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RI District 3300

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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: Mlle Marie Coutsiere and Mlle Louise Milhomme
Subject: International Youth Exchange

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn C T Heng
Fellowship: Rtn Steven Chiew
Finemaster: Rtn Sarkunan Subramaniam
Introducing: Rtn Veronique Pearcey
Thanking: PP K H Low

Rotarians' Birthdays (April)

04th – PP Quah Sek Cheng
22nd – Rtn Roy Sreenivasan
26th – Rtn Patrick Lee

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Speaker: Emeritus Professor Walter Wong
Subject: SETARA— Rating Process for Higher Education Institutions in Malaysia

On Duty

Duty Table: Rtn Steven Ho
Fellowship: Rtn Mok Sin
Finemaster: Rtn Robert Tan
Introducing: Rtn Loo Ming Chee
Thanking: PP Mike Yeow

Spouses Birthdays (April)

08th – Ann Adeline (PP Datuk Y K Chew)
15th – Ann Lin (PP Quah Sek Cheng)
19th – Ann Angeline (PP Richard Liew)

Wedding Anniversaries (April)

26th – PP Quah Sek Cheng and Ann Lin

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS – APRIL 2014

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Tue, 1 st April	6.30 pm	Incoming Club Service Committee Meeting	Residence of Rtn Jeff Yap
Wed, 2 nd April	7.00 pm	48 th Installation Committee Meeting	Crystal Palm Seafood
Thurs, 3 rd April	6.30 pm	Outgoing Membership Development Meeting	President Alex's Office
Thurs, 3 rd April	7.30 pm	Outgoing Club Service Committee Meeting	President Alex's Office
Sat, 5 th April	11.00 am	Fund Raising Committee Meeting	President Alex's Office
Mon, 7 th April	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 8 th April	6.30 pm	Incoming Youth Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Wed, 9 th April	6.30 pm	Outgoing Youth Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Wed, 9 th April	7.30 pm	Outgoing/Incoming Community Service Committee Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Sat, 12 th April	3.00 pm	Rotaract Board Meeting	Elilai Restaurant, Cheras
Mon, 14 th April	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 15 th April	6.30 pm	Incoming International Service Comm Meeting	Selangor Club, Bukit Kiara
Wed, 16 th April	6.30 pm	Outgoing/Incoming Vocational Svc Comm Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Wed, 16 th April	7.30 pm	Outgoing International Service Comm Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Sun, 20 th April	8.30 am	RRI Games	SMK Victoria Institution
Mon, 21 st April	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
25 th –27 th Apr 2014		80 th R I District 3300 Assembly	Royal Bintang Resort & Spa, Seremban
Mon, 28 th April	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 29 th April	6.30 pm	Incoming Board of Directors Meeting	Bukit Kiara Club
Wed, 30 th April	6.30 pm	Outgoing Board of Directors Meeting	President Alex's Office

EDITORIAL

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry. Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is *yesterday*, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is *tomorrow*, with its possible adversities, its burdens, its promises and its expectations. Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, whether in splendour or behind a mask of clouds. But it will rise. Until it does we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day; *today*.

Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is when we add the burdens of two eternities - yesterday and tomorrow, that we break down.

It is not necessarily the experience of today that disturbs one's peace of mind. It is often time the bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore live one day at a time.

**YESTERDAY WAS A DREAM AND
TOMORROW IS BUT A VISION.
BUT TODAY WELL LIVED WILL MAKE
YESTERDAY A DREAM OF HAPPINESS AND
TOMORROW A VISION OF HOPE.**

*Warmest Regards.
Mike Tung*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I wanted to be an editor or a journalist, I wasn't really interested in being an entrepreneur, but I soon found I had to become an entrepreneur in order to keep my magazine going."
— Richard Branson "

April is designated as the **Magazine month**. To satisfy the standards set by the editor of our club's weekly magazine the *Berita Pudu*, PP Michael Tung, the club have to carry out many activities so as to fill the pages of the *Berita Pudu*. To keep our magazine going we must have many activities. To mention but a few, they are as follows:

Here I like to thank Vice President Heng for carrying out *inter alia* the Annual Fund Raising event through a movie premier "*Wolverine*," the preparation of the event leading to the launch of the same generated many photos and stories for the Magazine.

I must also express my gratitude to President Elect Daisy Chiu who has meticulously thought out and executed *inter alia* the following projects, Employers and Employees Night and Membership Development Night.

The French lady of our club, Youth Service Director Veronique carried out *inter alia* the ILTS (Interact Leadership Training Seminar) and the Art Competition which of course kept the Editor busy.

The *SoFresh* Juice lady, Vocational Service Director Sandy, carried out *inter alia* the Four way test on juice bottles, Career Opportunities and Vocational Awards projects that converted many electronic dots into many photos for our Magazine.

The Ironman of our club, with a heart of gold, Community Service Director Mok Sin carried out *inter alia* projects with the Jenjarom Old Folks Home and Serendah Home to put many happy and satisfied faces into our Magazine.

