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# Enjoy your **Berita** **PUDU**

24<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
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## Programme Today

**Speaker** : To Be Advised  
**Subject** : To Be Advised

### ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn. Arwin Kumar  
Fellowship : Rtn. Alex Chang  
Finemaster : PP Choo Jee Sam  
Introduce : PP Michael Yeow  
Thanking : Rtn. Dr. C C Wong

## Programme Next Week

**Speaker** : To Be Advised  
**Subject** : To Be Advised

### ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn. Chinniah  
Fellowship : Rtn. Alex Chang  
Finemaster : PP Y K Chew  
Introduce : PP Chow Tain  
Thanking : PP Dato N K Jasani

## Happy Birthday!

Rtn. Lawrence Annies (27th. Sept)

## Spouse's Birthday!

Ann Carol (26th. Sept)

## Happy Anniversary!

Nil

## FUTURE ROTARY EVENTS

### AGTS – AG's Training Seminar

Friday 28/9/12 – Sunday 30/9/12 @ Kulim, Langkawi

### GDLTS – Group Discussion Leaders' Training Seminar

Friday 19/10/12 – Sunday 21/10/12 @ Kamunting, Taiping

### Pre-PETS 1

Friday 23/11/12 – Sunday 25/11/12 @ Tampin, A'Famosa Resort

### Pre-PETS 2

Friday 15/3/13 – Sunday 17/3/13 @ Ampang, D'Villa Residences

### District Assembly

Friday 26/4/13 – Sunday 28/4/13 @ Melawati, Grand Dorsett Hotel

### DTTS – District Team Training Seminar

Sunday 19/5/13 @ Klang Central, Klang Executive Centre

### District Conference

Friday 6/12/13 – Sunday 8/12/13 @ Kuala Lumpur West, Hotel Istana (tentative)

## Rotary Club Diary 24th September – 31st October 2012

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
<b>September</b> Mon 24	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Hotel Sentral Pudu, Jalan Pudu, KL
Wed 26	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
<b>October</b> Mon 1	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Mon 8	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 10	6.30 pm	Public Relations Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Thu 11	6.30 pm	Service Committee	Solaris Dutamas
Mon 15	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Tue 16	6.30 pm	TRF Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Wed 17	6.30 pm	Club Admn Meeting	Loong Foong Rest, Kelana Jaya
Thu 18	6.30 pm	New Gen Comm	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club
Mon 22	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
<b>Fri 26</b>		<b>HARI RAYA HAJI</b>	
Mon 29	12.45 pm	Luncheon Meeting	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
Wed 31	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club

## ROTARY INFORMATION

To really enjoy Rotary we need to be familiar with Rotary information. Besides knowing more about the organization that we are in so that we can follow the dos & don'ts we can share it with others in our community. Like in any other organization there are rules to follow and as time goes by these rules are updated, modernized or even changed. As a good Rotarian we need to follow the trend so that we can do things "correctly", the so call Rotary way.

**There are two main Rotary rules to follow.** One is the Rotary International constitution and the other is our own club constitution. It is these two sets of constitution that binds Rotarians together all around the world.

### So where do we get these Rotary Information?

As a Rotarian there is the pre-induction and post-induction stage. Before induction as a member of the club, the club's membership development chairman or the service director or any Rotarian appointed, briefs the potential member as to what Rotary is all about, what to expect, how to conduct yourself, the general obligations (such as attendance rule) and the financial obligations. That's a lot of Rotary Information! Once inducted as a member, there are more information to digest!

If the new member has been assigned a mentor, it is the mentor's duty to guide him/her. More Rotary Information. The set up of the Rotary International, the club and the relationships between other Rotary clubs and with the community would be some of the subjects expose by the mentor.

### Where else can you get Rotary Information?

- 1) Through attending the firesides organized by the Fireside Chairman
- 2) Through reading the club's bulletin
- 3) Through reading the "Rotarian" RI magazine
- 4) Through reading RI Manual of Procedures
- 5) Through reading the PRC's Administrative Guidelines (found in the club's handbook)
- 6) Through attending our club and district assemblies and conferences
- 7) Various other RI materials
- 8) Etc

### Most important of all – THROUGH PARTICIPATION!!!

With more Rotary Information, you can now ENJOY ROTARY more!

