



# BERITA ROTARY

## WELCOME ROTARIAN RAMESH PILLAI

President Rizal Sardon had the pleasure to carry out the third induction of a Rotarian in Rotary year 2009-10 last Wednesday. Proposed by Rtn Bingley Sim, Ramesh Pillai became member no. 97 and received the induction kit from AG Ken Ong who was visiting our club in preparation for the DG's visit on 06 and 07 October.

He holds a Bachelor of Economics with Accountancy (Hons) degree from Loughborough University, UK, and has held various positions with Price Waterhouse, Picker International Ltd, Rank Video Services (Europe) Limited, being stationed in Europe. Upon his return to Malaysia, he worked for Citibank and thereafter joined Pengurusan Danaharta Nasional Berhad in 1999 as GM of the Risk Management Division. He was also seconded to Bank Negara Malaysia.

He has already signalled that he would like to give a talk to the members on his profession and the matters he specialises in.

Ramesh is married to Chong Sui Wei and his hobbies include Golf, Go-Karting, and Cigars (two of which he has in common with a few RCKL Rotarians – no not Go-Karting!)

His classification is *Accounting - Risk Management*

Ramesh is the CEO and Group Managing Director of Friday Concepts (Asia) and is also Risk Management Advisor to Tabung Haji. Like his proposer, he is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) as well as the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA).



AG Ken handing new Rtn Ramesh the induction kit

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

### COMMITTEE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### DISTRICT

#### SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

#### Public Relations

#### Workshop

**Date:**

11 October 2009

**Venue:**

Holiday Villa, Jalan Ampang, KL

**Cost:**

RM 35 per person

#### TRF Seminar

**Date:**

01 November

**Venue:**

Paragon City Hotel, Ipoh / Perak

For further details log on to 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:** Shangri-La Hotel

**Time:** 18.00 hrs (6.00 pm)

**07 October:**

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

Further details will be announced in due course.

#### HARI RAYA FELLOWSHIP

HARI RAYA FELLOWSHIP Hosted by our Muslim members, will be held on 18 October 2009.

Venue and time will be announced soon.

### 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

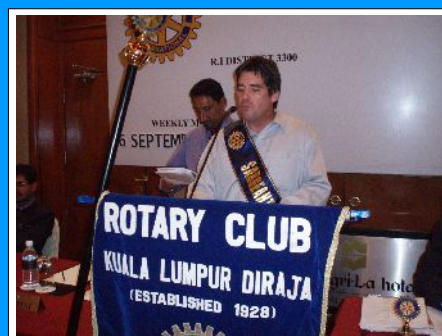
16 September 2009

## ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 40
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups:** Rtn Adenan
- Convener:** Rtn Suresh Marcandan
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Richard English
- National Anthem:** PP Frank Lim
- Speaker:** Rtn Bingley Sim Iskandar
- Topic:** Vocational Service Sub-Committee Plans for 2009-10
- Introducing Speaker:** Pres. Rizal Sardon
- Closing Remarks:** Rtn Victor Lim



Stand-in' Convener Suresh



Sergeant-at-Arms Richard English doing a good job

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

**Rotarians**  
AG Keng Ong (RC Pudu)

## BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays**  
PE Jayabalan - 21.09  
PP Low Kok Hwa - 23.09  
Rtn Frank Tan - 23.09

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
PP Abdul Rahim - 19.09  
PP Lau Foo Sun - 21.09  
Rtn Wong Cham Mew



Club Admin. Chair Horst is back from drinking German beer and wine

## Invited Guests

- Mr Ramesh Pillai ] - guests of Rtn Bingley Sim
- Ms Chong Sui Wei ]
- Ms Karine Tan - guest of Rtn Frank Lee
- Mr Azmal Khan - guest of Pres. Rizal Sardon
- Rotaractor David Lee - guest of Rtn Hardeep Singh



PP Frank Lim - very happy to lead in the singing of Negara-Ku



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## ART AND LITERATURE

**(Rtn Iskandar Abdullah @ Bingley Sim – Vocational Sub-Committee Chair)**

Rtn Bingley, as he is known to our members, started his talk by stating that he had decided to get his sub-committee going as soon as possible [after having agreed to be ‘co-opted’ for this position – ed.]. And he has in mind a number of areas where the club can play a major role.

