

The Weekly Bulletin Of The Rotary Club Of Pudu, R.L District 1300, K.L. Malaysia



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" THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS "
 R.I. Theme for Rotary Year 2009/2010

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Involved We Are, Committed We Must Be.



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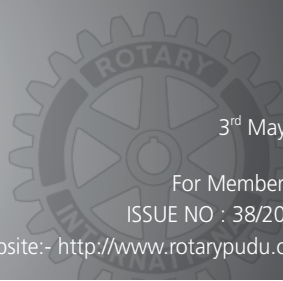


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Programme for Today

Speaker : Rtc. Choong Xiao Wen
Rtc. Chin Su Xian

Subject : RYLA

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn George Heng
Fellowship : Rtn James Prophett
Finemaster : PP Ken Ong
Introduce : PP Gary Lim
Thanking : PP K U Rajah

Programme for 10th May 2010

Speaker : Dr. Harith Kassim

Subject : You Overcoming Extraneous Challenges

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn Kertz Lau
Fellowship : Rtn Edward Lee
Finemaster : Rtn Steven Oon
Introduce : Rtn Roy Sreenivasan
Thanking : Rtn Sarky Subramaniam

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays : Nil

Spouse's Birthday : Ann Caylice (4th May); Ann Ivy (9th May)

Anniversaries : PP K H Low & Ann Evelyn (6th May)

Your 3rd – 31st May 2010 Diary Month of May is Dedicated to Magazine Month

Date	Day	Time	Meeting	Venue
03-05-10	Mon	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Royal Selangor Club, Card Room, Dataran Merdeka, KL
04-05-10	Tues	7.00 pm	Installation Com. Meeting	Coffee House, KLGCC
05-05-10	Wed	6.30 pm	Club Service Com. Meeting	Rtn Asok Kumar's Office
05-05-10	Wed	7.00 pm	Incoming Club Admin. Com. Meeting	Marco Polo Rest.
06-05-10	Thurs	7.00 pm	Incoming Rotary Foundation Com. Mtg.	Royal Lake Club Poolside
06-05-10	Thurs	6.30 pm	International Service Com. Meeting	Rtn Steven Oon's Residence
07-05-10	Fri	6.30 pm	Group 10, Presidents Meeting	Royal Selangor Club, KL
10-05-10	Mon	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
10-05-10	Mon	2.00 pm	Incoming Public Relations Com. Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
11-05-10	Tues	7.00 pm	Incoming Service Com. Meeting	RSGC, KL
11-05-10	Tues	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Com. Meeting	Marco Polo Rest. KL
12-05-10	Wed	6.30 pm	New Gen. Com Mtg	Rtn Arwin Kumar's Office
13-05-10	Thurs	6.30 pm	Community Service Com. Meeting	Rtn Mok Sin's Office
17-05-10	Mon	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
17-05-10	Mon	2.00 pm	Incoming BOD RY 2010/11 Photo Taking Session	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
17-05-10	Mon	2.00 pm	Incoming Membership Com. Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
21-05-10	Fri	2.30 pm	Rotarian Teacher Advisers Hi Tea	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
23-05-10	Sun	7.00 pm	PP Council Mtg. with Incoming BOD	PP Ken Ong's Residence
24-05-10	Mon	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
27-05-10	Thurs	6.30 pm	Joint BOD Meeting	Function Room, Royal Lake Club, KL
29-05-10	Sat	10.30 am	Fund Raising Charity Movie Screening	GSC, Pavilion, KL
31-05-10	Mon	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Club is undergoing a flurry of incoming committee meetings of late and that makes some members very very busy. Practically at least 3-4 days in the week are jammed with meetings not to mention the Monday regular lunch meeting as well. **Those members who are in many portfolios really have to juggle between family, work, social life and Rotary.**

Is there a formula in which these 4 important parts of a Rotarian's life can be balanced? Is there a way to distribute the work load between them so that it is a win-win situation for all, all meaning the Rotarian, the family, the friends and career?