My dear Pudu Rotarians,

Aloha!

Ann Vivian and I are in Hawaii this weekend serving in one of the ministry we are involved in. Our hearts and minds are still with you all in the club as you attend the 11th meeting of our club for this Rotary year.



During my school days, I have always enjoyed organizing and going for camp fire fellowship programmes. Apart from the opportunity to meet new friends, the highlight was the setting up of the camp fire and gathering around the camp fire to BBQ chicken wings and share ghost stories. Reflecting on those times, it was amazing how quickly we can develop friendships around the camp fire and people warm up to one another around it.

As the night progressed, the camp fire goes dimmer and dimmer when we ran out of fire wood. Eventually, when the fire dies we all go back to our camps or sometimes into our chalets and call it a night.

Likewise, the glow and vibrancy of our club is like the camp fire. Each one of us is like a fire wood that adds into the camp fire. When we do not participate or stay away from the programme of the club, it is like we have pulled out a fire wood from the camp fire. Also when a burning fire wood is pulled out of the camp fire, it is not strong enough to be of any use and very quickly its flame will burn out.

Therefore, I am extremely grateful to PP Kay Hui from our sister club, RC Singapore West for organizing a delegation (6 pax) from RC Singapore West to come and have a fellowship dinner with us last Tuesday (11th September). A total of 15 RC Pudu members attended the event led by PDG KB Lee, who was instrumental in getting our clubs together.

Over dinner, we had a good time to reminisce the early years we shared as sister clubs. As we reflected upon what we have achieved as sister clubs, I realized we have less and less contact with RC Singapore West in recent years even though we have remained as sister clubs. That evening, we decided to put revitalize the relationship we have with RC Singapore West by committing to join in each other's activities. I am glad Rtn. Patrick Lee has taken the challenge and is starting the ball rolling by attending RC Singapore's West Oktobest programme.

As this year's Board is focusing on strengthening the fellowship among members and also with sister clubs, I urge all of you to lend your support to the programmes we have lined up for the rest of this Rotary year. Do not remove yourself from the opportunity to fellowship and thus making the camp fire of RC Pudu less vibrant with your absence.

We look forward to seeing you in our next fellowship programme. Don't come alone, bring someone along.

In Rotary Service,

**Aaron Ong Lai Huat**  
President

## Record of Meeting on 10th September 2012

**Guest Speaker** : INTERACTOR WERN SHIEN, INTERACTOR KAVINESH,  
INTERACTOR AHMAD RAIS & ROTARACTOR YAN JIE  
**Subject** : MY EXPERIENCES AS AN INTERACTOR & A ROTARACTOR

### VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Nil	

### GUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Host</u>
Steven Ho	PDG K B Lee
Federica Antonia Pellegatti	Rtn. Carlo
Vito Stampanoni-Bassi	Rtn. Carlo
Syarifah Nursyuhada	PE Alex Chang
Interactor Tan Wern Shien	Club
Interactor Kavinesh	Club
Interactor Ahmad Rais	Club
Rac Yan Jie	Club

### STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	
Guests	:	7
Club Members	:	27
<b>Total Present</b>	:	<b>34</b>

### COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM 63.00
Paying Diners	:	RM 100.00
Raffles & Others	:	
<b>Total</b>	:	<b>RM 163.00</b>

### Club Proceedings

SAA Rtn. Jonathan Avinash on behalf of President Aaron Ong called the meeting to order at 1.10pm. He later 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 PE Alex Chang. He started his fine session by fining all those who did not sing the National Anthem RM1.

He later fined Rtn. Carlo for having invited an Italian guest and also for being absent last meeting.

He also fined Rtn. Laura Lee for having invited the Interactors and the Rotaractor to the meeting.

He later fined Rtn. Veronique for hosting the Fireside at her residence and serving Chilean wine instead of French. He also fined all the absentees who did not attend the Fireside. President Aaron was also fined RM1 for his attendance.

He also fined PDG K B Lee for wearing a bow tie. Rtn. Tenny Lee was fined RM1 for a nice and stunning handbag

All members who were not wearing their name tags or no tie and not wearing a jacket were each fined RM1.

All the members whose photo appeared in the bulletin were each fined RM1. PP Sam was fined RM1 for enjoying the food.

Rtn. Jeffrey was fined RM1 for being in sport's attire.

