

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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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 17th May 2010

Speaker : TBA
Subject : Launching Of Fund Raising
Charity Film Premier
ON DUTY
Duty Table : Rtn Sandy Soh
Fellowship : Rtn Daisy Chiu
Finemaster : Rtn Sharon Lim
Introduce : Rtn Annie Tan
Thanking : Rtn Leong Choy Ying

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays : Rtn K A Kumar (13th May)
Spouse's Birthday : Nil
Anniversaries : Nil

Your 10th – 31st May 2010 Diary

Date	Day	Time	Meeting	Venue
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 Meeting	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

MENTORING NEW ROTARIANS

The Club is making great effort to get suitable candidates to join the membership. In fact it is the directive of Rotary International to increase a club's membership rank by at least 1 member for each Rotary Year. This call is yearly and made by all incumbent RI presidents. Why the great interest in increasing membership to the extent of even creating a separate profile for it?

All organizations need new blood to sustain as otherwise they will slowly dwindle off. Rotary is no exception. We must have new members as there are members who leave, retire or die. If there are no replacement or increment the membership will be depleted and there won't be enough members to hold the fort.

After getting candidates to join the club, it is imperative to get them to stay. Hence, membership retention is an important function in the club. The effort to get new members will be wasted if after a short period the new member leaves the club. We can get new members to stay by various means:

- 1) maintain their interest
 - 2) make them feel that they are an important part of the club
 - 3) make their contribution important
 - 4) make them feel wanted
- and many other means.

Naturally when a new member joins in he/she is unfamiliar with the other members and therefore it is important to make them feel at home. Recognising this Rotary has started a mentor system whereby a senior or friendly member will take care of the new member for a certain period of time until the latter is assimilated to the club. The mentor system includes a) giving Rotary information, b) giving club information, c) accompanying to Make Up elsewhere, d) and general fellowship.

New members can be fairly sensitive and if they feel neglected they might be inclined to feel unwanted and leave the club. That goes for his family as well. Thus it is important for the mentor to help break the ice for the new member with the other members and make them feel happy. Sometimes they might not be able to recognise their own strength and it is for the mentor to help gauge the ability or strength. This is particularly true especially the first few months up till 6 months.

Senior members should volunteer to be mentors as this is highly beneficial to the club. **In fact, incoming president Choy Ying should appoint someone senior to oversee and put emphasis on this particular portfolio.**

Part II – The Unsung Heroes of Pudu Rotary Club - Time Will Tell (Story)

Fellow Rotarians,

Last week I shared about **those unsung heroes of our Club**. The beauty about Pudu is that besides those "**Silent Key Drivers**", we also have many other "**Key Driver**" Rotarians who will not hesitate to do anything to uphold the Club's name. Their dedication and devotion are tested through time and their true profound love for Pudu have driven our Club to many levels of excellence. To name a few, they are;

PP Gary Lim – always there like an eagle viewing from the top to make sure the smooth running at every weekly meeting even though it is not his duty. Besides that, his style and charisma at every fellowship carved him a name as the "Fellowship Chairman" in our Club and also in the District.

PP KU Rajah – basically he attended almost all the Avenue of Services whenever possible and sits in as a dedicated Past President sharing his opinion and giving his aspiration guidance to the newer Rotarians who are holding position in our Club.

PP Albert Lim – "Last of the Mohican". No one can beat his passion and multi-tasking leadership. Swift like a sparrow, mightier than a sword, he never gives up on things easily until his last breathe.

PP Choo Jee Sam – another irreplaceable Fund Raiser. You name any worthy community project, go and see him; he will advocate and solicit the fund. Besides that, no matter what, rain or shine, he never misses any events or any weekly meetings whenever he is in the city.

PP Chow Tain – "You dare to challenge me". That is his tag line for those who don't believe his hyper-energetic personality. His "get-things done now" attitude and approach is another unbeatable benchmark that he has carved in stone in our Club and his ways is another typical success story of what a Past President should be.