There is of course no real answer as each Rotarian has his/her own priorities. He/she might attach more importance to family than other matters, or due to economic reasons, he/she might think the career is most important. **In other words how to divide his/her time between all these activities depend really on himself/herself** as only he/she knows what he/she wants or what is important.

Nevertheless, it falls upon those who organise or chair meetings to optimize the time spend on these meetings. Optimize means no wastage of time at the meetings and even include having them in venues that are conducive and easily assessable.

Chairman/Directors, are you optimizing?

Some suggestions to optimize time spent in meetings include:

- 1) **The starting and ending time of the meeting should be as advertised.** Late comers should be filled in later.
- 2) **Those who give reports and updates should go straight to the point.** The points that were reported in earlier meetings should merit only a mention so as not to repeat and waste time again on debates or decisions.
- 3) **Decisions made earlier shouldn't be re-debated unless flaws are detected.**
- 4) Those who want to ask questions should only ask if it is related to the issues
- 5) **If a meeting is advertised as 6 to 8 pm, try to stick to it.** If there is dinner, let it be known early so that the attendee is alerted and can make the necessary plans to join in or not.

Of course there are many other suggestions. The chairman should put on his/her thinking cap to make the meeting interesting, exciting (yes, even talking about the New Gen can be exciting), sticking to the agenda and advertised time.

Happy meeting!!!

Those Unsung Heroes in Pudu Rotary Club.

As I am preparing to hand over the irreplaceable 43 years old throne to President Elect Leong Choy Ying on 30 th June 2010, amazingly while browsing through my Rotary Planner, I was fascinated by the many hands of our Rotarians that have come forth to serve endlessly and untiringly during my presidency.

Generally, some of the Rotarians work with great dignity and pride serving our Club, while some choose to move on to the District arena and work with honour to make our Club proud. Apart from that, there were some who choose to work silently behind the scenes dedicating and sacrificing their precious invaluable time to uplift our Club's glory and get things done without anyone noticing them. Some even left a trail of reclusiveness, their appearance and presence to the Club may be seen to be like a shooting star in the dark sky – especially, to the newer Rotarians who have joined our great organization this Rotary Year. They really don't know who they were?

Nevertheless, whether it is the present or the past, these Rotarians in their own ways did provide services equally the best of the bests that make Pudu Rotary Club a "Fantastic Club" in District 3300 that we all enjoy. Just to name a few of these unsung heroes who work quietly behind the scene. They were,

PP Phang Poke Sum – Quietly and silently nurturing and guiding the new Rotarians to take up important positions in the Service to New Generations. Besides that, he also writes speeches for them, editor for our yearly souvenir programme, and Group Discussion Leader at our Club's Firesides.

PP Richard Liew – He took up this most painstaking job and he makes sure that the Berita Pudu will be printed and delivered every week before our weekly meetings start. He patiently edits the contents of the Berita Pudu, condensed it, format it and sent to the printer. Most important of all – he is there most of the time attending weekly meeting to take down the meeting proceedings.

PP Dato' Muslim Ayob – He is responsible for our Club's web site. With today's advancement in IT technology, our web site and our newly included eBerita Pudu are constantly updated and from the ePublications, our Club news and activities can be reached by millions of Rotarians from many other parts of the world - just by one click.

PP VG Chandran – I have no words in my dictionary to describe his services to Rotary. Truly a self made "Service Above Self" man. He is responsible for our Club's Rotary Information, Advisors to the Board, and taking of photographs at weekly meeting. At his age and his health condition, he is still very active and his untiring contribution inspire us all as always.

PP Dato' PY Choong – Whenever there comes any major fund raising projects, he is still the number "ONE" spinner and motivator. Undisputedly, his love, keen enthusiasm, and ideas doing "MEGA" Fund Raising and Community Projects are always treasured and remembered as ingenious, brilliant, and creative. Working with him you need to have strong stamina and a "Never Failing Attitude" to be in his working committee.