PP K H Low who celebrated his birthday was fined RM10 and PDG K B Lee paid a fine of RM10 for declaring that everyday is his birthday.

### President's Announcement

#### Weekly Meeting for : 10th September 2012 @ SHANGRI-LA HOTEL

1. There will be no meeting on 17th September, 2012 (Monday) as it will be a Malaysia Day holiday.
2. The District is organizing the **3 Pillars of Rotary Seminar** on 23rd September, 2012 (Sunday) at D'Villa Residence Ampang, Kuala Lumpur. It is a full day event and will be a great opportunity to learn and be inspired from the very experienced speakers lined up. It will also be an opportunity to network and fellowship with other Rotarians in the District. Please register with PE Alex Chang.
3. In line with this year's BOD focus to foster greater fellowship within the club, Rotarian May Lim has graciously offered to host a dinner and fellowship night at her residence at Tropicana Resort Homes on 29th September (Saturday @ 7 pm). Spouses are invited. This is a joint fellowship with Rotarians from RC KL Di-Raja. Please confirm your attendance with Rotarian CT Heng by Friday (14th September) for catering purpose.

### Introduction of Speaker

Rtn. Laura Lee introduced the guest speakers for the day who were none other than our very own Interactors

Wern Shien, President Interact Club of Kuen Cheng, Interactor Kavinesh, President Interact Club of SM Victoria Institution, Interactor Ahamad Rais Bin Abdul Razak, Treasurer Interact Club of SM Victoria Institution and Rotaractor Yan Jie. President of Rotaract Club of Pudu. All of them spoke on their experiences as an Interactor and as a Rotaractor.

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## Speaker's CV

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### LEE YAN JYE

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### EDUCATION

**Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales** - Year of Enrollment: November 2010

- Exempted from seven (7) papers – Accounting; Assurance; Business and Finance; Financial Management; Management Information; Principles of Taxation; and Law.
- Passed three (3) papers – Audit and Assurance; Financial Accounting; and Taxation.

**B.A. (Hons) Accounting and Finance** - Year of Completion: July 2010

University of the West of England @ Taylor's University College, Malaysia  
First Class Honours

**Taylor's Business Foundation** - Year of Completion: December 2007

Taylor's University College, Malaysia  
7 High Distinctions and 3 Distinctions, Dean's List Award Recognition, Taylor's National Scholarship 2007

**Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia** - Year of Completion: December 2006

Victoria Institution, Malaysia  
5As and 5Bs

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**Ernst & Young, Malaysia - September 2010 - Current**

**Audit Associate, Assurance – Global Financial Services**

- Responsibilities include, but not limited to, performing audit fieldwork, leading an audit team, and guiding new audit associates.
- Etiqa Insurance Berhad, MCIS Zurich Insurance Berhad and ECM Libra are among the clients served.

**Insfield Insurance Brokers Sdn Bhd, Malaysia - August - September 2009**

**Intern under the Broking Team**

- Participated in a two-month internship period under the Broking Team to acquire priceless insights and fresh exposure to the Insurance field.
- Gained firm understanding of the roles and importance of insurance in businesses through responsibilities that includes, but not limited to, preparation of letters, broking slips and filing.

**Berjaya Starbucks Coffee Company, Malaysia - November 2007 - January 2009**

**Part-time Barista**

- Responsibilities included serving customers, preparing drinks and beverages and keeping café clean.

**Ernst & Young Tax Consultants, Malaysia - July - September 2008**

**Vacation Trainee under the Tax Team**

- Participated in an eight-week vacation training programme under the Business Tax Compliance Department to gain experience and exposure to the Professional world.
- An integral part of compliance team responsible for completing tax computations, preparing letters and making amendments, while meeting clients' and the Inland Revenue Board's datelines.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Rotaract Club of Pudu (2007 - Current)**

- President, RY 2011/2012. Highlight: End Polio Fund Raising Campaign which successfully raised RM13.200; and hosting the District Rotaract Conference 2012.
- Served as the Club's Community Service Director (RY 2008/2009) and Bulletin Editor (RY 2007/2008).
- Co-Organiser, Installation Night 2010; Organising Chairman, District Rotaract Conference 2009; Co-Organiser, Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Games 2009; Secretary, Installation Night 2008.
- Participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2008.
- District's Auditor (RY 2008/2009) and Club's Auditor (RY 2008/2009).