In Pudu, we are all made up of many types of personalities and characters. It is through time that we build our bonding together and make ways to understand each other better. Although at times we may not see certain things eye to eye, but again, somehow through time those unexpected incidents healed. On this matter, I like to share this story with you about what I meant about things tested through time. The story goes.....*Once upon a time there was an island where all the feelings lived; happiness, sadness, knowledge, and all the others, including love. One day it was announced to all of the feelings that the island was going to sink to the bottom of the ocean. So, all the feelings prepared their boats to leave.*

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"INVOLVED WE ARE, COMMITTED WE MUST BE"

PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY, 3rd May 2010

Guest Speaker : RAC Choong Xiao Wen and RAC Chin Su Xian
Subject : RYLA 2010

VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
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GUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Host</u>
RAC Choong Xiao Wen	Club
RAC Chin Su Xian	Club
RAC President Jitco Chin	Club

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	
Guests	:	3
Club Members	:	29
Total Present	:	<u>32</u>

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM 91.00
Paying Diners	:	
Raffles & Others	:	RM 84.00
Total	:	<u>RM 175.00</u>

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

SAA Rtn Stanley Pereira 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 PP Gary Lim. He started his fine session by fining all the members who were at Jogjakarta over the weekend RM2 each and for praying for all the rest of the members who did not go for their safety and happiness at one of the temples visited and for this kind gesture, the rest of the members were each fined RM3.

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

PP Sam and PP Albert for just having come back from China were fined RM5 each. Rtn George Heng who also came back from Australia was also fined RM5.

All the GSE hosts were each fined RM5 for having graciously hosted the GSE team from Switzerland.

PP Michael Tung paid RM10 for his spouse's birthday. PP KH Low contributed RM5 for his wedding anniversary.

Rtn James Prohett for being in action for the first time for fellowship at the weekly meeting was fined RM1 and all members not wearing their name tags were each fined RM1.

President Robin was fined RM1 for practicing double standard when only caught greeting new members only and not greeting the older ones.

All those members who came in with a new look appearance were each fined RM1 namely, PP Phang, Tenny Lee, Sharon Lim, Patrick Lee, C C Wong and PP K H Low

Rtn Choy Ying, Annie Tan and Tan Peng Huat were each fined RM1 for being late for the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Fellow Pudu Rotarians,

Last week our Club had a very eventful week. Fellowship, lunches and dinners were back to back.

It started off with the GSE's Team visit and the fellowships we had with the Team were remarkably fascinating and once again had made our Club's name proud.

With this, it gave me great honour to thank all the host families, namely Rtn May Lim, PP Dato' Muslin Ayob and PP Michael Tung for hosting the GSE Members and Team Leader from 26th to 30th April 2010. It also gave me great honour to thank those Rotarians who have hosted the team lunches and dinners. They were, AG PP Ken Ong, PE Choy Ying, PP KH Low, PP YK Chew, Rtn Steven Oon, and yours truly.

The GSE team members enjoyed our hospitality and the local cuisines every much.

On Friday morning at 8.30 a.m. the team left for Teluk Intan and their transportation were supported and arranged by Rtn CT Heng, and Rtn Kertz Lau. The entire team arrived at Teluk Intan safely for lunch and was seen escorted by bodyguard Rtn Jeffery Yap, our Club's Kung-fu Master - IP Man 2.

Once again, on behalf of our Board and the Members, from the bottom of my heart, I would like to "THANK YOU" all those who have participated one way or another and for your time and support. Certainly, this event has left many memorable footprints for those who have participated for many years to come.

On the 1st May until the 2nd May, that was last Saturday and Sunday, our Sister's Club – RC Singapore West was in the City for their Family Outings and at the same time they were here for their Club's Strategic Planning for

RY2010/2011. According to President Bou Leong, their PE Dr. Steven Lim is all charged up and is ready to rock the boat.

President Bou Leong also have asked for our attendance for their Club's 50th Anniversary cum Installation Night on the 23rd June 2010. So far, only 5 Rotarians have consented to attend. They are PDG Dr. Paul Lee, PP Michael Tung, Rtn Steven Oon, Rtn Stanley Pereira and yours truly. I hope and would like to seek for more Rotarians attending this auspicious event by our Sister's Club.

