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**The Weekly eBulletin of the
Rotary Club of Pudu
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
RI District 3300**

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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Speaker: President Alex Chang
Subject: President's Official Address
On Duty
Duty Table: Rtn Veronique
Fellowship: Rtn Mok Sin
Finemaster: IPP Aaron Ong
Introducing: PP Choo Jee Sam
Thanking: PP K H Low

CELBATIONS FOR JULY 2013

Rotarians Birthdays

6th - Rtn Elaine Tan
21st - IPP Aaron Ong
21st - PP Kumar Tharmalingam
22nd - PP Dato' Muslim Ayob
27th - PP Ng Sim Bee
28th - PP Phang Poke Shum
29th - Rtn Sandy Soh

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Speaker: IPDG Mansoor Saat
Subject: My Way (as DG) - The Rotary Way
On Duty
Duty Table: Rtn C T Heng
Fellowship: Rtn Elaine Tan
Finemaster: PP Albert Lim
Introducing: AG K U Rajah
Thanking: PDG Dr Paul Lee

Spouses Birthdays

4th - Ann Devi
25th - Ann Shui Thin

Wedding Anniversaries

19th - Rtn Robert Tan and Ann Veronica

CLUB DIARY OF EVENTS – JULY 2013

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
Mon, 1 st July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Thurs, 4 th July	6.30 pm	Club Service Meeting	Royal Lake Club
Thurs, 4 th July	7.00 pm	Installation of R C Singapore West	-
Sun, 7 th July	7.00 pm	Installation of R C Songkhla	-
Sun, 7 th July	3.00 pm	Rotaract BOD Meeting	Old Town Café, Taman Midah
Mon, 8 th July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 10 th July	6.30 pm	Youth Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian
Wed, 10 th July	7.30 pm	Community Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian
Thurs, 11 th July	7.00 pm	Installation of R C Mandaluyong	-
Sun, 14 th July	4.00 pm	Egyptian Cooking Demonstration/Fellowship	Residence of Rtn Tenny Lee
Mon, 15 th July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue, 16 th July	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian
Wed, 17 th July	6.30 pm	International Service Meeting	Royal Selangor Golf Club
Mon, 22 nd July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Mon, 29 th July	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed, 31 st July	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Royal Lake Club

It is an honour and a privilege to be the Editor of the PRC E Bulletin. The last time I was the Bulletin Editor it was in RY 2007/2008. It is one of the pivotal roles in the Club which is both challenging and demanding. I am also grateful for the able leadership and experience of PP Dato' Muslim Ayob who will assist me to produce a weekly eBulletin.

May I applaud the commitment and dedication of PP Richard Liew and PP Phang Poke Shum in producing one of the finest if not the best printed Bulletin in the District for RY 2012-13.

The eBulletin is one of the best medium of communication among the club members. It is a means to disseminate pertinent information such as President's Message and Announcements, Programme Speakers, Diary of Events, Celebrations of Rotarians and Anns, Club Proceedings, Reports from the Board of Directors and Board Appointees, District News, Rotary Information and Rotary International News.

On a lighter note we have the evergreen PDG Dr Paul Lee who will contribute inspirational stories, anecdotes, jokes and puzzles.

I have introduced a FORUM for you to share your opinions or concerns about certain issues to be addressed in the Club, if any. It is a forum for healthy discussions.

There will be a Family of Rotary column whereby I will require the assistance of the members to introduce their families. Perhaps we can have a message from our First Lady Ann Elaine Chang.

In order for the eBulletin to be a success I would appreciate the kind cooperation of every member to submit timely messages, announcements, reports, news, projects, and photos before Wednesday of every subsequent week.

If you have any ideas to make this a GREAT eBulletin please share your suggestions with us. We would like to make this eBulletin an enjoyable read for all.

"Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable." — Louisa May Alcott



Thank you for allowing me to lead our prestigious club in the Rotary Year 2013/14. I like to thank the Immediate Past President Aaron Ong for leading the club to greater heights last year building on the strength of the earlier leaders.

