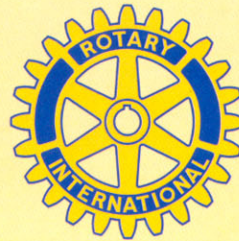


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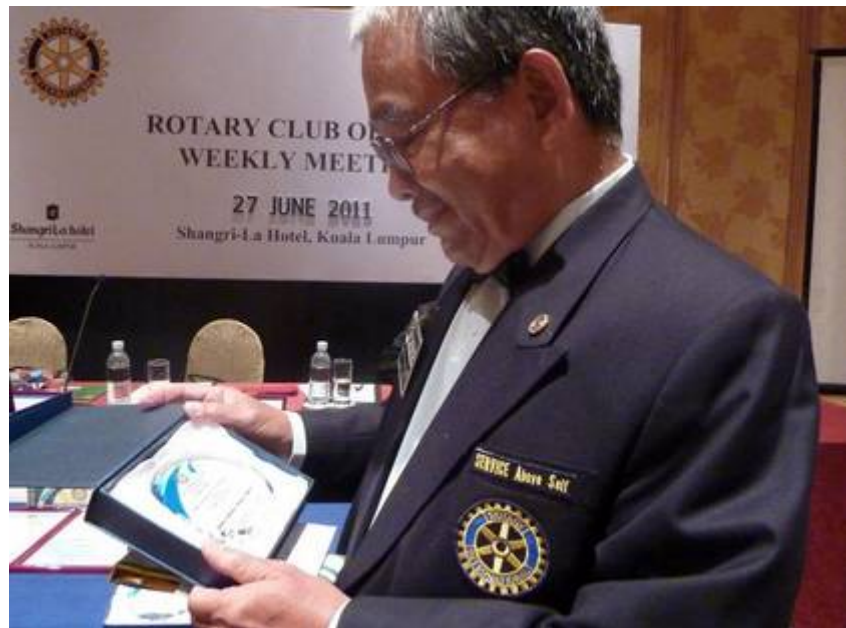


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26th September 2011
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Programme Today

Speaker : Interactor Vanessa Pearl Tay
Rotaractor Siew Sook Sun
Subject : Experience As Interact Club President
Experience As Rotaract Club President

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn. Arvin Kumar
Fellowship : Rtn. Alex Chang
Finemaster : PP Y K Chew
Introduce : PP K U Rajah
Thanking : PDG Dr. Paul Lee

Programme Next Week

Speaker : Yang Bhg. Prof. Madya
Dr. Mohamed Fadzil Che Din
Subject : Challenges Faced By Working Mothers

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn C T Heng
Fellowship : Rtn. May Lim
Finemaster : PP Ng Sim Bee
Introduce : PP Albert Lim
Thanking : PP Ken Ong

Happy Birthday!

Rtn. Lawrence Annies (27th Sept)

Spouse's Birthday!

Ann Carol (26th Sept)

Happy Anniversary!

PP Ken Ong and Ann Chin Lian (2nd Oct)

FUTURE ROTARY EVENTS

Pre-GDLTS KL 9 Oct 2011
GDLTS Kuantan 11-13 Nov 2011
Zone Bali Institute 2-4 Dec 2011
District Conference on 9-11 Dec 2011 in Seremban
RI Assembly San Diego 15-21 Jan 2012
Pre PETS Klang 10-12 Feb 2012
District Assembly Ipoh 23-25 March 2012
RI Convention, Bangkok, 6-9 May 2012
District Conference @ Subang 7-9 Dec 2012

Rotary Club Diary 26th September - 15th October 2011

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
September Mon 26	12.30 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Thur 29	6.30 pm	Board Meeting	Pre Steven's Residence
Fri 30	3.00 pm	Interact Club ICC Meeting	SMK MBS KL
October Sat 1	4.30 pm	Rotaract Meeting	Carmen Rest. Foo Yong
Mon 3	12.30 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 5	7.00 pm	Club Admin Meeting	71 9, 7th Floor Block A, Lobby B Kelana Centre Point
Thu 6	6.30 pm	Membership Com. Meeting	Loong Foong Rest.
Mon 10	12.30 pm	Luncheon Meeting Membership Dev./Visitor's Day	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 12	7.00 pm	Publicity Com. Meeting	Bukit Jalil Club
Thu 13	6.30 pm	Rotary Foundation Meeting	Solaris Dutamas
Sat 15	4.30 pm	Rotaract Meeting	Carmen Rest. Foo Yong

