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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
RI District 3300**

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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: PP Ananda Sundram Pillai
Subject: GSE Team to Melbourne, Australia

On Duty

Duty Table: VP C T Heng
Fellowship: Rtn Mok Sin
Finemaster: Rtn Robert Tan
Introducing: PP Dato NK Jasani
Thanking: AG K U Rajah

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Speaker: PP Bindi Rajasegaran
Subject: Rotary Peace Scholar Programme

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn Steven Ho
Fellowship: Rtn Asok Kumar
Finemaster: Rtn Edward Lee
Introducing: PP Gary Lim
Thanking: PDG Dr Paul Lee

Rotarians' Birthdays (November)

5th – PE Daisy Chiu
11th – PP Dato' P Y Choong
13th – Rtn May Lim
17th – PP Dato' Steven Oon
20th – PP Dato' N K Jasani
20th – Rtn Robert Tan
22nd – PP Albert Lim
28th – Rtn Sarkunan Subramaniam
29th – Rtn Edward Lee

Spouses Birthdays (November)

3rd – Spouse Edward (PP Leong Choy Ying)
16th – Ann Chantra (Rtn Chinniah)
20th – Ann Vivian (IPP Aaron Ong)
22nd – Ann Pearl (Rtn Dr C C Wong)
23rd – Ann Elaine (President Alex Chang)
29th – Ann Lilian (PDG Dr Paul Lee)

Wedding Anniversaries

1st – Rtn Roy Sreenivasan and Ann Siew Kien
15th – VP C T Heng and Ann Carven
23rd – Rtn Dr C C Wong and Ann Pearl

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2013

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Mon, 4 th Nov	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Thurs, 7 th Nov	6.30 pm	Membership Development Meeting	Royal Lake Club, KL
Thurs, 7 th Nov	7.30 pm	Club Service Committee Meeting	Royal Lake Club, KL
Sat, 9 th Nov	9.00 am	Colours of Malaysia Art Competition 2013 Awards Ceremony	Craft Complex, Jalan Conlay, KL
Mon, 11 th Nov	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 13 th Nov	6.30 pm	Youth Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Wed, 13 th Nov	7.30 pm	Community Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Sat, 16 th Nov	3.00 pm	Rotaract Board of Directors Meeting	Carmen's Restaurant, KL
Sun, 17 th Nov	6.30 pm	R C Pudu Nominating Committee Meeting	PP Dato' Steven Oon's Residence
Mon, 18 th Nov	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 20 th Nov	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Wed, 20 th Nov	7.30 pm	International Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Sat, 23 rd Nov	6.30 pm	Spouses Nite	Royal Lake Club, KL
Mon, 25 th Nov	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 27 th Nov	6.30 pm	Board Of Directors Meeting	Royal Lake Club, KL
Sat, 30 th Nov	6.30 pm	Club Annual General Meeting / 3rd Club Assembly	Rtn Sarkunan's Residence

EDITORIAL

Once a US President went out to see the situation of the country. Along the way he met a group of soldiers trying to lift a large branch of a tree from their way.

The Corporal was standing by their side instructing them to work harder, but they were unable to move it. He said to the Corporal – “if you help them they will be able to move it. Why don’t you help them?”

The Corporal replied – “That is not my job, I am the Corporal. It is their work, they should do it.” The man did not hesitate a moment, immediately he dismounted from his horse, and helped the group of the soldiers to move that log.

This additional strength helped them to move the log. After moving it, the man mounted his horse and said to the Corporal – “Next time you need to move some heavy thing and you need a help, call for the Commander-in Chief” and went away his way.

It was then that the soldiers realized that the man was none other than George Washington – the first President of the United States, the Commander-in-Chief of the army.

At the Colours of Malaysia Art Competition Awards Ceremony organised by our Club at the Craft Complex, Jalan Conlay, KL on 9th November 2013, we witnessed Strength in Unity.

Even though the said event was organised by the Youth Service Committee many of the Board of Directors and other Service Committee Directors, Past Presidents and members came forward to extend their unstinting support and assistance to ensure the success of this event. The Rotaractors and Interactors were also there to lend their support.

It is not my project or your project but the project of the Rotary Club of Pudu.

It is therefore my fervent hope that this unselfish and united support for each other will continue to prevail in the Rotary Club of Pudu.

*Warmest Regards.
PP Mike Tung*

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

“There can be no more distilled expression of a culture than its works of art.”

