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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: Mr Leonard Chua

Subject: The Man Who Died Twice

On Duty

Duty Table: VP C T Heng Fellowship: Rtn Chinniah Finemaster: Rtn Patrick Lee Introducing: Rtn Asok Kumar Thanking: PP Mike Yeow

Rotarians' Birthdays (January)

4th – PDG Dr Paul Lee 7th - PP Ken Ong 15th - PP Datuk Y K Chew 20th - President Alex Chang 20th – Rtn Dr C C Wong 22nd – PP Gary Lim

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Speaker: Ms Elaine Lim

Subject: The Pursuit Of Happiness - Illusive or

Achievable On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn Steven Ho Fellowship: Rtn Veronique Pearcey Finemaster: Rtn Sarkunan Subramaniam Introducing: Rtn Roy Sreenivasan Thanking: Rtn Loo Ming Chee

Spouses Birthdays (January)

8th – Ann Carven (VP C T Heng) 10th – Ann Datin Esther (PP Dato' Dr Lee Hoo Teong)

16th – Ann Rowena (PP Gary Lim)

19th – Ann Geok Hwa (Rtn Patrick Lee)

Wedding Anniversaries (January)

1st - IPP Aaron Ong and Ann Vivian

7th - PP Rosemarie Wee and Spouse Eng Lee

8th - PP Albert Lim and Ann Shirley 19th - Rtn Asok Kumar and Ann Prema

22th - PP Dato' Steven Oon and Ann Boon Kee

27th - PP Dato' Muslim Ayob and Ann Raja Azma

28th - PP Choo Jee Sam and Ann Suit Yong

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS - JANUARY 2014

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Thurs, 2 nd Jan	6.30 pm	Membership Development Committee Meeting	Royal Lake Club, KL
Thurs, 2 nd Jan	7.30 pm	Club Service Committee Meeting	Royal Lake Club, KL
Mon, 6 th Jan	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 8 th Jan	6.30 pm	Youth Service Committee Meeting	Royal Lake Club
Wed, 8 th Jan	7.30 pm	Community Service Committee Meeting	Royal Lake Club
10 th -12 th Jan	-	45 th R I District 3300 Rotaract Conference	Penang
Sat, 11 th Jan	9.00 am	Scholarships & Grants Presentation	SMK (P) Pudu, KL
Mon, 13 th Jan	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 15 th Jan	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Committee Meeting	Royal Lake Club
Wed, 15 th Jan	7.30 pm	International Service Committee Meeting	Royal Lake Club
Sun, 19 th Jan	10.00 am	Visit to Jenjarom Old Folks Home	Jenjarom
Sun, 19 th Jan	6.30 pm	District Governor's Official Visit	Hotel Sentral Pudu, KL
		4 th Club Assembly	
Mon, 20 th Jan	-	MEETING CANCELLED	-
Sat, 25 th Jan	4.00 pm	Rotaract Board of Directors Meeting	Carmen's Restaurant, KL
Mon, 27 th Jan	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 29 th Jan	6.30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Royal Lake Club

EDITORIAL

hy did Steve Jobs, who had enough money to retire forever, create an iPod, an iPad, an iPhone?

Why did Mother Teresa trudge through the stinking back lanes of Kolkata searching for diseased destitutes, even when it meant exposing herself to diseases, harm and ridicule?

Why do Bill and Melinda Gates visit poverty stricken, disease infested parts of Africa when they can be sunning themselves on the beaches of Hawaii?

Why does a Sundarlal Bahuguna undertake a 5000 km trans-Himalayan march to save the forests and the ecology saying, "Ecology is the permanent economy?"

Life is more than an accumulation of things money can buy.

Life is more than collecting rewards and accolades while competing with others.

Life is more than gaining attention and admiring glances when you are with people.

Life is about "creating something special." Every human being has an inherent desire to create.

Give a child a paper and pencil. He/She will immediately get down to "create."

Give the child a few blocks. He/She will immediately get down to "create."

"Creating" is our nature.

There are enough people who believe the ultimate objective of life is to accumulate enough wealth and fame, create a safety nest for their immediate family and live life into obscurity. This is what most people define as success.

The goal of life should never be this "SUCCESS." It should be SIGNIFICANCE. SUCCESS is getting for ourselves. SIGNIFICANCE is giving to others. Will 2014 be a year of SIGNIFICANT GIVING?

