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The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs.

Build Foundation alumni into your planning

Rotary Foundation alumni are important members of the Rotary family. These former Ambassadorial Scholars, GSE team members, and grant recipients are excellent Foundation advocates who can make effective presentations at club and district events. Many alumni are interested in joining Rotary as well.



Districts can receive a report listing their Foundation alumni (in club order) by e-mailing the Alumni section at alumni@rotaryintl.org.

Chairman's Message - Educate Rotarians about The Rotary Foundation

Education is a lifelong pursuit. We learn new things all the time, and if we are interested in our world we continue to learn. We can never learn enough about Rotary. Rotary is wonderfully diverse and complex. Rotary clubs in America are different from clubs in France, which are different from clubs in Korea and so on throughout the world. This amazing cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

Education also means learning about our Rotary Foundation. One of the best things you can do as a Rotarian is to learn about - and participate in - the programs of The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians who know about the Foundation, who know about the good work accomplished through our Educational and Humanitarian Programs, are Rotarians who generously support the work of The Rotary Foundation and can educate other Rotarians about our Foundation.

So I encourage you to learn about The Rotary Foundation. There are many ways to do this:

- Attend your club, district or zone Rotary Foundation Seminar
- Serve on a Rotary Foundation committee, either at the club or district level
- Read about The Rotary Foundation in our publications or on the RI Website
- Volunteer to work on a Rotary Foundation international service project
- Contact your Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and district Rotary Foundation Committee -- ask them to share their knowledge and expertise with your club.

The more you learn about the Foundation, the more you will understand the difference we are making in people's lives. Rotarians, working with their Foundation, are making a profound impact every day. Whether it is the mother whose child is protected from polio, or the father whose disabled child can walk for the first time, or the young man who can see thanks to a cataract surgery, or the young woman who has been given a start in life thanks to a micro credit loan - all these and so many more are grateful to all that Rotarians are doing in the world.

Learn about the Foundation. Become a part of it. Share your knowledge with others. It will change your life.

James Lacy
The Rotary Foundation, Chairman 2003-04

STOP PRESS!!

Today's lunch time meeting will be held at the Kiara Annex of the Royal Selangor Club (the Spotted Dog) and not the Shangri La hotel venue.

Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 15.10.2003

Meetings of the Service Committees

Fellowship will meet on **15.10.2003 (Wednesday)** at **2.00pm** at The Selangor Club.

International will meet on **29.10.2003 (Wednesday)** at **2.00pm** at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur

The Rotary Club of Shah Alam

DG will be visiting the RC shah Alam on **22.10.2003** and the lunch meeting on **22.10.2003** will be replaced with Club Assembly at 6.30pm on the same day, and be followed by Fellowship Meeting with DG and First Lady at 8.00pm.

The Venue for the Fellowship Meeting will be at Concorde Hotel. Rotarians are welcome. Cost is RM45.00 per pax. For registration please contact Rtn Mohd Reduan at 012 278 0107 by **18.10.2003**

Attendance Figures:

July 03: 67.1%

August 03: 58.5%

September 03: 56.1% (Provisional)

01/10/03: 58.6% (Provisional)

08/10/03: 45.9% (Provisional)

Total Members: 128

Deceased: 1

Terminated: 4

Total Members as 08/10/03: 123

Exempted Members: 16

Active Members: 107

Message from the Editor

Berita Rotary KLDiraja

The weekly bulletin has now been in e-form since the beginning of this Rotary year. We have had a lot of feedback on the new format, most of it positive. We would also like to hear from those people who are not so keen about the changes – please don't be backward in coming forward. Let us have your views, in writing, by word of mouth or to my email peterh@mni.com.my or William Lau at ags@po.jaring.my or Chong Soon Yong at cs-yong@streamyx.com. We are now evaluating whether to stop distributing and mailing the printed versions of the bulletin – let us know what you think about this proposal.



This is your bulletin and it does depend on your inputs to make it an interesting read. Any report backs of projects, visits or service committee activities are welcomed as will be other articles of activities of members of our club.