Thank You.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

PP Michael Tung introduced the guest speakers for the day who were the two Rotaractors who represented the Pudu Rotaract Club at the recent RYLA in P. Dickson.

SPEAKER'S CV

Rotaractor Choong Xiao Wen is 22 years old and formerly schooling at SMK (P) Bandaraya. She was an Interactor and President in 2004/05. She is 2 years with the RAC Pudu and is the current secretary. Currently pursuing a course in Accounting and Finance at Taylor's University College. Hobbies include organizing and participating in various Rotaract projects. Love outdoor activities and enjoy reading.

Rotaractor Chestal Chin Su Xian is 20 years old and had her early education at SRJK @ Naam Kheung, SMK Taman Connaught and SMK Cochrane.

She was with the scout's movement during her secondary school days, Ping Pong Club, and Quarter Master. Joined the RAC Pudu in Feb. 2008.

SPEAKER'S TEXT

Both the speakers started their talk by first mentioning that they were grateful to the Pudu Rotary Club for having sponsored them for the 3 days 2 nights RYLA training in P. Dickson in March, 2010.

The programs lined up by the organizers were very elaborate and fun. They have gained tremendously from the training whereby there were a lot of motivational talks, team building activities, games and not forgetting the wide spread of food throughout the duration of the training.

The speakers also gave us a slide presentation of the days' events and it made it easier and more exciting for the audience to view what actually took place at the RYLA training.

THANKING OF GUEST SPEAKER

Rtn Lawrence Annes on behalf of the Club thanked the guest speakers for their excellent presentation.

President's Message ...(continues from page 2)

Love was the only one that stayed. She wanted to preserve the island paradise until the last possible moment. When the island was almost totally under, **Love** decided it was time to leave. She began looking for someone to ask for help.

Just then **Richness** was passing by in a grand boat. Love asked, "Richness, Can I come with you on your boat?" Richness answered, "I'm sorry, but there is a lot of silver and gold on my boat and there would be no room for you anywhere."

Then Love decided to ask **Vanity** for help who was passing in a beautiful vessel. Love cried out, "Vanity, help me please." "I can't help you", Vanity said, "You are all wet and will damage my beautiful boat."

Next, Love saw **Sadness** passing by. Love said, "Sadness, please let me go with you." Sadness answered, "Love, I'm sorry, but, I just need to be alone now."

Then, Love saw **Happiness**. Then, she heard a voice say, "Come Love, I will take you with me." It was an **elder**. Love felt so blessed and overjoyed that she forgot to ask the elder his name. When they arrived on land the elder went on his way. Love realized how much she owed the elder.

Love then found **Knowledge** and asked, "Who was it that helped me?" "It was **Time**", Knowledge answered. "But why did Time help me when no one else would?", Love asked.

Knowledge smiled and with deep wisdom and sincerity, answered, "**Because only Time is capable of understanding how great Love is.**"

President Robin Tay Lian Kiat
Rotary Club of Pudu RY 2009/2010

DISTRICT NEWS

Dear Fellow Rotarians

From: Leslie Salehuddin
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 4:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Greetings from Nepal

Dear Presidents

President Ranjitkerji's letter of heartfelt appreciation to clubs in our District having supported the projects of his club.

A full report with photos and the accounts will be furnished to all of the donor clubs and individual Rotarians as well as to the District in general.

Trust that some of you may have caught the first episode of the coverage of our Mission to Nepal on NTV7 yesterday evening at 8 pm - Primetime English News. Do tune-in every Sunday at 8 pm and follow us in the exciting journey and our participation in the various meaningful projects.

Warmest regards

Leslie

cc PPs Bindi and Bharat

District Governor Rtn. Leslie Salehuddin,
Rotary Club of Gombak
District 3300
Malaysia.

Dear DG Rtn. Leslie,

Many greetings from Rotary Club of Thamel, Kathmandu.