With best wishes for a Happy New Year filled with love, peace and joy.

Warmest Regards. PP Mike Tung

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something. So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is art, or love, or work or family or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next

- Neil Gaiman

n Rotary there are so many things we can learn from each other, learn from the events and learn from the way people behave.

Typically, January is the time of the year the Board of Directors begin to work. I have seen installation committee chairmen diligently starting their meetings in January for the installation in June...

My sincere wish to the new Board led by President Elect Daisy Chiu, go ahead "...making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing your world..."

For "The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change"

- Heraclitus

Unless we change, the world will leave us behind.

Adios. Feliz a o nuevo "Happy new year" in Spanish

year and forever."

Alex Chang President RY 2013-14

STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...

The BOD at its meeting on Thursday, 19 Dec 2013, approved RC Pudu to contribute RM 5,000 to the District 3300 Building Fund.

PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 16th December 2013

Guest Speaker: PP Tan Sri Soong Siew Hoong

Subject: My Rotary Journey

Visiting Rotarians

Name	Club
President Judy Chong Rtn Siow Hock Lee Rtn Lily Lee Rtn K G Tan Rtn Ong Hock Siew Rtn Kelly Lim Rtn Chloe Lee Rtn Johnny Lim	R C Bandar Utama R C Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

Guests

Mr Ng Jun Wei	President Alex Chang
Ms Farah	PP Ken Ong
Mr Naveen Judd	Rtn Sarkunan
Ms Liew	Club
California Company	

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.

Sgt-At- Arms Rtn Tenny Lee led in the singing of the National Anthem and then proposed the Loyal Toast.

Rtn Mok Sin was the fine master.

- Board Members and Advisors who did not invite any guests were fined RM 2.
- Members who did not read the eBulletin were fined RM 2.
- Tan Sri Dato Soong was fined RM 2 as a Charter Member and Guest Speaker.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) The Youth Service and Community Service Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 17th December 2013 at the Royal Lake Club at 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm respectively.



Guests	4
Visiting Rotarians	8
Club Members	24
Total Present	36

Collections:

Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	28.00
Paying Diners	370.00
Raffles & Others	
Total (RM)	RM 398.00

- 2) The Vocational Service and International Service Meetings will be held on Wednesday, 18th December 2013 at the Royal Lake Club at 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm respectively.
- 3) The Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th December 2013 at the Royal Lake Club at 6.30 pm

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

PP Richard Liew introduced the guest speaker PP Tan Sri Dato' Soong Siew Hoong who presented a talk on the subject "My Rotary Journey."



SPEAKER'S CV

Speaker: PP Tan Sri Dato Soong Siew Hoong1

PP Tan Sri Dato' Soong was born on December 1925 in Kuala Lumpur and educated at the Methodist Boys' School and Technical College, KL.

The Tan Sri was managing a family business in the manufacturing of machineries for rubber and palm oil processing factories since 1950.



Presently he is a Director of 2 public listed steel manufacturing companies. He was also an elected State Assemblyman for Petaling Jaya from 1978 to 1986 (two terms) and later appointed as a Senator for one term. He has held various positions as Secretary General of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years; an Executive Advisor and Chairman of International Trade and Industry; Council Member of FMM and Chairman of SMI Working Committee for over 30

SPEAKER'S TEXT

The original name of our club was "Rotary Club of KL South" which was eventually changed to "Rotary Club of Pudu." It was then an all men's club. We were under R I District 330 which comprises seven countries.

A few years after our charter in 1966 the late PP Douglas Fraser recommended to us to organise a District Conference in May 1969.

Back in the 1960's to make up at a meeting we had to drive to Rawang or PJ in order to have a 100% attendance. It was through the weekly luncheon talks that my personal knowledge was enriched.

Through the fellowship and friendship established through Rotary, I have been long term friends with many Rotarians.

Besides playing an active role in Rotary, I have served as an Assemblyman, Senator and Secretary General of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. At the Chinese Chambers I have also encouraged Community Service.

In my 47 years as a Rotarian I have observed that some Rotarians are RINO – "Rotarians In Name Only" and TONFU – "Talk Only No Follow Up."

