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Programme for Today

Speaker : AG Veivien Goon
 Subject : AG's Perspective on DG's Goals

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn CT Heng
 Fellowship : Rtn Lawrence Khoo
 Finemaster : PP VG Chandran
 Introduce : PP Phang Poke Shum
 Thanking : PP Chow Tain

Programme for 3rd August 2009

Speaker : PDG Dr. Paul Lee, PP Tan Sri Soong Siew Hoong, Rtn Jeffrey Yap
 Subject : Rotary

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn CT Heng
 Fellowship : Rtn Lawrence Khoo
 Finemaster : PP Choo Jee Sam
 Introduce : Rtn Leong Choy Ying
 Thanking : PP Kumar Tharmalingam

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays : PP Ng Sim Bee (27th Jul); PP Phang Poke Shum (28th Jul); Rtn Sandy Soh (29th Jul); Rtn Lawrence Khoo (1st Aug)
Spouse's Birthday : Ann Kin S H (30th Jul) Ann Suit Yong (1st Aug) Spouse Wee Voo (1st Aug)
Anniversaries : Nil

Your 27th July – 27th August 2009 Diary July is rotary fellowship month

Date	Day	Time	Meeting	Venue
27-7-09	Mon	12.45 pm	Weekly Luncheon Meeting	Shangrila Hotel, KL
30-7-09	Thurs	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Marco Polo Rest. KL
31-7-09	Fri	3.00 pm	ICC Meeting	TBA
01-8-09	Sat	3.00 pm	Rotaract Club Of Pudu Meeting	Eurasian Club, Jalan Pudu
01-2-8-09	Sat/Sun	9.00 am	Community Fun Car Wash Project	Petronas Station, Batu Caves
03-8-09	Mon	7.00 pm	Membership Devt. Night Meeting	Shangrila Hotel, KL
05-8-09	Wed	6.30 pm	Club Service Com. Meeting	Rtn Asok Kumar's Office
06-8-09	Thurs	6.30 pm	International Service Com. Meeting	Rtn Steven Oon's Office
09-8-09	Sun	9.00 am	Dist. Membership Devt. & Retention Workshop Seminar	Bukit Kiara Equestrian and Country Resort, KL
11-8-09	Tues	6.30 pm	Vocational Service Com. Meeting	Marco Polo Rest. Jln. Raja Chulan, KL
12-8-09	Wed	6.30 pm	New Gen. Com.Mtg.	Rtn Arwin Kumar's Office
13-8-09	Thurs	6.30 pm	Community Service Com.Mtg.	Marco Polo Rest. Jln. Raja Chulan, KL
15-8-09	Sat	3.00 pm	Rotaract Club of Pudu Meeting	Eurasian Club, Jln. Pudu, KL
27-8-09	Thurs	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Marco Polo Rest. Jln. Raja Chulan, KL

WELCOMING OUR SISTER CLUBS

It is always great to have fellowship with our sister clubs, whether at our own club or visiting them. The stories we hear about our Pudu Rotarians having such great fun whenever they return on a visit makes one wish that one had participated in the trip. Likewise, it is for sure that the visiting Rotarians to our club have the same great stories to tell.

At the point of writing, we are expecting about 70 visitors to our forthcoming installation dinner on the 25th July. Sister clubs coming are RC Songkhla, RC Singapore West, RC Dhonburi and RC Mandaluyung. Many will come by plane, some by train, some by cars and some by buses. Not only will they be spending money on transportation, hotels and meals, they will also be spending their time which today is a precious commodity. We had many committee meetings to plan a great welcome for them. So on the agenda are shopping trips, golf and dinners. Many like PP Richard Liew, PP Gary Lim and PP KU Rajah will be meeting with old friends again and some of us will be renewing acquaintance made during the last trip to the respective clubs.

What actually is the attraction between the Rotarians? For one, the **friendship between the Rotarians children** built up through the years is a great factor. Because the parents could gel, the children likewise follow suit. Then, the **ability to communicate** helps. The potential of **carrying out a Rotary project together** is a great lure. The **good reception accorded to each other** during a visit makes one to reciprocate. Most of the attraction is very personal as some could get along better than with the other.

Business is always in the background and most of the time is not a feature. If business together happens it is a bonus.

Rotarians can come and go. Relationship though is everlasting even though sometimes one is not a Rotarian anymore due to unforeseen circumstances. **Rotarians are naturally friendly people** and the identification of being in the same organization to do good for the world helps a lot to bring about the friendship.

The love of our fellow Rotarian knows no boundary. When the late PP Thanee passed away, Pudu Rotarians were well represented at his wake even though they had to spend time and money to make the journey to Songkhla. And at very short notice too.