He had discussions with Pres. Rizal concerning RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja’s role with regard to Yayasan Raja Muda, the beneficiary of a donation resulting from our installation dinner. He suggested that Arts & Literature should be a vocational subject which the sub-committee should pursue. The Literature aspect was in many ways inspired by the luncheon talk given by Prof. Khoo KK some time ago. Rtn Bingley also believes that the Arts as a vocational subject could be where RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja might take on the role of a patron and to help nurture art and culture in the Malaysian society.



A selection of covers throughout the years. Scans of issues of The Rotarian are now available through Google Books.

With regard to Yayasan Raja Muda he suggested to employ the expertise and experience of fellow members to assist it in terms of knowledge, cash flow management, keeping financial records, raising funds etc.

For the sub-committee his first task is to build up the framework and infrastructure for these vocational subjects so that projects can be ongoing for many years rather than being constrained by one Rotary year alone. He also believes that if we play it right, RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja may leave many legacies.

The list of objectives include:

- avenue to raise funds
- to assist up and coming artists (especially those from an under-privileged background). This can be done alongside the help to be given to Yayasan Raja Muda where potential artist can be given assistance
- to establish the club as a patron of art and culture by committing not only to nurture but also through being actively involved
- to get well known Malaysian artists to work with the club for charity projects



### Who is Rtn Bingley Sim?

- Attended Cheltenham College, UK
- Obtained BComm (Hons) in Accountancy from Birmingham University
- Trained as auditor and Chartered Accountant in 1990
- Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountant in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- Worked in auditing and accounting in the UK before returning to Malaysia
- Involved in setting up small and medium businesses in the UK
- Joined CIMB Investment Berhad in 1995
- Worked in the Corporate Finance Dept. for 6 years (Mergers & Acquisitions)
- Currently a Director in the Equity Capital Markets Unit of CIMB
- Vice Chairman of KL chapter of ICAEW
- National Executive Member of Malaysian Red Crescent
- In recent years has become very passionate about the Malaysian arts scene
- He also enjoys reading and cooking
- Author of book ‘How to Set Up your own Restaurant’ published by Kogan Page, UK, in 1994
- Married to Fatimah Norbinshah, 3 daughters

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## CLUB NEWS AND GUEST COLUMN

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He then outlined some preliminary ideas which his sub-committee will be considering in the near future.

- works by senior established artists could be auctioned with part of the proceeds going to the Art Fund

- form an advisory panel of knowledgeable and enthusiastic club members as well as some from the arts world like curators etc.

- promote the publishing of books which will help to educate Malaysians on the rich art and cultural heritage whilst giving prominence to RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja [and Rotary? – ed.]

- form alliances with companies like Pelikan, Staedtler etc to organise arts competitions

- weekend lessons given by artists at orphanages

His concluding remarks were that the rich Malaysian heritage and culture are being eroded. Arts come in many forms, the most commonly known being the visual art. He feels that the rich woodcraft from Sabah / Sarawak, the century old tradition of kris making and batik production from Kelantan or even the art of kite flying are at risk of being lost in the world of Astros and computer games.

### FOUNDATIONS

#### The Rotary Foundation – Kuala Lumpur Rotary Charity Foundation (Rtn Louis Cheah)

The Rotary Foundation was formed exclusively "...for charitable and educational purposes..." under the US tax laws (see page 285 of the Manual of Procedure – MoP). Rotary International (RI) is its only member.

The Rotary Foundation is thus separate from RI for tax purposes but it is part of RI and indeed depends on RI.

The Trustees are appointed by RI (in fact, by the RI President with the concurrence of RI

directors – see page 275 of the MoP), and the The Rotary Foundation can only exercise the powers under the laws "...in furtherance of the purposes of..." Rotary International (see Art III section 3.1 of the Foundation articles found on page 274). Furthermore the Foundation trustees have to obtain the approval of Rotary International, except for its own expenses as provided for under Art II section 2.4(pg 273).

Rotary International controls The Rotary Foundation and

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### 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.