Club Project Lined Up

Amongst the 'usual' projects that we do yearly, this year we plan to:

- Organise projects to help the underprivileged;
- Organise an international food fair involving three avenues, International, Vocational and Youth Service to promote international understanding, emphasise the importance of education and provide career opportunities to young persons
- Organise an art competition, inter school debate competition for the students of the eight interact schools; and
- Build rain water catchment facilities in some of the schools to inculcate concept of the importance of water conservation.

To our club members, I celebrate each of you as a member of our great club. Together we will create a unique fabric woven together on the strength of our varied experience, expertise and encompassment.

I like to quote Tony Blair "Leaders lead but in the end it is the people who deliver..." Without you the members of the club, there will not be a club. We will work in partnership to fortify the fellowship and friendship in the club.

Thank you for this unique honour to serve you and I look forward to our journey together to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

"Engage Rotary, Change Lives"

*Yours In Rotary
President Alex Chang*

Monday 24th June, 2013

Guest speaker : President Aaron Ong
Subject : President's Swan Song

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Acting Sgt-At- Arms Rtn Tenny Lee called the meeting to order at 1.15 pm on behalf of President Aaron Ong. She welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests. Rtn Tenny Lee led in the singing of the National Anthem and then proposed the Loyal Toast.

The fine master was PE Alex Chang.

- He fined Rtn Tenny Lee RM 3 because she did not know she was the SAA on duty, for looking sharp and for hosting the Sister Club Fellowship Dinner at her residence.
- President Aaron was fined RM 12 for leading the Club for the past 12 months.
- IPP Dato' Steven Oon was fined RM 3 for inviting a guest Ms Farah, for not wearing a tie and coming in jeans.
- PP Choo Jee Sam was fined RM 1 for saying Ms Farah was perceptive because she thought PE Alex Chang was a waiter.
- Rtn Laura was fined RM 1 for winning the Best Service to New Generations Award.
- PP Gary Lim was fined RM 1 for receiving the District Governor's Recognition Plaque.
- PP K H Low was fined RM 1 for accepting the position of Chairman of the Council of Past Presidents.
- PDG Dr Paul Lee was fined RM 1 for wearing a casual outfit. No jacket, no tie and no name tag.
- PP Ken Ong and Rtn Loo Ming Chee were each fined RM 1 for not wearing a tie.
- PP Richard Liew was fined RM 1 for helping out as Logistics Manager for the PRC Installation.
- PP Dato' Muslim was fined RM 1 for looking sharp all the time.
- Rtn Dr C C Wong was fined RM 1 for coming early to the lunch meeting.
- PP Quah Sek Cheng was fined RM 1 for returning from Australia.
- Rtm Sandy Soh was fined RM 1 for her late attendance.
- Rtn Daisy Chiu was fined RM 2 for bringing the haze from Singapore to Malaysia and for inviting more than 40 Sister Club Rotarians and Anns to our Installation.

- PP Mike Yeow was fined RM 1 for accepting the position of Attendance Chairman
- Rtn Robert Tan was fined RM 1 for not showing up at the Black 505 Rally.
- Rtn Asok Kumar was fined RM 1 for commenting that PE Alex Chang came early for lunch meeting.
- PP Mike Tung was fined RM 1 for being the E Bulletin Editor.

All the incoming BODs were fined RM 1 each.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Sisters' Club Fellowship at the residence of Rtn Tenny Lee on Saturday, 29th June 2013 at 7 pm.
2. 47th Installation of the Rotary Club of Pudu on Sunday, 30th June 2013 at 7 pm

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

AG Gary Lim introduced the speaker President Aaron Ong who made his Swan Song address.

SPEAKER'S CV

President Aaron Ong was born 52 years ago and has been friends with AG Gary Lim for 45 years. After graduating with a Degree in Computer Science in 1984 he worked as a Programmer with Shell. He later joined Computer Associates as an Associate Director. His next job was with Platinum Technology as Marketing Director.

Since then he has been entrepreneur when he started Go Academy 10 years ago.

He has been the Club President twice. In 1977 he was the Interact Club President and in 2012 as the President of the Rotary Club of Pudu.

He is married to Ann Vivian and they have two lovely daughters.