Are you active in sister clubbing? If not why? It is a great culture that Rotary has cultivated and a good one too. It is an extra for being a Rotarian and it would be a waste if you let the opportunity pass by. So the next time, PP Gary invites you to join him for a trip to Hatyaai/Songkhla, try your best to accept the invitation. You will never regret it. And it is not just the shopping!

It's give me great pleasure to welcome our Assistant Governor (AG), PP Veivien Goon for Group Nine Rotary Clubs to address our Club. Group Nine in R.I. District 3300 consists of 5 Rotary Clubs and they are, RC of Ampang, RC Bukit Kiara Sunrise, RC KL West, RC Pudu and RC Sri Petaling.

As early as February 2009, most of the Presidents in Group Nine have already spent many man-hours working closely with our AG in preparing our projects for Rotary Year 2009/2010. Before that, every President has to undergo all the President-Elect Training Seminars (PETS) organized by the District in order to be eligible to take office from the 1st of July 2009.

Thanks to our last week guest speaker, Mr. Ian Chee Iihann who gave us a pinch of salt about what is Neuro Linguistic Programme (NLP) and the subject was, "How to get things done?" Coincidentally, AG and I have also gone through the same self-discovery and self-development training besides Rotary training. In my opinion, this particular training has perpetually changed my way of thinking, saying and doing things and has propelled and excelled me to overcome all my limitations and boundaries. Fascinating isn't it?

This is what I meant.

Let's start paying close attention to what we say - we may be alarmed by how often we say things like "I can't" or "that won't work". Without realizing it, we are limiting ourselves and closing our minds to the possibilities that might be available.

The mind is capable of producing wonderfully amazing results. However, all too often, we place limits on the power of the mind because of the words we use and the command we feed into it.

We see, although the mind is capable of great results, it will function according to the type of input it receives, or how it is programmed. So, when we say, "I can't", the mind will treat that input as a command of sorts and the "I can't" attitude becomes reality. It works the same for other negative words or phrases. Instead of slamming the door shut on a world of possibilities, give ourselves a chance by using different phrases and letting our minds go to work for us.

For example, when we stop saying "I can't" and start using the phrase "how can I?" we are giving our minds a task to perform. The mind will go to work attempting to answer that question and provide us with possible solutions.

Here are some generic examples of asking our minds for solutions:

Common: "I can't successfully do that project."

New: "How can I do that project successfully?"

Common: "I won't want to be a Chairman."

New: "How can I become a Chairman?"

Common: "I can't, I have no time."

New: "How can I be 100% possible 100% of time?"

It really helps to ask the questions with a positive attitude and truly believe that possible solutions will be provided.

Any possible solution that our mind provide us with could be a simple idea that slowly takes shape, it may strike us like a bolt of the blue, or it could wake us out of a sound sleep, in which case we should jot it down at once. The solution may even be something we have seen or thought about before, but now we are seeing it in a new perspective.

It is exciting when we realize that the unlimited creative power of our minds have been hard at work coming up with solutions to the questions we ask of it.

The solutions may come within a matter of moments or it could be days before one appears. The important thing is to recognize it as a possible solution and decide if it is a good answer to the question of *How Can I?*

Once we or you have the answer, take action! Let's work hand in hand together for a better future, for the future of Rotary is indeed in our hands.

Yours in Rotary
President Robin Tay
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Rotary Clubs around the Klang Valley Meeting Information			
Monday	1245 1730	RC Pudu RC Cyberjaya	Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur 1st floor, MSC Innovation Centre, Jalan Technokrat 3, Cyberjaya
	1830 1900 2000	RC Pantai Valley RC Titiwangsa RC Senawang	KL Golf & Country Club, Bukit Kiara Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur Royal Sungei Ujong Club, Seremban
Tuesday	1230 1245 1815 1830	RC Cheras RC Petaling Jaya RC Bangsar RC Bandar Utama	Wenworth Hotel, Pudu Sheraton Hotel, Subang Jaya Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur A-5-13, Pelangi Business Centre, Mutiara Damansara, Petaling Jaya
	1900 1930 1945 2000	RC Kajang RC Danau Desa RC Port Klang RC USJ	Prescot Metro Inn, Jln Semeyih, Kajang Wisma Belia, Jalan Syed Putra, Kuala Lumpur Royal Klang Club, Jalan Istana, Klang Pahlawan Room, 5th floor, Summit Hotel, USJ
Wednesday	1230 1245 1245 1745 1830 1830 1930 1930 1930 1930 2000	RC Ampang RC KL Di-Raja RC Shah Alam RC Subang RC KL North RC Sri Petaling RC Brickfields RC Bandar Sunway RC of Central Damansara RC Bukit Komanwel RC Kampung Baharu	Novotel Hotel, No 2, Jln Kia Peng, KL Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur Kelab Shah Alam, Shah Alam Holiday Villa Subang, Subang Jaya Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur Sri Petaling Hotel, Sri Petaling, KL Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel, Subang Commonwealth Club, Jalan Batai, Kuala Lumpur Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Club, Bukit Jalil Selesa Inn, No 285-287, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, KL Sri Damansara Club, Sri Damansara Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Club, Bukit Kiara Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club, Port Dickson K Club, Taman Melawati, Selangor Tropicana Golf & Country Club, PJ
	2000 2000 2015 2030 2030	RC Damansara West RC SungaiWay RC Port Dickson RC Melawati RC Lembah Damansara	
Thursday	1245 1245 1245 1730 1900 1900 2000	RC Klang RC Gombak RC Seremban RC Damansara RC Sentul RC Kelana Jaya RC Puchong	Royal Klang Club, Jalan Istana, Klang Corus Hotel, Ampang Royal Adelphi Hotel, Seremban Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur PDRM Golf Club, Titiwangsa, KL Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Club, Bukit Kiara 23-1B, Jalan Bandar Sembilan, Pusat Bandar Puchong
Friday	1830 1845 2030	RC Metro KL RC KL West RC Bernam Valley	Bankers' Club, Amoda Building, Jalan Imbi, KL Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur 2nd floor, 19B, Jalan Bandar Rawang 1, Rawang
Saturday	0730	RC Bukit Kiara Sunrise	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Club, Bukit Kiara
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?

