

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



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

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Involved We Are, Committed We Must Be.



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With Compliments

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B e r i t a P U D U

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Programme for Today

Speaker : YB Ms. Elizabeth Wong -
Selangor Environment Committee
Chairman

Subject : Selangor – Pioneer In Developing
Alternative & Renewable Energy

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn Patrick Lee
Fellowship : Rtn Edward Lee
Finemaster : Rtn May Lim
Introduce : PP Chow Tain
Thanking : Rtn Robert Tan

Programme for 18th January 2010

Speaker : Rtn Alex Chang
Subject : The Judgements of the Late
Justice Dato Vincent Ng

ON DUTY

Duty Table : Rtn Daisy Chui
Fellowship : Rtn George Heng
Finemaster : Rtn CT Heng
Introduce : Rtn Steven Oon
Thanking : Rtn Dr. CC Wong

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays : PP YK Chew (15th Jan)
Spouse's Birthday : Ann Rowena (16th Jan)
Anniversaries : Nil

Your 11th – 31st January 2010 Diary Month of January is Dedicated to Literacy Month

Date	Day	Time	Meeting	Venue
11-01-10	Mon	12.54 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
12-01-10	Tues	6.30 pm	Vocational service Com. Meeting	Marco Polo Rest. Jln. Raja Chulan, KL
13-01-10	Wed	6.30 pm	New Gen. Com. Meeting	Rtn Arwin Kumar's Office
14-01-10	Thurs	6.30 pm	Community Service Com. Meeting	Rtn Mok Sin's Office
18-01-10	Mon	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
22-01-10	Sat	9.00 am	Scholarship Presentation	SMK PESS
23-01-10	Sun	10.00 am	Visit to Jenjarom Old Folks Home	Jenjarom, Selangor.
25-01-10	Mon	12.45 pm	Weekly Meeting	Shangri-la Hotel, KL
28-01-10	Thurs	6.30 pm	BOD Meeting	President's Robin Tay's Office

EVERY DROP COUNTS

Every Rotarian contributes to Rotary in his/her own way. Everyone is constrained by a number of things and some of them are:

- 1) **Time**
- 2) **Money**
- 3) **Family obligation**
- 4) **Work commitment**

There is a saying in Chinese - **If you have money, contribute money; if you have no money, contribute your time.** How apt is this saying. It applies to Rotary as well although the purist would say, as a Rotarian you should contribute both! We all know in this world it is difficult to be a contributor of both time and money although sometimes we do. In other words, we can generally categorize each Rotarian as:

- 1) **Contributor of time & money**
- 2) **Contributor of time OR money**
- 3) **Not a contributor of time AND money**

The last category many of us would call **RINO** ie Rotarian in Name Only.

Why is this subject discussed at all? This is an important topic and vital for each Rotary club. For a Rotary club to barely survive you would need at least a mixture of the three categories. **Thus those Rotary clubs in our district that went defunct, we can safely say, had Rotarians more of category three.** Whereas the clubs that are doing well have Rotarians more of category one.

Which comes to the point- **where does the Rotary Club of Pudu stand?** We can generally say, Pudu has more of category one and two although we do have members belonging to category three. In a way one can gauge this by looking at the Attendance record although this is not entirely accurate.

Contribution to Rotary in the case of Pudu members can come in spurts. Some period, can be counted in years too, they can be very active and then they go into hibernation for a while and yet make a come back later on. Thus in a way it is unfair to label these members as "bad" members simply because they are in the trough of their contribution. There are a number of cases in Pudu that we even have such members coming back to be president of the club! In respect of this, the Past President Council plays an important role in assessing each member's contribution.

Irrespective of your contribution be it money or time, Rotary values it. After all you gave and not expecting anything in return.

Greetings and a Happy New Year to all of you.

As we enter into year 2010, I am very sure most of you have your New-year resolutions in place. As for my presidency, I have already finished and completed 6 fruitful months of my duties and I have another 6 more challenging months to go.

For me, time really flies and honestly, without all my able Directors who are experts in their own ways, my time in office will not be a pleasant one, especially during my absence for 18 days to accomplish my project of **'ROTARY WALKS TO END POLIO'**.

During my absence, I am proud to say that VP Lawrence Khoo and PE Leong Choy Ying have both held the Club together. Their dedication clearly illustrated that the strength of our Club and those firmed foundations which were implanted by all previous Past Presidents throughout all these 43 years are stronger then ever.

Speaking about the new resolutions for Rotary Year 2010, we are all familiar with the tradition of setting annual resolutions as we enter into a fresh New Year. As the past year closes, we look forward with hope that this year is somehow different, where it happens and we get the results we desire.