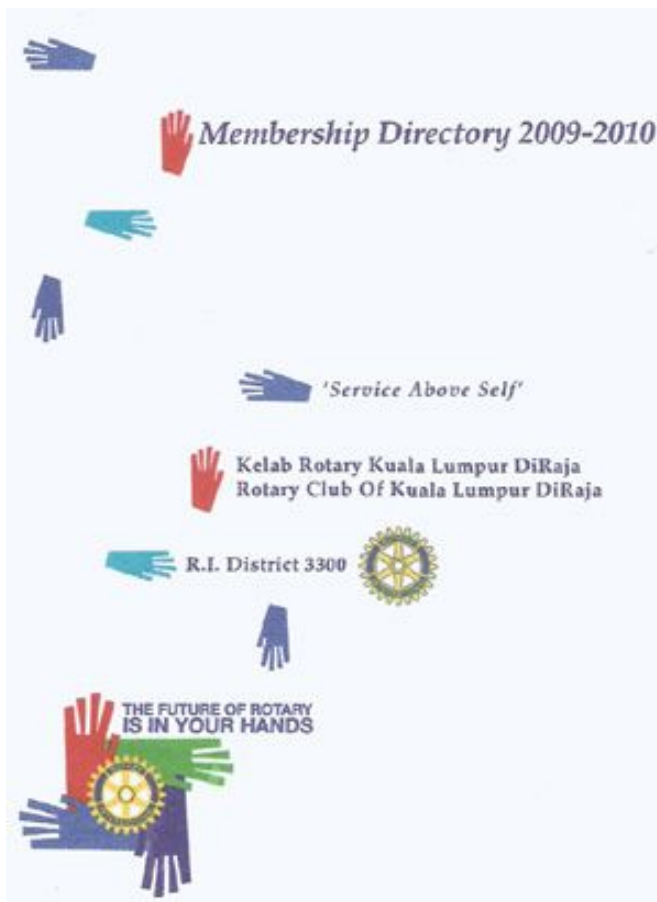
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NOT the other way around .The funds in the Foundation are Rotary International funds, although “parked” in the foundation for tax purposes.

Should we not adopt the same principles with regard to our own Kuala Lumpur Rotary Charity Foundation?

## Club Membership Directory 2009-10



This will be the cover of our membership directory which was due to be published some weeks ago. Regrettably it is late since more than 40 members, almost 50% of our membership, have so far failed to submit their current photos. And this inspite of several emails having been sent out, Pres. Rizal having made repeated announcements during our lunch meetings.

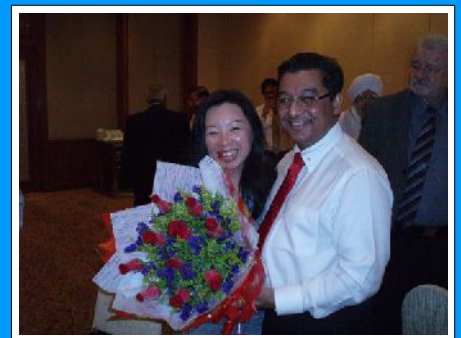
If you do not have a photo available, don't despair. A 'candid' shot can be taken by our club photographers during the next meeting. Please approach them. Of course, you will have to attend the meeting.

Or send a soft copy (jpg format) to our Club Administration Chair, Rtn Horst Wippert, at [hwippert@hotmail.com](mailto:hwippert@hotmail.com) – thank you.

## 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?*



*A bouquet of flowers for Ramesh's spouse Sui Wei*



*AG Ken Ong providing information in the run up to DG's visit*



# BERITA ROTARY

**EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR**

Last Wednesday, Rtn Gerald Lee – our TRF Committee Chair – reminded members of the importance of continued contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Not only will contributions ensure the sustainability of the foundation for its projects worldwide. It will also ensure that sufficient funds are available for the (still) ongoing fight for Polio eradication in those few countries where this curse is still endemic.



*Rtn Gerald Lee making his presentation*

Only US\$ 100 per year / per member will keep 'the ball rolling' – looking at in the local context, it's only RM 1 per day. And which of our members cannot afford this amount?

Members who have contributed under EREY in the previous years can obtain information on their current contribution status by either going online or asking Pres. Rizal, Hon. Secretary Ridza, Hon. Treasurer Richard Barrett and / or Rtn Gerald Lee, all of whom have access to the TRF data base. PHF status can be achieved by topping up from the account balance to US\$ 1000. Contact Rtn Gerald about this.



*AG Ken Ong with RCKL Rotarians*



*Hon. Sec. Ridza reminding members of the adjourned AGM*



*Sharing a birthday cake, PPs Francis, Kok Hwa and PE Jayabalan*



*Rtn Hardeep making his announcement*