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Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

The GSE application deadline is **October 1st, 2003**. Districts must apply to the Rotary Foundation before October 1st, 2004 for the 2004-05 GSE teams. More details from <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html>



Family Day At Kampung Lui

A Kampung welcome was given by the Kampung Lui Village Community Corps to the entourage from the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja comprising PP Vincent Wong and his two sons Kevin and Leonard and daughter Esther, First Lady Rajes, her son Shanmuga, Rotarian Jailil Jamil, President Kanesalingam, Rotarian Hardeep Singh and Rotary Ann Yoko Nakagawa on 1st September 2003. PP Dato' Kunhi brought back ikan bakar for his family.

Wesley Methodist School Interact Club 29th Installation Day

President Kanesalingam installed the incoming board of the Interact Club of Wesley Methodist School on 26th July 2003.



Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 24.09.2003

Inter-District Meet

The Rotary Club of Seberang Jaya is organising the District 3300-3330 Intercity Meet in Hatyai, Thailand on **1-3 November 2003**. Our District Governor Dr Mahinder Singh and First Lady Gurdeesh will be leading our team to Hatyai. District Governor of District 3330 will be leading his team.

Room reservation at centrally located Lee Garden Hotel. We are planning to charter a luxury coach to take all of us to Hatyai and back. Clubs with sister clubs in South Thailand are encouraged to come along as we understand all the clubs from South Thailand will be participating. Hatyai is great for shopping, food, entertainment and Thai traditional massage.

Rotarians and Rotary Clubs who are interested may contact either William Lau or President PL Ng of RC Seberang Jaya.

September's Lunch Programme - New Generations Month

Wed. Sept. 24	Educating Under-Privileged Children (Rumah Hope)	Dr Peggy Wong
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October's Lunch Programme - Vocational Service Month

Wed. Oct 1	ICT For Senior Management	YM Raja Azhar Raja Azman
Wed. Oct 8	Corporate Governance	Mr. Petrus Gimbad
Wed. Oct 15	Rotarians Classification Talk	To Be Confirmed
Wed. Oct 22	Empowering Caregivers	Ms. Sharon Soon
Wed. Oct 29	Vocational Awards	To Be Confirmed

This Week's Speaker: Dr. Peggy C Wong

A former banker, **Dr. Peggy C. Wong** is a very well respected global entrepreneur. She is an Economics graduate from the University of Malaya and did an Owner/President Management Course at Harvard University. In February, 2002 she was conferred a Honorary Doctorate of Social Sciences from the University of Honolulu (Affiliate of UNESCO) for twenty over years of dedication to social and community work.

Dr. Wong is the founder and CEO of KERAY Group of Companies, Malaysia, and Partners Worldwide & Associates, Singapore. The KERAY Group is involved in Joint Ventures, Investments, Information Technology and Communications.

She sits on the Board of the Harvard Alumni of Malaysia; Panel Adviser to the Women's Institute of Management; Vice Chairman of Rumah Hope (Home for abused, abandoned and neglected children) and also the Founder and Chairman of Rumah Hope Education Fund.

Dr Wong's passion is to give the underprivileged children a "hope for a better tomorrow" through academic and skills education. She is the author of *Life's Little Secrets of Love; Hope; Inner Peace; Wisdom*. The royalties of the books are donated to the The Rumah Hope Education fund.

Funnybones

1) An aged speaker felt uneasy during a Rotary lunch. The chap seated next to him asked him "What's the problem?". He replied "I've forgotten to put in my dentures and so feel embarrassed about addressing the audience".

"No problem" said the chap "I have 5 or 6 sets of dentures here with me. Use a pair that fits you well." The old man tried them all, found a set that fitted and was delighted. He asked, "Are you a dentist by any chance?" "No, I am an undertaker, by classification." came the reply.

2) A good bank is very much like Marilyn Monroe – everything deposited in the right places.

Last Week's Speaker Report Back: Lim Heng How

Topic: 2003 / 2004 Budget

Lim Heng How task was to summarise in just 20 minutes the key points from this weeks budget. The budget had received a grudging welcome as being worthy, responsible and cautious if unexciting and a start to the process of balancing the governments finances. Certainly not a pre election give away budget. So we were told that remittances of earnings from abroad by individuals resident in Malaysia would no longer be taxable, that child relief had been increased, that Merdeka bonds would be tax free for senior citizens and the unemployed and that SME's were to receive extra tax breaks.

