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10th September 2012
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Programme Today

Speaker : Interactor Tan Wern Shien
Subject : To Be Advised

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn. C T Heng
Fellowship : Rtn. Mok Sin
Finemaster : PP Leong Choy Ying
Introduce : PP Tai Chin Peow
Thanking : Rtn. Sarky Subramaniam

Programme Next Week

Speaker : To Be Advised
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ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn. Arwin Kumar
Fellowship : Rtn. Alex Chang
Finemaster : PP Choo Jee Sam
Introduce : PP Michael Yeow
Thanking : Rtn. Dr. C C Wong

Happy Birthday!

PP K H Low (10th Sept)
Rtn. Loo Ming Chee (17th Sept)

Spouse's Birthday!

Nil

Happy Anniversary!

Nil

FUTURE ROTARY EVENTS

AGTS – AG's Training Seminar

Friday 28/9/12 – Sunday 30/9/12 @ Kulim, Langkawi

GDLTS – Group Discussion Leaders' Training Seminar

Friday 19/10/12 – Sunday 21/10/12 @ Kamunting, Taiping

Pre-PETS 1

Friday 23/11/12 – Sunday 25/11/12 @ Tampin, A'Famosa Resort

Pre-PETS 2

Friday 15/3/13 – Sunday 17/3/13 @ Ampang, D'Villa Residences

District Assembly

Friday 26/4/13 – Sunday 28/4/13 @ Melawati, Grand Dorsett Hotel

DTTS – District Team Training Seminar

Sunday 19/5/13 @ Klang Central, Klang Executive Centre

District Conference

Friday 6/12/13 – Sunday 8/12/13 @ Kuala Lumpur West, Hotel Istana (tentative)

Rotary Club Diary 10th – 26th September 2012

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
September Mon 10	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 12	6.30 pm	Public Relations Comm Meeting	Nagomi Japanese Restaurant, Level 1, Menara Hup Seng, Jln. P Ramlee, KL
Wed 12	7.30 pm	100 Percenter Appreciation Dinner	Nagomi Japanese Restaurant, Level 1, Menara Hup Seng, Jln. P Ramlee, KL
Thu 13	6.30 pm	Service Committee	Solaris Dutamas
Sun 16		MALAYSIA DAY	
Mon 17		NO MEETING - Public Holiday	
Tue 18	6.30 pm	TRF Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Wed 19	6.30 pm	Club Admn Meeting	Loong Foong Rest Kelana Jaya,
Thu 20	6.30 pm	New Gen Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Sun 23	8 am - 5 pm	3 Pillars Of Rotary Seminar	D'Villa Residence, Ampang, KL
Mon 24	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 26	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club

INCREASING OUR NUMBERS

In his official address to the club, District Governor Mansoor mentioned that the membership level in the world as well as that in our district had stagnated in the last ten years or so. Ten years ago we had a worldwide membership of about 1.2 million members while in the district we had about 1,800. Today the figures did not change very much. He asked the question: why are we stagnating?

DG did mention a number of reasons like perhaps it was due to a lack of quality projects that we did and perhaps it was due to a lack of publicity. Later on, PDG KB Lee did forward a very pertinent reason and that was , perhaps it was due to a change in the life style in the modern era especially amongst the younger set. Communication methods have changed as have values.

Other reasons forwarded by members include:

- 1) Rotary's image as a rich man's club
- 2) Or as an old men's club
- 3) High cost to maintain membership including fees & meals' cost
- 4) Difficulty in getting about to the meeting place (as proven on that day when getting a Car park place was a problem)
- 5) Inability to reach out to the local community in image, publicity and projects
- 6) Competition by other NGOs and other service clubs.

There are hosts of other reasons of course and some are very localized . Thus in some clubs the membership numbers are small and according to the DG not functional as a Rotary club as you need at least 11 members to even form the BOD. In many instances he had recommended merger of a few clubs or dissolution. Not all mergers are practical and the problems can be fairly complex.

So where do we go from here?

It is not an easy problem to solve and RI had been instituting many programmes to address it. A few years ago, RI introduced the Strategic Programme and it was DG's opinion that it would take about 5-10 years to see its fruition.

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My dear Pudu Rotarians,

Warmest greetings to you.

Today's message will sound like an acceptance speech at the Oscar's night. Nevertheless, appreciation must be expressed where it is due.



Last week was District Governor Mansoor Saat's official visit to our club. The weeks leading to this event was "business as usual" on the surface for many of our members but behind the scenes was a hive of activities.

Here, I wish to thank all our members for the support in welcoming our DG Mansoor and District First Lady Emzita. In particular, I wish to express my gratitude to PDG Dr Paul Lee and Ann Lillian for hosting the 2nd Culb Assembly and a fine fellowship dinner at their residence.