The legal mind of our Board, International Service Director Roy, went overseas to Bangkok to participate in the Tri Club Sister Club fellowship where we participated in a literacy project involving women prisoners in Bangkok and organised a fund raising for the victims of the Philippines Typhoon *Haiyen* disasters. These events also decorated our Magazine...

Then we have our Club Service Director Edward Lee, the world traveller who organised our meetings week after week, Honorary Secretary Laura Lee who organised the Club Assemblies and Honorary Treasurer

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PUDU NEWS

Record of Meeting on: 31st March 2014

Guest Speaker: Mr Justice Richard Talalla, Retired
Subject: "Lost Over France; Malaysia's Unsung Hero."

Visiting Rotarians

DG Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh	RC Kuala Lumpur West
IPDG Mansoor Saat	RC Shah Alam
President Richard Jacobs	RC Damansara
VP Anna Raj	RC Damansara
PE Tim Schuetz	RC Damansara
PP Prem Gill	RC Damansara
PP Kandiah	RC Damansara
PP Francis Arulanandam	RC Damansara
PP Selvaraja Singam	RC Damansara
PP S Kulasegaran	RC Damansara
Rtn Pradeep Kumar	RC Damansara
Rtn Kassim Syed Ahmad	RC Damansara
President Hari Yanasakaran	RC Kelana Jaya
VP Tan Chuan Boon	RC Kelana Jaya
PE Michael Chong	RC Kelana Jaya
PP Peggy Khoo	RC Kelana Jaya
PP Khoo Swee Keng	RC Kelana Jaya
PP Shanti Yanasakaran	RC Kelana Jaya
PP Tina Yeung	RC Kelana Jaya
PP Leslie Yeap	RC Kelana Jaya
PP Roland Low	RC Kelana Jaya
PP Josephine Pang	RC Kelana Jaya
PP Edward Pon	RC Kelana Jaya
Rtn Chow Chee Ping	RC Kelana Jaya
Rtn Sarah Yong	RC Kelana Jaya

Guests

Datin Helen Mohinder	President Alex Chang
Ms Eva Cheah	President Alex Chang
Ms Lim Soo Zee	President Alex Chang
Ms Roshane Ibrahim	President Alex Chang
Mr Martin Rockerfeller	PP Mike Tung
Ms Sharon Chia	PP Mike Tung
Ann Lim May Lee	Rtn Mok Sin
Ms Brenda Lee	Rtn Jeffrey Yap
Mr Justice Richard Talalla	Club
Mrs Adele Tan	Club
Ms Liew	Club
Rtc Timothy Danker	Club
Rtc Alyson Soo	Club
Rtc Hardeep Singh	Club
Rtc Wong Chin Hong	Club
Rtc Chua Kim Pei	Club
Rtc Jitco Chin	Club

Statistics

Guests	17
Visiting Rotarians	25
Club Members	22
Total Present	64

Collections:

Birthdays/Anniv/Fines	
Paying Diners	640.00
Raffles & Others	
Total (RM)	640.00

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Sgt-At-Arms Rtn Tenny called the meeting to order at 7.15 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.

There was no fine session.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The Incoming Club Service Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st April 2014 at the residence of Rtn Jeffery Yap at 6.30 pm.
- 2) The 48th Installation Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd April 2014 at the Crystal Palm Seafood Restaurant, KL at 6.30 pm.
- 3) The outgoing Club Service Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd April 2014 at 7.30 pm at the office of President Alex Chang
- 4) The Fund Raising Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, 5th April 2014 at 11.00 am at the office of President Alex Chang.

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER

PP Leslie Yeap of RC Kelana Jaya introduced the guest speaker Mr Justice Richard Talalla, Retired who presented a talk on the subject "Lost Over France; Malaysia's Unsung Hero."

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SPEAKER'S CV

Additional Introduction by Pres. Alex Chang

This evening we would like to share with you a very special slide presentation LOST OVER FRANCE; MALAY-SIA'S UNSUNG HERO. The title of this presentation is adopted and extracted from a documentary featured by History Channel shown on TV late last year, 2013.

The presentation this evening is about a home-grown airman Henry Talalla who learnt to fly at the KL Flying Club in 1939, joined the British Royal Air Force (RAF) in 1940 and was sent to Canada to train as a fighter pilot. Henry, who was assigned to fly one of the most sophisticated and dangerous aircraft of the 2nd World War — the Hawker Typhoon — was killed in action over Normandy shortly after D-day in 1944.

Henry was the eldest son of a prominent Malayan family, Mr & Mrs Hewage Benjamin Talalla, of Sinhalese descent, who came to this country at the turn of the 20th century. Henry was a student of The Victoria Institution, KL as were some of his brothers.

One of Henry's brothers is Mr Justice Richard Talalla, retired, who served as High Court judge initially in Muar and later in KL. Another brother Dato' Albert Talalla served as Malaysian Ambassador to Washington DC.

The judge's late father was one of the founders of the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur in 1929. The judge's second eldest brother, Cyril (aka Jimmy) who was also a fighter pilot in the RAF, and like Henry served in England and France. Jimmy flew the ever glamorous Spitfire. He was a holder of a double DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross) and was decorated at Buckingham Palace by the present Queen's Father in 1945. But one thing must be emphasised. Jimmy always insisted that Henry was the better pilot.