**University of the West of England (UWE) @ Taylor's University College (2008 - 2010)**

- Represented Taylor's in the Malaysia CFA Investment Research Challenge 2010, finishing as one of the finalists.
- Participated in Taylor's Business Competition 2009, finishing as one of the semi-finalists.
- Volunteered as one of the twelve student helpers from Taylor's to assist the Malaysian Institute of Accountants during the National Accountants Conference 2009.
- Head of Mentor Leaders of UWE's Buddy System in 2008, chairing a 24-member group which was formed with the aim to help new students adapt to the new learning environment of the UWE programme.

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Technical knowledge and understanding of auditing concepts applied when working in Ernst & Young, in addition to when appointed auditor in my Rotaract Club and District.
- Basic ability to critically analyse a company's performance and future direction, gained through participation in Malaysia CFA Investment Research Challenge 2010.

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## Speaker's Text

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### **Interactor Rais's Speech**

Good afternoon to the President of Rotary Club Pudu, PDGs, Rotarians, Rotaractors and fellow Interactors. My name is Ahmad Rais bin Abdul Razak, I'm currently the Treasurer of Victoria Institution Interact Club. This is my first time attending the Rotary Club Weekly Meeting and it is a great pleasure because I feel very much welcomed by everyone and not to mention the food was delicious.

I have been a member of my school's Interact Club for almost two years now and it has given me such great opportunities like this one, being able to attend and give a speech at this auspicious meeting in front of such a respected crowd. It can be a really nerve-wrecking moment for us students, having to stand behind a podium and present to all of you a speech today. But it is opportunities such as this which really builds our charisma and teaches us to be more confident in public speaking. I truly believe that Interact Club is a great platform to sculpt young minds such as my friends and I into the bright leaders of tomorrow which we all hope to become and I am very proud to be a part of this inspiring movement to shape the New Generation in not only Pudu but also across the globe.

Recently my Interact Club has organised a Buka Puasa in our school hall as a token of appreciation to all our teachers and also to celebrate the holy month of Ramadan with the children of Rumah Kasih Harmoni. Thankfully, it was a very successful event thanks to my friends who worked really hard but most importantly we made sure the children truly enjoyed themselves. It was very rewarding being able to spend time with these children and getting to know them personally over dinner and sharing a little bit of our life stories with each other. From organising this charity event, not only did my friends and I enjoy ourselves but we learned to be independent in planning and carrying out this event together.

Besides that, Interact Club has taught me to make lots of new friends or I guess the adult way of saying it would be networking. Thanks to Interact Club I'm consistently meeting new people and making new friends at various occasions like during meetings, gatherings, IU days, ILTMC and not to forget meeting my fellow Interactors from VI. I guess this has taught me the social skills I needed to one day be an influential leader. Furthermore, I have made friends that would stand-by me and help me throughout my high school life and maybe even in the future.

What I'm trying to say is that Interact Club has played a major role in my life and the great experiences I shared with my friends are wonderful, whether it's performing at an IU Day or washing cars for charity. For that, I cannot thank the Rotary Club enough for giving me the chance to engage in Interact Club. Thank you.

### **Interactor Kavinesh's Speech**

Good afternoon President of Rotary Club of Pudu, PDG, Rotarians, Rotaractor and my fellow Interactors. I am Kavinesh Nair, President of Victoria Institution Interact Club and President of ICC Pudu.

First of all, I would like to thank Rotarian Laura for giving me an opportunity to talk on this luncheon meeting. I stand before you today to talk about my experiences during my time in Interact Club which has helped me mature as a good leader and a member of society.

I joined the Interact Club of my school when I was 15 years old. To be honest, I first joined Interact Club to meet girls since I am studying in an all-boys school. However, as I became more involved in the club, I realised that Interact Club is not only about girls or socializing. It's actually about serving the society. And in that process, I learned to become a better leader, besides, instilling humane qualities in myself. For example, ILMTC which, had been a really productive camp that guided me to become more inspired and motivated.

Next, Interact Club has taught me to make new friends. I managed to make so many friends by just attending events like IU days and many more. By meeting different kind of people, I was able to improve my communication skills and build my self-confidence.