However, setting goals should be a regular exercise throughout the year, not just at the New Year.

During my absence, PE Choy Ying has kept me informed and reminded me on some of the outstanding matters which I am unable to attend to. By looking at PE Choy Ying's gesture and dedication for Pudu recently, I am ultimately proud and am very sure she had her New Year resolutions all drawn out for her year. Besides, she also has already started her Rotary Year by getting all her Directors to have joint meetings by sitting in at all the current avenue service meetings.

In addition, next Rotary Year, Pudu will be implementing the Club Leadership Plan (CLP). For Pudu, the CLP is not new. Nevertheless, I am so happy that our Club has finally adopted it.

On behalf of the current Board of Directors and Advisers for RY 2009/2010, I wish her and all the new Board of Directors all the best.

Lastly, I would like to thank all Pudu Rotarians for your kind generous donation towards Rotary Walks To End Polio project. Without your kind blessings and unconditional support, I don't think this project will be successful. From the bottom of my heart, I appreciate all your effort.

Last but not least. Deepest appreciation are also extended to PP Dato' Dr. Lee Hoo Teong for sending the St. John Ambulance, Malaysia, to escort the walkers from Alor Setar to Kuala Lumpur. His personal touch by coming to Penang touches our hearts as well. These 18 days had been very difficult for the walkers (in terms of safety) to perform but with help and kind assistances from all parties concerned, had made things easier.

With this I would like to pen off in Rawang and see all of you on this coming Monday, 11th January 2010 in one piece. Once again, thank you to those who have helped me and my team in one way or the other.

Robin Tay
President of Pudu Rotary Club RY 2009/2010.

"INVOLVED WE ARE, COMMITTED WE MUST BE"

PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY, 4th January 2010

Guest Speaker : YB Senator Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun
Subject : How NGOs Can Lend A Hand To The Ministry Of Women & Community Development

VISITING ROTARIANS

Name	Club
PP Roye Marshall	RC Huntsville, Alabama, Usa

GUESTS

Name	Host
Justin Low	Rtn Sarky Subramaniam

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	1
Guests	:	1
Club Members	:	40
Total Present	:	42

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	-
Paying Diners	:	RM 90.00
Raffles & Others	:	Nil
Total	:	RM 90.00

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Acting SAA PP KU Rajah called the meeting to order at 1.15 pm on behalf of Acting President Rtn Lawrence Khoo. He introduced all the visiting Rotarians and guests. He later led in the singing of the National Anthem and proposed the loyal toast.

There was no fine session being conducted for the day.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Acting President Rtn Lawrence Khoo presided over the meeting and due to time constraints, he invited PP Chow Tain to introduce the guest speaker for the day to give her speech.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

PP Chow Tain introduced the guest speaker for the day who was none other than YB Senator Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun who spoke on the subject of How NGOs can lend a hand to the Ministry and Community Development.

SPEAKER'S CV

Rotarian

As I read the CV of the Speaker for our Rotary meeting today, you might think that I am making a political speech. You see, this is because I am introducing a prominent politician.

Our Speaker, Yang Berhormat, Senator Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun, has devoted a major part of her life to politics, serving both her party and the nation. Yang Berhormat holds two very important posts in the Malayan Chinese

Association or MCA. One as the Vice President and the other as the Malayan Chinese Association or MCA. One as the Vice President and the other as the National Chairman of Wanita MCA. Both posts involve making major policy decisions in the MCA and such decisions will directly or indirectly influence the policy directions of the Government. In addition, YB also heads another important post in the MCA which as the National Head of the Crisis Relief Squad of the MCA. This squad gives help and relief during natural disaster and crisis. From 1999-2008, YB was both a Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya Utara and at the same time was also as the Parliamentary Secretary to The Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development and Since April 2009, has been the Deputy Minister to The Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development.

As a politician and as a government leader, YB has been speaking out on issues that affect us. YB has reminded the Government that it should be mindful of the various communal interests when implementing the new 10+2 subjects for SPM exam. YB has expressed her concern on the National Civics Bureau Courses for civil servants and has spoken against gender violence and poverty on women. Not only that despite her busy schedule, YB also found time to make sure that the 3,875 Chinese men and women who are registered with the "Speed Dating Party", no, it is not a new political party, it is a speed dating party for single Chinese men and women to find true love and life long partners. This is a party where Past President Michael Yeow is eligible, but not Past President KU Rajah.