Jimmy, in civilian life became a member of the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur. He was the Club's Sergeant at Arms in the 1950's.

Together with us this evening, please welcome Mr Justice Richard Talala, retired Judge of the High Court.

THANKING THE SPEAKER



PE Tim Schuetz of RC Damansara thanked Mr Justice Richard Talalla, Retired, for a very educational and interesting presentation. He recommended that Mr Justice Talalla write a biography for the people of Malaysia. He then presented a memento to Mr Justice Richard Talalla, Retired.

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Patrick Lee who paid all the bills so that to keep the cameras from snapping away to fill the pages for the Magazine.

Last but not least, PP Dato Muslim who turn all our Magazines into hi-tech flipping pages and pdf files for the world to read...

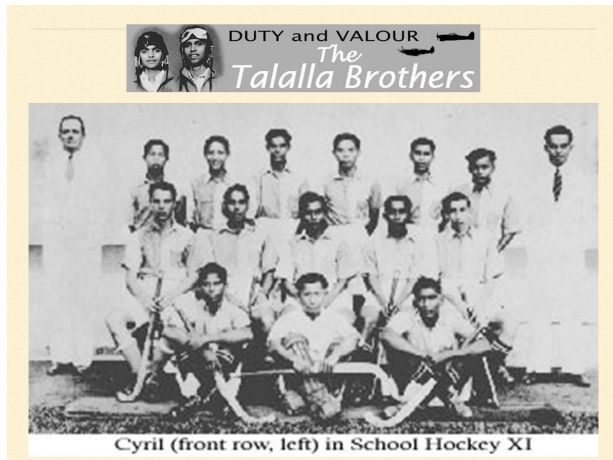
And this Monday, we welcome Mlle Marie Coutiers & Mlle Louise Milhomme to present a talk entitled "International Youth Exchange." There will be more pictures for next week's Magazine.

Thank you all.

Alex Chang
President
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SPEAKER'S TEXT

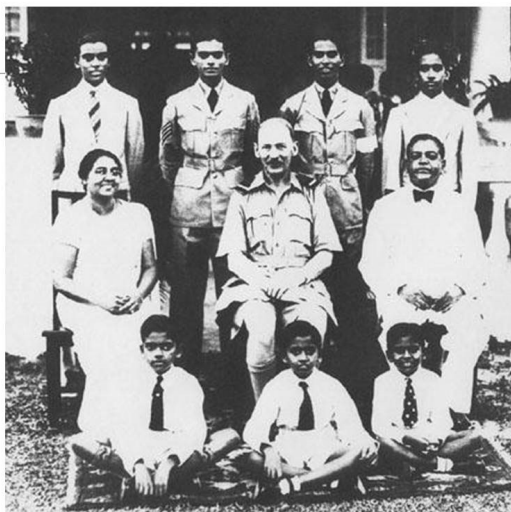
Lost over France; Malaysia's Unsung Hero
By Mr Justice Richard Talalla, retired



Cyril (front row, left) in School Hockey XI



Henry and Cyril- Student pilots



Henry Talalla

Cyril Talalla



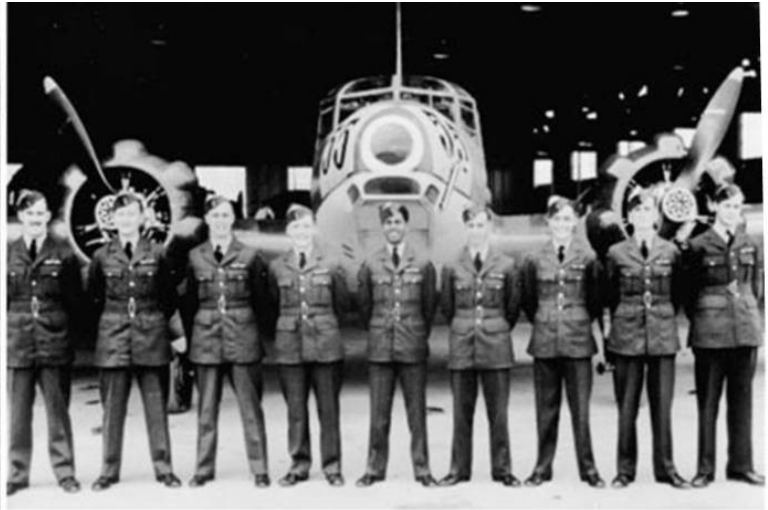
Normandy
July 1944

Henry is debriefed at a forward field shortly before he is lost in action against German forces.
(Photo: Imperial War Museum)

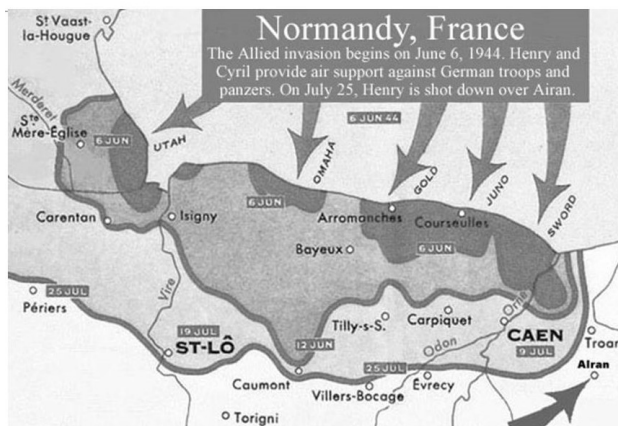


Cyril meeting Queen Elizabeth at an RAF base

SPEAKER'S TEXT



TRAINING IN CANADA - Henry (centre, left pic) and Cyril (centre, right pic)



Normandy, France
The Allied invasion begins on June 6, 1944. Henry and Cyril provide air support against German troops and panzers. On July 25, Henry is shot down over Airan.