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"INVOLVED WE ARE, COMMITTED WE MUST BE"

PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY, 26th April 2010

Guest Speaker : Members Of The Gse Team D1990, Switzerland
Subject : Switzerland

VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Liew Fook Hung	RC Temerloh
Theusinger Edgar	RC Freburg, Switzerland
Ramachelvam	RC Temerloh

GUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Host</u>
Juliana Knoll	Club
Rachel Salzmann	Club
Fabiano Di Tomaso	Club
Chloe Berberat	Club
David Shepard	James Prophett
Varum Chelvrarn	James Prophett
Datin Raja Azma	Datuk Muslim Ayob
Riba Chen	Jeffrey Yap

Catherine Yap
Fong Kai Mun

Jeffrey Yap
PP Gary Lim

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	3
Guests	:	11
Club Members	:	37
Total Present	:	51

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM 22.00
Paying Diners	:	RM 300.00
Raffles & Others	:	RM 102.00
Total	:	RM 422.00

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Acting SAA PP KU Rajah called the meeting to order at 1.10 pm on behalf of President Robin Tay. He 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 Rtn. Leong Choy Ying. She started her fine session by fining all the members who were happy to pay RM1 and those who were not to pay RM2 each. Most paid the minimum fine and declared they were happy.

Members who were seated with the guests were commended and had to pay a fine of RM1 each.

PP Michael Tung who was the OC for the coordination of all the GSE team members from Switzerland D1990 was fined RM2 for a job well done.

Those who were not able to join the dinner for the GSE team members were fined RM5 each.

Rtn Choy Ying and Rtn Steven Oon for just having come back from HK after visiting RC Hong Kong Harbour were each fined RM5.

President Robin gladly paid a fine of RM1 for the prescience of PP Tan Sri Soong at the meeting.

Rtn Patrick Lee who celebrated his birthday today paid a fine of RM10 and a birthday song was sung for him.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Fellow Pudu Rotarians, let's welcome the GSE Team from District 1990, Switzerland led by Team Leader Past President Edgar.

Also, let's welcome back PE Leong Choy Ying and International Service Director, Rtn Steven Oon from Hong Kong. Both of them have were at RC Hong Kong's Charity Ball and Gala Fund Raising Night on the 24th April 2010. While they were there, they have our Sister's Club relationship renewed. According to PE Choy Ying, they have a wonderful time and enjoyed their hospitalities.

Fellow Pudu Rotarians – this is an important reminder, on the 3rd May 2010, our weekly meeting will be at Royal Selangor Club, Card Room. The time of meeting is the same at 12.45 p.m. So, kindly take note and make sure you don't go to the wrong venue next week.

For your general information - please be informed that we reinstated our weekly meeting on the 3rd May 2010 to replace our cancelled meeting on the 29th April 2010, in view of the Group 9 Intercity Meeting and Fellowship Night.

On the 1st May and 2nd May 2010, our Sister's Club from RC Singapore West will be in Kuala Lumpur for a family retreat and at the same time their new Board will be doing their strategic planning for Rotary Year 2010/2011.

There is a request from President Bou Leong. The new Board of Directors and their members would like to have a dinner fellowship with us on the 2nd may 2010 at Overseas Restaurant, Jalan Imbi at 7.00 p.m. Can I kindly call upon all Fellow Pudu Rotarians to attend this fellowship this coming Sunday?

Can I have the honour to call Rtn N. Jayachandran from RC Madras Central, District 3230 to come to the rostrum to exchange his Club's banner with us? Rtn N Jayacharan – please!

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

PP Michael Tung introduced the guest speakers for the day who were the team members of the GSE team from D1990, Switzerland.

SPEAKER'S CV

Edgar K. Theusinger (Team Leader)

Edgar was born March 26th, 1949 in Bavaria/Germany near the famous beer brewing City of Kulmbach.

