



# BERITA ROTARY

## SERVICE TO NEW GENERATIONS (PP Attan Akmar – Member of District Committee)

The Chairman of the District Service to New Generations Committee, PP Donny Kwa, has requested me to deliver today's talk. He is thankful for this Club's invitation to him to talk on the District's New Generations activities but as he is leaving tonight for London, he extends his profound apologies for not being able to accept it. I hope that I am an acceptable substitute under the circumstances.

The District Service to New Generations Committee chaired by PP Donny had its first meeting last Saturday afternoon and as I had attended it as one of its members, I am able to relate to you some of the matters discussed and the plans for this year's District New Generations activities.

The District Service to New Generations Committee reports to the District Governor and is chaired by a Chairman. A PDG and the DGE have been appointed as Advisors to the Committee. The other members include the Rotaract Advisor, the District Rotaract Representative, the Interact Advisor, the District Interact Representative (holder to be appointed), the RYLA Chairman, the Chairmen of the District Rotaract and Interact Assemblies and Conferences as well as other Rotarians. It was decided that the Committee meets at least every two months.

For the benefit of those who are new to Rotary, allow me to briefly describe some of the components of the Service to New Generations:



### ROTARACT

is a movement for those aged 18 to 30, primarily those who are in college or at the dawn of their careers. While it subscribes to Rotary's objectives in addressing the community's physical and social needs, promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service, it emphasizes on the personal development of its members to prepare them for leadership in the community.

A Rotaract club can be community-based, where it is composed of members from the local community, or institution-based where the members are exclusively students of a particular institution of learning.

Rotaractors are obviously looked to as a source of future Rotarians.



### INTERACT

is a movement for those aged 14 to 18, primarily those who are in Forms 4 to 5 in secondary schools. While

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

### COMMITTEE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### DISTRICT

#### SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

##### TRF Seminar

**Date:**

06 September 2009

**Venue:**

Dewan Besar Tun Razah  
Menara Yayasan Tun Razak  
Jalan Bukit Bintang, KL

##### Public Relations

##### Workshop

**Date:**

11 October 2009

**Venue:**

TBA

Further details – see District website

### CLUB

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

DG Leslie Salehuddin will visit our club in **October**. Please note the following in your diary:

**06 October:**

Club Assembly (our second) and Fellowship with DG  
Venue and time TBA

**07 October:**

DG's official visit to our club (luncheon meeting)

Further details will be announced in due course.

**In view of the Hari Raya holidays there will be NO MEETING on 23 SEPTEMBER.**

**Our next regular meeting will be held on 30 September**

### DISTRICT

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 75th District Conference will be held as follows:

**Date:**

08-10 January 2010

**Venue:**

Holiday Villa Hotel & Suites  
Subang, Selangor

**Host Club:**

RC Gombak

**Partner Clubs:**

RC Sentul, RC Titiwangsa

##### PROGRAMME

##### HIGHLIGHTS

**08 Jan:**

Golf Competition /  
Registration / Fellowship  
Dinner

**09 Jan:**

Opening Ceremony /  
Plenary and Workshop  
Sessions, Governor's  
Banquet

**10 Jan:**

Plenary Sessions / Closing  
Ceremony, Farewell Lunch

Register online via District website or contact Hon. Secretary Mohd Ridza Abdullah



# BERITA ROTARY WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS

26 August 2009

## ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 31
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups:** PP G.S. Gill  
Rtn Raymond Tan  
(RC Petaling Jaya)
- Convener:** Rtn Lim Che Wan
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Dr Suresh Marcandan
- National Anthem:** PDG Beh Lye Huat
- Speaker:** PP Attan Akmar
- Topic:** Service to New Generations
- Introducing Speaker:** Pres. Rizal Sardon
- Thanking Speaker:** Pres. Rizal Sardon