Typhoons in action in Normandy



Normandy 1996

Michel Deuzet (Mayor of Airan) and Alain Touret (Mayor of Moulton) jointly name the highway between their towns *Route Henry Talalla*

JOINT CLUB MEETING ON 31 MARCH 2014



Top Table



Very good attendance



Some RC Kelana Jaya members



Pres Alex with RC Damansara members



PP Leslie Yeap introduced the Speaker



The Speaker — Mr Justice Richard Talalla

JOINT CLUB MEETING ON 31 MARCH 2014



PE Tim Schuetz presenting memento to the Speaker



PP Dato' Dr Lee H. T. reading citation on the late Kevin Tan



DG presenting a crystal plaque to Kevin's widow



Kevin's widow Adele Tan receiving the mock cheque



Mrs Adele Tan thanking her benefactors



DG Datuk Dr Mohinder Singh was impressed with the event and would like to see more joint club meetings

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD



Rtn Sandy Soh announcing Vocational Service Award



Kelvin & Adele Tan on their wedding day



Both of them love outdoors activities



The happy couple with their two small children



The late Kelvin Tan

CITATION

This year, the Pudu Rotary Club for its annual vocational service project – The Vocational Recognition Awards is not only giving commendation to the dedicated services of members of the various vocations such as policeman, fireman, teachers, ambulance officers, etc, but also to the supreme sacrifice that any person can do in the line of duty in his vocation.

The late Mr. Kelvin Tan Wee Chew, a nature enthusiast and a promoter of eco-tourism, took a group of participants to a waterfall at Bentong Forest Reserve. In spite of his advice, one of his group member decided to dive into a pool below the waterfall and got into difficulties.

Kelvin immediately dived in and managed to push the swimmer onto a rock and thus saved his life; but in doing so, he himself was caught in the whirlpool and drowned.

The Rotarians of Pudu Rotary Club, in the Vocation Service Committee deliberated and decided to recognize the heroism and dedication of the late Kelvin Tan that in the line of devotion to his vocation he sacrificed himself in the line of duty in his work.

Several generous Rotarians of Pudu Rotary Club have donated towards an Endowment Fund for his children— Zoe a 4-year old daughter and Lucas a 1-year old son.

The Pudu Rotary Club vocation service committee is honored today to present a plaque as a memento to recognize his heroic sacrifice, so that his wife Adele and children and all of us can remember his dedication to his vocation.

ILTS



Resource Rotarians



Seated L to R: PDG Dr Paul Lee, PP K. Palanisamy, DGN Siti Subaidah and PE Daisy Chiu

ILTS



Guest of Honour
DGN Siti Subaidah Adil



Rotarians from RC Cheras



This year's Interact Leadership Training Seminar (ILTS) was conducted at SMK (L) Methodist from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Interactors from all the Interact clubs under RC Pudu's sponsorship together with those under RC Cheras' sponsorship attended the seminar. The participants were divided into eight groups each headed by a Resource Rotarian from RC Pudu. The subject matters were related to their functions as office bearers in their clubs inclusive of secretarial and financial duties.