Educated as Economist, he taught "economics" for a few years at Mannheim University/Germany, to join in 1979 in Brussels/Belgium the pharmaceutical group UCB, where he pursued a career of almost 33 years. He carried responsibilities as Product Manager, Controller, Country and Regional Director (a.o. Asia). In 2002 he became Managing Director of a group company in Bulle/Switzerland, which manufactures and commercializes on a worldwide basis pharmaceutical products in the fields of allergy and epilepsy.

Since January 2009, Edgar enjoys partly retirement but has also a consultancy company for mandales of Interim Management.

Edgar is Rotarian since 1991 and is now member of Rotary Club Freiburg Sense in District 1990.

He is married, has two sons (34 and 33 years old) and also two grandchildren.

Edgar speaks fluently German, English and French, has very good knowledge of Dutch and can also communicate in Spanish.

He likes travelling, playing Golf and enjoys a good glass of wine, being a member of the French wine brotherhood "Conferie des Chevaliers du Tastevin du Clos de Vougeol".

Chloé Berberat (Team Member)

Chloé is 28 years old and was born in Delémont in the canton of Jura in Switzerland.

There she did her compulsory education and a business school for 3 years.

Then, she went as a girl aupair to Berlin for 6 months. After that she made an art school in La Chaux-de-Fonds in the Graphic design department for 4 years.

After obtaining her license, she traveled around different countries during 6 months. At first she visited Stockholm, then Copenhagen and Berlin where she did an internship for 4 months in a graphic design company.

Back in Switzerland, she helped her parents to renovate an old farm and worked as freelance on different terms of graphics. It's been 2 years that she is employed as a graphic designer in the visual communication company APW in Cornaux, near Neuchâtel.

She lives in La Chaux-de-Fonds and uses the Iroin to join her workplace.

She likes doing sports in her times off, especially running.

She likes also painting, drawing, reading and walking in the mountains.

She is a native French speaker and has good knowledge of English and German languages

Juliana Knoll (Team Member)

Juliana Knoll, was born in Argentina, Santa Fe on 13 July 1977, she graduated from the University of Law, Marcelino Champagnol and she obtained her Bachelor degree on International Relations in 2000. Actually, she is finalizing her Master Degree on International Cooperation for Development Countries. She lives in Geneva Switzerland, since 2002.

Juliana's currently position at the International Trade Centre in Geneva is a Programme Assistant at the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Monitoring Department. She has attended many workshops and training in developing countries as a matter of improving her skills on international negotiation. She speaks English, Spanish and French. In her spare time she likes biking, does some photography, and fitness.

Juliana served Rotary foundation for about 10 years, as an active Rotaract member, she has been involved in many projects in Latin-America; she's a flamenco and tango dancer, loves travelling, horses riding, cinema, theatre and opera.

Rachel Salzman (Team Member)

Rachel's origins are in the Valais. This is line south part of Switzerland, close to the highest mountains and longest glaciers in Switzerland. There she lived during her childhood in a small village with her parents and her sister.

At the age of 20 she moved to Bern, the capital city of Switzerland. There she studied and achieved her Master's degree in history.

Since January 2007 Rachel works for the Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE). At the beginning of her career at the SFOE she worked as a communication specialist and was in charge of writing the press releases and organizing the internal communication. As well she organized the Swiss partner country appearance at all the largest Energy exhibition in Germany.

Now she's working as a member of the executive staff for the Head of SFOE and is in charge of speech writing and the external communication.

In her free time Rachel enjoys to go "home" in the Valais. There she can do skiing and hiking. Besides this she loves to cook exotic menus, to read historical novels and to discover the world while travelling.

Her mother tongue is German; she has a good knowledge of English and French.

Fabiano Di Tomaso (Team Member)

Fabiano Di Tomaso, son of Italian emigrants, was born in the Swiss-Italian region of Switzerland called Ticino in 1984. He has a younger brother, Davide, and started to work as a computer scientist within the most important Swiss telecommunication company where he acquired the basics of computing such as programming, databases, networks,

etc. Afterwards, he graduated as Commercial IT Engineer at the Bern University of Applied Sciences; “Commercial IT” means that the focus was particularly put on business oriented matters, which led him to start a Master of Science in Business Administration with the aim to acquire new management skills and have the opportunity to know more about how entrepreneurs think, they set up a new company and deal with innovation.