It was really pleasure meeting you in Nepal and thank you for leading Eight prominent Club leaders of your District 3300. We all enjoyed the fellowship and within a short time, our friendship developed to a family business. It was really great. All our members were delighted to meet you and your team and every one overwhelmed by your kind presence and the contributions made by various clubs in our on going projects of RC Thamel .

On behalf of Rotary Club of Thamel and its members, I would like to Thank you and your team once again for extending your help in World Community Service, Humanitarian Help and involving personally on the End Polio program.

Special thanks goes to Rtn. PP Bindi and Rtn. PP Bharat for making this trip quite interesting and successful. We appreciate very much of Eight Clubs OF RI DISTRICT 3300 Malaysia , RC Gombak, RC Bandar Sunway, RC Metro KL, RC Melawati, RC Denau Desa, RC Damansara, RC Teluk Intan's participation in various projects of RC Thamel and please extend our hearty big thanks to all the Presidents of the Clubs and their members for their generous contribution to our community service projects.

We will be sending updates and pictures of our projects where we extend your delegates contribution and we will also plan to visit your clubs in the near future where by

we can make the full presentation during our fellowship meeting.

Thanking you once again for making your time to visit Nepal and we will be looking forward to working together in future projects as well.

With my personal warmest wishes to you and your District members,

Best regards,

K.M. RANJITKAR
PRESIDENT
ROTARY CLUB OF THAMEL
DISTRICT 3292

Dear Rotarians

Greetings.

The new name of RC Bukit Merah Laketown Centennial with immediate effect will be RC BUKIT LARUT CENTENNIAL with the approval from RI, We will meet at Annapoorna Restoran at 8pm on Thursdays from 1/7/2010.

Please take note the changes.

Thank you

Regards
IPP Dr.V.K.Rajendran

ROTARY INFORMATION

Report of COL-Day 3

Dear Freinds

Today we had a half day session starting at 8 am. The afternoon program was a visit to RI HQ in Evanston. We covered 44 proposals, and adopted 7, rejected 20 and 14 were withdrawn. three were referred to RI Board

The 7 adopted proposals were:

1. Request RI Board to research and initiate a worldwide resource for rapid dispatch of relief to disaster areas
2. Reuest the RI Board to consider raising awareness of enviromental issues.
3. Request the RI Board to consider supporting sustainable claen energy
4. To add a fifth Avenue of Service-New generation Service
5. To request the RI Board to consider recognising EarlyAct Clubs
6. To request the RI Board to consider recognising Inner Wheel as a valuable working associate of Rotary
7. To request the TRF Trustees to consider making partners of Rotarians ineligible for TRF award programs.

The defeated proposals were:

1. That clubs erect Rotary Foundation Peace Squares
2. Establishing an Enviroment protection Awareness Day
3. Making microcredit, population and development,

water and sanitation the focus of RI's effort to support the Rotarian Action Group

4. Dedicating the month of May to microcredit
5. Developing multicultural family service programs
6. Establishing an award for service to humanity
7. Establishing an award to recognise Rotarians who have extended and exemplary service to Rotary
8. Three proposals to change the age limits of Interact and Rotaract were all defeated
11. To promote RotaKid clubs as an official program of RI
12. To establish the Rotary Youth program of Enrichment (RYPEN) as a structured program of RI
13. Request RI to re-evaluate and re-examine the Youth Exchange Program
14. To include ElderAct as a structured program of RI
15. Recognising probus clubs as a member of the family of Rotary
16. To include environmental conservation as part of the TRF Mission
17. To include hearing health care as a TRF program
18. Adopting avoidable blindness campaign of RI as a program after PolioPlus
19. Allowing grandchildren of Rotarians to be eligible to participate in TRF awards program
20. Allowing decedents and spouse of Rotarians to be eligible to participate in Rotary World Peace Fellowship.