SIZE DOES MATTER

Our school bully always appeared inches above our heads and are invariably blessed with more kilos than us. Local monolithic structure like PETRONAS seems intertwined with the Government and our daily lives. Our giant neighbours, China and India, seem to have awakened from their slumbers and are giving insomnia to a few super powers. Size Does Matter! Service clubs also need size and a service club like the Rotary Club of Pudu has SIZE!

Rotary Club of Pudu has been for the many past decades (chartered 1966) the top three clubs in our Rotary District of more than 70 clubs – by head counts (60 members); quantities and qualities of our service projects (won accolades every year from the District and from Rotary International); leaderships in the District (members as District Governors and District Officers) to state a few. Even our weekly luncheon meeting venue is held in a top 5 star hotel (Shangri-La Hotel) and the buffet spread is said to be one of the reasons Rotarians from other Clubs attend our meeting!

All these brownie points are not attestations to crow over our other fellow Rotary Clubs (each Club has its own club culture and proud of it), but showcase how a Club of our size can better serve a Man's needs for FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE, both of which underpinned Rotary. Our Club's larger pool of members offers more varied and meaningful fellowships with more people of same kindred kinds. A larger pool of members contributes more manpower; experiences and resources to work on projects and tasks successfully together and also with outside organizations to serve society. In the same breath, Rotary's mantras of participation in Fellowship and Service have invariably bred positive vibes of personal self development in the members. This is because with more members, more members can then rotate and experience more varied roles in Rotary's many avenues of services. In this way, the members have developed better communication skills; better emphatic leadership roles; handle more skillfully conflicting interests; build up more personal and professional networking amongst many others. Of course SIZE is not the panacea for all things advantageous, but size interlocked with depth of such rich resources as people; funding and facilities have done wonders for the Rotary Club of Pudu!

The Rotary Club of Pudu is privileged to host many visitors today designated as a "Visitors' Day" steep in our Malaysian tradition of an "open house". Like an "open house" our visitors are warmly welcomed to partake in a typical Rotary Club meeting and to share freely in the food and drinks and fellowship, so that our visitors will only carry back happy memories. Our Club members 'only wish is that you will be interested enough to visit us again, invited by your member hosts or by any of our other Club members. Perhaps you could make the difference to making Rotary Club of Pudu to grow a SIZE larger!

PP Chow Tain

We have successfully mooted, planned, organized and executed our Charity Run Event on 25th September 2011. A total of 650 registered runners from all walks of life with age ranging from 18 to 65 took part in the event. The hard work put in by the committee of Rotarians and specialist volunteers headed by Vice President Aaron Ong paid off handsomely with the beneficiaries intended receiving funds collected from generous sponsors.

I personally wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and sincerest thanks to all the Rotarians of the club that contributed immensely in kind, cash and effort in the successful implementation of this project. Members of the club have attended to task like attending weekly project event meetings, mooted invaluable ideas through their experiences, show support in soft launches, providing sponsorship contacts and financial resources but most importantly, taking time to care and contribute towards the success of the event. Your effort has brought immense happiness to a group of people from the beneficiary groups selected, certainly the funds will be put to good use to help alleviate their lifestyle and bring smiles to their faces. My appreciation to the group of Anns who came together on 17th September 2011 to help organize the sorting of 750 goodies bags which was a mammoth task as each bags contain more than 20 item and weight above 2kg making it a total 1.5 ton of products in all. Disbursement of T shirts and running bibs to the participants from morning till night. Your hard work and dedication to the task was certainly an inspiration to the other volunteers present.

This run event could not have been successful without the technical expertise offered by Pacesetters Athletics Malaysia and a group of veteran runners. This group of specialist offered in detail do's and don'ts to assist in the execution of the run event. Their contribution in technical and invaluable time resources were critical in the success of this event. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Pudu, I thank you for your unselfish contribution and services to our club's project.

