

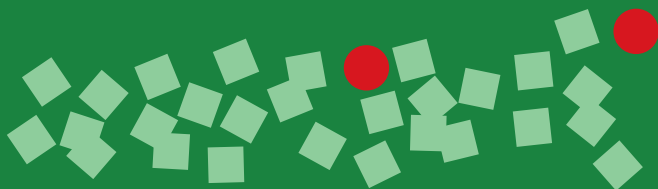
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**Programme Today**

**Speaker** : DR. JAMEELAH BT. SATAR  
**Subject** : HEMOTOLOGI/THALASEMIA & WHEEL CHAIR PROJECT

ON DUTY  
 Duty Table : Annie Tan  
 Fellowship : Lee Su Zane  
 Finemaster : K. H. Low  
 Introduce : Tan Peng Huat  
 Thanking : Loo Ming Chee

**Happy Birthday!**



Ann Evelyn (PP Low Keng Hwa)  
(22nd March)

**Happy Anniversary!**

Nil

<p><b>Programme</b></p> <p><b>Speaker</b> : DG LIM KOK BENG  <b>Subject</b> : D.G.'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO PUDU ROTARY CLUB</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: auto;"> <p><b>Next Week</b></p> </div>	<p><b>On Duty</b></p> <p>Duty Table : Daisy Chiu                  Fellowship : Arvin Kumar                  Finemaster : Y.K. Chew                  Introduce : K.U. Rajah                  Thanking : Dato' N.K. Jasani</p>
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<b>Diary 21st March - 10th April 2011</b>						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p><b>21</b> 12.30 pm Rotary Lunch Meeting 2.00 pm Membership Committee Mtg. <b>Shangri-la KL</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 3.00 pm Interact Co-ordination Council Meeting ICC SMK Methodist</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 12.45 pm DG's Meeting with President/President Elect/Secretary/Treasurer/Asst Governor 2 pm - 4 pm Interactors Hi-Tea with DG. 7 pm - 10.30 pm 3rd Club Assembly/ DG Visit Hotel Sentral Pudu</p>
<p><b>28</b> 12.45 pm Rotary Lunch Meeting/DG Visit <b>Hotel Sentral Pudu, KL</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> 7.00 pm BOD meeting Royal Lake Club</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 5.00 pm Pudu Rotaract Club Meeting Eurasian Club</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b> 12.45 pm Rotary Lunch Meeting 2.00 pm Public Relations Committee Mtg. <b>Shangri-la KL</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 7.00 pm Club Admin Committee Meeting Marco Polo Rest.</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7.00 pm Rotary Foundation Comm. Meeting Royal Lake Club</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>      <b>10</b></p> <p>77th RI District 3300 Assembly &amp; Bayview Beach Hotel, Batu Feringhi, Penang</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PETS/SETS/TETS</b></p>	



First the earthquake in New Zealand, and now the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. We must spare a moment to think of these terrible disasters and what one can do to contribute to the recovery in these countries.

The April issue of the Rotary Foundation Newsletter contain news of the catastrophe in Japan, quote “Thousands under siege without water, food, shelter, electricity, heat or telephone service.....entire villages in parts of Japan’s northern Pacific coast have vanished under a wall of water.... and a nuclear emergency ...near two stricken reactors...”. Members can check the web-site [www.ourfoundation.info](http://www.ourfoundation.info) for more information.

In response to the massive disaster that struck Japan on 11 March, the Rotary Foundation has established the **ROTARY JAPAN & PACIFIC ISLANDS DISASTER RECOVERY FUND** which will support recovery projects in the affected areas. Recall that the 8.9 magnitude earthquake, Japan’s largest in the last century, caused a devastating tsunami that swept over northern coastal towns near Sendai. Many thousands have been confirmed dead and many more missing. The tsunami caused huge waves to be swept inland for some 10 kilometers.

Rotarians, Clubs, and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund. The Foundation has begun accepting online contributions since Monday 14 March.

Funds can be donated directly through the standard Foundation giving model according to our location and will be directed to the account under “Rotary Japan & Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund”. Questions regarding contribution can be directed to contact. [center@rotary.org](mailto:center@rotary.org)

Our sympathy goes out to the people of Japan as they grapple with the enormity of this terrible disaster.