Basically the COL rejected :

- a. All the programs proposed to replace the PolioPlus program after it is completed
- b. All proposals to allow spouse and linear decedents of Rotarians to participate in TRF award programs

Till tomorrow, goodbye

LT

Report of COL-Day 4

Dear Friends

To day was a long day where we considered almost 80 proposals with many defeated. Two very important proposals adopted to day were:

1. A very important decision on campaigning was made to day. By a vote of 440-60 it was approved today and will become effective 1 July 2010 that
 - a. If there are 2 or more election complaints in the district within the previous 5 years the RI Board may take any or all of the following action:
 1. Disqualify the Nominee and all other candidates and select a PDG to serve as Governor
 2. Remove from office any Governor, DGE, DGN who influenced or interferes with the election process
 3. Declare s current or past RI Officer who interferes or influence the election process no longer considered an RI Officer
 1. If there are 3 or more complaint over 5 years, the RI Board may dissolve the district
 2. The second very important decision is to allow the RI BOard to suspend or terminate the membership of any

club that allows a person who misused funds or breach the stewardship of the TRF to be a member of that club.

Other decisions approved today were:

3. The Trustees of the TRF shall be nominated by the President and elected by the Board
4. TRF Trustees will be appointed by the RI President Elect and elected by the RI Board the year prior to taking office
5. To require the RI Annual Report to show all re-imbursed expenses of all RI Directors (President and President Elect already in current report) To require the TRF REport to show all re-imbursed expenses of all Trustees
6. Reduce the number of members of the RI President Nominating Committee from 34 to 17
7. Candidates for RI Directot must complete 3 years as PDG
8. Amend the RIBI procedure for selecting Director
9. Require DG to supply DGE full information on the status of all clubs before the International Assembly
10. Change in election procedure. Will give all of you a full report on all changes related to election of DG later on.
11. Only club that had suggested a candidate can propose a challenge
12. Changes in procedure for challenging
13. To require the members of the Balloting Committee to sign all ballot papers
14. To change procedure for electing a DG when the DGE is unable to take office
15. Rotarians who agree to serve on Nominating Committee cannot subsequently resign and take part in the election
16. To clarify the receiving of election complaint
- 17 The RI secondary mottoe is now changed to "One Profits Most Who Serve Best"
18. RI Board can merge district with less than 33 clubs or 1200 members
19. The Audit Committee now independent of the RI Board and TRF Trustees.
20. To amend the term of refernces of the RI Strategic Planning Committee

Running out of time on the computer (only given 30 minutes). Will come back later to give you a second installment on the resolutions defeated

Regards

LT

Rotary International Youth Exchange – what it meant to me?

Life in KL - Part 2

It was dark when we arrived at KL airport and I didn't fully realise we were in another country until I stepped off the plane. A blast of hot humid air engulfed me and I thought " gee it doesn't get this humid in Victoria" ! We were met at the airport by Rotarians and their families. I remember having photos taken by a reporter from the Straits Times and I meeting Kumar and Rane. My apologies to everyone else who was at the airport. As a first time visitor to Asia

I was struck by the amount of people and activity on the streets at night as we drove to the Tharmalingams. Markets, foods stalls and shops were doing a roaring trade and it must have been 11 pm on a Saturday night! In Victoria, only the discos would be open that late.

The day following our arrival (Sunday) Rane and the children took me out for lunch (I think it was to a relatives place) in Brickfields. There, I was introduced to Indian food on banana leaf and eating with your hands. Oh! And how could I forget – I was also introduced to Chillies!! My stomach was not the same for a few days and I spent a considerable amount of that period visiting the toilet. Suresh, Rajesh and Subashini had to fight me every time they wanted to get to the bathroom!

On Monday, 2 days after my arrival in KL I commenced school at MBS. Kumar introduced me to the Principal Mr Tan Hee Heng and Deputy Principal Mr Young Chee Seng. Kumar also introduced me to my class and I sat at my desk pretending to be interested in what the teacher was telling us. In reality, I was taking in my surroundings and thinking about the last couple of days and wondering what I had got myself into. At the end of the class I was swamped by students wanting to say hello and meet me. Thus began my year of school at MBS in KL.