Our club directors have been most cooperative to hand in their reports to enable us to get all our documentation in place for DG Mansoor's review. I am indebted to Honorary Secretary Daisy Chiu for sacrificing her long weekend to ensure we had all the necessary documents (eg. ROS filings, AGM minutes, etc) ready. This is what dedication and commitment is. Well done, Daisy!

I wish to thank the ever reliable Rotarian CT Heng for arranging the venue, luncheon, logistics for the fellowship and also his broad shoulders whenever needed to get all our preparations in order.

Our New Generations Director, Laura Lee, has also done a fantastic job in getting the eight Interact Clubs and Rotaract Club to prepare their various reports for presentation to DG Mansoor. DG was impressed by the preparation done by these clubs and the projects they have carried out and those that are in various stages of preparations are all impressive. This is all due to the dedication of all our Rotarian Advisors who have spent time to nurture and train these young leaders well.

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Record of meeting on 3rd September 2012

Guest Speaker : DG MANSOOR SAAT
Subject : DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT AND ADDRESS

VISITING ROTARIANS

Name	Club
DG Mansoor Saat	RC Shah Alam

GUESTS

Name	Host
Brendan Bong	PDG K B Lee
Winnie Lew	PDG K B Lee
Raja Madiah	PE Alex Chang
Chris Low	Rtn. Mok Sin

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	1
Guests	:	5
Club Members	:	28
Total Present	:	<u>34</u>

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM 140.00
Paying Diners	:	RM 30.00
Raffles & Others	:	
Total	:	<u>RM 170.00</u>

Club Proceedings

SAA Rtn. Jonathan Avinash on behalf of President Aaron Ong called the meeting to order at 1.10 pm. He later introduced all the visiting Rotarians and guests. He later led in the singing of the National Anthem and proposed the loyal toast.

The finemaster for the day was PE Alex Chang. He started his fine session by fining DG Mansoor Saat RM1 because both of them are in the same profession.

He later fined IPP Dato Steven Oon for being away for so long climbing mountains and running the marathons.

He also fined PDG K B Lee, Rtn. Laura Lee for not knowing much of DG's favourite drink or food or which Rotary club he belongs to.

He later fined Rtn. Veronique for having been able to find a car park space and also hosting the fireside on Friday.

He also fined Rtn. Patrick Lee and Rtn. Jonathan for having their photo appearing in the bulletin.

AG Gary Lim had to pay a fine of RM1 for having sprained his ankle and Rtn. Sandy was fined for wearing a nice dress.

All other members who missed the last Club Assembly over the weekend were fined RM1.

All the members who did not bring a guest to our weekly meeting last month were each fined RM1.

President Aaron and Rtn. Daisy Chiu for having successfully organized the Club Assembly and co-ordinating the DG's visit were each asked to pay a fine of RM1.

President's Announcement

Weekly Meeting for : 13th AUGUST 2012 @ SHANGRI-LA HOTEL

1. There will be no meeting on 17th September, 2012 (Monday) as it will be a public holiday - Malaysia Day.
2. The District is organizing the **3 Pillars of Rotary Seminar** on 23rd September, 2012 (Sunday) at D'Villa Residence Ampang, Kuala Lumpur. It is a full day event and will be a great opportunity to learn and be inspired from the very experienced speakers lined up. It will also be an opportunity to network and fellowship with other Rotarians in the District. Please register with PE Alex Chang.

3. The 2nd Club Assembly cum Fellowship Dinner with District Governor Mansoor Saat was held on 2 September, 2012 (Sunday) at PDG Dr Paul Lee's residence. It was attended by over 40 Rotarians and spouses.

Introduction of Speaker

AG PP Gary Lim introduced the guest speaker for the day who was none other than our very own District Governor Mansoor Saat who was officially visiting our club and gave us his official address.

Speaker's CV

District Governor District 3300 Mansoor Saat

Mansoor was born in Mersing, Johor, District 3310.

He had his primary schooling mainly in Pahang, and his secondary school was in Perak. He received Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur in 1977.

He obtained Bachelor of Law (LLB) degree in 2005 and Certificate of Legal Practice (CLP) in 2007. Mansoor was admitted to the Bar and enrolled as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in October 2008.

Mansoor had worked in international banks and multinational oil company in Hongkong and Bahrain, besides Kuala Lumpur. He quit Shell in 1999 to get involved in IT business.

Currently he is also a director of an IT company. Currently he is practicing law full time with Mansoor Kirenjit & Associates in Kuala Lumpur.