We must also create interesting programmes and projects to cater to various interests of the members. Retention is equally as important as Recruitment.

Our service to the community must come before our personal interests.

 Tan Sri Dato' Soong has been a Chartered Member of the Rotary Club of Pudu for 47 years.

THANKING THE SPEAKER

PP Ong Hock Siew of R C Bandar Utama thanked PP Tan Sri Dato' Soong for a very educational and informative presentation. He commented that the Tan Sri has dedicated more than 40 years of his life to Rotary and the Community. The Tan Sri is indeed an inspiration to all of us.



He then presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Memento to PP Tan Sri Dato' Soong.

A CHINESE PROVERB

Tell You Don't Listen
Listen But Don't Understand
Don't Understand Too Proud To Ask
Ask But Don't Do
Do Also Do Wrong
Wrong Also Don't Admit
Admit Also Don't Correct
Correct Also Not Happy
Not Happy Also Don't Say
Result: Unhappiness

Contributed by: PP Albert Lim

NAPOLEON SAID:

"The world suffers a lot. Not because of the violence of bad people, but because of the silence of good people!"

Contributed by: PE Daisy Chiu

CLUB MEETING ON 16 DECEMBER 2013



Top Table



Pres. Judy Chong of RC Bandar Utama



Rtn Mok Sin, the Finemaster



PP Richard Liew introducing the Speaker



Pres. Alex posing with Pudu Rotarians



Pres. Alex posing with Bandar Utama Rotarians

CLUB MEETING ON 16 DECEMBER 2013



PP Tan Sri Soong recounting his "Rotary journey"



Rtn Robert Tan had a question



Pres. Alex with Rtn Sarky & Naveen



Visiting Rotarians from RC Bandar Utama

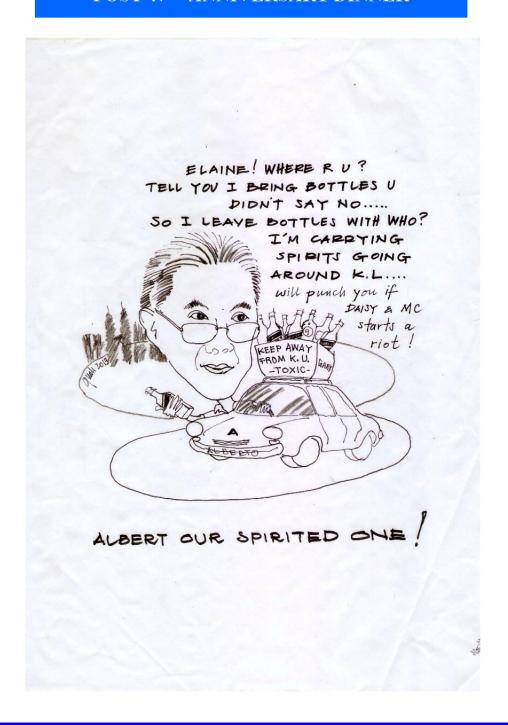


A good one for the album



IPP A aron Ong managed a meeting after the event

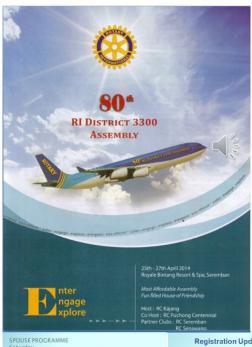
POST 47TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY OF EVENTS - FUTURE

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Sat, 25 th Jan 2014 Feb 3 rd – 9 th 2014	9.00am	Mid Term Review Trip to Northern India organized by the District	Executive Club, Klang
Mar 2014	9.00am	International Service Committee Career Opportunities in the Hospitality	Berjaya Times Sq, KL
Mar 8 th -11 th 2014 Feb 28 th -Mar 1 st 2014	- 9.00am	Industry - Vocational Service Tri Sister Clubs F ellowship Presidents Elect Training Seminar 2	Bangkok -
April 25 th – 27 th 2014	9.00am	80 th R I District 3300 Assembly (see below)	Royale Bintang Resort Seremban

PROMOTIONAL



Registration Package: RM240 (Includes Governor's Banquet) Spouse Programme: RM240 (Includes Governor's Banquet)