A Bachelor of Arts graduate from the National Cheng Chi University from Taiwan, YB was also honored as the Most Outstanding Malaysian by her University in 2006. YB was also awarded "The Outstanding Young Malaysian" in 2004 and was conferred the Datin Paduka title by His Highness, the Sultan of Selangor in 2005.

Now, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Pudu, I like to invite YB to talk to us on "How NGOs can join Hands with the

Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development” and fellow Rotarians and Guests, can you put your hands together to welcome our YB.

SPEAKER'S TEXT

OPENING REMARKS YB DATIN PADUKA CHEW MEI FUN DEPUTY MINISTER FOR WOMEN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HOW NGOS CAN JOIN HANDS WITH THE MINISTRY OF
WOMEN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 4 JANUARY 2010 (MONDAY)
TIME: 1.00 PM
VENUE: SHANGRI-LA HOTEL
JALAN SULTAN ISMAIL

Mr. Lawrence Khoo
Vice President
Rotary Club of Pudu

Dr. Paul Lee,
Past District Governor

Mr Chow Tain
Programme Chairman

Past Presidents,

Rotary Club members,

National Stroke Association of Malaysia representatives

Distinguished guests,

Members of the press,

Ladies and gentlemen,

A very good afternoon to all of you and *Salam 1Malaysia*.

Thanks to Rotary Club of Pudu for organising this luncheon talk, it is indeed a privilege to be here to share some thoughts on the role of NGOs like your organisation who all long has been actively involved in all kinds of charity project for the well-being of the people and has become a very important partner to the government in large and the ministry in particular either directly or indirectly to assist us to achieve the objective of the Ministry. I believe today will provide a platform for the government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to strengthen the partnership and cooperation to improve the implementation of policies and programmes. Therefore, I commend your hard work and good efforts in organising this programme.

Allow me to share with you the role of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. As you may well know, the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development is responsible for the development of women, family and community as the basis for the formation of a developed nation of distinction. Under the Ministry, there are 5 agencies, namely Department of Women Development (JPW); Department of Social Welfare (JKM); National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN); *Institut Sosial Malaysia* (ISM); and Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Institute for the Empowerment of Women (NIEW).

The target groups of the Ministry include women, family, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, the destitute, victims of disasters and voluntary welfare organisations. In other words, we look to the needs from womb to tomb. I believe many of you may wonder the reason that ‘women’ has been specifically stipulated in the name of the Ministry. And where is the ‘men’. Do they need help? I would like to emphasis here that the Ministry is taking care of everyone regardless of their gender. Women have been specifically stipulated because women have been categorised as under-privileged and vulnerable group. Globally, women account for 60% of the world’s one billion poorest people. In Malaysia, the incidence of poverty among women-headed household has been reduced from 12.5% in 2002 to 11.5% in 2004. Nevertheless, household headed by women are still the poorest among the poor.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Since its inception, the Ministry has worked closely with the NGOs to implement promotional programmes and activities as well as advocacy projects for the target groups. This is because the Ministry believe that the NGOs played an important role in complementing government’s efforts to improve the well-being of the marginalised and socially disadvantaged groups. Besides NGOs, the Ministry has also worked together with universities and corporations for the development of women, family and community. For example, the Ministry has worked together with NGOs such as Women Aid’s Organisation (WAO), Women’s Centre for Change (WCC) and All Women’s Society Malaysia (AWAM) to implement advocacy campaigns to increase public awareness on domestic violence against women. The Ministry is also implemented programmes in collaboration with NGOs such as career development, stress management, family relationship and motivation for target groups.

To enhance the partnership between the Ministry and NGOs, the Ministry has provided special grants to NGOs to implement their programmes and activities such as skills training, awareness and advocacy programme which targeted at women, family and community development. As of October 2009, an amount of RM4.6 million has been approved to 151 NGOs to implement programmes and activities at grass-roots level. In this regard, I do hope taht NGOs will utilise this special grants in organising more programmes and activities for those in needs and less privileged. The form could be downloaded from the Ministry’s website (www.kpwkm.gov.my).

As I mentioned above, there are 5 agencies under the Ministry which have its spacial functions and objectives. Let me explain the functions of each agency under the Ministry. The function of the Department of Women Development is to enhance women’s capabilities in contributing towards national development through the provision of efficient and effective support services, as well as the implementation of capacity development programmes. Therefore, the Department has implemented various programmes and activities in cooperation with NGOs and corporate sector to provide skills training such as entrepreneurship for women, single mothers and families as well as legal literacy workshops and seminars. These programmes almed to

promote women's economic independence and enhance women's awareness on issues such as violence and social ills that adversely affect the assimilation of women in national development process. In every state. The Department has established its state office or women services centres (Rumah Nur) to serve as one-stop reference and complaint centres for women. The Department has also provided a wide-range of support services including para-counselling. More importantly, the Ministry in cooperation with *Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia* planned to increase the number of women entrepreneurs to 4,000 by 2012 under the *Sahabat Amanah Ikhtiar* programme. I believe this is the area where NGOs like Rotary Club could further intensify the efforts of the Ministry.