We also heard that business expenses were tax deductible, 100% if spent in pursuit of sales, otherwise 50% would be allowed and that tax deductions for sponsorship of Arts and Cultural events was to be increased to RM300,000. Employment of graduates was also to be given a boost by the double allowance of their salary as an expense.

But what about those sin taxes we had read about – increases on tobacco and alcohol, well no time for any of that or how we might avoid them or for any free tax advice to questioners from the floor. Only time for PP Mohd. Hanif to thank the speaker and note that he had not suggested any ways we might avoid taxes thereby allowing ourselves more money to spend on entertainment the government had so generously increased



Birthday Boys Rtn Jayabalan & VP Low Kok Hwa



Louis Cheah Beng Poh PHF

Eulogy For Rotarian Yap Eng Bok

The President, Board of Directors and members of the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Diraja express our deepest condolences to Rotary Ann Norni Looi, children and family of the late Rotarian Yap Eng Bok who passed away on Monday, 15th, September 2003 at 9.30 p.m. in Singapore after an illness. He was 66 years old. The funeral was on Thursday 17th in Singapore.

Rotarian Yap Eng Bok joined our club in 1993 with his classification as Real Estate Agency. He was a senior partner of the firm of Jones, Lang & Wooten before he left and set up his own firm. He was a member of good standing in our club.



Rotarian Yap Eng Bok

Our club sent a telegram to Rotary Ann Lorni Loo expressing our condolences, sent a wreath and observed a minute's silence at our regular meeting on Wednesday 16th September 2003 as a mark of respect. Rotarian Louis Cheah expressed grief and gave an account of his experiences with Rotarian Yap Eng Bok at the meeting.

Immunization Activities In Four Countries Target More Than 35 million

Tens of millions of children in four countries in Asia and Africa have been targeted in immunization campaigns in the past week. Rotarians and health workers, as well as UNICEF and World Health Organization (WHO) representatives, government officials, and local leaders joined forces in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Pakistan to ensure that the polio vaccine is carried to difficult to reach communities.

A team of 70,000 health workers and volunteers fanned across Pakistan in a door-to-door campaign during National Immunization Days (NIDs) and a total of half a million people, including the country's armed forces, were directly or indirectly involved in the mobilization, coordination, and execution of this massive campaign. Special immunization points were established at the borders with Afghanistan and Iran to prevent cross-border transmission of the poliovirus into neighboring countries.



Some 35 million children were targeted in the effort that was simultaneously launched at provincial and district levels throughout Pakistan. Rotary Foundation Trustee Fumio Tamamura and local Rotarians attended a launch near Islamabad, the national capital.

"The government of Pakistan procured 75 million doses of oral polio vaccine through the generous donations of our international partners in polio eradication," said Dr. Rehan Hafeez, national manager of the Expanded Programme of Immunization at the launch.

"We are now putting more emphasis on effective mobilization and monitoring of polio eradication activities," said Past District Governor Abdul Haiy Khan, chairman of the National PolioPlus Committee (NPPC) in Pakistan. "For example, in many parts of Pakistan, due to cultural and religious practices, male strangers cannot enter into homes to administer polio vaccine. So, we are trying to organize and request our government to engage more female health workers to reach such places, including high-rise buildings in cities."

In Nigeria, polio vaccine was administered to children in four northern states. Benue, Kogi, Nasarawa, and Niger are among 10 polio-endemic states in Nigeria, where immunization activities have been slowed down because of concerns among some sections of the Muslim community that the oral polio vaccine may be harmful to children.

"Within recent weeks, the government, in conjunction with Rotary, WHO, and UNICEF has mounted a campaign to enlighten the [concerned groups] on the safety of oral polio vaccine," said Past District Governor Adedehin Adefeso, chairman of Nigeria's NPPC.

In Ethiopia's Somali region, nearly a million children were targeted during a week of Sub National Immunization Days.

"With some of the highest child mortality rates and lowest immunization levels in the country, children in Somali region are very vulnerable to diseases like polio and measles," said UNICEF country director Bjorn Ljungqvist.

"It is vital that we use these campaigns to target as many children as possible, and also use this opportunity to strengthen regular immunization and health services in the region."

Another three days of Subnational Immunization Days took place in Afghanistan.

Birthday Boys

Dr Mohan Lal on 24.09.2003
Francis Chan Hooi Wah on 24.09.2003
PP Lim Eng Ho 26.09.2003

Ann's Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

Felix & Ivy Abisheganaden on 25.09.2003
Dr Teo Choo Kum & Teoh Phaik Khim on 29.09.2003

