



# BERITA ROTARY

## DG LESLIE SALEHUDDIN VISITS RC KL DIRAJA AND INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

This year the official visit from the incumbent District Governor came rather early in the Rotary year. DG Leslie who has to work his way through a cramped official visit schedule involving all 71 clubs in District 3300, attended our second club assembly which was held on 06 October and our weekly luncheon meeting the following day, Wednesday 07 October.

The programme included a meeting with Pres. Rizal, Hon. Secretary Ridza, Hon. Treasurer Richard Barrett, PE Jayabalan, and VP Nor Halim, during which he was briefed on the status of the club's membership, finances, implementation of CLP (Club Leadership Plan) and projects planned for the year.

Organised by Club Service Project Chair Rtn Hardeep and in the presence of Youth Sub-Committee Chair Rtn Mohan Rendhawa, DG Leslie also had a meeting and dialogue with representatives from Rotaract Club of KL and various Interact Club sponsored by RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja. By all accounts DG Leslie was happy with the presentations made by these young people. A meeting with representatives from our Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Kampung Sungai Lui - organised by VP Nor Halim - gave the DG interesting information and insights of this unique service avenue.



DG Leslie addressing the club members

During the second club assembly held on 06 October the DG listened to status reports from the President and some of our directors, and thereafter he and spouse Ziela were the club's guests at the fellowship that traditionally follows our club assemblies when they are held in the evening.

On Wednesday 07 October he and his entourage which AG included AG Ken Ong, a group of Rotarians from his home club, RC Gombak, and other clubs attended our regular luncheon meeting..

In his off-the-cuff official address DG Leslie mentioned how pleased he was with the presentations that had been made by the Interactors. He also commended the club for having inducted Azmal Khan into our club thus having made the successful transition from Rotaract to Rotary.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

### COMMITTEE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### MEMBERSHIP

##### COMMITTEE

Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month

##### CLUB ADMIN

##### COMMITTEE

Next meeting will be held on 21.10.2009 at 14:00 hrs (immediately after the luncheon club meeting)

### DISTRICT

#### SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

##### TRF SEMINAR

**Date:**

01 November

**Venue:**

Paragon City Hotel, Ipoh / Perak

For further details log on to District website

### CLUB

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### ADJOURNED AGM

**Date:**

14.10.2009

**Time:**

13:00 hrs (1.00 pm)

**Venue:**

Shangri-La Hotel

**Agenda:**

Adoption of RCKL and KLRCF accounts 2007 and 2008

##### KL ROTARY CHARITY

##### FOUNDATION EGM

**Date:**

14.10.2009

**Time:**

13:45 hrs (1.45 pm) - immediately after adjourned AGM

**Venue:**

Shangri-La Hotel

**Agenda:**

Resolution to amend the KLRCF rules

##### HARI RAYA FELLOWSHIP

**Date:**

18.10.2009

**Time:**

12:00 - 15:00 hrs (12.00 - 3.00pm)

**Venue:**

Dewan Berjaya, Bukit Kiara Equestrian and Country Resort

Hosted by the Muslim members of RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

### 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

7 October 2009

## ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 41
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups:** -
- Convener:** Rtn Lim Che Wan
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Suresh Marcandan
- National Anthem and Loyal Toast:** Rtn Adenan
- Speaker:** DG Leslie Salehuddin
- Topic:** --
- Introducing Speaker:** Pres. Rizal Sardon
- Closing Remarks:** Pres. Rizal Sardon



Rtn Che Wan back as Convener



Rtn Adenan in illustrious company – singing Negaraku

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

### Rotarians

- DG Leslie Salehuddin (RC Gombak)
- AG Ken Ong (RC Pudu)
- Pres. Jeff Hoh Wing (RC Gombak)
- Rtn Mike Lee (RC Gombak)
- PP Chung Tze Hien (RC Gombak)
- PP Kulasegaran (RC Damansara)

### Invited Guests

- Mr Azmal Khan ]
- Ms Rubina Ravinder ]
- Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam ]
- Puan Sri Samara ] guests of Pres. Rizal
- Mr Soren Beck ]
- Mr Mahendran Navaratnam ]
- Mr Joshu Parushotman ]

## BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

- Rtn Tony Lu - 08.10.
- Rtn Liu Chung Sherng - 09.10.
- PP Abdul Rahim - 10.10.