Optional Fellowship Night: RM60 Extra Banquet Ticket: RM100

> 80th Rotary International 3300 Training Assembly **Draft Program**

Friday 25 April 2014 11.00am - 05.15pm 02.00 pm - .05.15 pm 08.30 pm - 12.00 pm

Saturday 26 April 2014 08.30 am – 05.00 pm **09.00 am – 10.30 am**

02.00 pm - 05.15 pm 07.30 pm - 12.00 pm

Sunday 27 April 2014

PETS/SETS/TETS Program WORKSHOPS FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Registration
OPENING CEREMONY
FIRST PLENARY SESSION
SECOND PLENARY SESSION
IDEA EXCHANGE

WORKSHOPS DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

THIRD PLENARY SESSION FOURTH PLENNARY SESSION CLOSING CEREMONY



Shopping Local Halal Lunch High Tea with entertainment

Registration Updates as at 15th Dec 2013

of Registration to date: 182 (Target 600)

Rooms already taken up: 62 (Available 200)

Cutoff date: 10th March 2014

Spouse registration: 9 (Target 60)

Optional Fellowship night: 75 (Target 150)

Roll Call 51 (75): Already 68%

25th-27th April 2014



Rotary Club of Pudu 2013-14

MID-TERM REVIEW OF ROTARY CLUBS OF RI DISTRICT 3300

Dear AG and Club Presidents

Hereby the District Trainers announce that the above matter is scheduled to have on January 2014.

All Rotary Leaders, Presidents of Clubs, and The Assistant Governors, shall attend this Mid Term Review. The Assistant Governors are also to make sure that the Presidents of the Clubs under their care, attend and participate in the Mid Term Review which is an important event in the Rotary Calendar.

The particulars are as follows:

Day : Saturday
Date : 25 January.2014
Time : 10 am to 6 pm
Place : Klang Executive Club

By Order of District Trainers PDG Lim Kok Beng (KB) & PDG Dr Joe Rajendran,

Yours in Rotary Service PP R.Kuppusamy (Kuppu) DSG II

Cc:

DG Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh

CLUB ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Dear Rotarians,

Since RI and our district are concentrating on membership growth, we should look into this particular document and read it... which I think it could help. The contents are below:

Assessment Tools

- 1) Membership Section of the Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs (page 1)
- 2) Classification Survey (page 5)
- 3) Membership Diversity Assessment (page 13)
- 4) 25-Minute Membership Survey (page 19)
- 5) Retention Model (page 23)
- 6) Termination Profile (page 27)
- 7) Membership Satisfaction Questionnaire (page 35)
- 8) Resigning Member Questionnaire (page 41)

The file to download is at this website.

Yours in Rotary, PP Ho Yok Loy

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 79TH D3300 CONFERENCE ON 15 DECEMBER 2013

1. Resolution on the District Assembly and District Training

Whereas:

- 1. In order to support and strengthen clubs, the provision of relevant Rotary training and leadership development is vital. Accordingly, there is a need to look at the structure and content of district training, particularly at the District Assembly. The dwindling attendance at District Assemblies is an indication that the Rotarians at not interested and involved in the district training events.
- 2. The District Assembly is described in the MOP as follows:

"Purpose- The purpose of this one-day seminar, held in April or May, is to prepare incoming Rotary club leaders for their roles."

RIB 15.020 states:

"A district assembly, which may be a multidistrict assembly, shall be held annually, preferably in April or May, to develop Rotary club leaders who have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to: sustain and/or grow their membership base; implement successful projects that address the needs of their communities and communities in other countries; and support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions.

The governor-elect shall be responsible for the district assembly. The district assembly shall be planned and conducted under the direction and supervision of the governors-elect. In special circumstances, the board may authorize the holding of a district assembly at a date other than provided herein. **Those specifically**

invited shall include the incoming presidents and the members of clubs assigned by the incoming president to serve in key leadership roles in the upcoming year."

- The District Assembly should be a one day seminar (preferably) and be free or very affordable for all Rotarians.
- 4. The District Assembly should focus on training the incoming Presidents and club leaders.
- 5. The purpose of the DA is to provide knowledge, and motivation to: sustain and/or grow the membership base; implement successful projects and support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions.
- 6. The current programme of the DA does not fully achieve the aforementioned objectives and there are many distracting elements in a typical DA.
- 7. The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) provides an excellent interactive means for Rotarians with leadership potential to gain that knowledge in a discussion based environment. The objectives of the RLI programme is to develop at club level, as well as District Level, Rotarians with the ability to lead and capable of addressing and dealing with the issues for Rotary to continue to grow in its ability to provide service. The RLI has devised an extensive curriculum which would aid the training of Rotarians and Rotary leaders tremendously.