Mansoor joined Rotary Club of Shah Alam in 1995. In 2005/06 he was President of the club. Thereafter, he involved actively at the District as, among other, Assistant Governor, Newsletter Editor, District Rotaract Chair, and a key member of the District Strategic Planning committee.

Mansoor is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Mansoor is married to Emzita, a Science (Mathematics) graduate also from University of Malaya. Emzita was a business woman and used to run a BP Petrol Station in Shah Alam. Currently she is a full time Rotary spouse.

They have 5 children. The eldest is in the entertainment business, and the second is an advocate and solicitor. The last three are still in school.

Mansoor likes reading and listens to good jazz and classical music. He enjoys good cigar too.

Both Mansoor and his wife, and all the children are passionate about Rotary.

Speaker's Text

DG Mansoor addressed our club members by saying that he was pleased with the meeting he had with our Rotaractors and Interactors in the afternoon and praised them by saying that they were well informed on their respective roles and the activities that they are conducting.

He also mentioned that he was pleased to conduct the evening Club Assembly held on the weekend with many exchange of ideas.

At our regular weekly meeting, he gave us an oversight on the evolution of Rotary from its humble beginnings to present day where many international projects were carried out namely through the funding from Rotary Foundation and especially the success of the Eradication of Polio program in the 1980s.

He also talked about the downside of Rotary where new members joining Rotary for the last 10 years have remained stagnant. He mentioned that there were many reasons why this was so.

He also encouraged our club to do the following, to come up with relevant plans for the next 2 years with a vision statement. To have a strategic emphasis on core values of being service orientated, to have better fellowship, to be more diverse, to have integrity and to have good leadership and he mentioned that with all the above attributes, we will not go wrong in whatever projects we will undertake.

We must become a service organization of choice, to be a dynamic club and to contribute to the community at large to make things more relevant.

To strengthen the club by increasing humanitarian service, enhance the Public Relations aspect and to have proper branding of Rotary and to have more impactful projects.

Thanking of Guest Speaker

PDG K B Lee on behalf of the club thanked District Governor Mansoor Saat for his excellent presentation and presented a certificate of appreciation to him.

R/C 100% Attendance Members

Dear PRC Members,

We are pleased to inform you that our club will be organising a 100% Attendance Appreciation Dinner on :-

Date : Wednesday, 12th September 2012

Time : 6.30 pm

Venue : Nagomi Japanese Restaurant, Level 1, Menara Hap Seng, Jalan P. Ramlee, Kuala Lumpur

This recognition is reflective of the enormous time and effort put in by these members and in contributing in making our club a success through their presence in attending the club weekly regular meetings, other Rotary events at District or International level as well as their leadership in contributing to the committees and club activities.

Special thanks to the club members who through their diligence and commitment in having achieved 100% attendance throughout RY2011-2012.

The 100% attendance members are:

1. Rtn Arvin Kumar
2. Rtn Asok Kumar
3. PP Choo Jee Sam
4. Rtn CT Heng
5. PP KU Rajah
6. Rtn Lawrance Annies
7. PDG Dr Paul Lee
8. Rtn Laura Lee
9. PP Leong Choy Ying
10. PP Richard Liew
11. PP Gary Lim
12. PDG Lim Kok Beng (Resigned from Club wef 1/7/12)
13. PP KH Low
14. PP Ng Sim Bee
15. IPP Dato' Steven
16. PP Phang Poke Shum
17. PP Michael Tung
18. Rtn. Joanne Ting (Resigned from Club wef 1/8/12)
19. Rtn Daisy Chiu
20. Rtn Patrick Lee

Regards,

IPP Dato' Steven Oon

100% Attendance Committee Chairman

Editorial(continue from page 2)

On one hand we would like to see increase numbers while on the other hand there is a restriction due to the reason of quality over quantity. While our club can take the middle path, we had not been too successful even when we take which ever path. In the last few years while we took in many new members we lost quite a number as well. Some new members did not last even 6 months! So we are still stuck with about 60 members (for the last 10 years) Nevertheless, we must not lose hope and continue to do our best and hopefully we can hit the right strategy somehow. Our Vision Statement prods us to reach the magic figure of 70 members and this is the figure we must strive to achieve.

President's message(continue from page 2)

As I observe the Presidents and Secretaries of these Interact clubs deliver their presentation, I feel proud like a parent telling friends that my child had scored all A1s in SPM. They were confident, articulate and organized. I know many of them will become great leaders and professionals in the years to come. For this, I thank you all for volunteering your time to be a Rotarian Advisor in these Interact clubs. Your effort and dedication is not in vain as these young leaders will be the ones to help make our world a better place as they live out Service Above Self in the years ahead.