All the moment, Fabiano is working for IBM Switzerland within the Global Business Services department, supporting project managers in their financial project management tasks and optimizing Internal business processes.

Besides his professional and academic activities he enjoys travelling all around the world for meeting up new cultures and discover different habits, even if his major passion is football. Apart from this , he uses to develop websites and, in the future, he is willing to start playing piano and go on with scuba-diving courses up to the instructor level.

SPEAKER'S TEXT

Swiss Geography

The geography of Switzerland is notable for its great diversity. Switzerland’s three main geographical regions are the Jura, Plateau and the Alps.

The geography of Switzerland means that the climate varies greatly from one region to another. Depending on the area and the time of year, Switzerland experiences conditions reminiscent both of Siberia and of the Mediterranean.

Even the major towns of their own distinctive character.

Building land is in short supply, but planning regulations aim to preserve the appearance of towns and villages.

The People of Switzerland

Switzerland has a population of about 7.6 million. Foreigners account for around 21% of the resident population. The average age is increasing, as people live longer and have fewer children. Lifestyles are changing as the Swiss adapt to new demands.

Religious belief has declined in recent years, but the religious landscape has diversified.

Switzerland has four unevenly distributed languages and a wealth of dialects.

Language Distribution

Switzerland has four national languages, but they vary greatly in the number of speakers.

The Swiss Economy

Switzerland’s economy is based on a highly qualified labour force performing highly skilled work. The main areas include microtechnology, hitech, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals, as well as banking and insurance know-how. The service sector now employs the greatest number of people.

Most of the people working in Switzerland are employed by small and medium-sized enterprises, which play an extremely important role in the Swiss economy.

The Swiss are concerned that economic growth in Switzerland is over. Fear of unemployment has been one of the main concerns of the Swiss for several years.

THANKING OF GUEST SPEAKER

IPP Michael Yeow on behalf of the Club thanked the guest speakers from the GSE team from D 1990, Switzerland for their excellent presentation.

IMPORTANT EVENTS		
EVENTS	DATE	VENUE
Charity Film Premier	May 29, Saturday	GSC, Pavilion, KL
District Awards Nite	June 12, Saturday	TBA
PRC Family Day	June 19-20, Sat/Sun	A'Famosa, Melaka
RC Singapore West Installation	June 23, Wednesday	Singapore
RC Songkhla Installation	June 26, Saturday	Songkhla, Hatyai
RC Dhonburi Installation	June 30, Wednesday	Bangkok
RC Pudu Installation	July 4, Sunday	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
Bangkok Rotary Institute	November 19-21	Bangkok
District Conference	December 10-12	Shangri-la Hotel, KL

President's Message(continues from page 2)

PP Rosemarie Wee – Without her, our weekly meeting at Shangri-La Hotel, K.L. will not be so lavish. Besides that, we might not have the lavishness of the wide spread that is served at the Buffet Lunch with so many added healthy and nourishing food every week, without the “First Class” Hotel treatment for that kind of price you and I are paying. Obviously, everyone in Pudu appreciate such tremendous hospitality and contribution that she endlessly render us for all to enjoy.

The Rotary motto is “**Service Above Self**”, the basis of our Rotary organization. To all Fellow Pudu Rotarians whose dedication, sacrifices, and willingness to serve our community have exemplified this motto. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the SERVICE. Let's keep on striving for the betterment of mankind and as always, future of Pudu Rotary Club is in your hands.

Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm with me.

