethnicity and profession
- To be part of more than a 100 year old international/global service organisation that have a good Code of Ethics
- To be able to serve your community and the world through Rotary International



Do you still have doubts why you are a Rotarian?

Are you having the following symptoms?

- 1. Having a feeling of confusion and discontentment
- 2. Having doubts about Rotary or the direction of your Club
- 3. Losing the focus of your purpose for being a Rotarian
- 4. Losing the passion you have earlier about Rotary
- Don't have answers to your questions and unable to fulfill your expectations



Please share your problems with your Club president or other senior members

And you would practically find all the answers you are looking for. They will help you to put the puzzle together and provide you with a better perspective of Rotary

After putting the puzzle together and knowing more about Rotary and what you can do, are you having a feel-good feeling now?



Please share your problems with your Club president or other senior members

You are now part of the equation for your Club and District 3300 success. The *feel-good* feeling is inside you and you want to share

You should be very proud of yourself now, knowing that you are ONE of the 1.7 million Rotarians round the world that are constantly helping to make our world a better place for our future generations



If you are now having a goood feeeling for being a Rotarian and know very well that Rotary is the ideal service organisation that is doing good in serving and helping the world and its communities

Why not share Rotary with your friends...



...Good things are meant to be shared

Provisional Clubs

The month of membership is proving to be a good month for club extension. Congrats Protem President Raymond Chin on the declaration of the provisional status for Seputeh club and we look forward to your charter night soon. There are also the New Generation club and the e-Club which may also become a reality soon. In addition, interest meetings for the club in Kangar are to begin soon.

Congrats Governor Datuk Mohinder and Extension chair, Dato Lakshmanan on a bright start. Good days for Extension indeed.

PP Baskaran.

RI NEWS

RI President Nominee for RY 2015-16

avindran is choice for 2015-16 RI president. "Ravi" is a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka; he has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Ravindran said his top priority for Rotary will be to increase membership, which he called the bedrock of any organization.

"The emphasis on membership has to continue with focus on the younger generation," Ravindran said. "Additionally, we must seek



to attract the just retired and experienced people into Rotary."

Creating regional membership plans and realizing that "one size does not fit all" has been a move in the right direction, he said.

"Albert Einstein defined insanity as `doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.' In many ways this has been the story of Rotary's poor membership advance," he said. "Thankfully, our approach this time has been studied and altered. We have created 22 different membership regions so that each region would develop and execute a plan that would suit that particular region."

Ravindran said it's important for Rotarians to share their stories, especially through social media, so others can see the impact Rotary has had in their lives. He said it's also important for the organization to speak with a consistent voice. "Our identity must remain simple and be based on our core values. It must be clear and straightforward to both our internal and external audience."

Ravindran holds a degree in commerce and is founder and CEO of Printcare PLC, a publicly listed company and global leader in the tea packaging industry. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association, the largest antinarcotics organization in Sri Lanka.

As his country's PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force with members from the government, UNI-CEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to

negotiate a cease-fire with northern militants during National Immunization Days.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served Rotary as a director and treasurer of RI and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He has also served as an International Assembly group discussion leader, district governor, Council on Legislation representative, and zone institute chair. He chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, which rebuilt 25 tsunami-devastated schools, benefiting 15,000 children.

Ravindran has been awarded The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award and the Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

He and his wife, Vanathy, have two children, and are level 4 Major Donors to the Foundation.

The Nominating Committee members are Eric E. Lacoste Adamson, USA (chair); John T. Blount, USA; Robert K. Crabtree, New Zealand; Gerson Gonçalves, Brazil; Frederick W. Hahn Jr., USA; Lynn A. Hammond, USA; Teruo Inoue, Japan; Paul Knyff, The Netherlands; Peter Krön, Austria; Jorma Lampén, Finland; Kyu-Hang Lee, Korea; Masahiro Kuroda, Japan; Michael D. McCullough, USA; Donald L. Mebus, USA; David D. Morgan, Wales; Catherine Noyer-Riveau, France; and M.K. Panduranga Setty, India.