SPEAKER'S TEXT

President Aaron thanked all his Board of Directors and his Board Advisors AG Gary Lim, PP Ng Sim Bee and PP K H Low. He continued thanking the rest of the members and presented each of them with a token of appreciation. In no particular order of importance he extended his appreciation to the members who were present:-

- PDG Dr Paul Lee
- Rtn Laura Lee
- PP Ng Sim Bee
- Rtn Lawrance Annies
- Rtn Dr C C Wong
- Rtn Daisy Chiu
- Rtn Sandy Soh
- PE Alex Chang
- IPP Dato' Steven Oon
- PP Tai Chin Peow
- Rtn C T Heng
- PP Ken Ong
- Rtn Roy
- PP Albert Lim
- PP Richard Liew
- PP Phang Poke Shum
- Printers Dominic and Corinne
- Rtn Robert Tan
- Rtn Jeffrey Yap
- Rtn Mok Sin
- Rtn Loo Ming Chee
- PP Quah Sek Cheng
- PP Choo Jee Sam
- PP Dato' Dr Lee Hoo Teong
- Rtn Tenny Lee
- Rtn Steven Ho
- PP Mike Yeow
- Rtn Asok Kumar
- PP Dato' Muslim Ayob
- PP Mike Tung
- PP Leong Choy Ying

A copy of President Aaron Ong's detailed report is at <http://www.rotarypudu.org.my/reports.htm>

THANKING OF GUEST SPEAKER

PP K H Low on behalf of the club thanked President Aaron Ong for leading the Club for a year despite some initial setbacks. He commended President Aaron Ong for fostering close sister club ties with R C Mandaluyong whereby a big delegation from R C Pudu attended their 50th Anniversary celebrations. He requested all members to be upstanding to give President Aaron Ong a standing ovation.

FUND RAISING

Five projects will be carried out during RY 2013-14, namely:

- Education grants and scholarship for needy students and undergraduate
- Interact Leadership Training Seminar/Camp (ILTS)
- International Food & Cultural Fair
- Interschool debate among our eight sponsored Interact clubs
- Continued support of Jenjarom Old Folks' Home adopted 28 years ago



In order to fulfil our hearts' desire to carry out all the above projects and to fulfil the crying needs of the poor and underprivileged, we the Rotary Club of Pudu will be raising funds through a Charity Film Premier Screening of the movie "THE WOLVERINE" on Saturday 27th July, 2013 at the Golden Screen Cinema at the KL Pavilion, Kuala Lumpur at 10.30 am.

Invitations to this Charity Film Premier will be by donations of RM500, RM300, RM200, RM100 and RM50 per seat.

Sponsors could also donate any amount and the tickets will be used to invite the orphans and underprivileged children.

All donations to the Pudu Rotary Club Charity Foundation will be tax exempted.

From: PR Chair

All Club events, projects chairman, special events and programmes that are news worthy and need publicity. Please have the following materials available 7 working days before the launching.

1. Press and Media invite (letter with programme and GOH).
2. Press Kit for all Press in attendance on launching.
3. Press Release with captioned photos for absent Press and Media.
4. Same goes for project pre-launch.
5. For TV promotion, lead time should be at least 45 days.

For District events PR Chair need to be informed; failing which, PR Chair can't work.

PP Albert Lim

The One Wish

Three men, for awful crimes, are sentenced to 25 years in solitary confinement. They are supplied with only food and drink.

Before they go in, they do get to choose one thing, in any amount, they can take in with them for the 25 year duration.

The **first prisoner** chooses an endless supply of the finest wine. "**Might as well pass the time drunk.**" He said.

The **second prisoner** asked to be locked with his wife. "**Might as well have her lovely company.**" said he, and the loving wife agreed.

The **third prisoner** asked for an endless supply of cigarettes. "**It's the only thing that will calm me down all these years.**"

Egyptian Cuisine: Cooking Demo Invitation

THE CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE
OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PUDU
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO
AN EGYPTIAN COOKING DEMONSTRATION
BY EGYPTIAN CHEF ALAA
ON SUNDAY, 14TH JULY 2013 AT 4 PM AT
THE RESIDENCE OF RTN TENNY LEE AT
No 2 JALAN PUNCAK SETIAWANGSA 10
TAMAN SETIAWANGSA
54200 KUALA LUMPUR
COST PER PAX IS RM 20
RSVP RTN ELAINE TAN 019 3268153
BY 8TH JULY 2013



They are locked inside, each with his wish.