**Rotary Information anyone?**

Whenever we mention Rotary Information, one person’s name immediately comes to mind. Yes, you’ve guessed right, Past President VG Chandran, also known as “the Chief” and to Vice President CT Heng, the English tutor.

Rain or shine, at every weekly meeting, we will get Rotary Information delivered to us. Firstly, being read to us from the rostrum and secondly, having the full article printed in our weekly bulletin. This is indeed an incredibly effort by PP VG, especially to some of us who know that he has not been in the pink of health recently. Despite having to go in and out of the hospital, he managed to squeeze some time to read, think and write the articles to keep all of us well informed on Rotary.

In addition to his contributions to our club as a Board advisor and as the chairman for the very meaningful Elocution contest for the Interactors project, he is always willing to help any club members who asked for his assistance. I can certainly testify to the number of times PP VG has cheerfully agreed to help me, especially in this Rotary year.

At the District level, PP VG is certainly no stranger to anyone. His contribution to the Governor’s newsletter, the district secretariat, the district conference, etc .etc. etc., in short, he is doing things many young men half his age are unable to accomplish.

Dear PP VG, thank you not only for your helping hand but also your kind words of encouragement. You are one of my pillars who have helped me through the past many months during my presidential year.

In Rotary Service,  
President RY 2010/2011



*Post script:-  
You might be wondering why I am starting my thanking messages while I have 3 more months to go before my presidential term ends. Well, my wise bulletin editor gently reminded me that there would not be many issues of weekly bulletin left till the end of this Rotary year, hence it is never too early to begin my thanking. He is absolutely right! I guess when the bulletin issues run out, I will have to squeeze all my remaining thanking messages at my swan song.*

## Record of Meeting on 14th March 2011

**Guest Speaker** : MR. CHRISTOPHER BELL  
**Subject** : IMPROVING STANDARD OF ENGLISH IN MALAYSIA

### VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Elysia Teh	RC C. Damansara
Philip kuan	RC S'pore

### GUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Host</u>
Marcus Tan	PP Gary Lim
Ravinder Singh	PP Gary Lim
Christopher Bell	Guest Speaker

### STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	2
Guests	:	2
Club Members	:	23
<b>Total Present</b>	:	<b>27</b>

### COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM 79.00
Paying Diners	:	RM 120.00
Raffles & Others	:	RM 70.00
<b>Total</b>	:	<b>RM269.00</b>

### **Club Proceedings** *Recorded by PP Phang Poke Shuan*

Acting Sgt-at-Arms Rtn Lawrance Annie called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm and introduced the visiting Rotarians and Guests. He then led in the singing of the National Anthem and proposed the loyal toast.

Finemaster was PDG Dr Paul Lee who declared the fining session as "speed fining". PP Albert Lim had to pay RM3 for being diligent while PP Phang and PP Sim Bee each paid a similar amount for idle talk. There was no particular reason to fine Rtn Arvin Kumar and Rtn Robert Tan so they had each to cough out RM3. PP Richard Liew recently celebrated his birthday while PP Gary Lim led a successful ILTMC at PD and each parted with RM10. PDG Dr Paul then fined Rtn Patrick Lee for being a good Samaritan in checking whether his car was locked or not but the good Samaritan had to pay a fine. New Rotarian Rtn Yeap gladly paid up RM3 for being new while Rtn May Lim was congratulated for being able to find the meeting place. Rtn Laura Lee did a good job on the ILTMC as the incoming Interact Chairman and was fined by Paul. Rtn Peng Huat had a successful meeting at the RSGC recently while PE Steven was congratulated on his first project (The ILTMC). Both had to pay though. PP Quah continued to churn out good informative bulletins week in week out and Paul said that he deserved to pay out RM3. Others

being fined include Rtn Tenny, President Choy Ying, Secretary Lawrance, Rtn Jeff Yap and Rtn Loo Ming Chee.

### **Rotary Information**

The Rotary Information was read out by the Secretary Lawrance.

### **President's Announcement**

Welcome to Pudu Rotary Club RY2010/2011's 33rd Weekly Meeting.

The following activities were carried out last week:-

- The Service committee met on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 7 pm at the RSGC.
- Interact Leadership Training and Motivational Camp and the Rotary Rotaract Interact games was held from 11 - 13 March.