*Conceived by Herbert J. Taylor, a Chicago Rotarian in July 1932
In January 1943, Rotary International Board Of Directors agreed that
‘The 4-Way Test’ should be part of Vocational Service Ideal.
Herbert J Taylor was RI President in 1954-55*

“INVOLVED WE ARE, COMMITTED WE MUST BE”

PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY, 20th July 2009

Guest Speaker : Mr. Chee Lihann
Subject : Leadership – The Art Of Getting Things Done

VISITING ROTARIANS

Name	Club
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GUESTS

Name	Host
Mr Ian Chee	Guest Speaker
Ms June Yeoh	President Robin Tay
Mdm Angie Hong	PP Michael Tung

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	3
Guests	:	26
Club Members	:	28
Total Present	:	57

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries/ Fines	:	RM 46.00
Paying Diners	:	RM 90.00
Raffles & Others	:	RM 42.00
Total	:	RM 178.00

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Acting SAA Rtn Mok Sin called the meeting to order at 1.10 pm on behalf of President Robin Tay. He introduced all the visiting Rotarians and guests and later led in the singing of the National Anthem and later proposed the loyal toast.

The finemaster for the day was none than the popular PP Gary Lim who started his fine session by fining all the members present because there were fewer Rotarians than usual today meaning there was more food for everyone. Each one had to cough out RM1 each. Rtn Lawrence Khoo who made a remark got fined RM1.

Latecomers included PP Albert Lim, PP Phang, Mok Sin, Jeff Yap, PP KH Low, PP Mike Tung, Peng Huat, PP Chin Peow, Ming Chee and DGE Kok Beng each had to pay a fine of RM1.

Those not wearing the club’s jacket, not wearing their name tags and the membership promotion tag were each fined RM1. PP Chow Tain who disagreed was fined RM1. and President Robin for not constantly reminding members to wear the membership promotion tag was fined RM2.

Rtn Lawrence Khoo, Stanley Pereira and Steven Oon were encouraged to not let PP Albert Lim down by working hard and following his good examples of being a good Rotarian were each fined RM1.

Rtn Sandy Soh who was constantly busy on her mobile was fined RM2. PP Sim Bee for setting a good example was fined RM2.

All the members who were celebrating their birthdays in advance were each fined RM1 that included PP Sim Bee, PP Phang, Sandy Soh and PP Sam for his spouse’s birthday.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

PP Chow Tain introduced the guest speaker for the day who was none other than our very own District Governor D3300 DG PP Leslie Salehuddin who gave his address and launching the program Join Hands With Rotary – Actions Are In Your Hands.

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings and a warmth welcome to all of you to Pudu Rotary Club’s weekly luncheon meeting.

Last week, on 14 July 2009, PDG Dr. Paul Lee, Rtn Lillian, DGE Lim Kok Beng and I were invited to attend RC Ampang’s 26th Installation Night at Royal Selangor Golf Club. The theme for that night was “Bollywood Night”. The Installation Night was organized by all their Rtyns and it was splendid, something different with Hindi dances and musical fanfares. It was filled with glamour and very spectacular.

On the 17th July 2009, PE Choy Ying, Rtn CT Heng, Rtn Asok Kumar, PP KU Rajah, my Guests, President Tiffany from RC Titiwangsa, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Chok, Dato’ Wong Sai Hou and Spouse Jennifer, and I attended RC Cheras’s 14th Installation Night at Chin Woo Stadium. This was another marvelous and an awesome choreographed installation evening which most of us enjoyed. Most of the performances were performed by their own children and their friends’ children. The GOH for both installations was none other than DG Leslie Sallehuddin.