25 years pass...

It is a day of celebration, and all gather to see what was the fate of the three imprisoned men.

They open the **first prisoner's** door, and immediately hundreds of wine bottles come crashing out. He himself in a corner, wasted and hardly alive.

Then they open the **second prisoner's** door, and a whole family steps out - babies, children and some teenagers, blinking in the new light of the world outside their cell.

Then they open the **third prisoner's** door, and nothing comes out but unopened packs of cigarettes. The prisoner crawls slowly through the door, holding a single, crushed cigarette in his hand.

"**Does anyone,**" he asks with a broken voice, "**have a light?**"

Grant Management Seminar

Dear Incoming Presidents

Our records show that the following clubs did **not** send any member from their club to any of the three Grant Management Seminars that were held. Please inform me if anyone has been inadvertently left out.

Please inform me if your club is keen to participate in the Rotary Foundation Grants and you are prepared to attend a Seminar. If there are sufficient numbers then I will make special arrangements.

1. Seberang Jaya
2. Seri Changkat Jong
3. Klang
4. Bernam Valley
5. Kampong Bahru
6. Bahau
7. Kuala Pilah
8. West Pahang
9. Metro Kuantan
10. Kuantan

With best regards

*PDG Dr Rajindar Singh
DRFC 2013-16*

NOTE

For a club to participate in the Rotary Foundation District, Global or Packaged Grants, the club must sign the Memorandum of Understanding **after** a member from that club has attended the Grant Management Seminar organised by the District.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MILLION DOLLAR DONATION FOR POLIO+

Sir Emeka Offor, of Nigeria, is chairman of the Chrome Group, a leading conglomerate in oil and gas services, power, logistics and telecommunications. A Rotarian, Offor is a member of the Arch C. Klumph Society, which honors those who give at least US\$250,000 to the Foundation. On Monday, Offor announced he is giving another US\$1 million to the Rotary Foundation for polio eradication. We caught up with Offor after his announcement at the PolioPlus Advocacy Workshop at

Acquisition of Property

For your information, the Rotary International District 3300 (Malaysia) Berhad had obtained the mandate from its members at the recent EGM on 15th June 2013 at the Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur for the proposed acquisition of a property, as follows:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION MANDATE FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

RESOLVED THAT the Company be hereby authorized to approve the acquisition of a property, pursuant to Section 132C of the Companies Act, 1965 identified as Unit B509, Block B, Kelana Square, 17 Jalan SS 7/26, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor at a consideration of RM325,000-00 and the Board of Directors be hereby empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, all the relevant and pertinent documents with the common seal affixed, where necessary, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association;

In accordance with Company's Memorandum of Association, the Board is now in the process of making an application to seek the consent of the Minister concerned with the Companies Commission Malaysia, for the Company, before execution of the Sale & Purchase Agreement.

The Board will keep the members informed accordingly. In the mean time, the Board welcome the generosity of any members who could contribute towards the Building Fund, with cheque made in favour of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3300 (MALAYSIA) BERHAD.

A listing of all donations of RM 1,000 and above, will be displayed permanently in the office.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank all Rotarians for coming forward to make this dream a reality.

LISBON NEWS

Polio Eradication gets big boost

An announcement at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, set the stage for a bold new chapter in the partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the campaign for polio eradication.

"Going forward, the Gates Foundation will match two-

the 2013 Rotary Convention in Lisbon.

Rotary Voices: You arose from humble roots to establish yourself as a successful businessman. How did your upbringing help shape who you are?

Sir Emeka Offor: I was born in the northeastern part of Nigeria in a little town in Cano state. My dad was a policeman. He was also a very hard disciplinarian. He made sure I did the right thing. At an early age, at 11 years, he sent me to live with my uncle, who was then a teacher. Teachers were seen as being good at molding a child's behavior, so that is why my dad sent me to live with his younger brother, and I grew to learn right from wrong. And to be self-reliant. When I finished high school, I started in the asphalt business, and that continued into construction, fabrication, and eventually to where I am today.