*John M. EgerLionel Van Deerlin
Professor of Communications and Public
Policy, San Diego State*



Last Saturday, Nov 9th we show-cased the "Colours of Malaysia" through our Inter school / Institution Art Competition held at the Craft Complex Malaysia, Jalan Conlay KL. It was the brain child of our Youth Service Director Veronique Pearcey. Veronique is an artist specialising in wood carving and oil painting.

Veronique, a Parisian from France, having lived here in Malaysia for the past 15 years fell in love not only with the culture, the people but also the Colours of Malaysia. This, coupled with her love of children inspired her to organise this Competition.

We are grateful to have IPDG Mansoor representing our District Governor, Her Excellency Camilia Todose Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Romania; Miss Azlin Abdul Aziz, Malaysian Handicraft Development Corporation; our Assistant Governor PP KU Rajah; PP Shanti District Youth Service Chair; the Artists from various school; distinguished judges; Members of the Press; Teachers from the Schools; Chapersones of the various Institution; Parents; Rotarians; Rotaractors led by President Tim Danker and Interactors; gracing the occasion.

This is the first time a rotary club held an event there. Besides allowing us to use their beautiful Laman Wau the Complex also sponsored door gifts for all our guests. They also provided us a state-of-the-art 100" flat panel LED screen. To fully utilise it, Rotaractor Chan Pei Ern created a slide show comprising all the winning pieces to be displayed as the prizes were given out. The AV would only be half as nice, if it was without the voices of our young Masters of Ceremony, Interactors Amanda from SMK(P) Pudu and Nick from SMK Con-fucian. Thank you all.

To make this event possible, there is a Past President, the Chief advisor, motivator and organiser in the form of PP Mike Tung. Through him, this mammoth art competition took place with many project and Youth Service Committee meetings.

There are many heart warming moments during the project launch, especially the support of the club members, Rotaractors and Interactors who arrive early in the morning to assist in registration while we wait for the arrival of the guest of honour at 11:30 and stayed till the very end of the event at 2pm. Human spirits in motion. Last but not least, have a look at the happy young faces with their prizes, at pages 11-12.

*Alex Chang
President 2013-14*

PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 4th November 2013

Guest Speaker: PP Leslie Yeap

Subject: GSE Team to Kobe, Japan.

Visiting Rotarians

Name	Club
PP Leslie Yeap	RC Kelana Jaya

Statistics

Guests	3
Visiting Rotarians	1
Club Members	22
Total Present	26

Collections:

Name	Host
Mr Ng Jun Wei Ms Louisa Chang Rtc Chan Pei Ern	President Alex Chang President Alex Chang Club

Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	RM 62.00
Paying Diners	70.00
Raffles & Others	-
Total (RM)	RM 132.00

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 and Guests. She then led in the singing of the National Anthem and then proposed the Loyal Toast. The fine master was PP Albert Lim.

- Members who did not sit at the first front table were fined RM 1.
- Rtn Edward Lee and Rtn Tenny Lee were fined RM 1 for persuading PP Albert Lim to be the fine master.
- Rtn Asok Kumar was fined RM 5 for celebrating Deepavali.
- PP Leong Choy Ying, PP Ken Ong, PP Phang Poke Shum, PP K H Low, PP Gary Lim, Rtn Edward Lee were all fined RM 5 for travelling overseas.
- Rotarians without name tags, ties and jackets were fined RM 1 respectively for each offence.
- Rtn Edward Lee and Rtn Steven Ho were fined RM 2 for not knowing the Rotarian spouse of Ann Siew Kien. PP Ng Sim Bee was fined RM 1 for giving the correct answer.
- PP Mike Yeow was fined RM 1 for giving the correct answer to the Rotarian spouse of Mr Edward Wong.

- Rtn Veronique and Rtn Roy were fined RM 2 for not knowing the Charter Date of R C Pudu. PP Ng Sim Bee was fined RM 2 for prompting Rtn Roy
- Rtn Laura was fined RM 1 for giving the correct answer to the name of the District Governor of R I D 3300
- Rtn Mok Sin was fined RM 2 for not knowing the name of the Rotary International President
- PP Mike Tung was fined RM 1 for giving the correct answer to the name of the Rotary International President

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Club Service Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 7th November 2013 at the Royal Lake Club at 6.30 pm.
- The "Colours of Malaysia" Art Competition 2013 Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, 9th November 2013 at the Craft Complex, Jalan Conlay, KL at 9.00 am

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

Rtn Roy Sreenivasan introduced the guest speaker PP Leslie Yeap who presented a talk on the subject "GSE Team to Kobe, Japan" which he led in February 2013.

SPEAKER'S CV

Name: Leslie Yeap

Leslie is an advocate & solicitor. His main areas of practice are in conveyancing and commercial law. He received his Bachelors of Law from the University of Warwick in 1979 and Masters at Law from University College London in 1982.

