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Programme Today	
Speaker	: MR. CHRIS LOW
Subject	: WINE INVESTMENT, AN ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT
ON DUTY	
Duty Table	: Jeffrey Yap
Fellowship	: May Lim
Finemaster	: K U Rajah
Introduce	: Chow Tain
Thanking	: Alex Chang

Happy Birthday!
PDG Dr. Paul Lee (4th January) PP Ken Ong Keng Swee (7th January) Ann Carven (PE Heng Choun Tee) (8th January)
Happy Anniversary!
PP Rosemarie Wee & Mr. Eng Lee (7th January) PP Albert Lim Yew Seng & Ann Shirley (8th January)

Programme	On Duty
Speaker : TO BE ANNOUNCED Subject :	Duty Table : Tan Peng Huat Fellowship : Annie Tan Finemaster : Aaron Ong Introduce : Tai Chin Peow Thanking : Suresh Martin

*Next
Week*

Diary 3rd - 23rd January 2011						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
3 12.30 pm Rotary Lunch Meeting 2.00 pm Public Relations Committee Mtg. Shangri-La KL	4	5 7.00 pm Club Admin Committee Mtg. Marco Polo Rest.	6 7.00 pm Rotary Foundation Committee Mtg. Royal Lake Club	7 7.00 pm Thank You Dinner PE Steven Oon Residence	8	9 D3300 Mid Term Review Venue: Legend Inn Hotel, Taiping
10 12.30 pm Rotary Lunch Meeting Shangri-La KL	11 7.00 pm Service Avenue Meeting RSGC	12	13	14	15 Scholarship & Undergraduate Grants Presentation SMK(P) Pudu 5.00 pm Pudu Rotaract Mtg. Eurasian Club	16 Visit to Jenjarom Old Folks Home (CNY cheers!)
17 12.30 pm Rotary Lunch Meeting 2.00 pm Membership Committee Mtg. Shangri-La KL	18	19	20 7.00 pm Service to New Generations Meeting Marco Polo Rest	21 7.00 pm Fireside Venue: TBA	22	23

President Choy Ying mentioned that the past six months has been very difficult for her as she has to grapple with family, work and serving Pudu Rotary. It is even more trying as her family is relocating to Australia.

Half-way mark is a good time to look back at the records of President Choy Ying. Indeed not many would have noticed that all this while she has been carrying out her duties without outwardly showing the stress that she now admitted to have had during the past 6 months. In her own inimitable style of non-confrontational leadership she seems to be able to quietly assert her role as the President of the Club and retain the support of members of this club. One thing for sure one must appreciate the weight of responsibility and how she has managed to carry out the duties she promised to do so to the best of her ability, especially now that we are made known of her responsibility balancing home, work and Rotary and relocation.

Half - way is also the time when the newly elected Incoming Board of Directors will now officially start their planning for their coming year. They will need to quickly prepare, draw up their plans and state their vision and mission for their year. Over the next few months before they take over the responsibility of leading Pudu Rotary, they will have many many meetings and discussion to fine tune and gel their plans. For them, they will need to familiarize their roles and responsibilities, ask and learn, and to do all the things expected of the leaders. Perhaps one area they might discuss is the health of Pudu Rotary Club, its relevance today and how to plan for its continuing ability to position itself as one of the better organized club in the district. The other perhaps is to take a critical look at the Club's ageing population of Past Presidents and the training to interest younger Rotarians to step up their interest to take over and maintain the great culture of Pudu. We need to have a planned succession and transfer of duties to preserve and continue all that has been built up over the past 44 years. As more of our stalwarts gravitate to serve the District we need new blood to fill the vacuum, we need more dedicated Rotarians.

Rotary clubs have their cycles of peaks and troughs and our Club is no exception. It is up to us all to want to see continuity, steady growth and great sensibility without losing track of the idea we need to enjoy Rotary to make us all want to stay on and make Pudu a story of continuing success, but minus any unnecessary stress. We should wish the Incoming BOD every success when they take office next Rotary year.

Family in Rotary



Rotary recognizes the importance of family, hence the dedication of December as the Rotary Family Month.

In Western countries, December is the month when the families get to spend time together. School going children are on holiday, working adult children and parents get extended days off from work to celebrate Christmas and the New Year. In the Chinese tradition, 23

December marks the end of winter where family members gather for a reunion to enjoy "Tang Yuan" or the sweet glutinous rice balls.