### Wedding Anniversaries

- Rtn John Suh - 09.10.
- PP Hew Kian Hoe - 10.10.



Members singing the club song



Rtn Suresh makes an impressive Serg.-at-Arms



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Whilst commenting on the 'good' turnout for our luncheon meeting, DG Leslie also clearly was disappointed with the poor turnout the night before at the club's second assembly. Was it the location, the timing or are members just not interested about the affairs of our club?



Lunch attendance was better than assembly

The club's pledge for US\$ 2,000 to Polio Plus programme of RI received a favourable mention. This money should be remitted not later than January 2010. The DG was also impressed with the membership plan that had been presented by membership chair Rtn Adenan during the assembly.

Special pins were given to Rtn Bingley and Pres. Rizal for bringing new members into the club.

PDG Jimmy Lim also rated a mention as he is now the largest donor of District 3300.

He then had the honour to attend the induction of two new members into our club - Rtn Azmal Khan and Honorary Rotarian Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam, both proposed by Pres. Rizal.

Rtn Azmal Khan had been the

guest of Pres. Rizal at numerous luncheon meetings, many more times than the required 3 attendances prior to being proposed for membership. Hon. Secretary Ridza made the introduction. Aged just a few years over 40, he is one of our youngest members and with this he no doubt will lower the members' average age somewhat... Having been a Rotaractor between 1990 and 1994 and the president of RAC KL in 1992/92, he is now among the small group of our members who successfully made the transition from Rotaractor to Rotarian.

He is the MD of Hospitality Resources Sdn Bhd, a company that specialises in supplying chinaware, glassware etc. to the hotel industry. His classification is *Distribution - Hotel Supplies*. He is married to Mubina Ravinder.

Being in the right age group, he has been assigned to serve in the Youth Sub-Committee of the Club Service Projects Committee.



Rtn Azmal receiving the Rotary pin from DG Leslie

**Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam** became the club's fifth **Honorary Rotarian**. He is a

well-known public figure. After some 27 years in Government service he retired in 1989 as Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport. He is probably best known for his presidency of Transparency International Malaysia (2006-2009), his role in the Human Rights Commission SUHAKAM (2002 and 2004) and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission MACC. His charity work includes serving on the Board of the National Kidney Foundation, the National Liver Foundation, the Children's Wish Society and others.

He was educated at the prestigious Victoria Institution and studied at the University of Malaya in Singapore (BA in Economics), obtained his Diploma in Public Administration from the Royal Institute of Public Administration in London and his Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.

He is currently Corporate Advisor to the Sunway Group. He is married to Puan Sri Samaladevi.



Hon. Rotarian Ramon Navaratnam receiving his Rotary pin

**Welcome to both new Rotarians!**



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## RI NEWS

### Historic Moments: Women in Rotary

(By Susan Hanf and Donna Polydoros - Rotary International News)



Past Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn

nearly 188,000 female Rotarians. Women have served in leadership positions as high as the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

#### Timeline of Women in Rotary

**1950:** An enactment to delete the word male from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention.

**1964:** The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

**1972:** As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

**1977:** Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members. The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in

violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978, only to be reinstated in September 1986.

**1980:** The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as male persons.

**1983-86:** In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club in 1983, the California Superior Court rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**1987:** On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership. The Board "encourages all clubs in the

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary. "My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings. The response to the decision was overwhelming: By 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000.

Twenty years after the Council on Legislation's vote, Rotary has

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U.S. to give fair and equal consideration to candidates for membership without regard to gender."

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members. Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

**1988:** In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

**1989:** At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men.

Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

**1990:** As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide.

**1995:** In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role.

**2005:** Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation, serving from 2005 to 2009.

**2007:** In July, 63 women begin terms as district governors. Women are members of 25,227 clubs around the world. There are 177,859 female Rotarians.

**2008:** Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors. She will continue to serve through June 2010.

**2009:** There are 187,967 female Rotarians worldwide. Sixty-three serve as district governors.



### 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?



PP Eng Ho giving instructions for birthday cake cutting (with Tony Lu and Johnny Lim)



New Rotarian Azmal with spouse Mubina