Resolution

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the delegates of the 79th RI District 3300 Conference that all future District Assemblies in District 3300 commencing from the Rotary year 2015-16 should adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. The District Assembly shall be conducted over the duration of one day only.
- 2. The District Assembly shall be an exclusively training event and shall focus only on the training of incoming club leaders to develop Rotary club leaders who have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to: sustain and/or grow their membership base; implement successful projects that address the needs of their communities and communities in other countries:

and support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions.

- 3. The RLI programme and methodology be adopted as an aid to training to help develop at club level, as well as District Level, Rotarians with the ability to lead and capable of addressing and dealing with the issues for Rotary to continue to grow in its ability to provide service and to provide Rotarians wanting to gain an overview of Rotary with the necessary information and knowledge, imparted in a manner that is interesting and conducive to learning.
- 4. That within the next 5 years, the District should seek to use RLI Certified trainers to provide support and training at District level for the AGs Training, GDLTS, PETS, SETS, TETS and DA.
- The incoming Presidents and the Board of Directors and those club members who have important leadership roles shall be specifically invited to attend the District Assembly.
- The District Assembly shall be organized in a cost efficient manner and shall the registration fees shall not exceed RM200.00.

2. Resolution on Fund Raising for Rotary Events

Whereas:

There is presently a practice of raising funds to subsidise or defray the actual costs of Rotary events, such as District Seminars, District Assemblies, District Conferences, Rotary Institutes, etc. There is a need for greater clarity and transparency to ensure that members of the public are not confused about the ethos of our organization which is SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

Proposed Resolution

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the delegates of the 79th RI District 3300 Conference that all appeal letters, leaflets and other correspondence for fund raising for District events should state specifically that the funds raised are being used for the specified event.

From: JIMMY LIM THAW CHAY [jimmylim3300@gmail.com] To: Rotary googlegroup Date: 16 Dec 2013 Subject: WHEELCHAIRS

Dear Rotarians.

This is to announce that the TRF subcommittee have received a fresh supply of about 300 wheelchairs of

various size. (see picture)



Clubs are encouraged to continue providing wheelchairs to the community by raising funds for TRF. Here are the steps:

- Raise USD 100 and pay directly to TRF. Submit the receipt or acknowledgement to me by email and collect the wheelchair from my office at 225 Jalan Ampang by giving me at least 3 working days notice..by mail or sms
- These wheel chairs come in hip side-to-side measurement from 14 to 22 inches wide. Please specify your need

Some Notes:

 Those who have paid for PHF, can claim 1 chair, and 10 for major donor. Top up to major donor can claim 1 wheel chair for each USD 1,000. These chairs will be given free.

- Those who donate to TRF Permanent Fund and Polio Plus can also claim 1 wheel chair free for each multiple of USD 1,000.
- Clubs that donate USD 1,000 worth of EREY will also be eligible for the wheelchairs free
- If your club has not given any money to TRF, then you are required to donate USD 100 for each wheelchair
- The scheme will be terminated automatically whilst stocks last and claims back-dated to IPDG Mansoor Saat's year will be not be entertained

WHY the change in scheme?

Yes the scheme has changed. Rules will change depending on the source of funds.

This batch is paid from the districts DDF and D3600 Korea whereas in the previous batches, it was paid from PDG Jimmy Lim's funds.

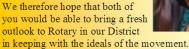
DICTIONARIES

We still have stocks of English/BM and seperately Mandarin/English dictionaries to give out. These dictionaries are good for Form2 and below students. THESE DICTIONARIES ARE GIVEN TO ROTARY CLUBS FOR FREE but up to 500 per batch. In order to qualify for the dictionary, a student must write a 100 word essay on the subject "Why do I need a dictionary?" These essays are sent to us either (preferably) before or after the distribution of the dictionaries to the students.

DG 2015-16

Our heartiest congratulations to PP Siti Subaidah Adil of RC Central Damansara for being elected as the Governor for District 3300 for RY 2015-16.