President Robin Tay Lian Kiat
Rotary Year 2009/2010

Lunch Meeting on 26th April 2010 at Shangri-La Hotel, KL



ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

ROTARIANS	Weekly Monthly Attendance			Total	Remarks
	Oct	Nov	Dec		
PRES ROBIN TAY LIAN KIAT	12	15	9		
KERTZ LAU CHUAN HING	12	14	0		
JAMES EDWARD PROPHETT	6	13	10		
GEORGE HENG CHUN HAU	12	11	11		
	42	53	30	125	10
LAWRENCE B KHOO	12	15	11		
PP CHEW YIN KEEN	10	15	11		
KRISHNA ROY SREENIVASAN	11	15	12		
LEE SU ZANE	10	13	11		
	43	58	45	146	1
ALEX CHANG HUEY WAH	12	15	10		
PP LOW KENG HWA	11	14	12		
SURESH GREGORY MARTIN	12	11	0		
(MOK) SIN JEE WAN	12	15	12		
	47	55	34	136	8
HENG CHOUN TEE	12	15	12		
PP RICHARD LIEW NGEOK NYAN	12	14	12		
PP DATO NARENDRA K JASANI	3	12	10		
PATRICK LEE HONG LIAN	11	15	12		
	38	56	46	140	4
LEONG CHOY YING	11	14	12		
PP GARY LIM BENG HUAT	12	15	10		
AARON ONG LAI HUAT	10	10	11		
ROBERT TAN SIANG CHIOK	10	13	10		
	43	52	43	138	5
DR JAMES TEH CHEE HIN	0	R	R		
PP ALBERT LIM YEW SENG	12	11	12		
SARKUNAN SUBRAMANIAM	7	4	4		
STANLEY PEREIRA	11	13	11		
	30	28	27	85	11
ASOK KUMARAN A/L KESAVAN	12	15	12		
PP NG SIM BEE	11	14	12		
MAY T LIM	3	13	7		
JEFFREY YAP CHEE WAH	11	15	12		
	37	57	43	137	6
EDWARD LEE SHIN FOONG	12	12	9		
PP KEN ONG KENG SWEE	10	13	10		
LOO MING CHEE	9	7	3		
BRENDA LEE MEI YEN	11	11	9		
	42	43	31	116	9
ARVIN KUMAR	9	13	11		
DG LIM KOK BENG	12	14	12		
PP MICHAEL TUNG SIAK KEI	12	12	10		
TAN PENG HUAT	12	13	12		
	45	52	45	142	4 3
STEVEN OON HOON NAM	12	14	11		
PP PHANG POKE SHUM	12	14	12		
SHARON LIM BOON HONG	3	6	10		
PP TAI CHIN PEOW	11	11	11		
	48	45	44	137	6
IPP MICHAEL YEOW KIEW MENG	12	14	12		
PP ROSEMARIE WEE	12	14	12		
SANDY SOH KWEE TIN	7	14	11		
PP KU RAJAH	11	12	12		
	42	54	47	143	2

Dear Friends

We had just finished the first day of the COL covering 38 of the 219 proposals. Of these 4 were withdrawn and one deferred.

The proposals adopted today are as follows:

1. Encourage clubs to have a training and leadership committee
2. Direct the RI Board to propose legislation for the 2013 COL on the New Model for Rotary Club based on the 6 years experience of the 200 participating clubs.
3. Officially approve the setting up of E-Clubs by district, limiting the number of E-Clubs per district to a maximum of two clubs. There are currently 14 E-Clubs whose pilot status expire on 30 June 2010
4. Clubs must inform DG when changing their name or locality and DG will be asked by RI to comment on the proposal
5. Revised provision regarding forfeiture of club assets-not relevant to us in Malaysia
6. Create the post of IPP as a member of the Board
7. Limit leave of absence to 1 year
8. Must be 65 years old to qualify for the 85 years rule on attendance exemption.
9. To include attendance exempt member's attendance when they turn up for club meetings.

That means only 9 of the 38 proposals were approved.