During the recent 76th District Conference organized by our club, I can't help but notice the presence of a number of Rotary Anns actively helping in various parts of the programmes. These Rotary Anns were quietly working and supporting their spouses, on top of the interesting spouses programmes organized by Rotary Ann Chin Lian and her committee. I was particularly moved on Saturday morning, by the sight of a number of RC Pudu members' Rotary Anns at the registration table. It was this group of able ladies that had ensured a smooth registration process for all. PE Steven had his two capable ladies, Rotary Ann Boon Kee and Ms Dila to keep all the registration information up to date. PP Tai had involved his daughter to help in the treasury section and PP Gary brought his entire family to experience the beach party.

From the above observation, I would like to paraphrase a cliché "Behind every successful Rotarian is a Rotary Ann/Spouse/Family". In this December month, let us take time to appreciate our spouses and family. For without their support, we Rotarians would not have been able to spend time to carry on our service to the community. Quoting DGE Albert Wong, District 3450: *"The Chinese believes that if you cannot even maintain and manage your own family affairs, you would not be able to rule a country."*

As I am writing this message, I am spending time with my family in Melbourne.

I would like to wish all Pudu Rotarians' Family a very Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!!

In Rotary Service,
President RY 2010/2011

Record of Meeting on 20th December 2010

Guest Speaker : PP Kumar Tharmalingam
Subject : Property Market is there a Bubble

VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
AG Boon Soo	P Klang
PP Chris Ng	P. Jaya
Alysia Teh	Lebuh Damansara
David Ananth	RC Ampang

GUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Host</u>
VG Chandran	Mr Miro Blazevic
Daisy	Mr Gan Khai Chung
Sandy	Moon Lim

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	4
Guests	:	3
Club Members	:	31
Total Present	:	38

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM 87.00
Paying Diners	:	RM 210.00
Raffles & Others	:	
Total	:	RM297.00

Club Proceedings

A confident SAA STANLEY PEREIRA called the meeting to order and introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. He led in the singing of our National Anthem and the loyal toast. He was very relaxed for a change even as he called PP SIM BEE to the rostrum to be the fine-master.

PP Sim Bee in his usual laconic manner fined practically everyone from PRC based on the successful conclusion of the recent District Conference. He was very lenient even with the DG KOK BENG and the Organising Chairman PP KH LOW and all those involved with the conference. He only asked for a maximum of RM2. He then fined all Rotarians who missed the AGM on Saturday 18 Dec 2010 held at the RSGC. The Incoming Board of Directors were similarly fined. The heavy fine of RM10 was reserved for VP CT HENG who got a birthday song sung in his honor for his birthday.

President CHOY YING then took over the proceedings to make her announcements (details in following columns). After her announcements Rtn K.A. KUMAR was called to introduce our speaker, our very own PP KUMAR THARMALINGAM, who spoke on the subject of "PROPERTY MARKET - IS THERE A BUBBLE" (details in following columns).

The thanking was done by PDG PAUL LEE after the speaker has delivered a most pertinent topic which is on everybody's mind. Paul brought the meeting down with laughter with his unfinished joke about light, thought and diarrhea.

Secretary LAWRANCE ANNIES then make his usual announcements before Rtn LAURA came up to make a short announcement about a New Year's Eve dinner and dance party organised by the RC Temerloh.

President's Announcement

Welcome to Pudu Rotary Club's RY2010/2011's 23rd Weekly Meeting.

In the past two week our club had carried out the following activities:-

- From Friday 10 Dec to Sunday 12 Dec, Our club and our 2 partner clubs have organized and hosted a very successful 76th Rotary District 3300 conference. A Big cheer for the OC and his hard working committee!
- On Tuesday 14 Dec 2010, Director Tan Peng Huat conducted his Service Committee meeting at RSGC.
- On Thursday 16 Dec 2010, the Club Admin committee and the New Gen Committee had their meeting over lunch at the Duck King Restaurant at Wisma Selangor Dredging. Director Sandy & Director Jeff Yap treated their committee to a sumptuous lunch after the meetings.
- Director Edward Lee held his TRF committee meeting at the Royal Lake Club at 7 pm on Thursday 16 Dec 2010.
- On Friday 17 Dec 2010, IPP Robin Tay held his 1st scholarship committee meeting at his residence.
- On Saturday 18 Dec 2010, our BOD held its 6th Board meeting at 5.40 pm at RSGC, followed by the 2nd Club Assembly and the AGM for our Club & the Charity Foundation. The President & the Board of

Directors for RY2011/2012 has been approved by the assembly. Congratulations Incoming President Steven Oon & his board.