Highlights of the upcoming Club events,

- The incoming Board for RY2011/2012 will be meeting on 18 March 2011 at 6.30 pm at PE Steven Oon's office.
- I will be attending the district 3450 conference on 19 - 20 March 2011 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Hong Kong.

- c) On 21 March 2011, during our luncheon meeting at the Shangri-La KL, our club will be launching “Wheelchair for poor patients” project in which our club is donating 20 wheelchairs to the Hospital Ampang. Dr Jameliah from Hospital Ampang will also be giving us a talk on “Thalassaemia”.
- d) Our DG Kok Beng will be making his official visit to our club on 27 & 28 March 2011, venue is at Hotel Sentral Pudu. We will also be having our 3rd club assembly in conjunction with DG’s visit at 7 pm on 27 March, which is a Sunday. There will be a “welcome home” fellowship for our DG after the assembly. Please bring your spouse!

#### Other District Announcements,

- a) The 77th District 3300 Assembly will be held from the 8 - 10 April 2011 at the Bayview Beach Hotel, Batu Ferringhi, Penang.
- b) The District TRF Nite has been brought forward to the 14 April to coincide with RI director Ravi’s visit. RI Director Ravi will be handing over the TRF awards and he will also be giving us a talk on his experiences. Venue is Klang Executive Club at 7.30 pm. Cost is at RM60 per pax, bring your own drinks.
- c) The “IYE - YOUTH PROTECTION” Seminar will be held on Sunday, 15 May 2011. From 9 am - 1 pm at Deck 2, Level 7, D’Villa Residence.

Honorary Treasurer Roy had sent out a reminder for the 2nd half club dues. I would like to remind our members to pay up as soon as possible before DG’s visit.

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### ***The Speaker***

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Rtn Lawrence Annies introduced the speaker Mr Christopher Bell who was to speak on the subject “Improving the Standard of English in Malaysia”. Christopher was born in Belfast (Northern Ireland) and listed his hobbies as tennis and golf although he had little time to indulge in both recently due to his work commitment. He had been involved in the Malaysian Education since 1977 when he first came to Malaysia as an English teacher in Rembau and Simpang Ampat. Later from 1984 to 1994 he was the International Bilingual and private schools leader in

Spain and USA. He was the director of the CFBT SEA from 1994-2008. Since 2008 he has been the Brighton Education Group Executive Chairman and also act as a Consultant.

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### ***The Talk***

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In starting his talk, Christopher highlighted some of his career moves particularly the good years he had in Sarawak which drew him back to Malaysia time and again. He then mentioned some of the activities of his company the Brighton Group and their objectives. Particularly they are in 3 sectors viz schools, projects and supplementary education. Their turnover amounts to about RM100 million per annum. Their activities spread to 9 states and one of the chief activities is to improve the use of English especially in the rural areas. Their work has been highlighted in the newspapers and has the good support of the Negri Sembilan Royal family.

Christopher then detailed their approach towards to the goal of improving the use of English in the schools, especially in the primary schools. One of the main thrust is to change the attitude of the teachers to ensure that it has lasting effects on teaching behaviour. Also there is a need to change teaching style one of which is to teach by telling and testing while for the students to learn by using and doing. According to him, they use 3 main inputs, viz: change teaching and improving pedagogy, raising teachers English proficiency and increasing the use of English outside the schools.

Their learning content includes: 1. Language awareness; 2. Communication activities; 3. Teaching receptive skill; 4. Teach productive skill; 5. Micro skills; 6. Story telling; 7 Lesson Planning; 8 Task based learning; 9 Managing the learning process and 10. Giving Instructions.

Christopher then gave some statistics with regards to our educational system. While we have a population of about 28 million, we have 5.4 million pupils. We have 7,685 government primary schools including 1,300 chinese and 530 tamil schools and 56 private ones. We have 2,237 government secondary schools and 73 private ones (charging between 8-20 K per annum). Also we have about 68 international and

expatriate schools. We have about 400,000 teachers of which 70% are women. According to him, we have about 92% adult literacy.