That means we'd be having two women District Governors in succession; PP Kirenjit Kaur in RY 2014-15 and you in RY 2015-16. That's a commendable achievement for women in Rotary District 3300.



Once again, Congratulations.



TO ALL ROTARIANS WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES TO THE DISTRICT BUILDING FUND

I am happy to inform you that the formal approval to purchase our office lot in Kelana Square has been received from the Minister, thus clearing the final hurdle to complete the purchase, carry out renovations and move into our own office.

I shall appreciate if all pledges can now been paid into our account as follows:

Name of Account: Rotary International District 3300 Malaysia Berhad

Bank: CIMB

Account Number: 14610000767101

Thank you for your cooperation and support

Best regards.

DG



Ruj. Kami: 859051-V Tarikh : 16 Disember 2013

FRIENDBOND MANAGEMENT SERVICES SDN BHD 14-2 Jalan 4A/27A Section 2, Wangsa Maju 53300 Kuala Lumpur.

Tuan,

PERMOHONAN KELULUSAN MENTERI UNTUK MEMILIKI HARTANAH DI BAWAH SEKSYEN 19(2) AKTA SYARIKAT 1965 NAMA SYARIKAT: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3300 (MALAYSIA) BERHAD

Merujuk kepada permohonan tuan bertarikh 27 Jun 2013 berhubung perkara

- Dimaklumkan permohonan untuk memiliki hartanah telah diluluskan oleh YB Menteri pada 9 Disember 2013 seperti di bawah:
 - (a) Satu unit pejabat di bawah Master Title PN 9936, Lot No. 24545, Bandar Petaling Jaya dan Daerah Petaling, Negeri Selangor yang beralamat di No. 509, Tingkat S, Blok B, Dataran Usahawan Kelana, No. 17 Jalan SS 7/26, Kelana Jaya, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor dan diperihalkan sebagai Suite B/05/008, Level Tingkat 05-Pejabat yang berkeluasan kira-kira 1,160 meter persegi.
- Bersama ini disertakan kelulusan lesen (Borang 10) untuk simpanan pihak tuan.

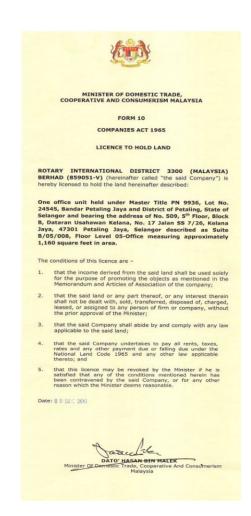
Sekian, terima kasih.

"KE ARAH KECEMERLANGAN SSM".

Yang benar,

GEORGIANA JOHNSON Seksyen Pengurusan Tadbir Korporat b.p. Pendattar Syarikat Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia

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RESPONSE TO VIEWS EXPRESSED AFTER THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

I was trying not to respond to the various views expressed after the conference but after the statement "the PDGs were playing politics," it deemed on me the need. There are many issues raised and they are:-

1. Club Fund Raising during the conference

 Just look up on "Guidelines on Organising District Conference & Assembly," and all the guidelines are there.

Balloting by clubs

- · The procedures are as provided by RI.
- Strict adherence and total compliance to the procedure with no ground for special consideration must be
 carried out. Merit of signatures of both club President and Secretary is obvious but if clubs feel signature
 of President should be sufficient, then propose to amend the code of policy.
- Credential letter is to authorise the Rotarian to be the club elector.
- Balloting is serious and legal matter and clubs have their role to play. Non-compliance and seeking special consideration is not right.
- Governor must ensure that enough time for clubs to inform district if clubs didn't receive the ballot papers and clubs do likewise.
- Non-compliance can lead to legal suits. Years ago, 5 ballots came late and after both reps of both candidates agreed to include the 5 late ballots, the losing candidate challenged the decision stating that he never gave his rep that power. He coincidently lost by 5 votes.
- Club leaders must take some efforts to comply with the rules as infringement can have far reaching consequences.