Our IT Chairman, Dato Muslim has written to me and requested me to remind all of us to browse our web site, <http://www.rotarypudu.org.my>. He has updated the website and now we can view all the beautiful pictures taken by PP VG Chandran and Rtn Jeffery Yap in color.

Do you know that the cost of maintaining the website has been increased from RM 750 to RM 1500 and we are fortunate enough to have Dato Muslim who has generously absorbed part of the cost and still maintained it as RM750.

Fellow Rotarians, I would like take this opportunity to appeal to all of you including all our Service of Avenue Directors, please take pictures of your meetings and your projects and burn them in a CD with captions and pass it to Dato' Muslim or via email to him, so that he can constantly update and include all our events, projects and activities in our website and make our website lively and interesting to visit.

This year, PRC is targeting to win the Best Bulletin Award, and also the Best eBulletin Award stipulated in our District Handbook in page 100 to 103. Therefore, our support are very much needed and appreciated.

Thank you Dato' Muslim for your kind generosity and your precious time put in for our eBulletin. It is a reality now and a dream come true for PRC to explore into cyberspace.

Our DG Leslie has also written in to acknowledge our club and the Chairman, PP Chow Tain for the successfully launching this awesome project, "JOIN HANDS WITH ROTARY, ACTION IS IN YOUR HANDS" on 13th July 2009. In his email he also requested PP Chow Tain to submit a report and wants him to coordinate with PP VG Chandran to have it published in the next DG's Newsletter.

I have also suggested to him to do the same to comply with the District Award criteria and to submit to the District with the necessary reports, pictures of this project for Rotary Year 2009/10 when the time arrives.

We have to thank PP Albert Lim for inviting the Press and Media and not only that, do you know that after the event, he went to his frequent newsstand everyday untiringly to look out for the publications? Do you know that he delivered all the invitations to the press and Media by hand? He is also patient, hardworking and very responsible in what he is doing. Syabas! PP Albert for your determinations and patience. We need more Pudu Rotarians to be like you.

On 24th July 2009, Friday, PRC will be having our Fellowship Night at our International Service Director, Rtn Steven Oon's Residence, Sri Damansara at 7.00 pm. Traditionally, on the eve of our Installation Night, PRC will host a "WELCOME" dinner for our Sister's Clubs Rotarians. This year, the response is so overwhelming. With a good turn out, I am appealing to all Pudu Rotarians to come forward to help in the logistics, accompanying our Guests, and have fellowship with them. The total delegations are 68 Rotarians from RC Dhonburi, RC Mandaluyong, RC Songkha and RC Spore West.

Thank You, Rtn Steven Oon for hosting this auspicious event. A round of applause to PP Gary Lim for he has been so vibrant and efficient in the logistics arrangement and management. No wonder, your spouse are in UPS and both of you are compatible. To all those fellow Rotarians who have work endlessly and quietly behind the scene with PP Gary Lim, I know I can count on you. Once again, thank very much to all of you, you indeed, have made us all proud.

Please take note that it is a Friday evening, and please anticipate the heavy traffic congestions around Sunway. I would like to appeal to all those Rotarians who are

attending, please be early to avoid the traffic jams. Our Guests expected time of arrival is 7.00 pm.

On the 25th July 2009, Saturday, we will be having our 43rd Installation Night Dinner at 7.00 pm at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, Lagoon 3, Sunway. Our GOH is YB Dato' Sri Ong Tee Keat. One of the highlights for that evening is Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun will be installed as our Honorary Member.

Please note that the rehearsal will start at 1.00 pm sharp. All those fellow Rotarians, especially the BOD are advised to be at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa by 12 noon. Kampung Baru Nasi Lemak for lunch will be provided.

On 1st to 2nd August, Saturday and Sunday, PRC shall be launching its first our community service project, - "COMMUNITY FUN CAR WASH" at Jadousha Sdn Bhd, Batu Caves. Tentatively, the GOH shall be YB Datuk Dr. S Subramaniam. The Chairman for this project is PP Gary Lim and Co-Chairman is VP Rtn Lawrence B Khoo.

This is our first project working in partnership with NGOs which involves The Down Syndrome children, the proprietor of the Car Wash - Jadousha Salon Sdn. Bhd., The Petronas Station where the car wash is operating from.

On our side, we have our fellow Rotarians, our Rotaractors, Interactors from 9 Interact Clubs and Rotaractors from the provisional Rotaract Club of Taylor's College, Sri Hartamas to assist. PP Gary Lim and VP Lawrence Khoo will approach you for your help, please support our Club's first community service project.

Last week, I have received an email from PP Bina Sodhy, RI District 3300, YEP Committee Chair, RY 2009/10, informing us that District 3300 will be conducting a 3 Short Term International Youth Exchanges this Rotary Year.