It quickly became obvious that I didn't look and dress like any of the other, what seemed to me, thousands of kids at the school. My fellow students thought I was pretty cool wearing casual clothes to school when they had to wear white uniforms, however I felt out of place and couldn't wait to get a school uniform. I latter became a student librarian and wore a light blue shirt, so wore a different uniform anyway. Puan Sri Soong was the Principal librarian and she was helpful and kind to me during my school days. I was very appreciative of her support.

For some reason, most of the school thought, as an Australian, I could do certain things really well, in particular they thought I was a really good swimmer and was a star on the hockey field. Unfortunately, I had never played hockey in my life (it was easy to blame the patchy field at MBS for my poor performances) and my swimming ability was only slightly better than the "dog paddle". I think I disilluioned many students and teachers in this regard.

Wong Yit Chew was the President of the Rotary Club of Pudu, and I used to regularly attend lunch meetings. Meetings were held at the Holiday Inn and through my attendance, I learnt a great deal about the workings of a Rotary Club, how meetings were conducted and Rotary International. There were some excellent guests speakers and I also used to enjoy the opportunity to catch up with my Rotary fathers.

The Klang Bus Depot lives strong in my memory, which is surprising considering the large quantities of black diesel exhaust smoke emanating from the big buses which used to engulf me. I had to learn the bus routes to get to and from school and other places I wanted to visit. Initially, I missed a number of buses as I waited patiently for women and children to board first and then the bus would leave without me! The driver on the Klang Road route was a very

big man and used to yell at everyone as he pushed people to the back of the bus so that he could cram more of us in. After a couple of times of me being left behind, he must have taken pity. He stepped off the bus, got behind me and pushed me into the crowd going up the bus steps. He kept pushing and yelling (in Chinese) until I was inside the bus and then he closed the door. From that day on, I used to push and shove the same as everyone else until I got on the bus. He used to watch me and nod his head in approval.

When I moved from the Tharmalingam's I had to take other bus routes, with different drivers. However, I would see the Klang road driver occasionally and I would wave to him and he would grin back. At Dr Lee Hoo Theong's I used to pray that the bus would actually drop me at his place at the top of the big hill but it always stopped at the bottom (I think the hill was too steep for the buses!)

I found school life to be interesting and enjoyable. Overall the students and teachers were very friendly and helpful and I developed close friendships with a number of them. There were always invitations "to follow" from students who were going to the movies or having something to eat, and I received many invitations to visit student homes. Other times we would just wonder around Petaling Street and look at the shops. It was during one of these walks along Petaling Street that we read a notice the Elvis had passed away.

Despite initial set backs (and upset stomachs), I developed a liking for a range of Malaysian Foods. I have traveled a bit since my days in KL and I don't think I have been anywhere that can match the variety and quality of food available in Malaysia.

Before I left Malaysia I decided it would be a good idea to cook an Australian Roast dinner for all to enjoy at Kumars. V G was one of the guests and it wasn't long after trying a little of my roast that he wanted to each Malaysian food. I suspect that this may have been partly due to my cooking abilities, but also that roast did not compare favorably to Malaysian food. I had to agree with him. Nasi Lemak, Roti Canai. Laksa, Chicken Curry, Fish Curry, Beef Rendang, Mee Goreng, Chapati, Hokkien Mee, Hainan Chicken Rice, Banana Leaf Rice and many others became my favorites (and still are).

After trying a number of dishes at the school canteen, I got to like Mee Hoon. The lady in the canteen used to prepare a very large batch of the stuff and if you got there early you also got some of the sliced chilli and spring onions which were sprinkled on top. However, if you got to the canteen late, you only got the scrapings at the bottom and it wasn't as good. I made a point of getting to the canteen early.

I number of people must have taken offence to this, as I started to receive chop sticks and other eating utensils thrown into my back while I was eating. Each time I turned around to find the culprit, lots of smiling faces were looking at me and I could never identify the ring leaders. My friends used to strategically seat themselves some distance from me so that they wouldnt be hit by a misdirected missile. This treatment continued nearly every school day for the whole time I was there and no matter where I tried to

position myself they always seem to get me. After a while it became a bit of a game and I accepted it with good grace. Although I did sometimes feel sorry for my Rotary mothers who had to wash dried bits of food off my shirts!