Highlights of the upcoming Club events,

- a) On 3 January 2010, our members will meet to approve the adjourned agenda item from the AGM which is the approval of the Audited Accounts for PRC & PRCCF.
- b) On Saturday 15 January 2011, our club will be presenting scholarships & undergraduate grants at SMK (P) Pudu.
- c) On Sunday 16 January 2011, we will be visiting the Jenjarom Old Folks Homes again to bring the cheers for Chinese New Year. With popular demand from the old folks, we will bring back the Pau & Dim Sum Van. After the visit, our club members will continue our “makan” fellowship to be organized by Incoming PE Heng. I heard that “beggar’s chicken” is on the menu.

Upcoming District Events,

- a) The D3300 Rotary Kinabalu Polio Challenge will be from 13-17 January 2011.
- b) RC PJ’s 50th Anniversary on Thursday 6 January 2011, 8 pm, Grand Ballroom, Sunway Resort Hotel, Black Tie dinner, GOH : DYYM Sultan of Selangor, Cost per pax is RM150. Please refer to Hon Sec Lawrance Annies if you are interested to attend.
- c) District 3300 Mid Term Review will be held on 8-9 Jan 2011 Legend Inn Hotel, Taiping.

C.V. of Speakers

Kumar Tharmalingam, CEO, Malaysia Property Incorporated Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Fellow of the Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (ISM) and registered as a Real Estate Valuer and Property Consultant with the Board of Valuers in Malaysia.

In 1987 he established the First Malaysian Property Trust (FMPT), a joint venture between the Bank of Commerce and Austwide, Australia. He became the Manager and subsequently left to establish the MBF Unit Trust.

In 1992 he joined Taiping Consolidated Berhad (TCB) as an Executive Director in building the Kuala Lumpur Marriott Hotel and Starhill Centre and two years later became Executive Director of Sentul Raya Sdn Bhd, a joint venture property development project between Malayan Railway and Taiping Consolidated Berhad.

He left Taiping Consolidated Berhad in 1998 and became Director of Hall Chadwick Asia Sdn. Bhd., a joint venture with Hall Chadwick Australia. Hall Chadwick specializes in origination of assets for REITs, sale and leaseback options, asset backed securities and branding of corporate real estate. Currently he is the Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia

Property Incorporated (MPI). MPI is a Government of Malaysia initiative under the Economic Unit (EPU) tasked to promote Malaysia as property investment destination and to induce Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) specifically into Malaysian real estate. Their core business objective is to be the first port-of call for information related to Real Estate Investment in Malaysia and to facilitate foreign investors’ inquiries and requirements.

Speaker’s Text

Basically our speaker PP KUMAR THARMALINGAM does not think that Malaysia is in danger of a property “bubble” in his short but very pertinent talk to the Club. With global interest rates at an all time historical lows he opined that in Malaysia we do not have the volatility of some of the other markets, Hong Kong, for instance.

In Malaysia there is a great disparity of house prices across the country. The price of a house in Ipoh is unlike that in Kuala Lumpur, very much lower. In Kuala Lumpur when prices hit the ceiling like in recent times, the tendency is for growth to move out from what Kumar term as Tier 1 areas to tier 2, tier 3 and eventually tier 4. This makes Kuala Lumpur property prices to stay stable as there is advantage of space for growth, unlike say Singapore where growth is inevitably upwards as space is limited. There is a limit to any frenzy and thus there is greater stability. Besides K.L., there other growth centres are Penang and Johore Bahru, Kumar term the three capitals as “beacons of growth”. And all this space for growth contributes to our comparative advantage in controlling volatility.

By 2050 it is expected that some 70% of the population will concentrate in urban areas as the rural youths will continue to migrate to the three main growth centres. In time to come most problems will be city problems and not “kampong” problems. Currently our country has some 19 million people living in “proper housing”. At the same time it is to be noted that with urbanization comes the price of increased standards of living.