The outbound destinations will be:

- To Indore, India, RI District 3040 – On or late November or December 09
- To Manila, Philippines, RI District 3060 – On or around 22 November to 7 December 09
- To Gujarat, India, RI District 3830 – On or in March or in May 2010

All the Short Term Exchanges will be for 2 weeks duration each and the outbound dates will be during Government School Holidays. Each team will be comprised of 5 to 7 Team Members and 1 Team Leader.

The inbound dates are:

- From Indore, India, RI District 3040 - 17 to 31 August 2009
- From Gujarat, India, RI District 3830 – done in RY2008-09
- From Manila, Philippines, RI District 3060 – April 2010

According to PP Bina, she mentioned that the applications for Outbound and for people who wants to host the Inbounds are now open. Those Rotarians who are interested to apply as a Team Leader for each of these 3 outbound teams may also apply.

For those Rotarians who have children or their friends' children who may be interested can also apply. The closing date for the applications end in August 2009.

For Long Term IYE, we will be also be receiving from 3 countries. They are:

org/en/Members/RunningAClub/InformingTheCommunity/Pages/PRGrants.aspx program drew requests from 292 districts in 46 countries for the \$2 million allocated. The 276 districts whose applications were approved also contributed \$1.8 million and netted \$7.1 million in in-kind contributions, for a total value of \$10.9 million. The majority of districts that received the grants to promote Rotary and district projects reported an increase in interest from prospective members and in current member involvement.

Like many other large international organizations, RI is using technology to better communicate with members and, increasingly, to facilitate a more interactive dialogue. During 2008-09, RI established a presence on three major social networking sites - Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-International/7268844551>, LinkedIn, at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=858557> and Twitter at <http://twitter.com/rotary> - in addition to our YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/RotaryInternational>. The growth and popularity of these sites, sometimes described as online versions of a Rotary club meeting, attest to their value to Rotarians. As of 31 May, the official RI Facebook page had 25,970 fans; our LinkedIn group had 4,432 members; and RI has more than 3,660 followers on Twitter. Our YouTube channel has attracted almost 56,800 views.

We are also making more use of technology in delivering our publications.

Rotary World at <http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/RotaryWorld/Pages/ridefault.aspx>, our primary vehicle for communicating with club and district leaders, will go digital beginning with the April 2010 issue. This change will allow us to reach more of our grassroots leadership with carefully targeted content. RI also offers a number of electronic newsletters at <http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/MoreNewsletters/Pages/ridefault.aspx> on topics ranging from public relations to vocational service. Members can subscribe to any of these informative publications at www.rotary.org.

Our focus on digital publications doesn't mean that we have abandoned print.

On the contrary, this year saw the launch of Global Outlook at <http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/MorePublications/GlobalOutlook/Pages/ridefault.aspx>, a quarterly supplement from RI that appears in all of Rotary's official magazines. Each edition of this eight-page publication looks at a Rotary-related topic from an international perspective and features interviews, project stories, and resource lists. In July, we are launching Rotary Canada, an eight-page quarterly featuring Rotary-related content specific to Canada that will be sent to all Canadian Rotarians along with The Rotarian magazine.

Our flagship magazine, The Rotarian, received the Society of National Association Publications' EXCEL Silver Award in General Excellence this year for its October, November, and December issues. This award recognizes the overall quality of our magazine, including content, design, and photography.

Supporting membership efforts

Recruiting and retaining active, enthusiastic members is key to every Rotary club's success. This year, President

D.K. Lee held 12 membership conferences in locations around the world, four of which included a half-day session on child mortality issues. The conferences focused on identifying best practices for member recruitment and retention and adapting to changing social and professional environments.

RI offers a number of publications, DVDs, and other resources to help clubs in their membership efforts. In developing these tools, we conduct surveys to keep abreast of the demographics and interests of our members and focus groups of non-Rotarians to gauge their interest in volunteering and their awareness of Rotary. RI also continues to administer and monitor pilot projects on e-clubs and meeting frequency to determine what potential changes may positively influence membership.

Educating new members remains one of the most effective strategies for getting them involved in Rotary quickly. In 2008, the RI Board approved a plan to develop e-learning modules on a variety of Rotary topics. The first of these modules, a multimedia version of our popular Rotary Basics print publication, is launching at this convention. Other modules are being developed on various aspects of the Future Vision Plan and other topics.

Another initiative, Your Voice, Your Solution at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/090504_news_yourvoice.aspx, a new monthly feature on RI's Web site, presents a common challenge to Rotary clubs and asks for Rotarians to offer advice. Rotarian responses are being used to create a list of best practices that will be featured in the Rotary E-Learning Center at <http://www.rotary.org/elearning>.