Of course the sponsors are the biggest players in this event and your contribution truly brought about an immense change in the quality of the people directly under the care of these beneficiaries. A listing of the sponsors will be publish in next week's bulletin.

The Rotary Club of Pudu and the beneficiaries extend their sincerest thanks for your kindly contributions.

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Pudu News

Record of Meeting on 19th September 2011

Guest Speaker : DG Dr. Raveendra Kumar Saravanan
Subject : District Governor's Official Address To The Club

VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
DG Dr. Raveendra K Saravanan	RC Seremban
PP Arthur Jeremiah	RC Bangsar
PP S Sen Gupta	RC Gombak
PP Siva Ananthan	RC Greater KL

GUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Host</u>
Dr. Indrabai Saravanan	Club
Mr. Lee Lider	PDG K B Lee
Kheem Ng	PDG K B Lee
Tanya Rajah	Rtn. Jonathan Avinash

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	4
Guests	:	4
Club Members	:	32
Total Present	:	40

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM 48.00
Paying Diners	:	RM 210.00
Raffles & Others	:	RM 48.00
Total	:	RM 306.00

Club Proceedings

Acting SAA Rtn. Lawrence Annies called the meeting to order at 1.20 pm on behalf of President Steven Oon. He introduced all the visiting Rotarians and guests. He later led in the singing of the National Anthem and later proposed the loyal toast. The Rotary Song was also sung as well.

The finemaster for the day was PDG Dr. Paul Lee. He started his fine session by fining all the members present as he termed it as a special day, RM2.

All the members who did not attend the club assembly and fellowship were each fined RM1.

PDG Paul fined himself RM3 for not knowing all the names of the 3 new Rotarians and the three new members paid a fine of RM2 as well.

PP Chow Tain as the club's membership development chairman for doing such a good job was fined RM2.

President's Announcement

The following activities were carried out last week:

1. The Fund Raising committee meeting was chaired by VP Aaron Ong met on 12th September 2011, 7 pm at Secret Recipe, TTDI.
2. The Public Relations committee meeting was chaired by Patrick Lee met on 14th September 2011 at 6.00 pm and was followed by New Generation committee meeting held at Bukit Jalil Golf & Country

Club. New Generation meeting was chaired by Rtn George Heng.

3. On 18th September 2011, The 2nd Club Assembly meeting cum fellowship dinner was held at my residence. On behalf of the member, "Thank You" to Club Admin Director, Rtn Lawrence Annies and Honorary Secretary, Rtn P H Tan for organising this event. This event was attended by 30 paxs of members and spouses.
4. Last Saturday, 17th September 2011 we conducted the Race Kit collection for participants of Pudu Charity Run at Sri Damansara Club House from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Secretary's Announcement

Highlights of the upcoming Club events:-

- a) The Board of Director meeting will be held on Thursday, 29th September 2011, 6:30 pm at President Steven Oon's residence.
- b) On the Wednesday, 5th October 2011, the Club Administrative Committee meeting will be held at Kelana Center Point.
- c) The Membership Development committee meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October 2011, 6.30 pm at Loong Foong Restaurant, Kelana Jaya.
- d) The Membership & Retention - Visitors' Day of the Rotary Club of Pudu will be held on 10th October 2011, 12.30pm at Shangrila Hotel

Introduction of Speaker

PP K U Rajah introduced the guest speaker for the day who was none other than our District Governor Dr. Raveendra Kumar Saravanan who gave us his official address while officially visiting our Club.

Speaker's CV

Dr. Raveendra Kumar hails from Ipoh even though he was born in Penang on June 1947. He had his primary education in Anderson School Ipoh and his secondary education in Anglo Chinese School Ipoh. On completion of his HSC in 1966, he pursued his medical studies at Kasturba Medical College in Manipal, India and graduated as a doctor in 1973.

He was a houseman at General Hospital Ipoh and eventually held the post of a Medical Officer at the Kuala Terengganu General Hospital until 1977. He returned to Ipoh for another year at general Hospital Ipoh before being transferred to Hospital Besar Seremban, Negeri Sembilan. He left the Government as a Register in Obstetrics & Gynecology; he left the Government Service in 1981 to go into private practice where he remains till today.