Naturally urbanization will require infrastructure improvements amongst other things. PP Kumar listed extension of new highways and interstate routes, extension of Light Rail Transit system, a new KL International Airport 2 scheduled for 2012. Our ETP (Economic Transformation) story is aimed at “ensuring that Malaysian living standards grow in tandem with the economy, and with the rest of the world.” The Greater KL Entry Point Projects (EPPs) is aimed at :

1. Attracting 100 world’s top multinational companies
2. Attract high-skilled immigration
3. Connect to Singapore with high-speed rail
4. Build MRT: An integrated urban rail system

5. Rejuvenate the river of life
6. Create a greener KL
7. Establish iconic places
8. Pedestrian network
9. Solid waste management

Malaysians taste for property is evolving and they are today prepared to pay a premium for quality real estate. Real estate movements are cyclical and Malaysia is no different but the general price movement and property buyer sophistication moves upwards. There is a concern for excessive high-end properties in Malaysia but Kumar noted that new house launches from 2009 indicates that more than 50% of new launches are low to medium cost property costing from RM50,000 to not more than RM250,000. Landed properties will remain high in demand (eg. terrace houses and bungalows) even if condominiums in Penang and KL have exceed demand.

In conclusion PP Kumar explained the role of MPI (Malaysia Property Incorporated).

MPI is a Malaysian Government entity under the Economic Planning Unit and the aim is to be the first port – of – call for foreign investors on information related to Real Estate Investments in Malaysia. The MPI is the source for all information related to Malaysian real estate to drive exposure for property investments into Malaysia.

For further information and up-to-date tracking of Malaysian real estate data, visit:
www.malaysiapropertyinc.com

For further enquiry, write to:
infor@malaysiapropertyinc.com

Thanking of Guest Speaker

Thanking was done by PDG PAUL LEE who couldn't resist telling a hilarious joke which he didn't quite finish as he so amused by it himself that he couldn't quite finish. The audience were already laughing mid-way through his joke. It was a good change from the usual serious thanking of speakers as on this occasion our speaker is a fellow Pudu Rotarian who himself possess an endless treasure trove of jokes, clean or otherwise. And naturally not to be have his "reputation" spoiled, PP Kumar delivered a joke to end his talk this afternoon.

Pudu Club News

OUR INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2011/2012

At our 2nd Club Assembly the following were voted in to form the next Rotary Year Board of Directors under the Incoming President Steven Oon.

President	: Steven Oon Hoon Nam
Vice-President	: Aaron Ong Lai Huat
President-Elect	: Heng Choun Tee
Honorary Secretary	: Tan Peng Huat
Honorary Treasurer	: Asok Kumar
Immediate Past President	: Leong Choy Ying
Directors	: Lawrance Annies : Arvin Kumar : Daisy Chiu : George Heng : Jeffrey Yap : Heng Choun Tee

Thanks from R.I. President's Personal Representative

From: Y.P DAS
 To: khlow@beltequipment.com.my
 Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 8:22 AM
 Subject: Thanks

Dear Past President Low,

Manju & I had a safe and pleasant journey back.

Many Many Congratulations for such a successful District Conference. One of the finest conferences that we have attended in many years. Please do convey my feelings to all your organising committee members and thank them for providing us such a wonderful experience.

The logistics and the arrangements were excellent and beyond compare.

Thank you for all the courtesies provided to us and most of all thank you for your warmth and friendship which we shall cherish forever.

Wish you all the very best in the future.

Kind regards.

Sincerely.

Yash Das
 RI Director (2011-13)

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**Club Meeting on
20th December,
2010**



SAA Stanley looking smart & confident.



DG Kok Beng says "thanks" to O.C.



Our own PP Kumar spoke on the subject of "Malaysian Property ~ Is there a bubble?"



C.T. Heng celebrates his birthday.



New look PP K.H. Low with his final accounts?



Laconic PP Sim Bee did the fining session his way.



The crowd now post conference is larger.

CLUB ASSEMBLY & AGM ON 18TH DEC. 2010 @ RSGC



PP Sam poses with Pres. Choy Ying.



A quiet discussion before the AGM.



George Heng reports on behalf of Jeffrey Yap (New Generations)



Diligent Peng Huat reports on his Service Committee.



Stephen Oon says "I'm humbled....."



PP Phang was warmly welcomed after a long absence.



It was nice to spot Ann Pearl at our assembly.



V.P. C.T. Heng quickly gave his report under watchful eyes of the President.



Sandy ensure that Sam's signature is recorded before the AGM.

Behind The Scenes of the 76th R.I.District 3300 Conference.



House of friendship under R.C. Central Damansara.



B2

"Welcome" nite reception.



PP Puni of RC Sentul.



PP Ananda & PP Cheah as joint MCs.



B5

Ezzat of RC Central Damansara.



B7

PP VG & PP Chin Peow were always available.



Deputy Chairman PP Sim Bee with PP Dato Muslim.



The calm before the "storm", a quiet scene before the opening ceremony.