ATTENDANCE — MARCH 2014

ACTIVE MEMBERS

			MARCH					
			3	10	17	26	31	%
1	IPP	Aaron Ong Lai Huat	R	R	R	R	R	Resigned
2	PP	Albert LimYew Seng	R	R	R	R	R	Resigned
3	Pres	Alex Chang	P	M	P	P	P	100
4	PP	Chew Yin Keen	A	A	A	A	A	0
5		Chinniah a/l Arumanadan	M	M	M	P	M	100
6	PE	Daisy Chiu	P	P	P	P	M	100
7	PP	Dato Narendra K Jasani	A	A	A	A	A	0
8	PP	Dato Steven Oon	A	M	M	A	A	40
9		Dr. Wong Chin Chaw	A	A	P	A	A	20
10		Edward Lee	P	M	M	P	P	100
11		Elaine Tan Gee Hoon	M	M	P	P	P	100
12	PP	Gary Lim Beng Huat	P	P	P	P	P	100
13	VP	Heng Choun Tee	P	P	P	P	P	100
14		Jeffrey Yap	P	P	P	P	M	100
15	AG	K U Rajah	M	M	M	P	P	100
16		K.A. Kumar	P	P	M	M	P	100
17	PP	Ken Ong Keng Swee	M	M	M	M	M	100
18		Krishna Roy Sreenivasen	P	P	P	P	P	100
19		Laura Lee	P	M	P	P	P	100
20	PP	Leong Choy Ying	E	E	E	E	E	
21		Loo Ming Chee	M	M	M	M	M	100
22	PP	Low Keng Hwa	P	P	P	M	P	100
23		May T Lim	A	A	A	A	A	0
24	PP	Michael Tung Siak Kei	P	P	P	P	P	100
25	PP	Michael Yeow Kiew Meng	P	P	P	P	M	100
26		Mok Sin Jee Wan	P	P	M	P	P	100
27	PP	Ng Sim Bee	P	P	P	M	M	100
28		Patrick Lee Hong Lian	P	P	P	P	P	100
29	PDG	Paul Lee	P	M	M	M	P	100
30	PP	Richard Liew Ngeok Nyan	P	P	P	M	M	100
31		Robert Tan Siang Chiok	P	P	P	M	M	100
32		Sandy Soh Kwee Tin	P	M	M	M	P	100
33		Sarkunan Subramaniam	A	A	A	A	A	0
34		Steven Ho	P	P	P	P	P	100
35	PP	Tai Chin Peow	P	P	P	M	P	100
36		Tenny Lee Chea Yun	P	P	P	M	P	100
37		Veronique Pearcey	P	P	P	M	P	100
38		Steven Chiew Choon Meng	A	M	A	P	A	40

CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY OF EVENTS - FUTURE

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Sun, 20th April	8.30 am	RRI Games	SMK Victoria Institution
25 th – 27 th April 2014	-	80 th R I District 3300 Assembly	Royal Bintang Resort & Spa, Seremban
Sat, 10th May 2014	10.00 am	R C Pudu Charity Premiere 'Spiderman 2'	GSC Pavilion, KL
10 th – 11 th May 2014	-	District Rotaract Assembly	Prescott Hotel Klang
Sat, 17 th May 2014	7.30 pm	The Rotary Foundation Awards Night	Royal Lake Club, KL
Fri, 23rd May 2014	2.30 pm	Rotarian/Teacher Advisors High Tea	Shangri la Hotel, KL
1 st – 4 th June 2014	-	Rotary International Convention,	Sydney
Sat, 21 st June 2014	7.30 pm	District Awards & Handover Night	
Sat, 19th July 2014	7.00 pm	R C Pudu 48th Installation Night	Shangri la Hotel, KL
21 st – 23 rd Nov 2014	-	2014 Kota Kinabalu Rotary Institute	Sutera Harbour Resort & Spa, Kota Kinabalu.



April Birthday people



48th Installation Committee meeting...



IPP Don Law of RC Georgetown was our guest



...at the Crystal Palm Seafood Restaurant, Sentul

DISTRICT NEWS

My Rotary Moment

By PDG Dr RT Arasu

RC Kajang

It all started when I was the Rotary Regional membership coordinator for Zone 6b. In my travels to the districts in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Brunei, Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore I experienced Rotary at different levels, there were happy and pleasant moments; and some challenging moments as well.

When I was doing a membership seminar in Lahore Pakistan I was invited to the first meeting of a chartered club in Lahore Central, it comprised of about 30 new young vibrant members.

Three Rotary Past Governors as well as serving District Governor was present. There was discussion on club projects to be undertaken in the coming year; and one of the main project they were focusing on was on water hand pumps to the rural villages. Water was a scarcity in this part of Pakistan as it was towards the desert area, water had to be obtained from underground for daily use and the villagers could not afford a water hand pump.

There was a lot of discussion on this topic as to how the funds would be raised etc and the need to get the TRF involved. When it came to my time to share my views on the water project, I immediately took out USD 100.00 and told them to buy the first hand water pump for one area in the village. As I was the RRIMC making the donation, the DG did not want to be left out so he put in another USD 100, following which the Charter President put in another USD 100. There were three PDGs with me and they put in each USD 300. Some club members chipped in and the total came to USD1,000.

Wow with USD1,000 they could install 20 pumps in three villages. At the opening ceremony of this event they invited me to attend. I could not make it as it was difficult to get a visa to Pakistan on Rotary matters.

I was close to them as I attended six Membership seminars throughout the country and the Rotarians were very warm and friendly. When I received the photographs of the event they named the project after me "Arasu Water Project – Rural

Community." A banner was made and taken along with the project. This was a total surprise to me and I guess it is the bond that I have with them that made them to honour the small contribution of mine.



Over the years I have contributed personally to buying more of these hand pumps for them. It was truly a great feeling that with a simple thought this project has grown now to 60 pumps for the villages of Lahore District Pakistan. The villagers can now have water to bathe, to cook and to water their crops, as water during the rainy season is stored underground by dykes and bunds.

This was truly a moment of happiness in my Rotary career of 35 years.

Dear PDG Dr Arasu,

When I read RC Kajang's latest club bulletin, I was pleasantly surprised to hear about the water project in Pakistan named after you. To name a project after you must speak volumes for the respect that they have for you in Pakistan as well as for the leadership you offered in starting this project.