RV: You have given generously to a number of causes including in support of literacy, disease prevention, peace, and child and maternal health. You are the founder of the Sir Emeka Offor Foundation (SEOF). Why is giving important to you?

Offor: I knew how I started my life, and I knew how I wanted to get to where I am now. And I knew it was a lot of hard work. My dad had to make many sacrifices to see that his young ones had a chance. After what my father went through, and what my entire family went through, I decided I must support the underprivileged in society, people who are not able to afford three square meals. People who can't go to school. In our foundation, we have more than 5,000 widows we are taking care of, creating jobs for them, so they can fend for themselves. I want to help others escape the past I experienced. This is a goal that drives me each day.

RV: You have been very generous to Rotary in the past, including contributions of more than \$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Why are you a supporter of the Foundation?

Offor: I take pride in the good work that Rotary is doing. When I look at the programs of SEOF and I find that Rotary has a foundation that fits into what I want to achieve personally through my foundation, that's why I extended my help and support to Rotary. Rotary has a wider reach and an international reach.

RV: Why did you decide to give a new donation to PolioPlus?

Offor: When I was growing up in Nigeria, a lot of my friends' leaders died of various diseases that I did not know about. As I grew up, and became more enlightened I started knowing the causes and what diseases they

to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018," said Jeff Raikes, the foundation's chief executive officer, in a prerecorded video address shown during the convention's plenary session on 25 June. "If fully realized, the value of this new partnership with Rotary is more than \$500 million. In this way, your contributions to polio will work twice as hard."

The joint effort, called End Polio Now – Make History Today, comes during a critical phase for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The estimated cost of the initiative's 2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan is \$5.5 billion. Funding commitments, announced at the Global Vaccine Summit in April, total \$4 billion. Unless the \$1.5 billion funding gap is met, immunization levels in polio-affected countries will decrease. And if polio is allowed to rebound, within a decade, more than 200,000 children worldwide could be paralyzed every year.

Rotary and the Gates Foundation are determined not to let polio make a comeback.

"We will combine the strength of Rotary's network with our resources, and together with the other partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), we will not just end a disease but change the face of public health forever," said Raikes.

In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave The Rotary Foundation a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, and in 2009, increased it to \$355 million. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012, but Rotarians in fact raised \$228.7 million toward the challenge.

"Now is the time for us all to take action: Talk to your government leaders, share your polio story with your social networks, and encourage others to join you in supporting this historic effort," Raikes added. "When Rotarians combine the passion for service along with the power of a global network, you are unstoppable, and the Gates Foundation is proud to partner with you. Let's make history and End Polio Now."

End game strategy

Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general for Polio, Emergencies and Country Collaboration at the World Health Organization -- a GPEI partner -- said that the finish line for polio eradication is in sight, but cautioned that "it is one thing to see the finish line; it is another to cross it."

Sharing details of the latest polio eradication strategic

were. I came across polio. If you go to Nigeria, you see children, adults, who can't walk, they need support to walk. You can't cure polio. We have to invest in preventing it. I hope that my means will inspire others to join the fight to end polio in Nigeria.

RV: Nigeria is one of three countries where the polio virus is still endemic. What must be done to eradicate polio from your country?

Offor: This terrible disease still exists in my country. At times the progress is slow. We have had security challenges, and other issues have complicated public health activity. Some parents refuse immunization for their children because they fear the perceived violence that has broken out against immunization workers. Last summer, we began activities to discover resistant populations and raise awareness. Rotarians from all parts of the country treat eradication of polio as a top priority. We are working to secure funding both from our own foundation and by reaching out to others to help, and we are using the model used in India which was successful in eradicating polio in that country. Polio can be eradicated in my country in my lifetime, and it will be.

RV: How will you feel when polio is finally gone?

Offor: When polio is finally gone, that day will be my most wonderful day. Having seen what polio has done in my country, to have polio eradicated in my lifetime will make me very happy. I am very grateful to God.

Convention draws to a close with recognition of outstanding peace efforts

As was fitting for a meeting that has been all about peace, the 2013 Rotary International Convention in Lisbon drew to a close Wednesday with RI President Sakuji Tanaka recognizing a Rotary club that has spread Rotary's message of peace in "a very unique and effective way."