I believe most of you are quite familiar with the Department of Social Welfare (JKM). The main objectives of the Department are to provide care and rehabilitation to the Department's target groups and enhance the community well-being by welfare services, social development and a strategic sharing of responsibilities. The welfare schemes provided by the Department are Aid for Children, Aid for Older Persons, Incentive Allowance for Disabled Workers, Aid for Person with Disabilities that are unable to work, Aid for Foster Children and Financial Assistance for Procurement of Artificial Limbs and Orthopedic Aide. As of August 2009, there are 233,273 welfare clients receiving financial aid totalling RM321,904,711 in the country. As you are well aware, the government has put raise the living standard of low-income people in the National Key Results Area (NKRA). As its lead agencies, the Ministry has introduced the social development service (SDS) programme which aims to increase the household income through effective distribution of aid. Under this programme, the government will distribute aid to the poor to prevent them from falling below the poverty line. The three main target groups which have been identified are marginalised group, hardcore poverty group and vulnerable group. As such, the Ministry welcome the support and contribution of the private sector and non-governmental organisations in our endeavours to achieve the target.

Being non-profit oriented and community-based, I believe that NGOs are able to assist the Ministry to disseminate the information regarding the services provided by the government as well as to identify people who are need and referring them to the relevant agencies. As NGOs are in more direct contact at the grassroots, this will help the government to ensure those in need of help receive assistance from the government to ensure those in need of help receive assistance from the government. The case could be referred to the nearby district office of social welfare (*Pejabat Kebajikan Masyarakat Daerah*) for further assistance. Besides this, NGOs and individuals are requested to help the government to identify any household they know who may be eligible to receive assistance, and help register them in e-kasih at www.ekasih.gov.my or register at nearby district office. The aim of the programme is to identify those in need of help in order to render appropriate assistance to them. As such, 44,643 poor families have registered under the programme e-Kasih and 11,872 cases has received aid with a total amount of RM3.6 million from the Department.

Other than welfare assistance, the Ministry also runs homes for children, homes for the elderly, persons with disabilities, the destitute, as well as gives grants to NGOs to run homes and works with the local community to run community-based programmes such as day-care centers for the elderly, activity centers for children in high risk areas and community-based rehabilitation centers for persons with disabilities. In 2009, the Department has distributed RM21 million to 219 NGOs. The form can be downloaded from the Department's website (www.jkm.gov.my).

Another important agency under the Ministry is the National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN's key objective is to strengthen and enhance family well-being through efficient and effective collaborative programmes towards the creation of quality population. In line with its objective, LPPKN has conducted various programmes and activities in these areas of population, family development and reproductive health. LPPKN has 53 clinics *Nur Sejahtera* throughout the country which provides reproductive health services. Besides this, LPPKN has introduced mammogram subsidy programme in 2007 for women who are 40 years old and above and those in the high risk group and with household income of RM5,000 or less per month. Since its launch till July 2009, 33 private mammogram centres throughout the countries including Sabah and Sarawak have registered with LPPKN. An amount of RM18 million has been spent by the Ministry to Implement mammogram subsidy programme.

Apart from this, LPPKN has also organised programmes such as health talk and parenting skills. In 2006, LPPKN has implemented the programme of Smart Start through smart partnership between LPPKN, NGOs and religious bodies. This programme is a premarital programme and specifically designed for would-be couples and the newly weds. Over 3,000 couples have been reached through the 200 programme conducted. The module is available in Malay, English, Mandarin and Tamil. However, there is still lack of awareness of NGOs and religious bodies to conduct the programme for non-Muslim couple, non Catholic or Christian couple. With regard to this, I do hope that more NGOs are able to conduct the course for them. For your information, each NGOs is given RM8,000 to conduct this programme. The application could be made through LPPKN, its state office or its website (www.lppkn.gov.my).

Another area that Rotary Club is able to assist the Ministry is to encourage more men to participate in parenting skills programmes such as Parenting@Work. Men are always absent from parenting skills programmes as they always leave the upbringing of their children to their wives. Therefore, we need to include men in such programmes.