You inspired the Rotarians from Pakistan with your initiative to start the fund and it is truly marvellous to hear that this water project has grown into a major one supplying much needed water to many in Lahore, Pakistan.

When we hear about these kinds of meaningful Rotary projects, it fills us with pride and joy and more so when it involves the efforts of one of our own Rotarians in another District.

PDG Arasu, you have done us proud!!

Warm Regards
Baskaran.

My Dear Friends

Thank you for contributing to The Rotary Foundation. At the end of March 2014, the **total contributions are \$163,690.00**

Annual Fund: \$114,441.00
Per Capita: \$70.21
Endowment Fund: \$7,800.00

For the TRF Night recognitions, the cut off date is 15 April 2014.

All those contributing \$1,000.00 and above from now on, please inform me so that we could recognise you.

With best regards

PDG Dr Rajindar Singh
DRFC

DISTRICT NEWS

Dear Friends

GOOD NEWS.

We have finally received the District Grant payment from The Rotary Foundation.

Listed below are the clubs and the amount that they will receive.

I have forwarded your Bank Details that were provided in the application form to the District Treasurer. He will disburse the money to the clubs.

After you have received the money, fill up the Report Form with the Bank Statements and invoices. Also include the photographs. Please send the report to me by email.

	USD	MYR
Bandar Sungai Petani	1,500	4,818
Bandar Sunway	2,100	6,745
Bukit Larut Centennial	1,000	3,212
Butterworth	1,820	5,845
Damansara	2,100	6,745
Kajang	1,810	5,814
Kerian, Bagan Serai	2,100	6,745
Kuala Lumpur West	2,100	6,745
Klang Central	2,100	6,745
Kuala Kangsar	1,500	4,818
Langkawi	2,100	6,745
Metro Kuantan DiRaja	1,500	4,818
Penang	1,520	4,882
Pudu	1,218	3,912
Sitiawan	1,820	5,845
Subang	1,500	4,818
Taiping	1,000	3,212
Tampin	2,100	6,745
Seremban	1,500	4,818
Teluk Intan	2,100	6,745

With best regards

PDG Dr Rajindar Singh
DRFC



We still have a few rooms available

Special Rates for 80th District 3300 Training Assembly

Deluxe Room - RM190 / night

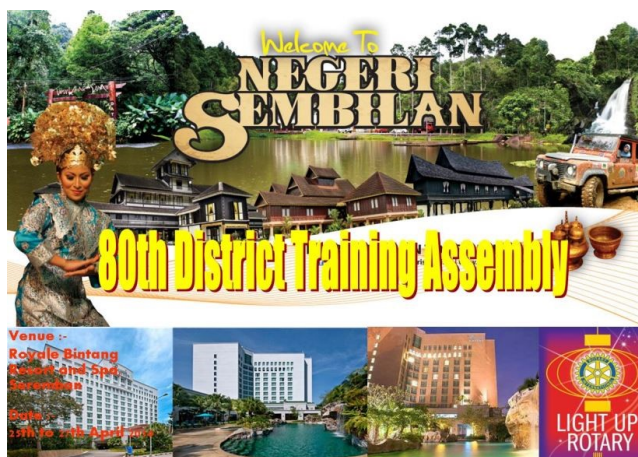
Executive Room - RM330 / night

All rooms come with breakfast for two (choice of Twin Beds or a single Double Bed)

Free Parking

<http://royalebintang-seremban.com/>

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Organising Chairman
RC Kajang



RI NEWS

TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR'S APRIL MESSAGE

Celebrate Magazine Month.

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical areas, its publications are more vital than ever. The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month, and it is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives – and the role that we should play in our publications.



The Rotarian, which is edited here at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in more than 20 languages. In total, these 32 magazines reach more than 1.2 million people. To make this happen, it takes more than just an editorial staff – it also takes the good work of Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired.

In an era when electronic communication seems to be everywhere, the role of paper magazines is still important to our organization, but we must be open to new formats to get the word out. That's why, this April, I encourage you all to explore *The Rotarian* magazine's new digital experience: TheRotarianMagazine.com. Email the stories to friends and family. Share them on Facebook and Twitter. This is a chance to take the great ideas and great work of Rotarians even further and to inspire future generations to do the same.

D K Lee
Trustee Chair

From: Nagesh <nagesh.mahajan@gmail.com>

Date: Thu 3/4/2014 2:24 PM

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WATER PROJECT UNITES LEBANON CLUBS ACROSS ALL DIVIDES

A project to provide clean water to all of Lebanon's schools is uniting leaders from many of the country's diverse religious, cultural, and political divisions.

In 2011, Rotary members in northern Lebanon decided to install new tanks and water filters in a few nearby schools with the help of a Rotary Foundation grant. The idea caught on and a few other clubs followed suit.

Two years later, District 2452 Governor Jamil Mouawad and other district leaders saw the potential of creating one giant water project that could reach every school and involve all 24 of the country's Rotary clubs. They formed a committee to handle publicity and gather technical knowledge, while each club was asked to provide volunteers, contribute funds, apply for grants, and secure contributions from outside organizations.



"Every student has the right to drink clean water. It goes without saying that clean drinking water leads to less diseases, healthier students, and consequently, better education," says Mouawad. "The bigger the challenge, the greater its positive impact on humanity."