DID OUR LADIES ENJOY THEMSELVES AT THE 76TH R.I. DISTRICT 3300 CONFERENCE?

(The following pictures would surely tell?)



D1

Quiet smile says she approves.....



They think their mom did.



I did, I did, well.....



D4

No need to ask.....



D5

Ivy sure did!



Gary's girls did.



One would guess Shangri-la's chef didn't when questioned by Datin Esther.

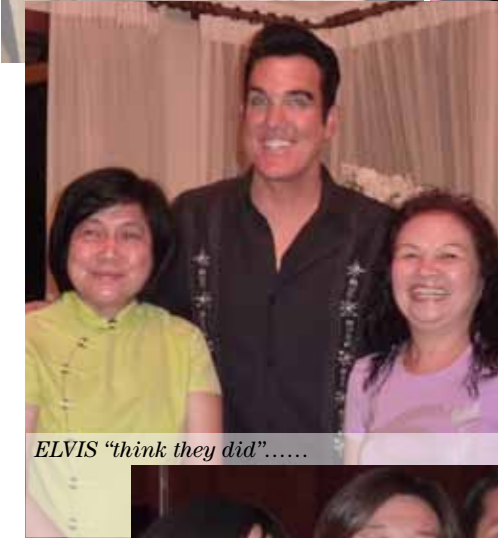
**DID OUR LADIES ENJOY THEIR TIME AT THE
76TH R.I. DISTRICT 3300 CONFERENCE?**



Datin Raja Azma says.....



What do you think?



ELVIS "think they did".....



Lin did.....



Boon Kee & Jane Yi did.....



I think she did.....says Alex.

D12



Datin Esther seems to say "We ALL did!"



A politician is always non-committal.

NOTICE OF THANK YOU DINNER INVITATION ON 7TH JANUARY 2011 @ PE STEVEN OON'S RESIDENCE

All PRC Members,

First of all, we would like to extend our appreciation to members who have supported and participated in the 76th RI District 3300 Conference on 10th – 12 December 2010 at Shangri-La Hotel.

It is a great pleasure to inform you that the Organising Committee of the District Conference will be organizing a "Thank You Dinner". On behalf of Organising Committee, I am honoured to invite you and your spouse to attend this event.

Details of event are as follows:

Date : Friday, 7th January 2011

Venue : PE Steven Oon's Residence,
No 16 Jalan Margosa SD10/6A, Bandar Sri Damansara, 52200 Kuala Lumpur.

Time : 7.00 pm

Members who are keen to attend, kindly confirm your attendance with the undersigned (PE Steven Oon), HP No. 012-212 7011 or Email to: experto@streamyx.com or dila2676@hotmail.com. RSVP before 4th January 2011

We look forward to your continued support and active participation towards the betterment and improvement of the Rotary Club of Pudu.

Thank you.

R.I. News

By PDG Dr. Paul Lee

**ROTARY: OUR FOUNDATION MAGAZINE #103
January 2011**

Dear

We invite you all to open the latest issue (#103) of Our Foundation Magazine and simply clicking on the month, next to the 'new' icon, for the current issue.

In one way or another, all of the excellent programs of The Rotary Foundation contribute to world peace and understanding. One of the joys of Rotary is meeting people from other cultures - interacting, working with them - Rotarians, Students, Scholars and Peace Fellows. We interact through the Rotary Foundation programs while volunteering, living and studying in a country other than our own.

All that time nurturing and encouraging peace by building better understanding through person-to-person contact and building friendship and fellowship through cross-cultural exchange.

Rotary arranges this purposely through Youth Exchanges, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchanges, Peace Fellowships, Humanitarian and Educational Grants.

Purposely? Of course! Can you think of a better way to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace?

We are invited to visit with folks (often at their dinner table) and although we have different ethnicity, speak different languages, have different skin colors, our eyes shaped differently, different religious faiths.... We all do get along and work together and very well too.

And when we interact and work with folks all around the world we discover that we all care about the same things. We care about our families and want our children to be safe, to be healthy and educated.... and the things that we share, that we value, are more important than the things that are different.

The joy of... the power of... the magic of Rotary gives life to the motto that "Peace is Possible".

Goodwill, greater understanding and peace have been the driving forces in Rotary for over 100 years.

Enjoy this January 2011, Our Foundation Magazine.

In Rotary, in Peace,
Eddie Blender,
Publisher,
Our Foundation Magazine

76th CONFERENCE

Wise man say... only..

It's Now or NEVER

I'm Lonesome tonight

ELVIS LOW makes the Difference