### Who is PP Attan Akmar?

- Born in Butterworth
- Schooling at Penang Free School
- Graduated from University of Malaya with B. Econ (Honours)
- After 4 years of Government service joined an international bank
- Worked in the banking sector for 18 years and the stockbroking industry for 19 years
- Currently Executive Director of TA Securities Holding Berhad
- Member, Institute of Bankers Malaysia
- Charter member of RC Bandar Sunway
- Joined RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja in 1993
- Served as Sergeant-at-Arms (1995/96), New Generations Director (2003/04)
- President of RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja (2007/08)
- Interests include flying (licenced pilot), bird watching, astronomy
- Married to May Hanis
- Children: A son and two daughters

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

### Rotarians

Rtn Masao Kawai  
(RC Bangkok Suriwang)

## BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

Rtn Choy Hon Nang - 01  
September

### Wedding Anniversaries

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### Invited Guests

Mrs Hanako Kawai                   - spouse of Rtn Masao Kawai  
 Mr Ramesh Pillai                    ) - guests of Pres. Rizal Sardon  
 Mr Ajmal Khan                        )



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also subscribing to Rotary's objectives, it emphasizes on service to the school community and on international peace and understanding. The major projects required of an Interact club are a school or community project and an international understanding project.

An Interact club is school-based and Interactors are looked to as future Rotaractors and subsequently as future Rotarians.



### YOUTHACT

is a movement for those aged 11 to 14, primarily those who are in Forms 1 to 3 in secondary schools. While also subscribing to Rotary's objectives, it emphasizes on service to home, family and the school community. A Youthact club is school-based and Youthactors are looked to as future Interactors, Rotaractors and subsequently as future Rotarians.

Youthact is an informal organisation within Rotary. Other activities within the Service to New Generations scope are:

### ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

RYLA is a residential training

session lasting a few days where the participants are given exposure to various aspects of leadership and citizenship with emphasis on personal development. Officially it is open to youths aged 14 to 30 but conventionally it is targeted towards the 18-30 age group. In our District a significant number of the participants are Interactors and Rotaractors but elsewhere they are not and RYLA is seen as an opportunity for Rotary to attract potential Rotaractors and young Rotarians.

RYLA is normally organised by the District but there is also an International RYLA held in conjunction with the Rotary Convention held at a different location around the world each year. The next International RYLA will be in Montreal.

RYLA graduates are favourably accepted by potential employers around the world and this is why there is keen interest amongst young adults to participate. Traditionally we also invite our sister clubs overseas to send participants from their countries to attend our District RYLA.

### D3300 RYLA

This Rotary year's D3300 RYLA will be held in Port Dickson from March 4 to 7, 2010 and will cost RM400 per participant. Clubs are encouraged to sponsor as many participants as possible

either fully or partially. It is best that selection of potential candidates commences immediately.

### D3300M INTERACT CONFERENCE

This annual conference is meant to encourage Interactors to better themselves and their clubs by facilitating the exchange of ideas on club activities while guiding them on various aspects of leadership, personal development, citizenship and community service in line with Rotary's objectives.

This Rotary year's Interact Conference will be held at the Inti College in Nilai from December 10 to 13, 2009 during the school holidays. The cost per participant is RM150 on a twin-sharing basis and participants must bring their own pillows and blankets. As the date is rather close, clubs are urged to select their candidates now and also to consider sponsoring the participants fully or partially.

At the same time we shall be conducting a workshop session on the first day of the Conference for Rotarian Advisors, Teacher Advisors and New Generations Directors on various aspects of sponsoring and managing successful Interact clubs.

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### DISTRICT ROTARACT ASSEMBLY & CONFERENCE

The above events are structurally similar to Rotary's District Assemblies and Conferences and will be held towards the end of the Rotary year. Details will be advised in due course.

### INTERACT LEADERSHIP & TRAINING SEMINAR (ILTS)

ILTS is a training session for incoming and future office-bearers of Interact clubs. Here they are guided on how to run successful Interact and Youthact clubs including conduct of meetings, club constitution and bye-laws, reporting requirements and the characteristics of successful Interact clubs.