Leslie was called to the English Bar in 1980, and to the Malaysian Bar in 1981. He was also admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1989. He has been a member of the Disciplinary Committee panel of the Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board since 2005. Leslie is also a notary public.

Leslie was first inducted into the Rotary Club of Ipoh in 1986. Later, his work took him down to Kuala Lumpur and in 1997, he joined the Rotary Club of Kelana Jaya. He was club president in 2000/01.

Leslie is proud to have sponsored 9 Rotarians, and he has received Rotary International's Bronze Award for sponsoring new members. He is also the recipient of Rotary International's Four Avenues of Service Citation. Leslie is a Paul Harris Fellow +3.

Leslie has written a history of his club, as well as several historical articles about the district.

In the district, Leslie has been District General Secretary (2004/05) and Assistant Governor (2006/07). In 2012/13, he was selected as Team Leader of the Group Study Exchange to District 2680 Hyogo, Japan, which includes the city of Kobe.

He is married to Yuriko, and they have two teenage daughters.

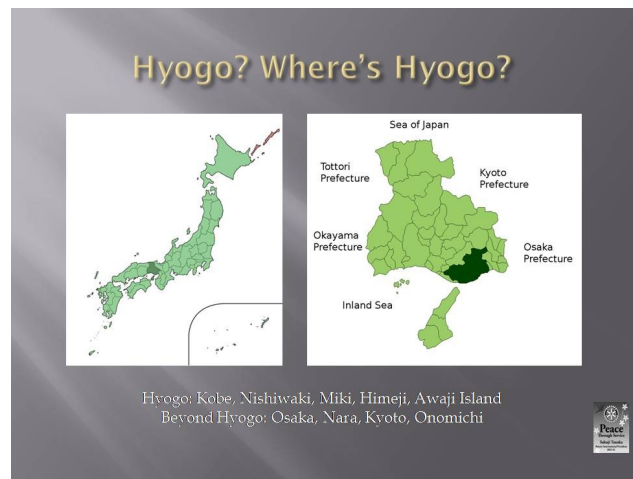
THANKING THE SPEAKERS

PP Leong Choy Ying on behalf of the Club thanked PP Leslie Yeap for a very educational and informative presentation. She thanked PP Leslie for mentioning the highlights of their Vocational and Cultural Exchange.

She was reminded of Ms Tomoko the Ambassadorial Scholar which she hosted before and hopes to visit Japan someday. She then presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Memento to PP Leslie Yeap



SPEAKER'S TEXT



Rotary Meetings



- ▣ 15 Club Meetings
- ▣ 4 District Meetings



Clubs Visited

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| ▣ Kobe Suma (13/2) | ▣ Kobe South (25/2) |
| ▣ Kobe Harbour (13/2) | ▣ Kobe East (26/2) |
| ▣ Kobe Seishin (14/2) | ▣ Kobe (28/2) |
| ▣ Kobe Tarumi (14/2) | ▣ Kobe Arima (1/3) |
| ▣ Kobe West (15/2) | ▣ Sumoto (5/3) |
| ▣ Nishiwaki (18/2) | ▣ Awaji Mihara (7/3) |
| ▣ Miki (22/2) | ▣ Minamiawaji (8/3) |
| ▣ Miki, Miki Midori, Ono Kato, Nishiwaki, Hojo (Inter-City) (23/2) | |



Meetings: Distinctively Japanese



- ▣ Punctuality
- ▣ Formality
- ▣ Uniformity
- ▣ Interesting Quirks:
 - Music conductor, pianist
 - Executive Secretary
 - Pre-Meeting Exercise
 - Greetings, messages
 - After lunch smoke



District Conference



2 & 3 March 2013
Portopia Hotel, Kobe



Inter-City Japanese-Style



Vocational Visits



- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ▣ Osaka Gas Himeji Energy Center | ▣ Miki Disaster Prevention Park |
| ▣ Kobe Shinkin Bank | ▣ Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster |
| ▣ Kobe District Court | ▣ Kansai Electric Power |
| ▣ Japan Legal Support Center | ▣ NYK Line |
| ▣ Higashimachi, law firm | ▣ Sumitomo Mitsui Bank |
| ▣ Nestle Japan | ▣ Kawasaki Heavy Industries |
| ▣ Nippon Zoki Pharmaceutical Co Ltd | ▣ Kobe University |
| ▣ Banshu Textile Factory | ▣ Panasonic Group - Energy Co Ltd |