He joined the Rotary Club of Seremban in 1999 and served the club in various capacities. He became the President of RC Seremban in the year 2003/2004. He has been active at District 3300 level since 2004 having served in various positions including District Secretary Centennial Celebrations in 2004/2005.

He was also an Assistant Governor in 2005/2006 and Membership Development & Retention Chair in 2008/2009. He was also the Organising Chairman for the 74th District Assembly in Seremban. He is a recipient of the District Service Award in 2006 for his services on behalf of The Rotary Foundation.

He is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

He had travelled extensively to participate in many International District Assemblies and Conferences and even Rotary International Conventions in Osaka, Chicago, Denmark, Edinburgh, Montreal and New Orleans. He has also attended several Rotary Institutes since 2001.

He has been active in many other non-Rotary Organizations. He is the Treasurer of Koperasi Doktor Malaysia (NS Branch) and Treasurer of NS Private Practitioners Society. He is a Life member of the Medical Association.

He is married to Dr. Indrabai, a private Medical Practitioner in Seremban. They have two children, the

elder being Dr. Rubini who is married to Dr. Sridhar, both being doctors in Hospital Besar Seremban. His son Kuhan is in the IT Industry and is married to Sarasvathy, a lecturer in Segi College.

May, I now request DG Dr. Ravee to come forward to present his address to our Club.

Thank you.

Speaker's Text

District Governor Dr. Raveendran started his address by complimenting our club to be one that is well managed and how he wish more clubs are like RC Pudu.

He also went on to mention two very important issues that are affecting most clubs in the district as well as worldwide.

The decrease in membership even though every year new members are brought in but existing members have left their clubs thus there is negative growth or there is a decline. He has asked us to address this issue by finding out the cause and to bring in new members and also to retain existing ones.

He also advise us to support the Rotary Foundation as we are one of the clubs that has benefited from RF as well.

He also encouraged us to develop more Rotary leaders to serve the district and not only serving the club.

He emphasized more on membership development as most clubs in the district about 85% has less than 30 members. He also mentioned that we should be bringing in more younger members and encouraged us to use the social networking sites like Facebook to get to the younger set of people and tell them all the good deeds of joining Rotary.

He also mentioned about Rotary branding itself more, especially in focusing on the Rotary Wheel more instead of promoting the new Rotary Theme and logo each year. People forget easily on the new theme each year so in order to make people remember the good deeds of Rotary, we must rebrand ourself in promoting the Rotary Wheel instead and giving it more prominence for what Rotary does and stands for.

Thanking of Guest Speaker

PDG KB Lee on behalf of the Club, thanked the guest speaker DG Dr. Raveendra Kumar Saravanan by presenting to him the Club's certificate of appreciation and a gift for his wonderful presentation.

DG DR S RAVEENDRA KUMAR OFFICIAL VISIT TO PUDU ROTARY CLUB - 19TH SEPTEMBER 2011 @ SHANGRI-LA HOTEL



Club Admin Director, Rtn Lawrance Annies, President Steven Oon, DG Dr S Raveendra and Honorary Secretary – Rtn P H Tan.



PDG Dr Paul Lee fine session.



PDG KB Lee thanking the speaker, DG Dr Raveendra Kumar.



President Steven presentation of gift to DG Dr. Raveendra Kumar.



New inductees Rtn Jonathan, Elaine and Joanne. Posing with, First Lady Dr S Indrabai and DG Dr S Raveendra Kumar.



New Member. Elaine Tan giving her acceptance speech.



New Member. Joanne Ting giving her acceptance speech.



New Member. Jonathan Avinash Victor giving his acceptance speech.



Members and PP Siva Anantha enjoying the delicious lunch.



After our weekly meeting. We have the fellowship session at Arthur's Pub.



DG Dr. Raveendra sharing his thought with us.



DG Dr. Raveendra inspection and admiring the "First Respond" motorcycle donated to St John Ambulance by Rotary Club of Pudu.



First Lady Dr. Indrabai having a talk with DG Dr. Raveendra.