Alex Fong Lim was my Rotary Guardian and I moved around to a number of families during my stay and was welcomed into the homes of Kumar Tharmalingam, V G Chandran, Dr Lee Hoo Theong, Mokhtar Haji Omar, Raghavan Nair and others.

Each family was helpful and understanding and went out of their way to help me experience the Malaysian way of life. I participated in all the festivals including Hari Raya Puasa (yes I did fast for a month), Chinese New Year and the Thaipusam at Batu Caves and attended a number of weddings and other family events.

I was very fortunate to see a lot of Malaysia and other countries. Pudu and the other clubs throughout Malaysia had organised trips during the school holidays. Generally these trips were with the other Australian Exchange Students hosted in Malaysia. I visited Melaka, Ipoh, Penang for an Interact Conference, Genting Highlands for a Rotaract Conference, Kuantan, Kuala Terengganu, Kota Baharu, Johor Baharu, Cameron Highlands and Taman Negara National Park, to name a few.

I was also fortunate to have the opportunity to visit Singapore on 2 occasions for Rotary Conferences and Manila for a Rotary Conference.

Back on Oz – Part 3

The sadness of leaving family and friends at Subang Airport was mixed with the excitement of seeing family and friends again in Australia. Saying good bye was very difficult and drawn out. So drawn out that I was responsible for the plane to Melbourne being delayed and as a consequence, I was reprimanded by the pilot and chief stewardess when I got on board.

Back in Australia, I became quite heavily involved in Interact and Rotaract. I completed my schooling and decided on a career with the Victorian Police Force. I took a number of temporary jobs while waiting to be old enough to join the Police and accepted an offer of a temporary job doing bar work. This position was in Jabiru, a mining town in the Northern Territory approximately 250 kilometers east of Darwin. The move to a remote area of Australia appealed to my sense of adventure and after Malaysia, I was somewhat unsettled and interested in seeing different places.

Well, it turned out that I never lived in Victoria again but stayed in the Northern Territory for 22 years. During this time I married my wife, Jacqui and our 3 daughters Riana, Kate and Carly were born in Darwin. I was employed as a Works Manager in Jabiru and then as the Town Services Supervisor for the mining company, Energy Resources of Australia (Rio Tinto).

While living in the Territory I became very involved in community activities. I was Captain of the local Fire Service for 10 years, a Justice of the Peace, a Councilor with the local Shire, President of the local Sports and Social Club

and President of the Tidy Towns Committee and the Australia Day Committee. During this period I also became a founding member of the Apex Club of Kakadu. Apex, as you may be aware is a young persons service organisation which was originally established by Rotary. Apex was the only service club in our town and it was a natural extension for me to be involved following my experience with Rotary, Rotaract and Interact. I was a member of Apex for 12 years and during that time held the positions of Club President 3 times, State President twice, District Governor twice and National Board member. I resigned from Apex at the age of 40 as that was the oldest you were permitted to be a member.

In 2002, I accepted a position with another mining company as their Town Services Superintendent and as a consequence, we moved from the Northern Territory to Glenden, which is situated 150 kilometres east of Mackay in central Queensland. My responsibilities in this position include the management of the companies infrastructure in the town of Glenden including 600 accommodation units (houses & flats), shops, 500 man contractors accommodation and cafeteria.

I have since accepted a position as Manager – Accommodation and Facilities with Woodside Energy in their Pluto LNG Project in Karratha Western Australia.

We enjoy living in this area and are close to the Whitsunday Islands in the Great Barrier Reef. The girls are getting older Riana 15, Kate 14 and Carly 11, and so I suspect that we will be here for some time or at least until the girls have finished their schooling or university. I look at Riana and am reminded that she is nearly the same age as I was when I went to KL. My father passed away in 2002 just prior to us moving to Glenden, my mother and younger brother still live in my home town of Sunbury, my eldest brother and two younger sisters live in towns relatively close to my mother and my eldest sister lives in Hong Kong and has done so for approximately 10 years.