Courtesy Call on Hyogo Governor



Japanese Culture & Traditions



Temples & Shrines



Other Interesting Places



- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| ▣ Akashi Kaikyo Bridge | ▣ Beans Dome |
| ▣ Nunobiki Temple | ▣ Freundlieb (confectionary) |
| ▣ Kobe Winery | ▣ Kobe Port Tower |
| ▣ Kitano | ▣ Ikuta Jinja |
| ▣ Arima Onsen | ▣ Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake Memorial |
| ▣ Kishiko House, Nishiwaki | ▣ Izanagi Jinja |
| ▣ Sugihara Paper Research Institute | ▣ Kunju Do (Incense) |
| ▣ Himeji Castle | ▣ Awaji Yumebutai |
| ▣ Shosha-Zan Temple | ▣ Naruto whirlpools |
| ▣ Koi nobori maker | ▣ Udon making |
| ▣ Jyodoji Temple | ▣ Miyako Bijin sake brewery |
| ▣ Abacus maker | |



Japanese Hospitality



Achievements



First hand experience of work practices in Japan

Introduction to Japanese culture, society & customs

Building goodwill and friendship between people of two nations

Better understanding of Rotary in Japan

Experience of Rotary ideals by team members



CLUB MEETING ON 4 NOVEMBER 2013



Top Table



PP Leslie Yeap with an All Pudu group



Pres. Alex and the young ones



All Pudu Rotarians



Wow, quite a crowd



View from the front

CLUB MEETING ON 4 NOVEMBER 2013



View from the rear



Rear tables are preferred



Attentive Audience



Guest Speaker—PP Leslie Yeap



Finemaster—PP Albert Lim



Introducer—Rtn Roy Sreenivasan

MEETINGS, MEETINGS...



Art Exhibition project meeting at Craft Complex



Discussion with Craft Complex exhibition coordinator



Youth Service Committee meeting at Shangri-la immediately after regular Monday meeting



Board of Directors October meeting



RC PUDU “COLOURS OF MALAYSIA”



COLOURS OF MALAYSIA ART COMPETITION 2013 KOMPLEKS KRAF, JALAN CONLAY, KL SATURDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2013 9.00AM TO 3.00PM



RC PUDU “COLOURS OF MALAYSIA”



President Alex Chang giving his speech



Rtn Veronique Pearcey addressing the audience



Other prize winners



Lee Sze Yin receiving her prize from IPDG Mansoor



Lee Sze Yin with her winning piece

REWARDS CHEQUES

S.M.K. CONFUCIAN	RM 200	1 SECOND PRIZE
S.M.K. SRI SENTOSA	RM 300	1 SECOND PRIZE + 1 THIRD PRIZE
S.M.K. METHODIST	RM 600	2 SECOND PRIZES + 2 THIRD PRIZES
S.M.K. PUDU	RM 1300	4 FIRST PRIZES + 1 THIRD PRIZE
THANGAM ILLAM	RM 100	1 THIRD PRIZE
ANBU ILLAM	RM150	1 THIRD PRIZE +PRIZE YOUNGER ARTIST
STEPPINGS STONES LIVING CENTER	RM 200	1 SECOND PRIZE
Y.W.C.A.	RM 300	1 FIRST PRIZE



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ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2013

		ACTIVE MEMBERS	OCTOBER 2013				
S/N		NAMES	3	14	21	28	Total %
1	IPP	Aaron Ong Lai Huat	P	M	P	P	100
2	PP	Albert LimYew Seng	P	P	P	M	100
3	Pres	Alex Chang	P	P	P	P	100
4	PP	Chew Yin Keen	P	M	P	P	100
5		Chinniah a/l Arumanadan	M	M	M	M	100
6	PE	Daisy Chiu	P	P	P	M	100
7	PP	Dato Narendra K Jasani	A	A	A	A	0
8	PP	Dato Steven Oon	M	M	M	M	100
9		Dr. Wong Chin Chaw	P	A	A	P	50
10		Edward Lee	P	M	M	M	100
11		Elaine Tan Gee Hoon	M	M	M	M	100
12	PP	Gary Lim Beng Huat	P	P	P	P	100
13	VP	Heng Choun Tee	P	M	P	P	100
14		Jeffrey Yap	M	M	M	A	75
15	AG	K U Rajah	P	P	M	M	100
16		K.A. Kumar	M	P	M	M	100
17	PP	Ken Ong Keng Swee	P	M	M	P	100
18		Krishna Roy Sreenivasen	M	P	M	P	100
19		Laura Lee	P	P	P	P	100
20	PP	Leong Choy Ying	P	P	M	M	100
21		Loo Ming Chee	P	M	M	P	100
22	PP	Low Keng Hwa	M	P	P	P	100
23		May T Lim	A	A	A	P	25
24	PP	Michael Tung Siak Kei	P	P	P	P	100
25	PP	Michael Yeow Kiew Meng	P	P	P	M	100
26		Mok Sin Jee Wan	P	P	P	P	100
27	PP	Ng Sim Bee	P	P	P	P	100
28		Patrick Lee Hong Lian	P	P	P	P	100
29	PDG	Paul Lee	P	P	M	P	100
30	PP	Richard Liew Ngeok Nyan	P	P	P	P	100
31		Robert Tan Siang Chiok	P	P	M	P	100
32		Sandy Soh Kwee Tin	P	P	P	P	100
33		Sarkunan Subramaniam	A	A	A	A	0
34		Steven Ho	P	P	P	M	100
35	PP	Tai Chin Peow	P	P	P	P	100
36		Tenny Lee Chea Yun	P	P	P	P	100
37		Veronique Pearcey	P	P	P	M	100

CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY OF EVENTS - FUTURE

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
8 th – 10 th Nov	-	President Elects Training Seminar 1	Kuantan
Sat, 9 th Nov	9.00 am	Art Competition Awards Ceremony	Craft Complex, Jalan Conlay, KL
Sun, 17 th Nov	7.00 pm	Youth Service RC Pudu Nominating Committee Meeting	PP Dato' Steven Oon's Residence
Sat, 23 rd Nov	6.30 pm	Spouses Nite	Royal Lake Club, KL
Sun, 24 th Nov	9.00 am	District Charity Walk/Jog	Padang Merbok, KL
-	-	Tri Sister Clubs Fellowship	Bangkok
Sat, 30 th Nov	6.30 pm	Club Annual General Meeting/ 3rd Club Assembly	Rtn Sarkunan's Residence
6 th – 8 th Dec	-	Taipei Rotary Institute	Taipei
6 th – 9 th Dec	9.00 am	Joint R I District 3300 and 3310 Interact Conference	Port Dickson
Sat, 7 th Dec	10.00 am	Career Development Day	Berjaya Times Square, KL
Sat, 7 th Dec	6.30 pm	Vocational Service 47th Club Anniversary Celebrations	Bei Ping Restaurant, Shah Alam
13 th – 15 th Dec	9.00 am	79 th R I District 3300 Conference	Sunway Putra Hotel, KL
18 th - 22 nd Dec	9.00 am	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	AIMST University, Sg Petani, Kedah
Sat, 11 th Jan 2014	8.00 am	Scholarship & Grants Presentation	Jenjarom, Selangor.
Sun, 19 th Jan 2014	9.00 am	Visit to Jenjarom Old Folks Home	Hotel Sentral Pudu
Sun, 19 th Jan 2014	6.00 pm	District Governor's Visit	-
3 rd – 9 th Feb 2014	-	Trip to Northern India organized by the District International Service Committee	PP Datuk Y K Chew's Residence
Sat, 8 th Feb 2014	6.30 pm	4th Fireside	-
28 th Feb- 1 st Mar 2014	9.00 am	Presidents Elect Training Seminar II	-
25 th – 27 th Apr 2014	9.00 am	80 th R I District 3300 Assembly	Seremban

Dear Pudu Past Presidents,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT :-

THE Past President Council Nominating Committee Meeting of PUDU Rotary Club IS SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

DATE: SUNDAY 17th November 2013

TIME: 7 PM

VENUE : PP Dato Steven Oon's RESIDENCE
16, Jalan Margosa SD10/6A,
Bandar Sri Damansara,
52200 Kuala Lumpur

*Kindly confirm your attendance with PE Daisy promptly.
Your presence will be greatly appreciated.*

*Yours in Rotary
Rtn Laura Lee
Hon Secretary*



DISTRICT NEWS

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Dear Friends,

November is designated as the Rotary Foundation month in the Rotary calendar year. In 1917, RI president, Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should seek endowments for the purpose of doing good in this world." The response was polite and favourable but lukewarm and the fund was slow to materialize.

A year later (1918), the Rotary Endowment Fund, as it was originally known, received its first contribution of USD 26.50 from the Rotary club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, which was the balance of the Kansas City convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were contributed each year, but after six years (1924), the endowment had only reached US\$700. A decade later, in 1928, at the Minneapolis Convention, the name of the fund was changed from Endowment fund to the Rotary Foundation as it is known until now. In the next four years, the fund grew to USD 50,000. In 1932, a USD 2 million goal was established for the Rotary Foundation, but these plans were abandoned with the outbreak of World War 2.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for the Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honour the founder of Rotary. By 1954, the Foundation received for the first time USD 500,000 contributions in a single year and in 1965, USD 1 million was received.