Despite the global economic recession, Rotary membership has remained stable. Clubs are using a variety of means to help members who are experiencing personal financial difficulties, including covering a portion of club dues, reducing meal requirements, and keeping in touch with members who have been forced to temporarily resign. Clubs are also realizing how much good they can do in their community during times of economic uncertainty.

Updating technology

Last month, RI completed the first phase of a major project to consolidate and update all data on our constituents. The new systems will centralize RI's disparate databases and provide a comprehensive view of our constituents' relationships to Rotary as members, donors, alumni, officers, and other key roles.

The new system offers built-in improvements in line with industry best practices that will ultimately facilitate reporting, enhance communication with members, and make it easier to conduct Rotary business online. Other expected benefits include lower system maintenance costs and increased efficiency.

In the first phase of the project, data on members was corrected and updated, which included validating addresses and eliminating duplicate records. The project is scheduled to run in four more phases, ending in 2011-12. Corrected data on spouses, alumni, and other non-Rotarian constituents will be consolidated and added to the system in future phases.

Chicago youth have a new place to play By Ryan Hyland

[http://www.rotary.org/SiteCollectionImages/News/090706_playground.jpg]
[http://www.rotary.org/SiteCollectionImages/News/090706_playground2.jpg]

Students from St. Elizabeth Elementary School enjoy their new playground. Bottom: Freddy Smith (middle left), president of the Rotary Club of Chicago-Near South, and Principal Danielle Harris unveil a plaque during a dedication ceremony 3 June. Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee. After decades without a playground, St. Elizabeth Elementary School in Chicago was recently outfitted with swings, slides, tunnels, and other modern play equipment.

The Rotary Club of Chicago-Near South organized the transfer and installation of surplus equipment donated by a park district in nearby Naperville. The club, which meets near the school, raised \$15,000 to fund the restoration and preparation of the site, as well as the installation of the playground.

"Because of Rotary's generosity, our students have the opportunity to play and enjoy themselves on a playground they can call their own," says Danielle Harris, St. Elizabeth's principal. "I cannot begin to express our appreciation."

On 3 June, almost a year after the project began, Rotarians, students, teachers, and parishioners gathered to dedicate the new playground. Afterwards, students climbed up the ladders, glided down the slides, and swung on the monkey bars.

Rotarians and family members from 12 clubs in District 6450 gathered at the school for 10 Saturdays over the course of the year to clean the site, rebuild and paint the fence, and install and paint the playground equipment.

"This is a project that is really a labor of love," says David Baker, the project leader and a member of the Chicago-Near South club. "It's our first physical project where Rotarians actually came out and worked with people from the school to build this playground."

Founded in the late 1800s, the school is located in a poor neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. Baker says the new playground, which replaces an expanse of asphalt and rusty swings, is a symbol of the neighborhood's resurgence.

"Chicago-area Rotary clubs continue to play a part in helping poor urban areas move toward progress," he says.

Source: Rotary International News

General Secretary's Report to the Convention Birmingham, England June 2009

It is my pleasure to make this annual report to the Rotary International Convention, in keeping with the requirements of the RI Bylaws. I hope that the information provided here will enlighten Rotarians about the RI Secretariat's work in 2008-09 to support the program of RI President Dong Kurn Lee and the actions of the RI Board and The Rotary

Foundation Trustees. If you have questions or comments about the report, send me an e-mail with the subject line "Report to Convention." For more detailed financial information, see the Treasurer's Report to the Convention at www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c09_treasurers_report_en.pdf

Eradicating polio

The campaign to End Polio Now - Rotary's top priority - received another significant boost from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation this year. At the International Assembly, Bill Gates announced that his foundation was giving Rotary a grant of US\$255 million for polio eradication in addition to the \$100 million challenge grant received in 2007. Rotarians are being asked to meet Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge at http://www.rotary.org/EN/SERVICEANDFELLOWSHIP/POLIO/Pages/ridefault.aspx to match a portion of the two grants.

Response to the challenge has been tremendous. As of 30 April, more than \$75 million in cash, District Designated Fund allocations, and pledges had been received. Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Fellowships, and individual Rotarians have all contributed to the effort. Rotarians have come up with many creative fundraising ideas, a number of which involve the general public and promote awareness of the need to eradicate this disease. For example, Rotarians in more than 200 cities and villages in Switzerland raised over \$669,000 by selling packets of sunflower seeds on National Day Against Child Paralysis. To learn more about progress toward meeting the challenge, subscribe to the End Polio Now newsletter at http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/RotarysWork/Pages/PolioPlusNewsletter.aspx

Although this has been a challenging year on the frontlines of polio eradication, we have seen some encouraging signs. As of 5 May, India had reported only 40 cases of polio as compared to 216 at the same time last year. We have also seen a decline in the number of type 1 polio cases in Kano, Nigeria, once the epicenter of the country's type 1 polio outbreak, thanks to renewed political commitment in Kano to polio eradication.