A proud DG Dr. Raveendra riding the "First Respond" motorcycle.

**2ND CLUB ASSEMBLY
& FELLOWSHIP
DINNER ON 18TH
SEPTEMBER
2011 (SUNDAY)
@ PRESIDENT
STEVEN'S
RESIDENCE**



Hon. Secretary – Rtn PH Tan, President Steven, DG Dr S Raveendra and IPP Leong Choy Ying.



Members attending the club assembly.



Anns attending the Spouse Programme.



First Lady Dr S Indrabai, Ann Chin Lian and Ann Lilian.



Thanking Joanne Ting the speaker for spouses program.



Ann Boon Kee presenting t-shirt and medal to Dr S Indrabai.



Ann Boon Kee presenting a fruit basket to First Lady Dr Indrabai for attending our club assembly.

Rotary honours deputy minister

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KUALA LUMPUR: Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Deputy Minister Datuk Tan Lian Hoe was named an honorary Rotarian yesterday by the Rotary Club of Pudu, in recognition of her efforts to promote Rotary ideals.

She was conferred the membership at the Club's 45th Installation Dinner here on Aug 28, in the presence of Rotarians from neighbouring countries, dignitaries as well as local Rotarians.

In her acceptance speech, Tan thanked the Rotarians for helping the underprivileged in society through their contributions and community projects, such as education grants, supporting the building of haemodialysis centres and the adoption of an old folks home.

She said she was pleased to be accorded the membership, and pledged to continue working closely with Rotarians, and to further their ideals of service.

At the same event, Steven Oon Hoon Nam was installed as the Club's 45 president together with members of the board of directors for the present Rotary year.



Tan (centre) with members of the Rotarian fraternity.

Pudu Club News

INDUCTION OF THREE NEW ROTARIANS

The club on the 19th. September 2011 had in attendance the District Governor Dr. Raveendran K. Saravanan who witnessed and had the honor of presenting the Rotary lapel pins to the newly inducted members during the induction ceremony of three new members into the club namely :-

Rtn. Jonathan Avinash Victor who was proposed by PP Chow Tain. Rtn. Jonathan is only aged 28 and is in the

business of providing financial planning services as well as other total financial related package and services. He is married to Rotary Ann Tanusha.

The next new member is Rtn. Elaine Tan who was proposed by President Steven Oon. She has worked for several organizations before and is currently the project sales manager for Macsk Designs S/B which is in the interior design business.

The last newly inducted member is Rtn. Joanne Ting who is proposed by Rtn. Laura Lee. Joanne was an ex-Rotaractor in Miri, Sarawak. Has been involved with several businesses from insurance to hotel. Currently she

is in the wellness business providing consultancy as well as business opportunities in the Bio Life direct marketing business model.

VISITORS' DAY

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Whilst looking eagerly forward for you to give me the names of your guests, I am pleased to inform you, another of my guest Mr. Ian Ong will be attending our Visitors' Day. Ian is partner of a company which deals with software solutions for SMEs especially in the manufacturing industry. Currently his focus is on ERP software from INFOR LN. INFOR LN is ranked 3rd in terms of ERP solution after SAP and ORACLE. Ian and his partners can handle the whole project from demonstration to LIVE run.

Pres. Steven Oon also has likely four guests :- Mr.K.S.Hor; Mr. Oon Hoon Teck; Ms. Jenny Yong and June Leong .

Kindly extend your Rotary's hands of Friendships & Fellowships to our guests on that Day.

Warmest Regards

PP Chow Tain

Membership Development Chairman RY 2011/12

Visitors' Day Guests

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

For your information and further to my email to you on 13/09/11, I have now THREE guests who will be attending our Visitors' Day on 10/10/11.

I have Mr. V.S. Tan, an ex-banker, who is now the Principal Consultant of his firm, Vanhuey Consulting Sdn Bhd. He has been running a very successful business on Business Funding; Project Funding and Corporate Advisory. The firm's main office is based in Desa Sri Hartamas, KL with a branch in Kota Kinabalu. I have known him for a number of years.