Furthermore, community service projects like visiting the orphan homes had made me realise how unfortunate some people are, and it taught me how to appreciate and fully grasp the meaning of luxury. Even the simple things in life like new clothes, proper education and proper food can be such a great luxury to the unfortunate.

As you can see, Interact Club had taught me what nobody else can teach. I am so glad that I am part of this movement. I would like to end my speech with the Interact motto 'Service Above Self'. Thank you everyone.

### **Rotaractor Lee Yan Jye Experiences & Exposures as an Interactor and a Rotaractor**

Good afternoon, President Aaron, Past District Governors, Past Presidents, respected Rotarians, Interactors, ladies and gentlemen.

It is a great honor for me to be standing here today to share my experiences and exposures gained through my years as both an Interactor and Rotaractor.

As one of the representatives of the new generation that you and the Rotary movement as a whole have heavily invested your time, effort and money in, I would like to wholeheartedly thank you.

I joined the Rotary family as a naive, rebellious and ambitious 16-year-old Interactor. To be honest, the reason why I joined the Interact movement then was the prospect of interacting with fellow Interactors, female Interactors mainly. But this is to be expected from a 16-year-old whom attends school at the all-boys Victoria Institution, no?

Without the Rotary Club of Pudu and you, the Rotarians, I may not have had the opportunity to attend the Interact Leadership Training and Motivational Camp in Dusun Eco. It was through this camp that I started to realise there was much more in the Rotary movement, in terms of professional, thought process and personal development, than just the superficial interacting. And

I am able to develop all that while giving back to the community at large! How good is that?

Despite that realisation, my fellow Interactors and I then were a bit ambitious and attempted to organise an International Understanding event that was out of the norm and full-blown against the Rotary guidelines that we were suppose to abide by. Despite the stern advice and warnings that we received from the Rotarians then, some whom are still sitting in this room, we went ahead with the event and luckily everything turned out fine. Back then we felt that the Rotary guidelines were limiting our vision, but now, I do realise that the guidelines are there to ensure the safety of the Interactors. On the upside however, I believe that the exposure that we have gained through that experience somehow gave us the confidence to always look for and give new things or concepts a go. This will ensure that we keep learning and exposing ourselves to new environment, and sometimes it may result in failure but Interact and Rotaract is a great platform of us, the new generation, to learn from our mistakes as well as learning from you, the Rotarians.

It was that same realisation that pushed me to join Rotaract after my Interact days were over. And it is throughout my Rotaract years, thus far, that I realise how much time and effort that each Pudu Rotarians put in to ensure that the new generation fulfills our potential and develop into someone who will continue the legacy of guiding the new while serving the community. I say so because I could see the passion and pride each of the Rotarians have when organizing events such as ILTMC and arranging for our youths to attend the Group Study Exchange programme despite some of the sleepless nights that you would have to endure in order to make it a success!

In terms of my self-development, I cannot thank the Rotarians enough for the constant support, advice and encouragement whenever we organise events or even when we are in need of advice on a personal matter. I have had the luxury of being part of the organizing teams for two Rotaract District Conferences. And throughout that two organizing periods, you have always been there to guide and assist us in every avenue that you could.

Rotaract has been one of the main platforms for many Rotaractors including myself to sharpen our leadership, communication and critical thinking skills. Our leadership skill is sharpened when undertaking leadership roles in the organization of an event or even within a club, coupled with the trainings that we have to go through under the supervision of some Rotarians at times, consequently develop us into better leaders. I, myself, could not have gotten this far if not for that and I am certain that most Rotaractors out there will agree as well.

Confidence is the key when it comes to communication, in my opinion. And I believe that confidence can be developed when we are meeting and dealing with different people all the time. As a member of a Community-based Rotaract Club, it is inevitable for me to deal with strangers when intending to organize events. And through the exposures that I have gained during my five Rotaract years worth of experiences, allowed me to improve my communication skills tremendously since my secondary school days.

One of my best experiences that best portray the platform that Rotary has provided to me was my Club's organization of our End Polio Fundraising during the last Rotary Year. It was an event that was out of our norm as we had to deal with Living Social to get our offer on their website, the Rotary International and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to ensure that we get the necessary approval for the usage of their materials and logos in order to avoid any copyright infringement. It was an event that we successfully raised approximately RM13,000 at no cost to us at all, except when we transferred the funds over to the Rotary International.