Another agency is the *Institut Sosial Malaysia* (ISM). The Institute commenced operation in 2002 with the main objective of becoming one of the most renowned centre of excellence in the field of social policy and social development. With regard to this, the institute conducts training course, seminars, workshops and forums as well as organising major conference in social development. In its effort to enhance capacity building, the institute in navigating its course of action towards establishing networks with local and international universities in order

to develop a more comprehensive curriculum and effective strategies to empower knowledge and promulgate latest ideas to those who attend courses at the institute. NGOs are welcomed to join the seminars and workshop organised by the institute.

Last but not least, NIEW or Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Institute for the Empowerment of Women. NIEW which was established in 2007 is the NAM international institute dedicated to women's development and empowerment. The institute aims to develop gender-related knowledge, support governments in their efforts to strengthen women's rights for equality and empowerment, and create global awareness to change society's perceptions of gender roles and relations. In line with its mission, the institute has provided training and courses to its members.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Nowadays, corporate social responsibility (CSR) has been seen as one of the important dimensions in today's business world. More and more corporations are embracing and integrating the principles and practices of CSR into their business operations and decision-making processes. To encourage corporate sector to adopt CSR, the Ministry has introduced the Prime Minister's Corporate Social Awards in 2007. The awards are the nation's highest recognition of private companies that have made a difference to the community in which they operate through their CSR programmes.

Many of you may not realise the importance of CSR to NGOs. Through CSR programme, NGOs and corporate sector can work together to catalyse the social change. Many companies are unaware of areas which they can contribute to well-being of society and how effective are the initiatives taken while NGOs have more direct access to the people. By working together with NGOs, the corporate sector will be able to meet the immediate needs of the marginalised and socially disadvantaged groups. In Budget 2010, the Government has pledged RM100 million through 1Malaysia Development Board (1MDB) to improve CSR initiatives in Malaysia. Therefore, I do hope that corporations and NGOs will take advantage of this fund to implement more programmes for the marginalised and socially disadvantaged groups.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The very reason for the formation and setting up of NGOs is due to an inner realization that everyone has a potential to do his or her bit for the betterment of society and not be a passive member and just complain about what the government should be doing. We believe in the slogan "Community for Community" as all stakeholders in nation building must hold steadfast that no one should be sidelined or marginalised. Activities and programmes organised by NGOs such as Rotary Club are not only welcomed but also supported by the Ministry. In tandem with this, the Ministry will continue to give the necessary support to enable NGOs to sustain and develop programme and facilities for the marginalised and socially vulnerable groups. We welcome corporate and non-governmental organizations to share with us time, energy and expertise.

I believe strongly that today's programme is the product of hard work and sacrifice of each one of you. I would like to congratulate all of you for making this event possible. I am confident that Rotary Club of Pudu will be able always committed in fulfilling their mission for the betterment of the community. Finally, I do hope that we will have a fruitful discussion today. Thank you.

THANKING OF GUEST SPEAKER

PDG Dr. Paul Lee on behalf of the Club thanked the guest speaker YB Senator Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun by presenting her with a certificate of appreciation and a token from our club for giving us an excellent talk.

CLUB NEWS

Presentation of mock cheque to National Stroke Association of Malaysia. PP Chow Tain then presided over the mock cheque presentation of RM2,000.00 to NASAM. The amount of RM2,000.00 was a contribution of our club and the RC Singapore West to the organization to purchase therapeutic equipment for stroke victims. Thereupon the Deputy Minister of Women and Community Development YB Senator Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun presented the cheque on behalf of the Club and RC Singapore West to the representatives of NASAM.

ROTARY INFORMATION

RC Teluk Intan supports ROTARY WALKS TO END POLIO

Dear Rotarians,

Members of the Rotary Club of Teluk Intan, led by President Phuan Kok Wah, joined President Robin Tay, President Bhupinder and President Tiffany over the last few days in ROTARY WALKS TO END POLIO.....I am attaching 5 photos in 3 emails (the photos are too large for 1 email)

President Phuan Kok Wah had breakfast with them in Ipoh on 31 Dec 2009. On 1 January 2010, President Phuan Kok Wah, First Lady Lim Guat Eng, Rtn. Steven Lee, Ann Margaret, and President-Elect Nagalingam walked with them around Kampar town on an awareness campaign. This was featured in the China Press Newspaper on 2 January 2010. On 2 January 2010, Rtn. Steven Lee walked 9 km with them from Kampar to Timur, while AG Dr. Krishna joined them for the last 8km walk to Bidor town. Then, on 3 January 2010, 3 Rotarians and 1 spouse from RC Teluk Intan braved the rain to walk with them along the Sungkai - Slim River road.....Rtn. Steven Lee 15km, IPP Pushpa 12km, AG Dr. Krishna 6km and Ann Margaret 4km.