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"This year I challenged every Rotary club to conduct activities to enhance peace in their community," Tanaka said, in introducing the presentation. "Their response has exceeded my wildest expectations, and I offer my sincere thanks to all of the Rotarians who promoted Peace Through Service every day in ways big and small."

Tanaka presented a plaque to Ralf Trautwein, president of the Rotary Club of Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany, which reached out to popular German band Marco und die Elfenbande to write and record a song to

plan, he said the plan is historic in finally setting out the endgame, the final steps needed to wipe out polio.

"We now have the plan to complete the program of PolioPlus," Aylward said. "And we have backing of you, Rotarians around the world, to get the job done."

Actress Archie Panjabi, a Rotary polio eradication ambassador, recounted how, as a 10-year-old living in India, she had seen children crawling along the streets, propelled only by their hands. The image troubled her for years. When she was asked to join Rotary's This Close campaign in 2011, she said she realized that the children she'd seen were polio victims, and that by working to eliminate polio, she could help prevent others from suffering in that way.

"I came to realize that we still have work to do, and how important it is for people like me -- people like you -- to use our voices to raise awareness of, and support for, the global effort to eradicate polio," Panjabi said. "As a Rotary polio ambassador, I will continue to do whatever I can to spread the word."

Million dollar donation

John Germ, vice chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, asked Rotarians to reach out to their non-Rotarian colleagues to raise money for polio eradication. He also introduced Sir Emeka Offor, a Nigerian Rotarian, who announced that he is making a new US\$1 million contribution to PolioPlus.

During a PolioPlus Advocacy workshop a day earlier, Offor had explained that his contributions to a number of causes are motivated by his humble origins. Now, as a successful businessman, he enjoys giving in order to help others avoid the circumstances he faced. As a Rotarian, he said he takes pride in Rotary's good work and in the organization's leadership in the polio eradication campaign.

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"I hope my means will inspire others to join the fight to end polio in Nigeria," Offor said. "Polio can be eradicated in my country in my lifetime, and it will be." Also during the plenary session, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid Wilkinson reviewed The Rotary Foundation's accomplishments, all of which were made possible by a 1960s decision by Rotary leaders to use Foundation grants to fund Rotary service.

"Because of the one moment ... because of their ambition, I can look back with all of you at 50 incredible years of achievements through our Foundation -- lives that we have touched, lives that we have saved, lives to

teach young people about the importance of peace and how Rotary is working to achieve it.

"The Rotary Peace Song," which was played during the plenary session, has been performed before hundreds of schoolchildren in Germany and distributed by CD.

"The Rotary Peace Song' shares a simple but profound message: Each day, through Rotary, we have the power to make a more peaceful world for future generations," Tanaka said.

Attendees also got their first look at the "Lisbon Declaration of Peace." The declaration is an extension of three earlier declarations that were adopted during Rotary Global Peace Forums in Berlin, Germany; Honolulu, Hawaii, USA; and Hiroshima, Japan. Past RI President Luis Giay served on the Rotary Peace Forums Committee and helped convene the forums.

"While this was truly a great achievement, with more than 6,000 enthusiastic participants and very inspirational presentations about peace from all over the world, it was only the beginning," said Giay. "In parallel, many other peace forums were organized by clubs and districts around the world."

President-elect

Later in the closing plenary, President-elect Ron Burton and his family were introduced. Burton told attendees it is an exciting time to be a Rotarian, and he believes the coming year will be one of the greatest Rotary years ever experienced as Rotary nears the end of its campaign to eradicate polio and starts a new era for the Foundation.

which we have brought health, education, and hope," Wilkinson said. "And we can look ahead, in just a few years now, to a world free of polio."

Future Vision launch

On 1 July, all Rotary district will begin using the Rotary Foundation's new grant model, which has been known as Future Vision. Future Vision Committee Chair Luis Giay lead convention attendees in a countdown to the launch of the grant model Tuesday, as the plenary video screens displayed a rocket blasting off into space.

"We are at an unprecedented time in the history of our Rotary Foundation. We are beginning our greatest transformation," Giay said. "Through Future Vision, the Rotary Foundation Trustees have sought to strengthen clubs and districts by providing grants that can help them be more proactive in addressing priority world needs."