It is staggering to believe that, given such humble beginnings, the Rotary Foundation receives over USD 100 million yearly in contributions now. This has enabled the Foundation to undertake many humanitarian projects around the world fulfilling our noble objective of doing good in this world. All of these has been made possible with our generous contributions over the years.

"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of bricks or stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; If we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work on immortal minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary as expressed in our Objects and with the just fear of God and love for our fellow-men, we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity.

The Rotary Foundation, THE ROTARIAN, April 1929.

Regards

PP Baskaran.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR D3300

Dear Rotarians,

The membership figures of our district as at 1st July 2013 has been released. The figure stands at **1630**. We probably would have gained some in the last four months but we will have to face the prospect of losing some at the same time. This is a vicious cycle that the clubs and the district seems to face annually in spite of all our best efforts.

It is very difficult to nail down the exact causes but it has become imperative for us to identify them and take remedial actions. It is not that we have not tried before, but we need to rethink our strategies in order to find ways and means to resolve the unhappiness of the many who leave.

The clubs in the district who have been successful in recruitment and or retention could perhaps share their success stories with the rest of us. Rotarians who have their views on what could or should be done could share your experiences with us. If all of us could put our head together and work on common strategies, we are more likely to succeed and hopefully solve this perennial problem of membership.

In the final analysis, the problems and the solutions to the membership lies with us. All of us have to bring in at least 1 member each year and we need to take the responsibility to mentor this new member for as long as it takes to convince him or her to stay. This kind of commitment from all of us is essential for the long term growth of our clubs, district and Rotary in general. Are we prepared for this commitment?

JUST U JUST ONE

Regards

PP Baskaran.

Membership Statistics

Current membership figures worldwide

- Rotary members worldwide 1.2m
- Rotary clubs worldwide more than 32,000
- Rotary countries over 200
- Rotary districts 530
- Rotary members in Great Britain & Ireland 56,800 approx
- Rotary clubs in Great Britain & Ireland 1,838

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

I am pleased to inform all Rotarians that our registration for the Conference now stands as follows :

Rotarians 304

Spouses 30

Now lets aim at the 400 MARK and BEYOND.

As for KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, we have:

- YB Mr Paul Low, Minister in the PM Dept
- Datuk Dr Raj Karim and
- RI Presidents Personal Representative.

Datuk Dr Raj Karim will address us on "SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS." She is an expert on social problems in our country and is the Vice President of the Malaysian Council of Child Welfare.

We are also waiting for confirmation from other prominent persons including Tan Sri Tony Fernandes.

KWSP BANTUAN KEMATIAN

ATTENTION to everyone who has an EPF account.

No matter how old are you, no matter how long you have held your EPF account, no matter how much money you have in you EPF account, and no matter how long you have paid for your EPF, according to Government Law, EPF will need to pay RM 2,500 to an EPF account holder's family when he/she died (family members need to claim the RM 2,500 within 6 months).

EPF never inform us about this, I reckon very few people's family did actually receive this RM 2,500 when his/her family member died because not many people know about this. Where did this RM 2,500 go when the deceased's family did not claim for RM 2,500?

So please bombard this info to all your families, relatives, colleagues and friends, let them know about this info and remember to claim RM 2,500 when his/her family member dies.

Ref: <http://www.kwsp.gov.my/portal/members/member-responsibility/registration/benefits-as-an-epf-member>

CHALLENGE BY PDG DATUK DR LAKSHA-MANAN FOR RI DIRECTOR ZONE 6B

From: Dato Mohinder Singh

Sent: Sunday, 10 November 2013 3:09 PM

To: RBGT@yahoogroups.com

Reply To: RBGT@yahoogroups.com

Cc: <3300clubleaders2013-14@googlegroups.com>; rotary3300; RBGT@yahoogroups.com

Subject: Re: [rotary3300] Challenge by PDG Dato Dr Lakshmanan for RI Director Nominee Zone 6B

Thanks Dr Siva. There are several reasons why I am insisting on original copies.

1. Several clubs have claimed that they have emailed their letter but I can't trace them, presumably lost in the emails.
2. Some emails are very poor and can hardly be read. This depends on the ability of the sender and his computer.
3. I want to be absolutely sure that all clubs that want to exercise their vote have done so and I have not missed or lost their reply among the numerous emails that I receive daily.
4. I was following the guidance of the General Secretary who I presumed had checked the requirements based on instructions which he had gathered from RI.

