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ROTAFOM HISTORY

A Bumpy Journey

ROTAFOM is now 20 years old with its modest beginning in 1983/84 when the then Rotary International District 330 (comprising Singapore, East & West Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam) Governor Dr Philbert SS Chin of the RC. of Singapore mooted the idea of a RI District 330 Foundation with the primary objective to assist the running of the Rotary Sunshine Camp in Port Dickson, take over the management and HOPEFULLY to incorporate the land into the Foundation. The then PP Maurice de Crus of RC of Port Dickson was charged with the responsibility of managing the Rotary Sunshine Camp.

On 24th September 1985, ROTARY DISTRICT 330 FOUNDATION (company limited by guarantee) was incorporated with Founder Members – late Tan Sri Dato' Abdul Jamil Rais (RC of Kuala Lumpur), Dr. Philbert Chin (RC of Singapore), Dato' Dr. Keshmahinder Singh (RC of Kuala Lumpur) and Dato' Balwant Singh (RC of Seremban) with Tan Sri Chan Choong Tak as Secretary.

Its earlier years were mainly confined to seeking approval from the Government to use the name - ROTARY FOUNDATION OF MALAYSIA and the application to Inland Revenue Board for tax exemption consideration with the involvement of foreign countries of Brunei Darussalam and Singapore. It was not without much difficulties when the then Registrar of Companies relented and the Minister of Trade and Industry allowed us to use the name ROTARY FOUNDATION MALAYSIA (without the word "OF") because ROC viewed the phrase "OF MALAYSIA" as belonging to the Government.

The Foundation started with the modest fund of RM52,891 donated from R.I. District 330 Funds following a R.I. District 330 resolution. This amount is the accumulation of the Disaster Fund Account of the then District 330 [Each Rotarian in the District donated S\$2.00 equivalent to RM1.40 (at the then currency exchange rate), to the District Disaster Fund].

Following the split and re-demarcation of District 330 to 3300 and 3310 on 30th June 1990, IRB considered our application and granted tax exemption for donors with effect from Rotary Year 1988/89 and tax exemption of income of the Foundation from November 1991.

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Secretary's Announcement

Meetings of the Service Committees

- Fellowship Meeting will be held on **9.9.2004 at 6.00pm** at Restaurant Borneo City, 8 Jalan Conlay.
- Club Service Meeting will be held on **14.7.2004 at 6.00pm**.
- The Board of Director Meeting will be held on **7.9.2004 at 6.00pm** at Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club (Bukit Kiara).

Birthday Boys

(25.08.2004 to 31.08.2004)

- Choy Hon Nang on 1.9.2004

Ann's Birthdays

(25.08.2004 to 31.08.2004)

- Rozita Ibrahim Ann of PP Shawaludin on 1.9.2004

Wedding Anniversaries

(from 25.08.2004 to 31.08.2004)

- None

From The Desktop Of A Rotarian

Last words on Membership's Retention... as we leave August, membership month. Do we need membership retention? I remember there was Rotary Information "fireside" chat, etc... made to be aware of my obligations and privileges as a Rotarian before I said yes to Rotary.

My point... If proper / adequate information was given before recruitment there's no need for retention programs... You choose and accept to be a Rotarian on the information given. There's no need to further INDUCE someone to stay. Oh yes .. feedback? Some were promised... none came.

Lunch Time Speaker on September 1st, 2004

Presenter: Ms Ng Yin Soong

Topic: Chinese Tea Appreciation

The Rotary Club Of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

We meet at 12:30pm every Wednesday
at The Shangri La Hotel, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

Celebrate Rotary 100 Years

Lunch Time Speaker August 25th 2004

The World of Convergence - PCs, Phones & TVs As One



Rotarian Andy Koo talking on "Convergence of PC, Phone and TV"

Rotarian Andy has over 20 years experience in the Information Technology (IT) industry. He has served with several multinationals like Microsoft, IBM and Andersen Consulting in software, hardware and IT consulting. His broad familiarity with technology spans many industries after having worked in several countries globally. He is presently on personal sabbatical from the hectic non-stop world of ubiquitous technology.

global population at large. PCs, cellphones and TVs are all evolving beyond what their original inventors dreamed that we could make of them. This amazing evolutionary process will drive the next generation of applications and services which are already becoming widely available today.

There is a clear convergence on devices and appliances which possess a screen. PCs (of all shapes and sizes including desktops, notebooks, tablets and PDAs) are now used not just for data, but increasingly for music, video and also voice traffic. Phones, especially wireless ones, are becoming more adept at provisioning data and video services to the consumer in addition to the traditional voice transmission. The TV, not to be left behind, is being reengineered from its common display of video to be the centerpiece in our homes which allows video, data and voice consolidation in a media centre scenario. Ultimately this convergence on so many platforms will enable the realization of personalized content delivered to any device that is convenient to the consumer regardless of form factor. Let us make full use of it and not be left behind.

In this brave new world of convergence and borderless information access, we start to see, hear and touch content in many different ways previously not widely available to the

Photographs From Weekly Meeting



Birthday boys Dato' Mustapha Ma & Richard Soo.



Rotarians Daniel Kam, Tan Boon Leong & Guest Mr. Yusuf.

Rotary Events

Club Fellowship Poolside Dinner

Venue: Damai Condominium Poolside, Mont Kiara, Sri Hartamas

Date: Friday, 3rd September

Time: 7.30 pm

Theme: Bali Night

Dress Code: Balinese Costumes & Batik

Hosted By: Richard Soo

Admission: Free



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Donations started to trickle from 1992/93 with some RM15,000 and 1993/94 with some RM25,000. Then the Trustees went into earnest fund raising. RM 140,793 (1994/95) and RM224,000 (1995/96) were raised from the Rotarians, well-wishers and Rotary Clubs in Malaysia.

In April 1996, RI advised that the use of the name 'Rotary Foundation' was not consistent with RI Board policies and that we should change the name to 'Foundation of Malaysian Rotary District 3300 or Foundation of Malaysian Rotary Clubs and not Rotary Foundation Malaysia. The ROTAFOM Board finally decided to comply with the wishes of RI Board and change the name from ROTARY FOUNDATION MALAYSIA to YAYASAN KELAB-KELAB ROTARY MALAYSIA while retaining its acronym name of ROTAFOM.

The ROTAFOM Trustees decided :

a) that Malaysian Rotary Clubs in District 3310 be part of the Foundation and invited 2 PDGs (Malaysians) from District 3310 to be on the Board.

b) to assist clubs without tax exempt status to channel funds for their community projects through ROTAFOM if the projects are in line with the objects of ROTAFOM.

1) The relief of poverty, suffering and distress and including the following:

a) the poor and needy, ill-health, misfortunes, widows and orphans;

b) welfare and rehabilitation in moral and social upliftment for the deprived;

c) victims of natural and unavoidable disasters;

d) relief of human suffering and improvement of human living conditions, prevention and treatment of sickness, provision of medical and education facilities and services of all kinds.

2) The advancement and improvement of human living standards and social welfare by fostering, developing and improving education.

3) The awarding /giving of scholarships, loans and grants to needy students at Malaysians universities, polytechnics and colleges.