3. Nominating Committee

- The Nom Com members are proposed and elected by the Clubs. They are not appointed. If they erred, then the clubs must also take responsibility.
- The Nom Com scrutinises the CV of the candidates in more detail than the 2-page CV clubs get of the candidates
- Questions posed by the Nom Com are very deep and soul searching ex on membership: "Can you give us
 the names of Rotarians you introduced into Rotary?" and not "how many Rotarians have you introduced
 into Rotary?"
- "Share with us what you did as .. (district community service chair or Interact chair.)" Nom Com does
 not take face value claims. Claims have to be substantiated.
- Candidates' personal life, business involvement and financial standing are often probed very deeply.
 Thus it is wrong to assume that the Nom Com did not note the past set-backs like financial failings of the candidate.
- Respect and reverence of the detail work of the Nom Com is vital. At least 2 PDGs have opted out of the Nom Com and more will follow if the trend continues. (A fact and not a threat.)
- Asking the Nom Com to merely vet through the candidates and then present them to the clubs to vote is both uncalled for as this role could be done by the district secretary alone quite easily and does not need a committee of PDGs and past AGs to sit just for that.
- Allowing clubs alone to vote and decide and doing away with the Nom Com is democracy but beware of
 the consequences.
- Campaign though prohibited should not be "to win at all cost" like spreading falsehood.

4. District Account

On the district account, I would like to make some proposals with no direct reference to the accounts of this year or of the past. I believe we will need a Task Force to formulate guidelines on our district account and look at issues like:-

- The total income of the district should be the total amount Rotarians and Clubs pay to the district.
- Money received from other sources like Rotary Foundation, Disaster/Walkathon Fund Raising or excess
 fund carried forward must be accrued so that a true and correct final figure of profit or loss will be
 shown.
- Funds for specific purpose if not used must be carried forward. Example is our Disaster Relief Fund
 which all Rotarians pay. This fund if snowballed, will give us a large sum for future disasters. There are
 a few other such funds.
- The Governor Elect is provided a fund for the training events. In the past, each event has a budget but
 now the total amount is given thus leaving the governor elect to allocate as deemed fit. The same should
 be done for the governor. Then we will have 3 sections in the budget (1) DGE's Budget, (2) DG's Budget
 (3) Others like district conference subsidy, district secretariat subsidy, disaster relief, past governors'
 jewel etc.
- The financial support the Governor receives from RI should be incorporated into the main account. The
 money for official club visits is for the governor but the money for other items like the governor's newsletter should be reflected in the district account. If not, it will portray that the expenditure is taken from
 district fund but the income is excluded.
- The district treasurer must adhere strictly that the expenditure is within the budget approved by the DGEs
 at the district assembly.
- According to the law, the accounts are only for comments and club electors have with no rights to make amendments. This may discourage clubs to send electors in the future.
- Maybe a body be set up to go through the accounts before it is presented at the Berhad AGM for adoption. That body could be either a set of internal auditors and/or past governors' council and/or a list of Rotarians (PPs or Presidents) elected.
- Thus the need to re-introduce the Internal Auditors elected at the conference may have its merit now.
- There may also be a need to add a few members to the Berhad Board like a rep each from the PDGs, the Club Presidents and a Rotarian (preferably a PP) with accounting background all to be elected at the AGM (Conference.)

5. PDGs Playing Politics

- · PDGs are often placed in a very awkward position of "serba salah."
- Many believe the PDGs have the powers in the administration and policy making but in reality, the PDGs do not have any such powers. The power is with the DG alone.
- When an issue arises, many expect the PDGs to provide the advice/information whilst just as many believe that the PDGs should not interfere as clubs are autonomous. "Serba salah" again.
- Many consider the PDGs like the Cabinet who discusses every issue of the nation and thus they speak
 with one voice. PDGs individually receive the same, if not less information, as all club leaders. There are
 no avenues for discussion and consensus to "sort out their differences first."
- Most Rotarians in the district are not fully aware of District & RI policies. A few PDGs often speak up at
 the conference and assemblies to enlighten the Rotarians.
- Should PDGs stop highlighting issues that are not in order?

I strongly believe that many of our Rotarians, including some club leaders, are not very well versed with Rotary's code of policies. It may be useful to have a forum at the next assembly or conference for all Rotarians to submit their questions to a panel of senior Rotarians who can then try to provide the clarifications. At the same time, the forum can also have a healthy exchange of views.