In his opinion, the standard of English in our country has gone down a lot the last 20 years and many decisions affecting the use of English in teaching were mainly political e.g. the teaching of Mathematics and Science in English. This is not a good development as it showed that the government sector is weak and lagging. The many programs by the government is good though the implementation sometimes is suspect. It opens up many opportunities in the Malaysian education though and Malaysia strives to be the regional hub. Currently we have about 75,000

international students in the country and have many international and private schools. There is also the possibility of developing upmarket schools as well as specialist schools eg science, technology, environment, languages, etc. Teacher training schools are also a possibility. He opined that our education must be geared towards the needs of the economy.

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### ***Thanking of Guest Speaker***

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Thanking Christopher was PP Quah who also presented him with a memento and a certificate of appreciation.

### ***Pudu Club News***

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#### **PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR DG'S VISIT ON MARCH 27-28, 2011**

Venue: Hotel Sentral Pudu - 310 Jalan Pudu KL

Date/Day - March 27th -Sunday

Function: Meeting/Hi Tea/Club Assembly& Fellowship

- 12.30 pm - Receive District Governor at hotel by President/President Elect/ Secretary/Treasurer/Asst Governor
- 12.45 pm - Meeting with President/President Elect/Secretary/Treasurer/ Asst Governor
- 2.00 pm - Hi Tea meeting with Interactors/Rotractors and fellowship
- 4.00 pm - End of afternoon activities (day use room provided for DG)
- 7.00 pm - Club Assembly
- 7.30 pm - Assembly called to order - Welcome address and DG's address
- 7.45 pm - Reports from Board of Directors and Q&A session
- 8.30 pm - Fellowship
- 10.30 pm - End of evening activities

Venue: Hotel Sentral Pudu - 310 Jalan Pudu KL (please refer to attached map)

Date/Day - March 28th - Monday

Function: Official Club Visit

- 12.30 pm - Receive District Governor at hotel by President/President Elect/Secretary/Treasurer/ Asst Governor
- 1.10 pm - Meeting starts/Fine Session/Rotary Information/Presidents Address
- 1.30 pm - District Governor's address
- 1.50 pm - QA Session
- 2.00 pm - Secretary's announcement
- 2.10 pm - Meeting ends - Fellowship continues.



**MEETING ON 14TH  
MARCH 2011 @  
H. SENTRAL, PUDU**



*Albert Lim had a serious question for our guest.*



*Christopher our guest speaker gave his views on English communicative skill.*



*Paul in his rapid-fire manner quickly fined most members in the club.*



*Assistant Editor Phang enjoys the joke he had with Sim Bee.*



*Our visitors PP Elysia Teh of RC Central Damansara and PP Philip Kuan of RC Singapore.*



*Laura was happy with the way the ILTMC project went over the weekend.*



*Gary had a chat with Yeap about the ILTMC.*



*Speaker Christopher gave an excellent overview of the state of our English skill.*



*The spread of desert & sweets was tempting.*



*Quah gets to thank the speaker.*



*Gary making sure everyone pays their fines!*



*After the talk, C.T. Heng appears to be the first to sign up for an English course?*



*Sim Bee receiving the raffles prize on behalf of Peng Huat, 2nd time winner in a month.*

***The talk was an excellent overview for all members present. It rings a bell because one is generally aware of the fact that our standard of English has been steadily going downhill, since the early 70's.***

## **Foundation sets up disaster fund for Japan**

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians can donate online. Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund.

The 9.0-magnitude quake, Japan's largest in history, and the tsunami that followed it caused widespread devastation, paralyzing much of the northern coast. More than 10,000 people have been killed, and thousands are missing. Millions have been left without clean water or power, and at least 550,000 people have been forced from their homes.

A series of explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, 140 miles northeast of Tokyo, damaged reactors and forced the evacuation of tens of thousands. The Japanese government is working to contain the situation. Damage from the earthquake and tsunami is estimated at US\$170 billion.

RI President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, was in Lisbon, Portugal, on Rotary business during the disasters. He was able to reach his wife, Kyoko, on the phone to confirm her safety.

"She said it was the most horrifying experience she'd ever had," says Tanaka. "The northern region of Japan is still in chaos. We are unsure when this chaos will end or when things will get better. However, I am most thankful to know that Rotarians around the world care for us."

Japanese RI directors Masaomi Kondo and Masahiro Kuroda, as well as staff at Rotary International's Japan office, are confirmed to be safe.