Finally to you all, thank you, terima kasih, nandri and xie-xie !

In Rotary Service,

Aaron Ong

President RY 2012/13

WEEKLY MEETING PHOTOS HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2012 @ SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, KL







Rotary Information

What you must know about: Exchanges and scholarships

Some of Rotary's most visible programs include Rotary Youth Exchange, a student exchange program for students in secondary education, and the Rotary Foundation's oldest program, Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, there are six different types of Rotary Scholarships. More than 38,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under the auspices of Ambassadorial Scholarship, and today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. In 2006-07 grants totaling approximately US\$15 million were used to award some 800 scholarships to recipients from 69 countries who studied in 64 nations. The Exchange Students of Rotary Club Munich International publish their experiences on a regular basis on Rotary Youth Exchange with Germany. In July 2009 the Rotary Foundation ended funding for the Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships as well as Rotary Grants for University Teachers.

Rotary Fellowships, paid by the foundation launched in honor of Paul Harris in 1947, specialize in providing

graduate fellowships around the world, usually in countries other than their own in order to provide international exposure and experience to the recipient. [43] Recently, a new program was established known as the Rotary peace and Conflict Resolution program which provides funds for two years of graduate study in one of eight universities around the world. Rotary is naming about seventy five of these scholars each year. The applications for these scholarships are found on line but each application must be endorsed by a local Rotary Club. Children and other close relatives of Rotarians are not eligible.

RI News

Right to Learn – Literacy program of Hyderabad Rotarians

Asma, a fourth standard student at Centenary High School, Secunderabad was all smiles as she looked at the brand new benches on the school ground. She does not have to sit on those decades-old rickety benches anymore and strain her back to write.

Thanks to the efforts of Rotary Club of East, West and 22 other clubs, students of 59 government schools in the capital and other districts would now sport similar

smiles, as 2,600 benches were distributed to the schools for free.

This initiative was taken up under the Right to Learn – Literacy programme of Rotary International. The target was to ensure that no student in government schools in the State would sit on the floor and attend classes, said Ravi Vadlamani, chairman of Total Literacy Mission of Rotary International. The programme to distribute one lakh benches was launched last year. Already 70,000 benches were distributed to different schools across the State, claimed Mr. Vadlamani.

As part of the campaign, similar initiative would be launched next year to distribute another 10,000 benches to government schools in the State. Further, efforts were being made to attempt a Guinness Record by distributing 10,000 benches to 218 schools in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts at a special programme in Hitec city on November 23, he said. R.S. Praveen Kumar, Secretary – AP Social Welfare Residential Schools said there were over 300 social welfare schools in the State. About 1.5 lakh children study in these schools and most sit on the floor in classes. It is a major challenge and initiatives like this would benefit the students a lot, said Mr. Kumar.

The Rotary Foundation Trustee, Ashok Mahajan, Rotary International District 3150 District Governor T.V.R Murti and others also spoke on the occasion.

Source :The Hindu, Hyderabad, August 15, 2012

Rotarians honored for promoting literacy

Two Rotary clubs are being honored 7 September at an International Literacy Day celebration in Washington, D.C., as the winners of the RI-International Reading Association-Pearson Foundation Literacy Project Awards.

A panel of Rotarians and International Reading Association (IRA) members gave the award to the Rotary Clubs of Rockford, Michigan, USA, and Salem, Oregon, USA, for demonstrating outstanding collaboration with local reading councils in their communities. Each club will receive US\$2,500 for literacy projects.

“Teaching all children to read requires not only teachers who know how to reach every child but communities that value and support literacy,” says Richard Long, director of government relations for the International Reading Association. “These two projects highlight the notion that it is a partnership that teaches reading: the community to provide the tools and to say it is important and the teacher to bring it all together for each learner.”

The IRA is a professional membership organization dedicated to promoting high levels of literacy

by improving the quality of reading instruction, disseminating research findings and information about reading, and encouraging a lifetime of reading. The IRA network comprises 70,000 members and more than 300,000 affiliate members in nearly 100 countries, including councils and affiliates at the local, state, regional, or national level.

Since 2002, Rotary and the IRA have combined their resources and skills as service partners to advance literacy in communities worldwide. Rotary clubs and districts are encouraged to share resources and information with IRA councils and affiliates to develop cooperative literacy projects.

The Rockford club won its award for Reading Rocks, an annual reading festival that takes place in August. The club partners with the local reading council, school district, and library district for the daylong event, which includes live entertainment, a parade, and family activities that promote the importance of literacy.