"We celebrate our new Foundation, with each of us contributing our effort and commitment to ensure the continued progress of Rotary and all mankind," he continued.

Jorge Aufranc, past governor of District 4250, also shared how the new grant model has helped his district make a big impact in helping promote literacy and economic development in local communities. He said the district feared it would lose its connections when the Future Vision pilot began. But in reality, what could have been a challenge turned into an opportunity to do even more good.

Source : Dan Nixon and Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary International

Comforts make you sleep while studying!!!!???



How about them...!!!!???



Picture Gallery of Happenings

Meeting on Monday 24 June, 2013



Toasting the Agong



Rotarians and Guests



President Aaron Ong recounting his year



Thank you Aaron, you did well

Interact Clubs' Happenings



INSTALLATION OF 47th PRESIDENT



Tenny belting it out



The Top Table



Dato Muslim receiving Services Avenue award



Alex is now President



The new Board with the old DG



Kumar the MC with some puzzle



If you have a pressing need to address some issues in the Club please email your questions and I will post them at this forum for some healthy discussions.

A couple of weeks ago I posed two pertinent questions to the membership. Here are their replies.

Question: How do we increase our members and guests attendance at luncheon meetings?

1) Reply from PP Albert Lim

You may want to consider:

- a. Combined events like Rotarian Teacher Advisors' Hi-Tea with the luncheon meeting
- b. Encourage members to bring their guests to our luncheon meetings
- c. Open Monday luncheon meetings to all our daughter clubs like Cheras, Metro KL, Ampang, Kajang, etc. In fact it can be a regular joint meeting. For example, every 1st Monday joint meeting with Cheras, 2nd Monday joint meeting with Ampang, 3rd Monday joint meeting Metro KL and so on.

Here we can foster fellowship and friendship with our daughter clubs and to make up the minimum attendance which we have committed to the hotel.

2) Reply from PP Tai Chin Peow

In my opinion a weekly dynamic or good "Guest Speaker" is important. It gives members a feeling of pride and confidence to invite our guests to our luncheon meetings. Hence members must be well informed and the forthcoming speakers must be promoted to members in advance. Therefore the Programme Chair need to meet the challenges to seek the kind assistance of the members to invite dynamic guest speakers.

Question: How do we improve our club membership and retain existing members?

Reply from PDG Dr Paul Lee

Dear Mike,

I compliment you for your commitment and initiatives in reviving our club.

There is no question at all that the focus must be on strengthening fellowship and enhancing friendship. Rotary started with fellowship and it was fellowship that kept Rotary through so many world wars and world calamities.

If Pudu is to survive or gain back our past glories, our leaders must be prepared to invest their time in promoting the bonds of fellowship and friendship.

The last many years had seen most meetings between "I, me and myself." Board meetings are often fighting just to get a quorum. So can we be surprised at the dwindling membership and low attendance at lunch?

If the joy of attending meeting is gone, so will our spirit of Rotary. The measure of whether we are a Rotarian or not is based on whether we attend our weekly club meeting out of fulfilling our attendance obligation or out of sheer joy to fellowship with our fellow Rotarians. If it is the former, then we are a member of a Rotary Club BUT not a Rotarian yet.

Cup of Coffee



Click on the coffee cup to watch the clip " Life is like Coffee " – by Author Unknown

Thots for the week

Relationship
never dies a
natural death...
They are
murdered by
Ego, Attitude and
ignorance...

As soon as you die, your identity becomes a "body". People use phrases like: "Bring the body", "Lower the body in the grave", "Take the body to the grave yard", etc.

People Don't Even call you by your name whom you tried to impress whole life.

LIVE A LIFE TO
IMPRESS THE
CREATOR NOT THE
CREATION.

By Unknown

IslamicReflections

Wisdom Comes With Age



A guy is 84 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, 'Pick me up.' He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, 'Pick me up.' He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.

The man said, 'Are you talking to me?' The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!'

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front pocket.

The frog said, 'What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride.'

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, 'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.'

I'm really tired of people who don't take responsibility for their lives and actions. I'm tired of hearing them blame the government, or discrimination or big-whatever for their problems.

- Bill Cosby, 75



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