In conclusion, I do wish to see that the Pudu Rotarians and the Rotary Club of Pudu continues to invest in us even though not all of us will walk up to you to thank you for all the sacrifices that you have made in our development process personally. With the opportunity available to me at the moment, I would like to thank all of you again!

### **Interactor Wern Shien's speech**

Good afternoon President of Rotary Club of Pudu, Rotarian Aaron Ong, PDG, Rotarians, rotaractors and fellow interactors. First, I would like to thank everyone who gave me this opportunity to share my experience and things I have learnt from being an interactor. This is my fourth year being in Interact club and next year will be my last. I can say that the thing I will miss the most in high school is being an interactor. I believe that being an interactor exposes you to what's really happening in this world. As you can see, sometimes teenagers tend to live in a world where everything is perfect, where there is no need to worry about food, money or even shelter. By being in Interact Club, you learn that there are actually people out there who are starving, suffering and some who just need our attention. Interact club has provided me this opportunity to give back to my community and truly be aware of the situation happening in this world. Besides that, I was able to increase my leadership skills and confidence. Interact Club has given me many opportunities like this to stand and speak up. One of the most important things I have learnt in Interact Club is the joy of service. I can say that it is extremely fun and joyful to serve my school and community in activities like helping out on sports day, visiting the disabled centers and many more. Other than that, I was able to gain many true friends in this process. I was also able to learn the importance of teamwork. In order to make an activity a success, all board of directors including members will have to work together and put in all their effort. Furthermore, I have learnt the importance of recycling ever since my club has kicked started a recycling project for our school which was in March. Last but not least, I just wanted to say that Interact Club has helped me grow so much in the past few years and I wish to take what I have learnt to teach and apply in my daily life. Thank you.

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### **Thanking of Guest Speaker**

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Rtn. Mok Sin on behalf of the club thanked all the guests speakers for their excellent presentation and presented a certificate of appreciation to them.

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**FELLOWSHIP DINNER WITH SISTER CLUB SINGAPORE WEST  
ROTARY CLUB ON 11th SEPTEMBER 12**



# 100% APPRECIATION DINNER @ 12.9.2012



## OUR INTERACTORS AND ROTARACTOR RECEIVING THEIR CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. & IU DAY OF PESS



### Rotary InFormation

#### What you must know about Rotary's:

##### Literacy programs

Rotary clubs worldwide place a focus on increasing literacy. Such importance has been placed on literacy that Rotary International has created a "Rotary Literacy Month" that takes place during the month of March. Rotary clubs also aim to conduct many literacy events during the week of September 8, which is International Literacy Day. Some Rotary clubs raise funds for schools and other literacy organizations. Many clubs take part in a reading program called "Rotary Readers," in which a Rotary member spends time in a classroom with a designated student, and reads one-on-one with them. Some Rotary clubs participate in book donations, both locally and internationally. As well as participating in book donations and literacy events, there are educational titles written about Rotary Clubs and members, such as Rotary Clubs Help People and Carol is a Rotarian by Rotarian and children's book author Bruce Larkin.

### RI News

#### World's first peace park celebrates its 80th anniversary

In a year when the RI theme is all about peace, the annual gathering of Rotarians from both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border at the world's first peace park takes on even greater significance.

In 1932, Rotarians played a large role in convincing the governments of Canada and the United States to join Glacier National Park in Montana and Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, forming Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.

Each year since, Rotarians from both countries have gathered for a weekend of fellowship and goodwill, an event that this year could include members from more than 200 clubs in four districts in southwestern Canada and the northwestern United States.

"When I heard this year's theme was about peace I was thrilled. It fits so well with what our districts have been doing here for the past 80 years," says Frances Leggett, governor of Canadian District 5360 and president of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association. "Peace means all sorts of things. Any sort of collaboration is really a means of promoting peace."

"When all is said and done, ours is an organization of service that can lift others, and build peace one person at a time," adds Canadian Monty Audenart, a past RI vice president, who has participated in the event.

The assembly alternates between the U.S. and Canadian sides of the border. This year it takes place in Kalispell, Montana, 14-16 September. Three days of speakers and events will be capped off by the most moving part of the assembly, when Rotarians join hands across a white ribbon symbolizing the border between their countries.