The trio Robin, Bhupinder and Tiffany set a very fast pace, and despite having small blisters on their feet, plod along bravely and with determination. BRAVO TO THEM.

Regards,
AG Dr. Krishna

TRF Chair's Jan 2010 Message

Foundation makes Rotary's work possible

January is Rotary Awareness Month - a time to learn more about our organization, and a time to focus on our public image. Raising awareness of Rotary is an important part of the RI Strategic Plan: The more Rotary is known for its good work, the more good work Rotary will be able to do.

As Past RI President Robert Barth of Switzerland said, "We believe that the Rotary pin on our lapel sends a message. It says, 'You can rely on me. I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take. I am available.'"

Because of The Rotary Foundation, people around the world know that they can depend on Rotary in their time of need. It is the Foundation that allows Rotarians to say yes

to calls for help, when otherwise we might be forced to say, "There is nothing we can do."

As Rotarians, you are here because you believe in Service Above Self. And as Rotarians, you know that through Rotary, you can have an impact beyond what you could ever hope to have as individuals. One person, no matter how great the talents and resources, is limited. Working alone, there is only so much that can be done. But when we work together, when we pool our resources with those of 1.2 million other Rotarians around the world - and with the resources of our Rotary Foundation - we can make a difference that will be remembered for generations. It is up to all of us.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
Foundation Trustee Chair

Source: Rotary Foundation

NEW STRAITS TIMES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2010

Polio fund-raising drive

By M. Dattaya

PARTICIPANTS of Rotary Walks to End Polio, a 510km fund-raising-cum-polio awareness marathon walk that set out from Alor Star to reach Kuala Lumpur on Jan 8, arrived at Central Mall in Taiping recently.

The group of Rotarians, Interactors and Rotaractors was led by Rotary Club Pudu president Robin Tay Lian Kiat.

They were welcomed by Rotarians from Kamunting, Taiping and Bukit Merah and Aulong assemblyman Yiew Tian Hoe, who is a polio victim. They accompanied the walkers from the entrance of the mall to the hall, carrying the Jalur Gemilang.

Tay, who is also the organiser and walk chairman, said they hoped to raise US\$100,000 (RM350,000) through the event to match the philanthropic grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He thanked the Taiping District Rotarians for raising RM2,600, of which RM500 was donated by Yiew.

There was also an on-the-spot donation drive in which Rotarians each chipped in RM100.



The walkers on arrival at the entrance of the Central Mall.



Tay presenting a jersey to Yiew (right).

President's Jan 2010 Message

My fellow Rotarians:

January is the month the Romans associated with their two-headed god Janus: one head looking backward to the year that has just passed, and the other looking forward to the year ahead.

In Rotary, January is the halfway point of our year of service, and it is also a time for us all to look at both the past and the future. It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations. It is a time to look honestly at our progress and our challenges and to consider the steps we will need to take to complete our planned service successfully.

I am sure there is much you can be proud of achieving in the last six months. In my travels, I have already seen how much Rotarians can accomplish when they are determined to do so. You have helped bring safe, pure water to those who lacked it, provided food and shelter to those who needed it, and assisted in the educations of those who could not read or write. You have promoted the ideal of service within a context of fellowship, friendship, and high ethical standards.

Rotarians are able to make changes that will shape the course not only of the months but of the years and decades that lie ahead. This is our privilege. It is also our duty as Rotarians - as caring members of society who are in the fortunate position of being able to help those living in conditions we can barely imagine.

So there is much to be done these next months. Do not waste a moment of that most precious commodity: time.

We are all volunteers serving in a volunteer organization. None of us was compelled to become a Rotarian; each of us chose, and was chosen, to become a member. Every year, every day, each of us chooses to continue the task we have begun, and to continue to put Service Above Self. It is not always the easy path, but I know it is the right one.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the Rotary service you have given, the service you are giving, and the service I know you will continue to give in the future.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

Source: The Rotarian

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Five years after the tsunami *By Arnold R. Grah*

Five years after a powerful tsunami devastated communities along the coast of the Indian Ocean, Rotary projects continue to contribute to long-term recovery.

Shortly after the tsunami hit on 26 December 2004, The Rotary Foundation established a Solidarity in South Asia

fund, coordinating US\$5.9 million in donations toward recovery efforts throughout the region. The Foundation also awarded more than \$480,000 in humanitarian grants in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Many individual Rotary club and district foundations also contributed from their own funds.