Source: Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News



HISTORIC MOMENTS



Charter dinner for the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur

Dear Rotarians,

Among Rotary legends, few figures stand as tall as James Wheeler Davidson, the man Paul Harris dubbed as the "Marco Polo of Rotary." Although his moniker, "Big Jim" referred to his physical stature, it also reflects Davidson's accomplishments in spreading the Rotary movement from the Mediterranean to the South Seas. While it would be hyberbole to call Davidson a mountain of a man, there is in fact a mountain in the Canadian Rockies named after him.

In 1928, Paul Harris requested and Rotary International appointed Davidson as a Special Commissioner with a mandate to oversee the extension of Rotary to as far as he could with emphasis on Asia. He had strong credentials for this post, having successfully chartered clubs in Sydney, Melbourne, Wellington and Auckland in 1921 as well as several clubs in Western Canada.

In August 1928, Davidson set sail from Montreal with wife Lillian and daughter Marjorie on what was to be a eight month voyage. Instead, it turned out to be a three year odd odyssey during which Davidson chartered 23 clubs in 12 countries from Turkey to Thailand. After travelling through Turkey, Greece, Egypt, the Middle East, India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and Burma, the Davidsons arrived in Penang. He was in Malaya for nearly 9 months during which he chartered 7 clubs, namely Rotary clubs of Seremban, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Penang, Klang, Malacca and Singapore.

Davidson was given an allocation of \$8,000 by RI for this mission, but in the end it is believed that he spent close to \$250,000 of his own money.

Davidson's health began to fail soon after his return to Canada in 1931, and he died in July 1933 at the age of 61. In their Christmas card that year, Jean and Paul Harris paid tribute to Davidson's dedication, writing:
"When he returned home, it was manifest that he had given more than three years---he had given his life as well.... His memory will be revered by legions; his work more admired as the passage of time lends broader perspective."



Davidson and his wife compile travel notes at the Raffles Hotel in Singapore



Friends, we in District 3300 owe a great deal to the pioneering efforts of this great extensionist, without whom Rotary may have taken even longer to reach our shores. We need to perpetuate the memory of this great Rotarian at every opportunity, especially during the month of August being the membership and Extension Month. Our greatest gift to him as Rotarians would be to engage even more vigorously in extension and like him, exemplify "SERVICE ABOVE SELF."

PP Baskaran

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Have fun. Activate your tired brain, FOR YOUND AND OLD...for the seniors it's something to do to keep those "aging" grey cells active!

- 1. Johnny 's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. ...What was the third child 's name?
- 2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. ... What does he weigh?
- 3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, ...what was the highest mountain in the world?
- 4. How much dirt is there in a hole ...that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
- 5. What word in the English Language ...is always spelled incorrectly?
- 6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer.How is this possible?
- 7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. ... Why not?
- 8. What was the President 's Name... in 1975?
- 9. If you were running a race, ...and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
- 10. Which is correct to say,... "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white?"
- 11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field,how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

T&C:

This quiz is open to all readers of this eBulletin from near or far. Just email me your answers by Saturday 24 Aug 2013, 12:00 noon Malaysian Time.

People with correct answers of 6 and above will be announced in this eBulletin Issue 8 (26 Aug.) together with the Correct Answers. No prizes offered, just be proud that your grey cells are active.

...and Now let's get phílosophical

PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

A wise man once sat in the audience and cracked a joke - all of them laughed like crazy.

After a moment he cracked the same joke again & a little less people laughed this time...

He cracked the same one again & no one laughed !!!

Then he smiled and said "when you can't laugh on the same joke again & again, then why do you keep crying over the same thing over & over again?"

FORGET the past and MOVE ON ...

SIX PRINCIPLES OF LIFE

- No point using limited life to chase unlimited money.
- No point earning so much money you cannot live to spend it.
- Money is not yours until you spend it.
- When you are young, you use your health to chase your wealth. When you are old, you use your wealth to buy back your health. Difference is that, it is too late.
- How happy a man is, is not how much he has but how little he needs.
- No point working so hard to provide for the people you have no time to spend with.