I have refrained from quoting names as it is not my intention to challenge anyone's views. If you have any views and need to respond, if possible then just respond to me as I do not want to drag the whole District into this debate.

With best wishes. PDG Dr Paul Lee 19 December, 2013

RI NEWS

NELSON MANDELA & POLIO

n 1996, routine polio immunizations in Nigeria and other African countries were anything but routine. Competing health priorities and lack of funding hampered many governments from putting polio eradication high on their agenda. The drive for a polio-free Africa needed a playmaker.

Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support.



"President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem," Brown says. "I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay,

adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa"

Mandela called the award "a tribute to the people of South Africa's rainbow nation." Rotary's work toward eradicating polio "has shown the power of a global network of people who are ready to roll up their sleeves and put their heart and soul into saving children from disability."

Mandela donated the award's \$100,000 prize to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

Following his death, Rotary members in South Africa lauded Mandela as "one of the 20th century's iconic symbols of freedom and equality," "the father of the nation," and "a leader of service."

"Mandela was a man who overcame unimaginable hardships to emerge as one of the greatest leaders of our time â€" and one of our greatest humanitarians.... [His] legacy of courage, determination, and commitment will forever inspire us to move forward in our effort to achieve a better, more peaceful world," <u>said</u> <u>Rotary President Ron Burton</u>.

Source: Dan Nixon, Rotary International

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HONOURS HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

otary International recognised Her Majesty The Queen on Monday December 16, 2013 with the Rotary International Award of Honour to celebrate the 60th anniversary of her Coronation. Her Majesty The Queen,who graciously accepted the prestigious honour, has been a supporter of Rotary's polio eradication and humanitarian programmes.

The award was taken to Buckingham Palace by Rotary International Director, Mike Webb and Rotary Representative to the Commonwealth, Judith Diment on behalf of Rotary International President, Ron Burton. Since 1990, the President of Rotary International has granted the Rotary International Award of Honour to deserving individuals. Past recipients include the late Nelson Mandela, Pope Benedict XVI, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan and the late King Hussein of Jordan.

RI NEWS

Her Majesty The Queen sent her good wishes for the year ahead to all Rotary club members in Great Britain and Ireland and throughout the Commonwealth and applauded Rotary for its polio eradication program and advocacy efforts. Her message said: "I am pleased that Commonwealth governments are playing their part in tackling disease and improving health for all. Polio for example, used to cast its shadow across many countries and today, thanks to concerted international action, just a handful still need to eliminate polio."

Rotary made polio eradication its top philanthropic goal in 1985. As the volunteer arm of the

Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.2 billion and countless hours of volunteer service to ending polio. This includes nearly £20 million contributed by more than 53,000 members of Rotary clubs in the United Kingdom. To date, more than two billion children have been immunised against the paralysing and sometimes deadly poliovirus.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, has been an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh since 1952 and last visited the club in 2007.

Source: RIBI



G'Day from Sydney

It is with great pleasure that I invite all Rotarians from around the world to join us in Sydney for the 105th Rotary International Convention. I am certain you will love Australia's Harbour city, whether it's your first time, or if you're a regular visitor.

Sydney presents a unique blend of world-class events, cultural activities, stunning natural attractions and of course premium dining and shopping. Our businesses are vibrant and innovative. Our communities are diverse and welcoming. Our friendly city is made up of almost 200 peoples from around the world and has been voted one of the world's most liveable cities.

As a Rotarian myself, I know that Rotary has a strong following in Australia. In fact, there are over 1,100 clubs that undertake many programs and projects to improve the delivery of health services, support the development of education and work towards the alleviation of poverty both here in Australia and overseas. This is valuable and meaningful work that delivers positive outcomes to global communities.



See you at the Convention at Sydney Olympic Park, June 1-4, 2014.

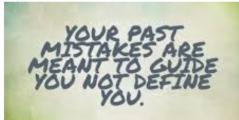
Premier of New South Wales

memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. The Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP



THOTS FOR THE WEEK







Apologizing

Does not always
mean that you're
wrong and the other
person is right.
It just means that you
value your relationship more
than your ego



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR



...and besides that, we are pleased to be of service in providing you timely appearance of this eBulletin every week before the Monday meetings. However, in the event that there has been some shortcomings in content or delivery of the services, we extend our sincere apologies. Happy New Year 2014.

The Editorial Team