Looking back, I estimated it took 5 – 6 months before I was entirely comfortable in my new surroundings and to adopt the mannerism of ending each sentence with “la”. My Grandmother, whom I was very close to, passed away within 3 weeks of my arrival in Malaysia. This was quite traumatic for me and took me some time to get over. Had the opportunity presented itself at that time, I probably would have returned to Australia. However, this did not occur and in retrospect I’m glad it didn’t, as I would have missed out on the experience of a life time.

The Rotary International Youth Exchange is an institution. Rotary, through its network of clubs and the dedication of its members and their families, has ensured that it is the most successful project of its type in the world. Hosting an exchange student not only requires a great deal of commitment from the host club and its families but also from the student being hosted. Being 16 years old and coming from a farming background in Australia to KL it was a real culture shock and I was probably a bit naïve. I found some situations difficult, as no doubt my host families probably found me difficult to put up with sometimes!

It would be fair to say that after my return to Australia, I was unsettled for some years. Having experienced what I did in Malaysia and then having to settle into my old lifestyle was not easy. I believe this was probably the motivating factor in my decision to move from Victoria to the Northern Territory. In subsequent years, my family and myself have traveled extensively throughout Australia and been on a number overseas trips. The desire to show my family different places and life styles is also a legacy of my KL experience.

So what are the important lessons I learnt from my experience?

- Not to be afraid of living somewhere else and trying something different – stepping outside my comfort zone
- The culture, customs and opinions I have are not necessarily any superior or better than anyone else's
- That there are friends everywhere in the world – it's just a question of making the effort to meet them
- People are a product of their environment and there are a multitude of environments – they should all be treated with courtesy and respect

Apart from the influences of my family, my year in Malaysia was probably the next most influential factor which moulded my latter teen years and early manhood. I think this highlights the significant impact this program can have on the individuals who are fortunate enough to be participants.

The overall experience of being a Rotary Exchange Student with the Pudu Rotary Club is one that I look back on with very fond memories. The experience was fantastic, however it was the people who live most in my memory. My adopted families opened their hearts and their homes to me – a complete stranger and treated me as their own with kindness and tolerance. This is an indication of the quality of the members and their families that Pudu Rotary Club attracts.

What didn't I like – Durians !

My love and warmest regards
 Stephen Millett
 Jabiru
 Glenden
 Sunbury

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved an enactment 28 April to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations.

After adopting an amendment to change the name from Youth Service, as originally proposed, to New Generations, the Council narrowly supported the addition to article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. The 263-250 vote was received by surprised gasps and applause after a short debate.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

"It's a significant change – a historic day in Rotary," said Council Chair Mark Daniel Maloney. "Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities even though they were never part of the four Avenues of Service. I think this strengthens our commitment."

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Representative Ronald P. Sekkel, of District 5170 (California, USA), proposed the enactment by saying that New Generations is the future of Rotary.

Opponents argued that youth services are already covered by the four Avenues of Service. One representative said that adding a fifth avenue could decrease emphasis on the other four avenues.

Representative Emile M. Rijcken, of District 1900 (Germany), said the new avenue is well deserved.

"The volume of activity in youth programs shows how strong Rotary can be," she said. "The addition of New Generations to the Avenues of Service will contribute in an enormous way toward public opinion."

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IMPORTANT EVENTS		
EVENTS	DATE	VENUE
Charity Film Premier	May 29 Saturday	GSC, Pavilion, KL
District Awards Nite	June 12, Saturday	RSC, Dataran Merdeka, KL
PRC Family Day	June 19-20, Sat/Sun	A'Famosa, Melaka
RC Singapore West Installation	June 23 Wed	Singapore
RC Songkhla Installation	June 26 Saturday	Songkhla, Hatyai
RC Dhonburi Installation	June 30 Wed	Bangkok
RC Pudu Installation	July 4 Sun	Shangrila Hotel, KL
Bangkok Rotary Institute	Nov 19-21	Bangkok
District Conference	Dec 10-12	Shangrila Hotel, KL

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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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