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing efforts to bring urgently needed aid to victims.

"I've received many messages from Rotarians all over the world," says Noriko Futagami, the Public Image Resource Group coordinator for Zone 2. "I also have reports that Rotary clubs have begun to start planning projects for immediate help. Unfortunately, there are many Rotarians and families who haven't

been able to be contacted. Rotarians in Japan worry for their safety."

International News -- 15 March 2011

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## **RI Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar highlights success of Future Vision Plan**

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The Future Vision pilot, launched seven months ago with 100 pilot districts, has already produced exceptional global grant projects with sustainable, measurable outcomes.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar highlighted several early success stories of the Future Vision Plan while touting its benefits before an audience of incoming district governors at the fourth plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, 18 January in San Diego, California, USA.

"Future Vision represents a philosophical shift in the way the Foundation funds Rotarians' activities," Stenhammar said. "Under Future Vision, the Foundation asks Rotarians to start their planning by identifying a pressing need and working with the community to determine the best activity or combination of activities through which to address it, and then carry them out."

One hundred districts were specially trained in San Diego a year ago and began testing a new grant model 1 July in the Future Vision pilot. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.

Though change isn't painless, Stenhammar said, the plan will allow for increased flexibility, particularly for scholarships. District grants can fund scholars either locally or abroad at any level, for any length of time, either for a degree or certificate program or for a period of study. With global grants, clubs and districts may use their cash or District Designated Fund to receive a World Fund match for graduate-level students studying abroad under one of the areas of focus. Global grants can fund students for a single year or for an entire degree program, up to four years in length.

Stenhammar pointed to the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, which has used two global grants for \$30,000 each to sponsor a student from Quito, Ecuador, and another from Kampala, Uganda, to study peace and conflict resolution.

He encouraged nonpilot districts to learn as much as they can about the plan and its opportunities at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and in the Future Vision Pilot News newsletter.

Earlier in the day, Foundation Trustee Chair-elect William B. Boyd outlined goals for the Foundation:

Eradicating polio

Increasing support for the Foundation

Continuing progress on the Future Vision Plan

Boyd said the areas of focus under the Future Vision Plan allow Rotarians to carry out projects with a common purpose, in a way that will benefit as many people as possible.

“All of us should work to build those six areas of focus into the culture and thinking of every Rotary club,” he said. “We should seek opportunities to build partnerships between clubs and districts, our Rotary Foundation, and other organizations that can join us in our mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.”

Source: Rotary International News

## **Rotary Information**

*P.P. VG Chandran*

### **HISTORY OF ROTARY IN MALAYSIA**

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“The history of Rotary’s spread to Malaysia is like most other regions, due to the influence and hard work of one of the early leaders and ‘extensionists’ of Rotary.

If it was not for the tireless work in discussing the ideals of Rotary and what it might mean to the local populations, the introduction to South East Asia may have taken much longer.

JIM DAVIDSON, (<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/leaders/davidson/index.htm>) of the Rotary Club of Calgary, Canada was appointed by Paul Harris to do just that – spread the word of Rotary as far afield as he desired, and that he did.

Having visited Burma (Myanmar) in 1928, Davidson entered Malaysia via treacherous terrain and non-existent roads with his first port of call being British

settlement of Penang. His meetings there resulted in the later formation of one of the first seven clubs in what was then, the Federated States of Malaya.

Continuing in a southerly direction to Singapore, he then stopped in Ipoh, a large town developed around tin mining and timber industries, a day’s drive (in those days) north of Kuala Lumpur where more meetings met with similar success.

Port Klang was a busy seaport servicing inland and a new club was rapidly formed. A few miles inland on roads used by transport to and from the busy sea port, he met with local residents of the capital, Kuala Lumpur which, as years went by, became the largest and most active club in the country.

South from Kuala Lumpur his next stop was Seremban. Despite it being many months since he visited Penang, Seremban became the first Club in Malaysia to be Chartered due to a lucky timing with infrequent shipping to America and some efficient paper-handling by the local British Residents. Some weeks later came Malacca (Melaka) and lastly, Singapore which in those days, was part of the Malay Federation.