To educate visitors to RI World Headquarters about the continuing threat of polio and Rotary's commitment to eradicating the disease, RI created an exhibit for the lobby of One Rotary Center. The "End Polio Now" exhibit at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/081030_news_EPNexhibit.aspx, which includes video, photography, and artifacts, tells the compelling story of Rotarian involvement in this critical cause. Please take some time to view the exhibit if you visit World Headquarters.

Rotarian involvement was prominently featured in an Academy Award-nominated short documentary, The Final Inch at www.thefinalinch.org, which aired on HBO in April. This film chronicles the challenges that health organizations and governments face during the final stages of polio eradication and features Rotarians immunizing children during a National Immunization Day in India. A number of Rotary clubs have arranged screenings of the film at theaters in their communities.

Communicating with our members and the public

Enhancing Rotary's public image is another top priority. This year, the popular Public Relations Grants at http://www.rotary.org

- 1. France - hosted by RC Central Damansara due to arrive in August
2. Germany - hosted by RC Metro Ipoh due to arrive in August
3. Taiwan - host not confirmed as yet.

The District has appealed to other Rotary Clubs and Rotarians to jointly host these students for a weekend or anytime. The District also appeals to all Rotary Clubs to invite these students to their clubs events, activities and projects. The objectives are to allow these IYE students experience our Malaysian hospitalities, our enriched lifestyles and cultures and a safe environment while they are here.

For more information and details, kindly contact the IYE Committee members. Details are as below:
PP Bina Sodhy (012-2363117) - KL, Selangor, South
AG Dr. Krishna Kumar (012-5150654) - Perak
PP Premjeet Kaur (012-2068840) - KL, Selangor, South
Rtn Begam Zainal (012-3844152) - KL, Selangor, South
PP Mustak Ahmed (019-9806952) - Kota Bharu, Trengganu
PP Li Fong (012-4281622) - Penang, Butterworth, Bkt Mertajam
PP Annamalai (013-7704153) - Pahang

On 3rd August 2009, Monday, our club will be having the next important event of the Rotary year which is the, "Membership Development Night RY2009/2010". I urge all my fellow Rotarians to mark this date down in your PDAs, phones, or diaries. Please mark it as "HIGHLY IMPORTANT" and this event will be held at Shangri La Hotel, K.L. at 7.00 pm.

Please note that this weekly Luncheon meeting will be changed to an evening meeting. I will request PE Leong Choy Ying to send you the highlights and program via email to you.

On 9th August 2009, Sunday, our District is organizing "DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION WORKSHOP", hosted by RC Kelana Jaya and the Chairman is PP Leslie Yeap.

It is a half day workshop and the time is 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. The cost is RM 50.00 which includes morning refreshment and lunch.

PE Choy Ying and I will be calling you and appealing to you especially the BOD to attend this workshop.

It gives me great pleasure to call upon PP Michael Tung to step forward to receive his PHF plus 6 Contribution to the Rotary Foundation pin from RI. Please keep up the good work to become a Major Donor.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Rtn Steven Oon introduced the guest speaker for the day who was none other than Mr. Ian Chee Iihann who spoke on the topic of Leadership - The Art Of Getting Things Done.

SPEAKER'S CV

He is the first Living Kaizen and NLP coach and trainer in Malaysia. Founder and principal of Obanacare. Ian is a certified coach and trainer by the Australian Board of NLP.

15 years experience in advertising and communications industry. A Master Degree holder in communication and also a certified Rei-ki practitioner and author.

SPEAKERS TEXT

The speaker gave us five principles of what a leader should have before anything gets done.

Integrity - say what you mean and mean what you say.

Building rapport - be it with anyone that you deal with. How strong is your rapport with your team members, business associates, family members etc. Build rapport with every level of people.

Mirroring and Matching - be sensitive and open to the needs of society.

Strong in your statement and that is, it is not only giving money but creating sustainable projects.

Pace - setting the pace that make people realize that Rotary is not about giving money but addressing the fundamental needs.

He ended his speech by saying that we must take the lead by taking action and 90% starts with you.

THANKING OF GUEST SPEAKER

Rtn Alex Chang thanked the speaker Mr. Ian Chee in the usual Rotary manner and presented him with a token of the Club's appreciation for a fine talk.

LUNCH MEETING ON 20TH JULY 2009 (Photos by Rtn Jeffrey Yap)



First publicity for RC Pudu for RY 2009-10

Sgt-at Arms Mok Sin at his best.

President Robin ... his address.



To the FOOD!



With our Visitors.



Our ever busy Programme Chairman PP Chow Tain....."What programme next?"



WellRotary Meeting is to be enjoyed!



Our Secretary Rtn Alex Chang in ACTION.