RI President John Kenny visited Banda Aceh, Indonesia, in late November to inaugurate one result of those recovery projects: a health center that is part of a larger \$1.9 million youth complex on about an acre of donated land.

"The work you have done here in Indonesia is a vivid example of how Rotary comes together to achieve so much," Kenny said. "In the first hours and days after the tsunami, Rotary volunteers were among the first to respond on-site. In the days, weeks, and months to follow, Rotarians the world over rallied to send all manner of assistance.

"One thing that impresses me, over and over, is how these programs focus not on short-term satisfaction, or reward for the giver, or recognition," Kenny said. "The best Rotary programs and projects focus on helping build for the future -- and making lives better for generations."

The two-story health center occupies 5,860 square yards of land in the nearby village of Khaju, set aside by government officials who were impressed by the mobilization of Rotarian volunteers in the days after the tsunami. The facility joins an orphanage that opened three years ago, dedicated to child survivors of the disaster. A two-story dormitory for university students is under construction. Water purification and treatment systems serve the entire complex.

Rotary's impact extends from Indonesia to India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, where projects have rebuilt schools, provided classroom supplies, secured boats and fishing equipment to restore local economies, and helped construct and furnish hospitals and shelters for the homeless.

Here are a few of the ongoing projects:

- Two buses have been converted into mobile classrooms in the Aceh Province of Indonesia, bringing primary and secondary education to students across the region. Each bus stops at designated locations a few hours a day, giving students free access to a librarian, books, and multimedia materials. The project is supported by the Solidarity in South Asia fund and the SIKIB, an organization made up of the wives of ministers in the Indonesian government.
- In India, the Solidarity in South Asia relief committee approved \$30,000 to send a team of fishermen to Vietnam for advanced training in fishing, sea farming, fish processing, and marketing.
- District 3220 raised more than \$12 million to build 25 schools in Sri Lanka to replace ones that were destroyed by the tsunami. As the project nears its end, 22 schools are back in service, providing education for about 12,000 children. Read more <<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/Srilanka0909.aspx>> . Get this story in the latest RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine <http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/product_info.php?cPath=24_28&products_id=513> .

- The Solidarity in South Asia fund supported a rehabilitation center for tsunami victims in the Khlong Nakha Wildlife Sanctuary in Thailand, providing food, lodging, education, and counseling for those who lost loved ones or whose homes were damaged or destroyed.

Source: Rotary International News

Competitive Matching Grants Approved for 2009-10

Description Host Partner International Partner Grant Award (US\$)

1. To help provide 80 toilet block facilities to schools in multiple locations within RI District 3060, Gujarat, India District 3060 (India) Rotary Club of Tammer Nova (District 1390, Finland) \$50,646
2. To help provide cataract eye surgeries to individuals at four ophthalmic clinics in Kyeongsangnam-do, Republic of Korea District 3590 (Korea) District 2500 (Japan) \$32,000
3. To help provide a waste water system, education, and training to three communities in Viti Levu Island, Fiji Rotary Club of Suva East (District 9920, Fiji) Rotary Club of Wasilla (District 5010, USA) \$39,000
4. To help provide a decentralized wastewater treatment system (DEWATS) to support 400 families in Barangay 6, Guiuan, East Samar Province, Philippines Rotary Club of Makati Rockwell (District 3830, Philippines) District 9500 (Australia) \$38,081
5. To help provide a water supply system that includes a deep water borehole, electric pump, pump house, water tower, water tank, and pipeline to the community in Marera, Kisumu, Nyanza, Kenya Rotary Club of Kisumu (District 9200, Kenya) Rotary Club of Upland (District 5300, USA) \$46,987
6. To help provide a water supply system that includes rehabilitation of a borehole, water tanks, and pipelines to three schools and a clinic in Mosiro, Narok, Rift Valley, Kenya Rotary Club of Narok-Masai Mara (District 9200, Kenya) Rotary Club of Sedona (District 5490, USA) \$40,110
7. To help provide a water well with an electric pump and generator to the Keekonyokie community in Narok District, Kenya Rotary Club of Narok- Masai Mara (District 9200, Kenya) District 7670 (USA) \$33,950
8. To help provide medical and surgical procedures to women and children at Makeni Hospital in Makeni, Sierra Leone Rotary Club of Freetown (District 9100, Sierra Leone) Rotary Club of Nyon-La Côte (District 1990, Switzerland) \$30,700
9. To help provide boreholes, rehabilitation of existing boreholes, latrines, and a water tank with water harvesting systems to the communities in Amuru, Gulu, Kitgum, and Pader, Acholiland, Uganda Rotary Club of Gulu (District 9200, Uganda) Rotary Club of Edina (District 5950, USA) \$150,000
10. To help provide a digital X-ray machine to Tumbi Hospital at Kibaha Education Center in Kibaha, Tanzania Rotary Club of Bahari-Dar-es-Salaam (District 9200, Tanzania) District 3650 (Korea) \$33,000
11. To help provide reforestation and agricultural training, clay ovens, a water supply system, and latrines to the community in Ankober Woreda, Amhara Region, Ethiopia Rotary Club of Addis Ababa East (District 9200, Ethiopia) District 5060 (USA/Canada) \$59,600
12. To help provide two hafirs [harifat/wells] to collect rain water and to install water collection canals and a water filtration system for 6,000 people living in eight villages in Gadarif State, Sudan Rotary Club of Khartoum (District 2450, Sudan) Rotary Club of Adelaide West (District 9500, Australia) \$49,771
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14. To help provide safe and effective care for dental decay to 255 communities in Ecuador Rotary Club of Quito Sur (District 4400, Ecuador) Rotary Club of Zürich-Knonaueramt (District 2000, Switzerland) \$48,000
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Rotary Clubs around the Klang Valley Meeting Information