During the ceremony, Rotarians recite this pledge: "In the name of God we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive

for freedom, and demand equal opportunities for all mankind. May the long existing peace between our two nations stimulate other people to follow this example.”

Youth exchange students from both countries take part whenever possible. “A few years back, we had a separate event for the youth exchange students, and at the Saturday banquet they all marched in carrying the flags of their nations. It was a very moving experience,” Leggett recalls.

### **Beginnings**

The idea for the peace park originated eight decades ago, when the president of the Rotary Club of Cardston, Alberta, Joseph S. Low, attended a meeting at which Past District Governor Frank R. Freeze spoke eloquently on the subject of international fellowship. Low decided to pitch to his club the idea of arranging an annual goodwill meeting between Canadian and U.S. Rotary clubs on alternating sides of the border. The club heartily endorsed the idea and authorized him to make it happen.

The park was dedicated on 18 June 1932. At the ceremony, Canadian Prime Minister R.B. Bennett and U.S. President Herbert Hoover expressed sentiments that mirrored Low's.

“It is my earnest hope that this great International Peace Park, stretching across our common frontier and in which citizens of both our countries may seek recreation, may forever remain a permanent memorial of all that neighbourly relations should be between adjoining nations,” Bennett wrote.

“Dedication of the Waterton-Glacier International Park is a further gesture of the good will that has so long blessed our relations with our Canadian neighbors, and I am gratified by the hope and the faith that it will forever be an appropriate symbol of permanent peace and friendship,” wrote Hoover.

Today, Rotarians govern the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association. Canadians and Americans are equally represented on the 18-member board, and the presidency alternates between the two countries.

Adapted from a Rotary Canada story by Paul Engleman

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### **Past Rotary International Director and Treasurer Hans J. Müller-Rech dies**

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Past Rotary International Director Hans J. Müller-Rech, of Augsburg, Germany, died on 29 August. Funeral services were held on 11 September.

A Rotarian since 1978, Müller-Rech was a member of the Rotary Club of Augsburg and served as RI director in 1997-98 and RI treasurer in 1998-99. His service to Rotary International began in 1986-87, when he was governor of District 1840.

Müller-Rech was chair of Valmex Photographische Produkte GmbH and an independent management consultant in the field of medical technology. He was a member of the German and Bavarian Radiology Associations and the Export Club Bavaria.

He was the cofounder of Rotary Deutschland Gemeindest, a subordinate foundation associated with The Rotary Foundation. He also served on the advisory board of Der Rotarier, the German-language Rotary regional magazine.

Müller-Rech was a Rotary Foundation Benefactor and a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

He is survived by his wife, Hella. Condolences may be sent to Hella Müller-Rech at Wilhelm-Busch-Weg 23, D 86161, Augsburg, Germany.

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## **DISTRICT GSE INBOUND MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA**

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### **Message from surina69@gmail.com**

Dear Presidents and PPs of:

RC Ampang  
RC Bangsar  
RC West Pahang  
RC Temerloh  
RC Pudu  
RC Greater KL  
RC Central Damansara  
RC Senawang  
RC Titivangsa

You have received this email because you or your club or a Senior Rotarian in your club has either offered your club to host the GSE team OR you have been approached by one of my committee members to host the GSE team OR you have been suggested by DG to host the GSE team OR if all of the above is not true, perhaps by fate, you have found your way to be in my GSE host club list .... Anyway, I append herewith the draft itinerary list for all host clubs to come forward to give me their draft itinerary and send back to me latest by this Saturday (15 Sept). Please see the recommended cultural and historical visit list so that you can pick and choose which ones are most convenient for you but please do not be afraid to include activities and sites which you think would be useful and a MUST SEE for the GSE Team from Melbourne, Australia. I have sent out the profile of the Team Leader and members from D9810 Melbourne to the rotary3300 googlegroups so if you are able to access that, please let me know. In your draft itinerary, for ease of organising, please include:

1. Exact time schedule for each day and each activity
2. Person in charge from your club and tel number
3. Names, addresses, occupation of Rotarian and household numbers of each host family

I look forward to working together with all of you on this. Please do give me a call for any queries whatsoever at 0199550415.

Thank you,  
PP Surina Suhaimi  
**GSE Chair D3300**  
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