It is not my intention to disqualify those who had replied by email. I will forward all replies by email or by post to RI and let them decide.

I only want to make sure that Clubs don't lose their vote by default.

After all we want to give PDG Laksh a fighting chance and not spoil his chances due to administrative drawbacks and failures. Should he go through or miss out by a very narrow margin, I don't want to be blamed that I missed out the names of some clubs that had concurred with his challenge.

Thank you for your comments. I shall now doubly make sure that I have not goofed up the process.

With best regards.
DG

Afternote:

RC Pudu's BOD decided to abstain from voting.

RI NEWS

NEW AND IMPROVED SYDNEY CONVENTION REGISTRATION

October 2013

I've decided to attend the family-friendly convention in Sydney, Australia!

How do I register?

Register online at www.RIconvention.org! If you are an active user, your account will be ready for immediate use; otherwise, you'll need to create a new user account with a unique email that is not shared by another Rotarian.

Why register online?

Our new and improved online registration system is fast, easy, and secure:

- Confirmations (with letter of invitation if necessary) will be sent to you as soon as you complete your registration!
- We now accept credit card payment in several currencies online.
- If you're in a country with a Rotary International Office or Fiscal Agent, you can register online and get your confirmation right away, and then complete payment with your fees due notice through your office or agent.

After I've registered, how can I make changes?

You can log into your account and update your registration:

- Edit your contact information and update your membership record.
- Add or cancel your guests, RI luncheons, preconvention meetings or registration.
- Send yourself a new copy of your confirmation (and letter of invitation) after making any edits.

Now that I'm registered, what do I do next?

Take a look at Host Events and tours, make your travel plans, get your visa*, book a hotel, and tell everyone you're going!

* All visitors to Australia will need a visa, but citizens of many countries can apply electronically.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REFLECTS ON HIS JOURNEY TO ROTARY

My father moved us from Vietnam when I was a child to provide us with more than what we'd had under the communist regime. We ended up in a ghetto in Oakland, California, USA. I went to Fremont High School, one of the worst schools in a neighborhood plagued by violence, poverty, and high dropout rates.

Our house was on a busy street, and every night we heard gunshots.

The spring of my junior year, a group of Rotarians visited my class. They told us about the Rotary Club of Oakland's Enterprise Institute, a three-day camp that allows students to develop and test their business skills. Spending time in the Santa Cruz mountains, creating a business plan with my peers, didn't appeal to me so much as escaping the projects for a few days. In my world, the only businesses I saw were funeral homes, liquor stores, and drug dealers.

The Enterprise Institute exposed me to a new reality. I met teenagers who talked about Plato and Shakespeare, not drive-by shootings and AK-47s. It was at camp that I heard the word "entrepreneur" for the first time. Surrounded by high school students from schools that were far superior to my own, I learned just how little I knew. As we considered case studies and came up with our own business plans, I also saw a future that didn't involve assault rifles and prison cells. These kids talked about going to college and starting their own companies, and I realized I wanted the same things. Coming from the streets, I knew I was at a disadvantage and would have to work even harder to achieve the same goals. That was one of the most important lessons I took away from the Enterprise Institute—not a business outline, but a sense of ambition and self-motivation.

Read more from:

September 2012 issue of [The Rotarian](#) and RI Webpage: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/scholarship-recipient-reflects-his-journey-rotary>



THOTS FOR THE WEEK

"Fiscal Cliff" put in a much better perspective.

Lesson # 1:

- * U.S. Tax revenue: \$2,170,000,000,000
- * Fed budget: \$3,820,000,000,000
- * New debt: \$ 1,650,000,000,000
- * National debt: \$14,271,000,000,000
- * Recent budget cuts: \$ 38,500,000,000

Let's now remove 8 zeros and pretend it's a household budget:

- * Annual family income: \$21,700
- * Money the family spent: \$38,200
- * New debt on the credit card: \$16,500
- * Outstanding balance on the credit card: \$142,710
- * Total budget cuts so far: \$38.50

Got It ??.....OK now,

Lesson # 2:

Here's another way to look at the Debt Ceiling:

Let's say, You come home from work and find there has been a sewer backup in your neighborhood.... and your home has sewage all the way up to your ceilings.

What do you think you should do

Raise the ceilings, or remove the shit?

OF WIVES & SIGNBOARDS

My Wife Doesn't Work

Conversation between a Husband (H) and a Psychologist (P):

P : What do you do for a living Mr. Bandy?

H : I work as an Accountant in a Bank.

P : Your Wife?

H : She doesn't work. She's a Housewife only.

P : Who makes breakfast for your family in the morning?