And Thanking the Speaker, Mr Chee Jii Hanwho spoke on "Leadership- Art of getting things done"



Club Service Director Asok ...helping the speaker.

BOD RY 2009-10 First shot?



BOD RY 2009-10..... Second one.....Is this OK?

BOD RY 2009-10..... And Third.....Our Lady Rtn...PE Choy Ying more prominent!



Club News

Subject: District Membership Development & Retention Workshop - 09.08.09

Dear presidents,

Firstly, let me congratulate you on taking up the office of your club's president. Having met many of you during the various training seminars, I am sure you will do a great job this year.

Next, can I please ask you to promote the District Membership Development & Retention Workshop to your club members? Details are given below.

Please announce it every week at your club meeting. More importantly, can you or your Club Service Director or Membership Development Chairman give me a list of members attending? Payment can be posted to me, or if you prefer, we can accept payment on the day itself.

If you have any questions, just email me or call me at 012-3798132.

On a related matter, if you need a member of my committee to speak to your club on membership, please contact me and I will arrange for it.

Regards
Leslie Yeap
Chairman - District MDR Committee

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION WORKSHOP

"A picture paints a thousand words" it's said. Then why can't we use pictures more than words in our seminars? Well, that's exactly what we will do at our upcoming District Membership Development & Retention Workshop!

At the half-day workshop on 9 August, participants will have the opportunity to explore membership-related issues through art. We will ask participants to put, not into words, but as pictures, their ideas and opinions on recruitment and retention. This innovative, hands-on approach will lead us to look at membership in a completely new way.

And don't worry if you can't draw a straight line. No artistic talent is required. Just bring your imagination.

Date: Sunday, 9 August 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Venue: Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort
Jalan Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur
Dress Code: Smart casual
Registration fee: RM50.00 only (including morning refreshments & lunch)

This district workshop is hosted by the Rotary Club of Kelana Jaya and cheques should be drawn in favour of "Rotary Club of Kelana Jaya".

To register, just print out this email, fill in the details below and send it together with your payment to:

Rotary Club of Kelana Jaya
c/o PP Leslie Yeap
Suite J-7-3, Solaris Mont Kiara
Jalan Solaris
50480 Kuala Lumpur

Alternatively, fill the form, email it to leslieyeap@yy.com.my and pay at the door. If registration is by email, payment is expected whether or not you attend.

If you are unable to attend this workshop, another workshop is planned for Ipoh. Details to follow.

REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name : _____

Telephone : _____

Rotary Name : _____

Handphone : _____

Club : _____

Fax : _____

Signature _____

Email : _____

Vegetarian Meal : _____

For enquiries, please contact PP Leslie Yeap –
tel 03-6203 0121, fax 03-6203 0122.

News without borders: CityPlus

Rotarians push on to help community
Alyaa Alhadjri

The Rotary Club of Pudu recently launched a project called "Join Hands with Rotary – Action is in your Hands" which aims to help the club to reach NGOs and charitable organisations.

This will be achieved by having a panel discussion with 10 selected organisations representing a diverse area in which the club feels it can contribute its services to the community.

The discussion will focus on ways to tap the vast local and international networks of Rotary Club to improve coordination between the club and organisations in need of assistance particularly in areas of health, hunger, water, sanitation and literacy.

The project was launched by Rotary District 3300 district governor Leslie Salehuddin, who also oversees 71 other Rotary Clubs in the district.

Leslie, who described Rotarians as being "a bit more multi-dimensional" and the club as a "melting pot" of their diverse skills, said it functions as many organisations rolled into one as it comprises a very diverse group of people who are able to capitalise on one another's strength.

"The Rotary Club is not just purely a humanitarian club, we have a bit more soul," he said, adding that as the oldest service organisation, some senior members now have their children and grandchildren actively participating in the club's activities.

For more information on the club's activities, visit <http://www.rotarypudu.org.my>

Membership Development Night for Rotary Year 2009/2010

3 August 2009 - from 7 to 9.30 pm at function Room, Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Title:- "Join Rotary - Rotary Club of Pudu's Guests Night"

Programme :-

7 pm	Arrival of Guests
7 pm - 8 pm	Networking Buffet Dinner & Fellowship (Throughout the dinner, there will be a slide show of photographs taken on Pudu Rotary Club's past projects over the years)
8 pm	Master of Ceremony, Past President Kumar Tharmalingam welcomes the guests Induction of 2 new Pudu Rotary Club members <i>Speaker 1</i> - Past District Governor Dr Paul Lee Topic - "What is Rotary?" <i>Speaker 2</i> - Charter Member, Past President Tan Sri Soong Siew Hoong Topic - "Reflections of 43 years of Rotary Club of Pudu's activities" <i>Speaker 3</i> - Rotarian Jeffrey Yap Topic - "Personal testimony of a new Rotarian"
8.40 pm	Fellowship continues
9.30 pm	Function ends