While clean water is the main objective, the leaders also saw the effort as a means of helping heal Lebanon's long history of sectarian strife. A civil war divided the country from 1975 to 1990, leaving an estimated 120,000 people dead. In recent years, Lebanon's government is a shifting coalition of religions, political parties, and sects.

Lina Shehayeb, president of the Rotary Club of Aley, is a Druze by faith. Shehayeb says working alongside club members who are Catholic, Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Muslim to promote the project has deepened her understanding of those with different religious or political views.

"We are building peace and understanding," she says. "There has never been anything quite like this in our country."

Even the distribution of club responsibilities is designed to foster peace. Each club is responsible for a certain number of schools, some in their area but some in a totally separate region. The clubs nominate a project coordinator, find qualified suppliers, arrange for sponsors, and allocate

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contributions from sponsors, district funds, and global grants to finance the installation of filters in the schools. “For example a club from Jounieh, a Christian resort town north of Beirut, might be assigned schools in the southern mountains near the Israeli border, an area that is considerably poorer and primarily Shia Muslim,” explains Mouawad. “After all, who — no matter what their political or religious views — could argue with providing clean water for children?”

The effort could not have come at a better time. With the crisis in Syria, Lebanon’s population is ballooning with refugees, including many school-age children. By improving the schools these kids attend, Rotary members are laying the groundwork for future peace in the region.

The committee is working in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers take water samples in each of the schools a few times a year and send those samples to the Lebanese Agricultural Laboratory Institute for testing. According to the committee’s technical team, it will cost roughly \$2,500 a school to install water tanks, filters, and provide ongoing monitoring. About 200 schools have been covered so far. The goal is to reach all 1,535 schools within three years.

Source: Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary International

PRESIDENT OF INDIA ADDRESSES THE ROTARY POLIO FREE CONCLAVE 2014



The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee addressed the Polio Free Conclave 2014 organised by the Rotary International, here today. He also presented mementos of appreciation and recognition to the former Health Minister Dr. A. Ramadoss and Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Union Health Minister for Health and Family Welfare.

Speaking at the occasion, the President applauded the efforts of various agencies including the government in ridding the country of the disease. The President said that this was a momentous and landmark achievement. Health has been the priority of the Government of India for quite some time, he said. Unprecedented programme to eradicate the polio virus from the country was taken up by the central and state governments supported by several nation-

al and international agencies such as Rotary International, UNICEF, WHO, CDC and Melinda and Gates Foundation, he added.

The President said that the agencies helped with material resources and best practices to wipe out this crippling disease. Initiative was taken up at several levels to spread awareness, provide prompt medical attention and administer the polio vaccine. The unique challenge in India, the President noted, was the sheer number of people combined with the difficult terrain in many states. He applauded the unparalleled dedication of all concerned and the relentless efforts put in by the workers, doctors, activists and various stakeholders including parents of children in achieving this day.

The President stated that India must assist other countries such as Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan in their fight against this disease in improving their health systems and infrastructure. He stated that we must be vigilant. There is need for watchfulness and preparedness to see that there is no recurrence of this disease, the President said.

The Union Health Minister addressing the gathering said that this was a momentous and historic achievement. He thanked all the stakeholders and partners in this challenging yet deeply satisfying journey. He credited this achievement to decision to introduce the new bivalent polio vaccine which was indigenously developed for the first time, aggressive immunization and micro block level planning covering the most endemic areas which had an electrifying effect, strong political will at the highest levels that ensured pumping in of required financial resources and deployment of huge manpower in this gigantic task, constant monitoring and maintaining supply chains, involving over a million Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) across the country.

He said that a 2.3 million strong team of frontline polio workers, volunteers and 150,000 supervisors worked day and night for the success of the polio rounds. Shri Azad complimented the Rotarians who have been contributing resources, time and effort to the cause.

Present at the occasion were Shri Lov Verma, Health Secretary, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Mr. Gary Huang, Rotary International President Elect, Mr. D. K. Lee, Chairman, Rotary Foundation, Shri Rajendra Saboo, Conclave Chairman, Shri P T Prabhakar, Rotary International Director and Shri Kalyan Banerjee, Conclave co-chairman.

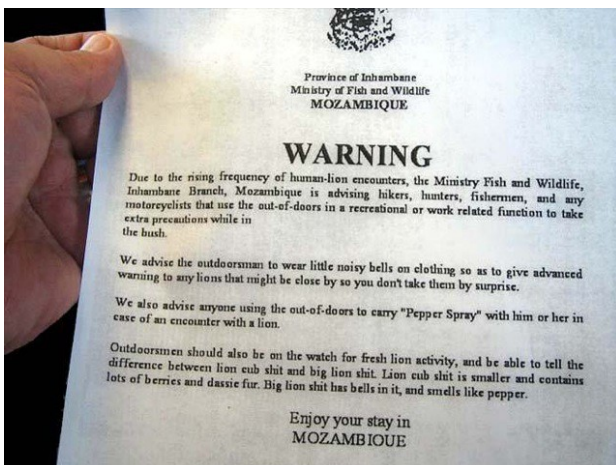
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THOTS FOR THE WEEK