In all cases, The British presence in Malaya was very strong. Many had knowledge or experience of Rotary in Britain and America and in most cases, formed the nucleus of these new clubs. However Davidson, was aware of the dangers of large expatriate membership of itinerant foreigners and insisting on greater local representation, all Original Certificates of Charter show high proportion of local residents.

All these 7 clubs were formed within the period from September 1929 to September 1930. Davidson’s travels were less than 1 year so we can assume that delays were caused by infrequent shipping of documents that any other cause.

***Malaysia is now divided into two Districts, the northern part of the Peninsula being allocated District 3300. The southern half of the Peninsula together with Borneo States of Sabah & Sarawak are classified as District 3310, which also includes Singapore and Brunei.”***

**ANOTHER WEBSITE .... FOR YOUR “THE ROTARY FOUNDATION” NEWSLETTER... “OUR FOUNDATION...APRIL 2011 ISSUE 106”**  
<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/foundation/newsletter/2011/2011.0401EB.106.3.pdf>

**CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE**

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**Christchurch Earthquake**

I know that all of our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Canterbury at this time. It is just heartbreaking to see the photos and hear the news. Whoever would have thought we would see Shelterboxes being used in New Zealand?

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Due to the extreme difficulties being experienced with all forms of communication into and from Christchurch (phone and email), District 9970 have requested that all Rotarians and clubs use [www.rotarysouthpacific.org](http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org) as your **FIRST** source of information about the Rotary response to the Canterbury Earthquake. The New Zealand and Pacific Islands Rotary website [www.rotarysouthpacific.org](http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org) contains contact information for contributions and donations of all types and will be continually updated with new information as this becomes available. Updates and news of Rotary's involvement can be emailed to [berylrobinson@rotarydownunder.co.nz](mailto:berylrobinson@rotarydownunder.co.nz) and these will be posted as soon as possible.

Messages of sympathy and offers of help are pouring in, such as this one from our sister club, Port Klang:

Dear Har Chai,

Was informed by our President John Low 5 minutes ago regarding the earthquake that struck Christchurch. Very sad to hear the news. President Low has asked how our club can help in this time of difficulties.

Regards,  
Chang Mee

If you want to help in a practical way, here are a couple of Rotary initiatives that you may be interested in:

Stuart Batty (Director, RNZWCS Limited (Rotary New Zealand)) is working with other agencies to offer short

term breaks outside of Christchurch to, firstly, affected Rotarians and their families, and then to others, to assist them in their recovery from the trauma they are undergoing at this time.

Rotarian families outside Christchurch who would be willing to open up their homes, are asked to send Stuart an email [stuart.batty@rnzwcw.org](mailto:stuart.batty@rnzwcw.org) with their details to include in a data base.

And, District 9980 is collecting a data base of caravans that could be available for lending to displaced families in Christchurch. The distribution and care of these caravans will be organised through Rotary Clubs in Christchurch. If you are willing to loan a caravan please provide the following details to Murray Purvis from the Timaru North Rotary Club, Ph (03) 688-4218 or [murraypurvis@clear.net.nz](mailto:murraypurvis@clear.net.nz)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Caravan: \_\_\_\_\_

Time available for loan: \_\_\_\_\_

ShelterBox: The New Zealand ShelterBox team of Walter Kley, Arnold Kelly and Lyndon Tamblyn are working with the authorities in Christchurch to assess and prioritise the immediate need. Some emergency shelters have already been erected, but more will be needed.

There are 3 Shelterbox Response Teams on the ground in Christchurch. Some boxes have already been delivered from Melbourne by MainFreight and more are due (over 100 from Melbourne). 200 more are due to arrive from the UK on Saturday flying in on Emirates.

Donation forms can be found under 'shelterbox.org.nz' then go to 'Donate' all bank details can be found there. 328 boxes at \$1,500 = \$492,000 to be replaced if we are able.

I also see that the census, set for early March, has been cancelled and will not be held this year. Government statistician Geoff Bascand made the announcement today saying a large part of the census operation was run from Christchurch and had been badly damaged in the quake. The census was also cancelled in 1931 due to the depression and in 1941 during the war.

The Christchurch Earthquake continues to occupy a lot of our thinking and activities. Har Chai's Rotary Club – The Rotary Club of Port Klang – has made a substantial donation - \$6,000.00 - to the appeal. Our heartfelt thanks to those members of Port Klang who were so generous!

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