H : My Wife, because she doesn't work.

P : At what time does your wife wake up for making breakfast?

H : She wakes up at around 5 am because she cleans the house first before making breakfast.

P : How do your kids go to school?

H : My wife takes them to school, because she doesn't work.

P : After taking your kids to school, what does she do?

H : She goes to the market, then goes back home for cooking and laundry. You know, she doesn't work.

P : In the evening, after you go back home from office, what do you do?


H : Take rest, because i'm tired due to all day works.

P : What does your wife do then?

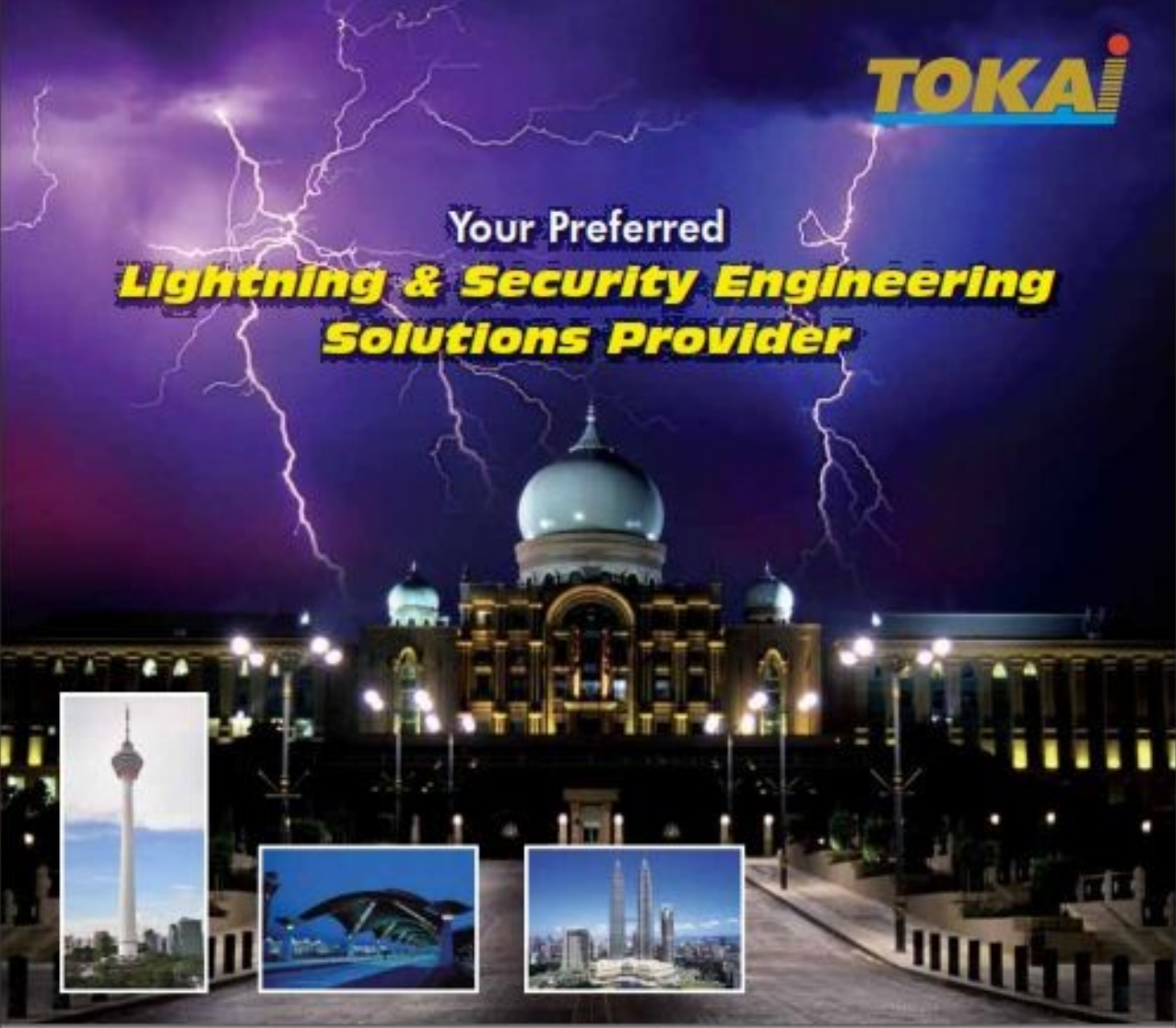
H : She prepares meals, serving our kids, preparing meals for me and cleaning the dishes, cleaning the house then taking kids to bed.




Whom do you think works more, from the story above???





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