Puan Izjulia Ishak is my other guest and I have also known her for a number of years. She is a Director of Nexus Unique, a public relations; marketing communications; event management; publication & copywriting firm. The firm has done many PR works for well known public and private corporations as well as Government bodies. Her latest is for MATRADE. The firm is based in Damansara Intan Business Centre, PJ.

My third guest is Dr. Prabhuram K, a Certified Business Coach from the well known business coaching firm of ACTION COACH. A charismatic business coach and he has been coaching many business enterprises especially the SMEs. His firm is based in Mont Kiara, Solaris, KL.

I hope you will extend your typical Rotary hands of friendships; fellowships and welcome to my guests come Visitors' Day.

Yours In Rotary

PP Chow Tain

c.c. Group Leaders, Visitors' Day (PDG Dr. Paul Lee; Pres. Steven Oon; Pres. Elect CT Heng and PP Gary Lim)

Rotary Information

In order to communicate and disseminate information to members and clubs, Rotary International published a number of magazines and literature.

Publications

Official and regional Rotary magazines

Rotary International's unique communications media are the official monthly magazine named *The Rotarian* published in English language by the headquarters, and 30 other regional Rotary World Magazine Press periodicals that are independently produced in more than 20 different major languages and distributed in 130 countries.

The first official magazine *The National Rotarian*, predecessor to *The Rotarian*, was started in January 1911. The first regional magazine was issued 1915 in Great Britain and Ireland.

There is another official magazine of the Rotary Clubs for Great Britain and Ireland called *Rotary Today*. This is a bi-monthly publication distributed to each of the 60,000 Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland at the members' meetings.

The official and regional magazines are circulated to Rotarian and non-Rotarian subscribers. The combined circulation is more than 700,000 copies.

Club bulletin

Rotary clubs issue weekly a bulletin full of Rotary news from recent meetings. Aside from meeting information and the name list of club directors and officers, the club bulletin contains club president's message, a summary of guest speaker's presentation, club projects and service activities, upcoming events, announcements and reminders for the members. It is circulated to the club members in printed form, however more and more clubs go paperless by publishing the club bulletin electronically.

District governor's newsletter

District governors publish monthly a newsletter reporting service activities conducted by the clubs within the district and various district level meetings. The newsletter contains also district governor's message and lists also the membership and attendance figures of all district clubs. It is circulated to every Rotarian in the district.