Remember this - - - We come to this world with nothing; we leave this world with nothing

POINTS TO PONDER



every Hari Raya, Muslims will use the above greeting ... so simple in its execution, many forget its significance.

The greeting *Maaf Zahir Batin* which translate loosely to "I seek forgiveness (from you) physically and spiritually"... for Hari Raya means a time to reconcile and renew relationships with others.

Forgiveness is something we should all practise. Not just for Hari Raya but every day.

We should celebrate it and embrace it as an essential part of our lives. There is nothing so bad that cannot be forgiven. Hurt will never heal until you forgive.

If you are at war with others, you cannot be at peace with yourself. You can let go and forgive. It takes no physical strength to let go ... only courage.

Forgiveness is the single most important process that can bring peace to our souls and harmony to our lives. Forgiveness is not something we have to strain ourselves to do.

Forgiveness helps you move forward.

No one benefits from forgiveness more than the one who forgives. Give yourselves the gift of forgiveness today.

Maaf Zahir Batin to all.



Karthi Palanisamy says in one of his emails, that I can forgive, but I cannot forget, is only another way of saying, I will not forgive.

> Forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note - torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one.

Henry Ward Beecher

When you forgive, you in no way change the past - but you sure do change the future.

Bernard Meltzer

Forgiveness is the economy of the heart... forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, the waste of spirits.

Hannah More

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.

Lewis B. Smedes

NB: The above are produced with kind courtesy of PP Doris Chang

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. Mahatma Gandhi

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Dear Rtn Yim and RC Damansara West Rotarians,

A truly inspirational project. Undertaking a humanitarian service project of this nature would have involved a lot of time, money and commitment. I am sure every Rotarian in our District will agree with me if I were to say that we are very proud of you and your club members and all the best for a successful mission. May your efforts bring great joy to many poor and deserving Cambodians who will be ever grateful for having given them the precious gift of VISION. May the god's blessing be upon you.

PP Baskaran.

Date: Tue, 6 Aug 2013 15:32:29 +0800

Subject: [rotary3300] Rotary District 3300: Cambodia Gift of Sight

From: yimkenfei@gmail.com

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Dear Rotarians,

He was not able to walk alone without someone holding his hand. He was not able to count the number of fingers... if you show him. That started a year and a half ago. Before then he worked in Malaysia. His future was uncertain. We came... to help. Immediately after Dr Kong did the implant of the lens, he could count the number of fingers the surgeon showed him. He could walk unaided, sat down and pose for this photo. His name Sam Ry. He is Cambodian.



Thu 8 Aug, 2013

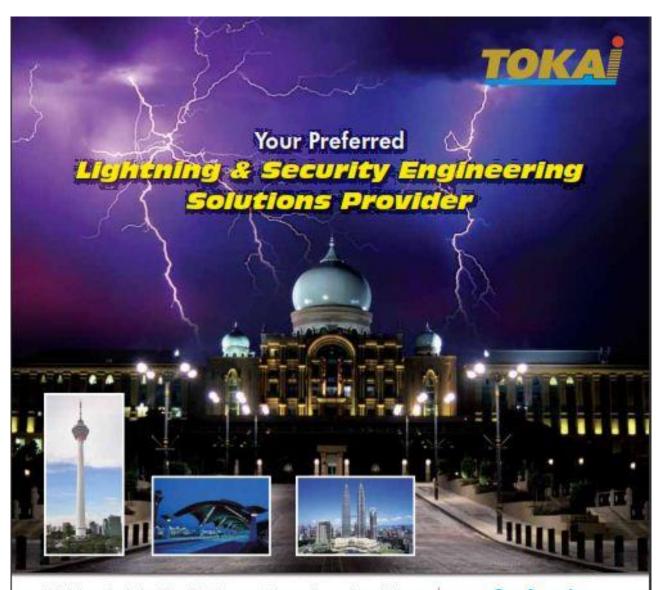
This is the greatest joy and reward we all received; to see people like him walk unaided again; to see clearly.

To give them new hope...

Yim Ken Fei Team leader

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