ILTS is usually conducted on club basis but there are numerous advantages to hold them at Group level as many smaller clubs find it not viable to conduct them for small numbers of participants.

It is common to find that the succession from one year's board to the next year's at an Interact club does not coincide with the change in the Rotary year. The school year starts in January when Rotary is already half way into its own year. On the other hand, when Rotary starts its year in July, many Interact members are already beginning to concentrate on their school examinations as they have less

than six months of studies left. Effectively an Interact club operates only between January, when the students join their new class (many of whom have just reached the eligible class for the Youthact or Interact club) and June, when their sponsoring Rotary club changes its board. When the new Rotary club is in full swing between October and January, the Interactors are about to have their examinations followed by their long school holidays.

### ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

The Service to New Generations avenue is not without its issues, challenges and opportunities and following are some of the issues discussed at District level:

### "ABANDONED" ROTARACT & INTERACT CLUBS

Some clubs are not able to maintain rapport with the Interact and Rotaract clubs under their sponsorship. As such the school or institution involved begins to lose interest in their activities leading to absenteeism and resignations. A working relationship requires that Rotarian Advisors visit the school or institution regularly especially during the meetings of the Interact or Rotaract club and project events organised by them.

### TRAINING COSTS

Smaller Rotary clubs have

difficulty in financially sponsoring participants to attend Interact Conferences and RYLA. Rotaractors have other financial priorities such as car and home purchases and marriage thereby restricting their participation in RYLA, Conferences and Assemblies.

### UNCOOPERATIVE SCHOOL OFFICIALS & PARENTS

Some school heads and teachers avoid having anything to do with Rotary based on misinformation about the movement. This is further aggravated when the only contacts with Rotary that they have are usually with non-Muslims giving them the impression that Muslims generally avoid Rotary for some reason. The same applies to some parents.

Some teachers avoid being involved in Interact and Youthact as these clubs demand more of their after-school time. Interactors and Youthactors are known to be among the most active in extra-curricular activities.

Some parents are apprehensive about having their children spend after school-hours outside their own school premises or in the company of adult Rotarians or students of other schools. Some refuse to allow their children to attend training outside their own town.

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## SCHOOLS WITH TOO MANY ACTIVITIES

Some schools have too many clubs and organisations for their students. As a result there are not enough time slots and particularly venues for the Interact or Youthact clubs to carry out their activities.

## ROTARACTOR TO ROTARIAN TRANSITION

Many assume that a Rotaractor will most likely join a Rotary club upon reaching 30. The statistics on this is however far from that. Rotaractors who go to tertiary institutions may have to minimise non-study related activities. Those who just start on their careers may want to impress their employers by working extra hours or are under pressure to perform at work in order to remain employed. Some Rotaractors find the financial commitments at a Rotary club too high compared to what they were used to in Rotaract. Some even mention that they feel out of place in a Rotary club where the members are older and more financially able.

## INSTITUTION BASED ROTARACT CLUB CONTINUITY

In many institution based Rotaract clubs, there are no replacements for those members who have left after completing their education there. In many cases, with the graduation and departure of the charter

members the clubs ceased to operate.

## THE FORMATION OF PRE-UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

It is rumoured that the Sixth Form classes in schools will be abolished and in its place pre-university colleges (the exact name for the new institution is still unknown) will be established. All existing Sixth Form classes in schools will be merged into large "colleges". This looks like an opportunity for more institution based Rotaract clubs to be started and we hope that the continuity issue will not be so prevalent.

## APPEAL

I shall end by appealing to all clubs to try to get as much participation from the District Education Directors, Principals, Teacher Advisors, Rotarian Advisors, New Generation Directors, Rotaractors, Interactors and Youthactors in the relevant New Generation activities of our Rotary clubs so that our District's initiative in this avenue will be a resounding success. We know that the young people out there are highly enthusiastic about what Rotary is doing and we must not let them down.

Thank you.



## The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## 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?