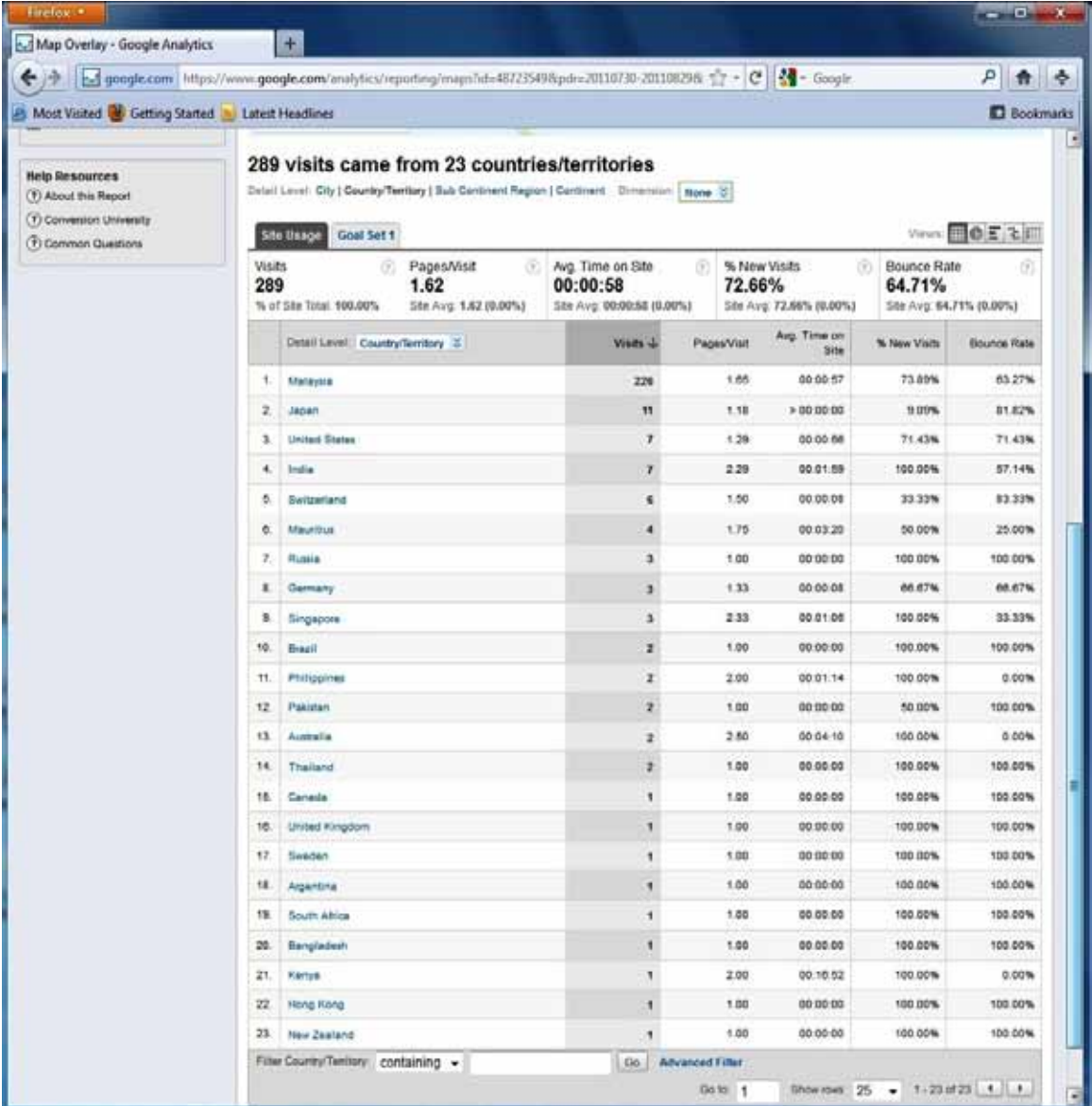
President's Message(continue from page 2)

As we wind down to put a closure to this project, there are many instances and actions taken in the course of the organizing of this event that could have been executed better or in a more elegant manner but as the saying goes, "in hindsight all vision is 20/20". The Charity Run Event will convene a Post Mortem meeting to be held soon to identify ways to improve and recommend changes or protocols to be incorporated as SOP to be used in future projects. It is certainly my hope and wishes that the club continues to improve to better serve our goals and missions. Lastly, let us all give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done and take pride in the fact that we have contributed positively to changes of those in need.

THANK YOU.

Steven Oon
President RY2011-2012

WEBSITE ANALYSIS



The screenshot displays a Google Analytics report titled "289 visits came from 23 countries/territories". The report is viewed in a Firefox browser window. The main content area shows a summary of key metrics and a detailed table of data by country/territory.

Summary Metrics:

- Visits: 289
- Pages/Visit: 1.62
- Avg. Time on Site: 00:00:58
- % New Visits: 72.66%
- Bounce Rate: 64.71%

Table Data:

Rank	Country/Territory	Visits	Pages/Visit	Avg. Time on Site	% New Visits	Bounce Rate
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2	Japan	11	1.18	> 00:00:00	9.09%	81.82%
3	United States	7	1.29	00:00:56	71.43%	71.43%
4	India	7	2.29	00:01:59	100.00%	57.14%
5	Switzerland	6	1.50	00:00:08	33.33%	83.33%
6	Mauritius	4	1.75	00:03:29	50.00%	25.00%
7	Russia	3	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
8	Germany	3	1.33	00:00:08	66.67%	66.67%
9	Singapore	3	2.33	00:01:06	100.00%	33.33%
10	Brazil	2	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
11	Philippines	2	2.00	00:01:14	100.00%	0.00%
12	Pakistan	2	1.00	00:00:00	50.00%	100.00%
13	Australia	2	2.50	00:04:10	100.00%	0.00%
14	Thailand	2	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
15	Canada	1	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
16	United Kingdom	1	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
17	Sweden	1	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
18	Argentina	1	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
19	South Africa	1	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
20	Bangladesh	1	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
21	Kenya	1	2.00	00:10:52	100.00%	0.00%
22	Hong Kong	1	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%
23	New Zealand	1	1.00	00:00:00	100.00%	100.00%

FILLER

NEED WASHING?