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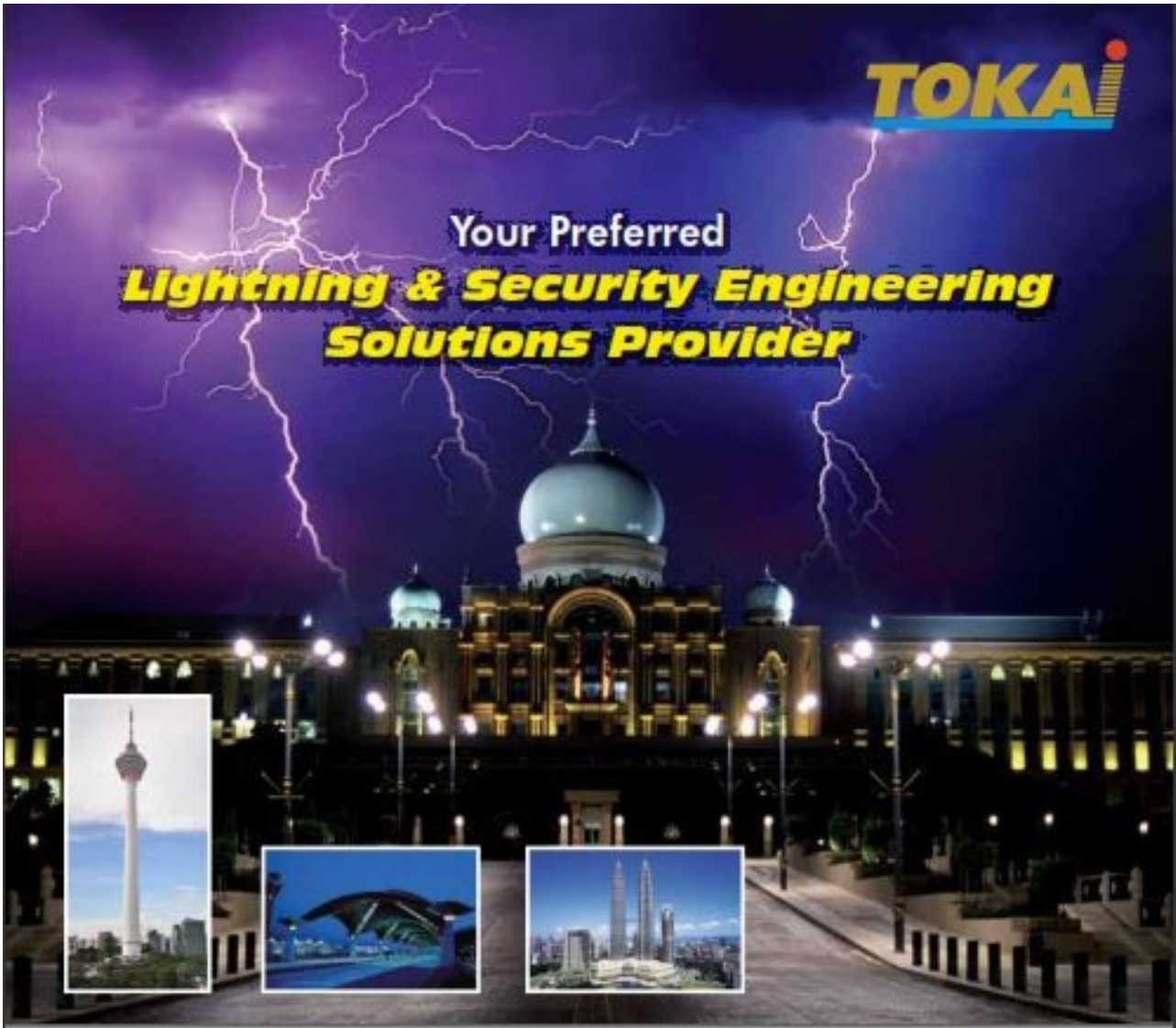
A's for arthritis; **B**'s the bad back, **C**'s the chest pains, perhaps car-di-ac? **D** is for dental decay and decline, **E** is for eyesight, can't read that top line! **F** is for farting and fluid retention, **G** is for gut droop, which I'd rather not mention. **H** high blood pressure — I'd rather it low; **I** for incisions with scars you can show. **J** is for joints, out of socket, won't mend, **K** is for knees that crack when they bend. **L** 's for libido, what happened to sex? **M** is for memory, I forget what comes next. **N** is neuralgia, in nerves way down low; **O** is for osteo, bones that don't grow! **P** for prescriptions, I have quite a few, just give me a pill and I'll be good as new! **Q** is for queasy, is it fatal or flu? **R** is for reflux, one meal turns to two. **S** is for sleepless nights, counting my fears, **T** is for Tinnitus; bells in my ears! **U** is for urinary; troubles with flow; **V** for vertigo, that's 'dizzy,' you know. **W** for worry, now what's going 'round? **X** is for X-ray, and what might be found. **Y** for another year I'm left here behind, **Z** is for zest I still have — in my mind!

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