The proposals that were not adopted today are as follows:

1. To set up a spouse committee in a club
2. Placing the MOP next to the rotary bell at regular club meetings
3. Stating that Rotary is a non profit organisation as part of the Object of Rotary
4. To prohibit discussions on private business matters during club meetings
5. To provide an interim charter for a 2 year period after a club is chartered before they receive a permanent charter
6. Creation of the post of President-Nominee in the club board. (Good proposal but defeated by a small majority)
7. To provide for club autonomy in the RI Bylaws
8. To increase attendance requirement from current 50% to 60%
9. To replace monthly attendance report with a yearly report
10. To increase the period for making up from the current 14 days to 30 days before and after missing a meeting
11. To withdraw provision of making up at club sponsored community event or meeting.
12. Attendance exempt members cannot hold office in club
13. To abolish the 85 years rule for attendance exemption (We are all happy this was not withdrawn)
14. There were four proposals in various forms to allow club to meet once fortnightly. (When the first two proposals were rejected by a huge majority (124 in favour and 388 against) the remaining two proposals were withdrawn
15. A proposal to have more than one meeting per week! (Must be crazy!)
16. A proposal to exempt members 65 years and above from paying CLUB dues was also rejected.
17. To fix the duration of a club weekly meeting to one hour

18. To require clubs to meet on 23 February each year.
19. To add the word enterprising adult as part of qualification for membership

A total of 21 proposals (should be 23 if two sure defeated proposals were not withdrawn) were not carried today.

General observations: To many Rotarians just enjoy talking, resulting in a lot of unnecessary amendments and counter amendments to proposals. There was one proposal where there was something like 5 amendments to the original proposal. The Chairman actually lost count. In the end the original proposal was rejected and almost one hour was wasted for nothing.

So until tomorrow, regards
LT

The RI Strategic Plan

Strategic planning helps organizations develop a long-range vision and establish goals. At Rotary International, it is a continual and evolving process, regularly monitored by the Strategic Planning Committee and the RI Board of Directors.

This is a changing world, and we must change with it. Rotary founder Paul Harris

In 2009, the Board conducted an extensive review of the RI Strategic Plan. This review included surveying 14,000 Rotarians worldwide about the organization's priorities, conducting focus groups to assess Rotary's image in different countries, and analyzing other data and research. The revised plan, effective 1 July 2010, reflects the results of this research and also unifies the strategic direction of RI and The Rotary Foundation.

Clubs and districts can use the three priorities in the RI Strategic Plan as a basis for developing their own plans, tailoring them to their size, the varied skills of their membership, and the needs of the communities in which they serve.

VISION

The service organization of choice with dynamic, action-oriented clubs whose contributions improve lives in communities worldwide.

MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN CLUBS

- Foster club innovation and flexibility
- Balance activities in all four Avenues of Service
- Promote membership diversity
- Improve member recruitment and retention
- Develop leaders
- Extend Rotary
- Encourage strategic planning at club and district levels.

FOCUS AND INCREASE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

- Eradicate polio
- Increase sustainable service focused on
 - Youth and young adult programs
 - The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus

- Expand strategic partnerships and cooperative relationships
- Create significant projects both locally and internationally

ENHANCE PUBLIC IMAGE AND AWARENESS

- Unify image and brand awareness
- Publicize action-oriented service
- Promote core values
- Emphasize vocational service
- Encourage clubs to promote their networking opportunities and signature activities

Council gets ready to meet in Chicago

Delegates from Rotary’s 531 districts will be convening in downtown Chicago next week to debate changes to the policies governing Rotary International and its member clubs.

The Council on Legislation, established in 1933, meets every three years to consider changes to the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Over the years, the Council has evolved from an advisory body that convened during a convention plenary session into an independent legislative arm of Rotary International.

This year’s Council meets 25-30 April and will be considering more than 200 pieces of legislation submitted by Rotary clubs, districts, and the RI Board of Directors, and compiled by RI staff.

Look for news stories, daily roundups, and vote totals from the Council at <http://www.rotary.org/> beginning 26 April.

Among other items, delegates will be determining the fate of e-clubs, Rotary clubs that meet online. A select number of e-clubs (http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf) were chartered as part of the Rotary E-Club pilot project set to expire 30 June.