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in WalMart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence.

It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout.. We all stood there, under the awning, just inside the door of the WalMart.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day.

I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

Her little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in, 'Mom let's run through the rain,' she said.

'What?' Mom asked.

'Let's run through the rain!' She repeated.

'No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit,' Mom replied.

This young child waited a minute and repeated: 'Mom, let's run through the rain..'

'We'll get soaked if we do,' Mom said.

'No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning,' the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

'This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?'

'Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, He can get us through anything!'

The entire crowd stopped dead silent.. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain.. We all stood silently. No one left. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say.

Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

'Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD let's us get wet, well maybe we just need washing,' Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They got soaked.

They were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars. And yes, I did.

I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

I send this to all of you because i'll never forget all of you.

If you don't send it to anyone, it means you're in a hurry.

Take the time to live!!!

Keep in touch with your friends, you never know when you'll need each other -- and don't forget to run in the rain!

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DAY	TIME	ROTARY CLUB	VENUE
Monday	1245	RC Pudu	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
	1730	RC Cyberjaya	1st Floor, MSC Innovation Centre, Cyberjaya
	1830	RC Pantai Valley	Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club, Bukit Kiara, KL
	1900	RC Titiwangsa	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1930	RC Brickfields	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	2000	RC Senawang	Royal Sungei Ujong Club, Senawang, Seremban
Tuesday	1245	RC Petaling Jaya	Grand Dorsett Hotel, Subang Jaya
	1815	RC Bangsar	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1830	RC Bandar Utama	Business Centre, One World Hotel, Bandar Utama, PJ
	1830	RC Metro KL	Banker's Club, Amoda Building, Jln. Imbi, KL
	1900	RC Kajang	Prescot Metro Inn, Kajang
	1930	RC Danau Desa	Wisma Belia, 1st Floor, Room 711, Jalan Syed Putra, KL
	1945	RC Port Klang	Royal Klang Club, Klang
	2000	RC USJ	Pahlawan Room, 5th floor, Summit Hotel, USJ
Wednesday	1230	RC Ampang	Novotel Hotel, No 2, Jln Kia Peng, KL
	1245	RC KL Di-Raja	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
	1245	RC Shah Alam	Kelab Shah Alam, Shah Alam
	1745	RC Subang	Holiday Villa Subang, Subang Jaya
	1830	RC KL North	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1830	RC Sri Petaling	Sri Petaling Hotel, Sri Petaling, KL
	1930	RC Cheras	Bankers Club
	1930	RC Bandar Sunway	Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel, Subang
	1930	RC Central Damansara	Royal Commonwealth Club, Damansara Heights, KL
	1930	RC Bukit Komanwel	Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Club
	2000	RC Kampung Baharu	Selesa Inn, No 285-287, Jln Tuanku Abdul Rahman, KL
	2000	RC Damansara West	Sri Damansara Club, Bandar Sri Damansara, KL
	2000	RC Sungei Way	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Club, Bukit Kiara, KL
2015	RC Port Dickson	Royal Port Dickson Yatch Club, Port Dickson	
2030	RC Melawati	K Club, Taman Melawati, KL	
2030	RC Lembah Damansara	Tropicana Golf & Country Club, PJ	
Thursday	1245	RC Klang	Royal Klang Club, Klang
	1245	RC Gombak	Corus Hotel, Jln Ampang, KL
	1245	RC Seremban	Royal Bintang Hotel, Seremban
	1730	RC Damansara	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1900	RC Sentul	PDRM Golf Club, Titiwangsa, KL
	1900	RC Kelana Jaya	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort, KL
Friday	1845	RC KL West	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	2030	RC Bernam Valley	2nd Flr, 19B, Jln Bdr Rawang 1, Rawang
Saturday	0730	RC Bukit Kiara Sunrise	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort, KL
	0900	RC Lembah Damansara	Tropicana Golf & Country Resort, PJ