Neil Blakeslee, 1988-89 president of the Rockford club, says that his community sees reading not only as a fundamental skill but as a way to enhance every aspect of an individual's life.

“Receiving recognition for a necessary job well done gives us all a great sense of accomplishment and validation of our efforts,” Blakeslee says. “Winning awards is not as important as the achievement, but awards do provide encouragement for continued efforts.”

Making books for children

The Salem club was chosen in recognition of a bookmaking project for schoolchildren in Santa Avelina, Guatemala. With the help of the Vineyard Valleys Reading Council, volunteers from both organizations put together children's books for The William M. Botnan Experimental School, where all 130 elementary students speak Cozal Ixil, a Mayan language. The project is an effort to preserve culture through the indigenous language, which is not recognized or taught in public schools.

Jayne Downing, a member of the Salem club, says the club's Youth Literacy Committee selects projects they believe will have the greatest impact for at-risk children, whether in their local community or around the world.

“We were honored to be connected with the Guatemalan project for many reasons, including the ability to make even a small difference in reducing barriers and increasing access through such literacy projects,” Downing says. “The recognition brought by this award will allow greater visibility to the project and the needs of this community.”

Source : Daniela Garcia, Rotary News

Inspirational Quotes

Social Networking

Death asked Life:

Why does everyone loves you and hates me.

Life replied:

Because I am a beautiful Lie and you are painful Truth

A Lovely Logic for a beautiful Life

Never try to maintain relations in your life

Just try to maintain life in your relations

3 stages of Life:

Teen Age – Has time & energy – But no Money

Working Age – Has Money & Energy – But No Time

Old Age – Has Money & Time – But No Energy

We are very good Lawyers for our mistakes; and very good Judges for others` mistakes

World always say – Find good people and leave bad ones.

But I say, Find the good in people and ignore the bad in them

Because No one is born perfect

A fantastic sentence written on every Japanese bus stop.

Only buses will stop here – Not your time

So Keep walking towards your goal

Negative Thinkers focus on Problems

Positive thinkers focus on Solutions

Never hold your head high with pride or ego.

Even the winner of a gold medal gets his/her medal only when he bows his head down

Define TODAY

This is an Opportunity to Do A work better than Yesterday

African Saying:

If you want to walk quick, walk alone

If you want to walk far, walk together

Confident Quote:

I have not failed.

My success is just postponed.

Entire water in the ocean can never sink a ship

Unless it gets inside.

All the pressures of life can never hurt you unless you let it in.

Talking to my wife about life...

Subject: Talking to my wife about life...

Last night I was sitting in the living room, talking to my wife about life...

In-between, we talked about the idea of living or dying.

I told her : Darling never let me live in a vegetative state, totally dependent on machines and liquids from a bottle.

If you see me in that state I want you to disconnect all the contraptions that are keeping me alive, I'd much rather die'.

My wife got up from the sofa with this real look of admiration towards me.... and proceeded to disconnect the TV, the Cable, the Dish, the DVD, the Computer, the Cell Phone, the iPod, and the Xbox, and then went to the bar and threw away all my whisky, rum, gin, vodka & the beer and stout in the fridge...

I ALMOST DIED!!

Morals:

1. Think about what you wish for..
2. The female brain works on a different wavelength from the male's.....

MY DOCTOR...

Let me tell you about my doctor. He's very good! If you tell him you want a second opinion, He'll go out and come in again.

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He treated one woman for yellow jaundice for three years  
Before he realised she was Chinese.

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Another time, he gave a patient six months to live.
At the end of the six months, the patient hadn't paid his bill,
So, the doctor gave him another six months.

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While he was talking to me, his nurse came in and said,  
*"Doctor, there is a man here who thinks he's invisible."*  
The doctor said,  
*"Tell him I can't see him."*

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Another time, a man came running in the office and yelled,
"Doctor, doctor! - my son just swallowed a roll of film!"
The doctor calmly replied, *"Well let's just wait and see what develops."*

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One patient came in and said,  
*"Doctor, I have a serious memory problem."*  
The doctor asked, *"When did it start?"*  
The man replied,  
*"When did what start?"*

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I remember one time I told my doctor I had a ringing in my ears.
His advice:
"Don't answer it."

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My doctor sure has his share of nut cases. One said to him, *"Doctor, I think I'm a bell."*  
The doctor gave him some pills and said, *"Here, take these - If they don't work, give me a ring."*

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Another guy told the doctor that he thought he was a deck of cards.
The doctor simply said,
"Go sit over there. I'll deal with you later."

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When I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places,  
He told me to stop going to those places.

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You know, doctors can be so frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment, Then he says,
"I wish you had come to me sooner."