The proposed legislation would allow up to one e-club per district. E-clubs would hold a regular meeting once a week by posting an interactive activity on the club’s website. Rotarians would be counted as present at an e-club meeting if they participated in the interactive activity during the week it was posted.

If the legislation is not approved, pilot e-clubs would be required to become traditional clubs or terminate their membership in RI.

Delegates will also be considering a proposal from the RI Board of Directors seeking a slight increase in the per capita dues Rotary clubs pay to RI. Per capita dues are presently set in the bylaws at \$50 for 2010-11. The proposal would affect the subsequent three years.

Delegates will also consider legislation that would

- Alter the requirement that all members receive a subscription to The Rotarian or another Rotary World Magazine Press publication
- Affect the frequency of meetings
- Create a new category of membership for corporate members
- Add youth service as a fifth Avenue of Service
- Request that the Board consider promoting EarlyAct, RotaKids, and Elderact as structured programs of RI

Rotarians should make good use of social media

Worldwide, Rotarians are finding ways to use social media to build fellowship and get new ideas about running their clubs.

Some Rotarians have begun using Rotary International’s official LinkedIn group to identify other Rotarians who are planning to attend the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June. <http://www.rotary.org/EN/MEMBERS/EVENTS/CONVENTION/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Keith Tsukishima, a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond, B.C., will be going to his fifth RI Convention this year. Tsukishima recently asked other members of the LinkedIn group whether they would be attending, and more than 50 people responded.

“Rotarians communicating -- whether on social networking sites, or face to face, or at their meetings -- is like glue,” Tsukishima says. “Sharing Rotary with others fosters more interest and promotes the diversity of this amazing organization.”

He says he is looking forward to the convention as a chance to meet new friends and discover opportunities in Rotary. He is encouraged by the effectiveness of social media.

“Perhaps we are all trying to find more commonalities and want to belong to something meaningful,” he says. “Meeting all these folks online puts faces and personalities into the picture. No longer are we just 1 of 1.2 million Rotarians. These are real people, with real ideas, real and sometimes different thoughts. These discussion groups cross age barriers, geographic barriers, gender barriers, and cultural barriers.”

Dave Getz, a member of the Rotary Club of Mechanicsburg-North, Pennsylvania, USA, will be attending his second convention. He also went to the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

“One thing I have enjoyed about Rotary is the opportunity to meet other Rotarians,” he says. “Meeting those with whom I share something in common, whether it be the fellowship of musicians or a LinkedIn group or someone who shares my classification, enhances my Rotary experience.”

Getz says the LinkedIn group has helped him this year in his role as club membership chair. He received valuable insights from group members on induction ceremonies, including one idea from a Ukrainian Rotarian. “We are hosting an exchange student from Ukraine this year, which made that especially meaningful,” he says.

John Fortney, of the Rotary Club of Toronto, will be going to his seventh convention in eight years. He says more than 80 members of his club, as well as Rotaractors, are planning to attend. He is most looking forward to the fellowship, and he has some advice for fellow Rotarians on what to do: “If any of you are going to the province of Québec for the first time, treat yourselves to a side trip to Québec City. It is the only walled city in North America and is over 400 years old. You will swear you are in Europe.”

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Rotary Clubs around the Klang Valley Meeting Information

DAYS	TIME	ROTARY CLUBS	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 Titivangsa	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1930	RC Brickfields	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	2000	RC Senawang	Royal Sungei Ujong Club, Senawang, Seremban
Tuesday	1230	RC Cheras	Wenworth Hotel, Pudu
	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 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, Titivangsa, KL
	1900	RC Kelana Jaya	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort, KL
	2000	RC Puchong	9, Jln BK 3/2, Bdr Kinrara, Puchong
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

Rotaract Club of Pudu meets on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at Eurasian Club, Jalan Pudu

THE FOUR- WAY TEST

**Of The Things We Think,
Say, or Do.**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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