DAYS	TIME	ROTARY CLUBS	VENUE
Monday	1245	RC Pudu	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
	1800	RC Cyberjaya	1st Floor, MSC Innovation Centre, Cyberjaya
	1900	RC Pantai Valley	Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club, Bukit Kiara, KL
	1930	RC Titivangsa	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	2000	RC Senawang	Royal Sungei Ujong Club, Senawang, Seremban
Tuesday	1245	RC Petaling Jaya	Sheraton Hotel, Subang Jaya
	1815	RC Bangsar	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1830	RC Kajang	Prescott Metro Inn, Kajang
	1845	RC Bandar Utama	Business Centre, One World Hotel, Bandar Utama
	2000	RC Danau Desa	Wisma Belia, 1st Floor, Room 711, Jalan Syed Putra, KL
	2000	RC Port Klang	Royal Klang Club, Klang
	2000	RC USJ	Resorce Centre, 3K Sports Complex & Inn, USJ
Wednesday	1230	RC Shah Alam	Kelab Shah Alam, Shah Alam
	1245	RC KL Di-Raja	Shangri-La Hotel, KL
	1830	RC Ampang	The Raintree Club, KL
	1830	RC KL North	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1830	RC Sri Petaling	Sri Petaling Hotel, Sri Petaling, KL
	1830	RC Subang	Holiday Villa Subang, Subang Jaya
	1900	RC Cheras	Bankers Club, Amoda Building, Jln Imbi, KL
	1930	RC Bandar Sunway	Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel, Subang
	1930	RC Brickfields	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1930	RC Bukit Bintang	Holiday Villa Ampang, KL
	1930	RC Bukit Komanwel	Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Club
	1930	RC Central Damansara	Royal Commonwealth Club, Damansara Heights, KL
2000	RC Damansara West	Sri Damansara Club, Bandar Sri Damansara, KL	
2000	RC Kampung Baharu	Kelab Sultan Sulaiman, Kampung Baru, KL	
2015	RC Port Dickson	Royal Port Dickson Yatch Club, Port Dickson	
2030	RC Melawati	K Club, Taman Melawati, KL	
2030	RC Sungei Way	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Club, Bukit Kiara, KL	
Thursday	1245	RC Gombak	Corus Hotel, Jln Ampang, KL
	1245	RC Klang	Royal Klang Club, Klang
	1245	RC Seremban	Royal Bintang Hotel, Seremban
	1800	RC Damansara	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	1900	RC Kelana Jaya	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort, KL
	1900	RC Sentul	SRC, Boulevard Sentul, Sentul Raya, KL
	2000	RC Puchong	9, Jln BK 3/2, Bdr Kinrara, Puchong
Friday	1830	RC Metro KL	Bankers Club, Amoda Building, Jln Imbi, KL
	1930	RC KL West	Royal Selangor Club, KL
	2030	RC Bernam Valley	2nd Flr, 19B, Jln Bdr Rawang 1, Rawang
Saturday	0730	RC Bukit Kiara Sunrise	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort, KL
	0900	RC Lembah Damansara	Tropicana Golf & Country Resort, PJ

THE FOUR- WAY TEST

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

1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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