Birthday Boys

Dato' Victor Lim Poh Tuan on 16.10.2003

PP Dato' Krishnan L on 21.10.2003

PP Vincent Wong Wai Sang on 21.10.2003

Anns Birthdays

Asna Ann of PP Abdul Rahim Ismail on 19.10.2003

Wedding Anniversaries

None



October's Lunch Programme - Vocational Service Month

Wed. Oct 15	Rotarians Classification Talk	Local Rotarians
Wed. Oct 22	Empowering Caregivers	Ms. Sharon Soon
Wed. Oct 29	Vocational Awards	Vocational Sv. Director to confirm

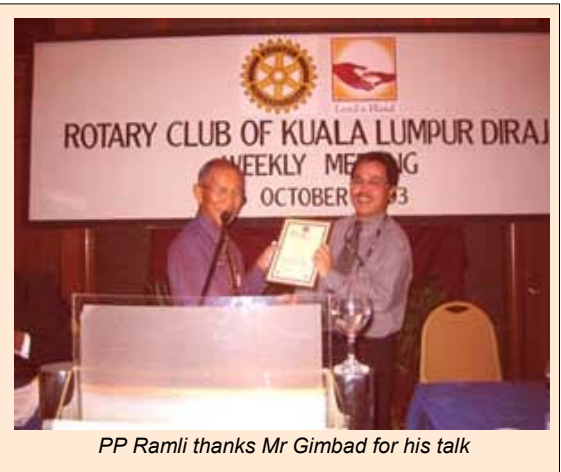
Today's Speakers: Jamil, Wong, Hardeep and Sokdave

It has been a tradition that every October is 'Vocational Month' wherein a number of vocational-related activities are held. To start this going, it has been decided that we have Mini Classification talk, confined for this particular session to 'newer' members, where each member is given 5 minutes to talk on his vocation. The purpose of this talk is to promote awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupation.

Last Week's Speaker Report back – Petrus Gimbad.

Petrus Gimbad's topic was Corporate Governance. Any subject with Governance in it's title must be serious – the mere word 'Governance' when a less pretentious word like Government would do equally as well. Recent experiences of Enron, World Com and a little earlier but closer to home the case of Barings in Singapore being made bankrupt by the rogue trader Nick Leason point to the need for improved business standards and Corporate Governance. We were told that 'filtered communication' from executive management to Boards of Directors is a problem and that best practice for communications requires reporting to

be timely, relevant, accurate and transparent. Internal control and proper checks and balances within the operating procedures are also critical. Petrus speculated that one result was likely to be an increase in fees of auditors and lawyers and also the pay of CEO's and CFO's. Whether any of it will change human behaviour and prevent a recurrence of situations like Enron happening again – your guess is as good as mine.



PP Ramli thanks Mr Gimbad for his talk



Ann Juanita, Ann Pek Ling, PDG Beh Lye Huat and Rtn Akbar Khan



Rtn Jalil Jamil helping out with the projection

Funnybones

Man read in a health magazine that nicotine in cigarettes caused lung and throat cancer in rats and mice. So now, as a precaution, he puts all his cigarettes safe inside his steel cabinet where the rats and mice cannot get at them.

Rotary responds to Afghan refugee crisis

Rotary has been providing relief to Afghan refugees living in camps along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, who have been displaced by a mix of drought, famine, and war. "The possibility of death from starvation, thirst, exposure, and disease is serious," said Richard D. King, 2001-02 president of Rotary International, in launching an appeal to all Rotary clubs for humanitarian relief last November. "Many are sick and they feel humiliated and abandoned."



More than 48,000 people living in the Shalman and Mohammad Khail camps subsequently received blankets, shoes, shawls, kerosene lamps, soap, medical equipment and supplies, and educational materials. The office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provided key support for the effort.

Fary Moini, a member of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, USA, served as a Rotary Volunteer to aid Afghan refugees in February and March. She helped build bathrooms and a kitchen in one camp, and helped set up a bank account for funds used to provide warm food for the children at least once a week. She also distributed warm clothing collected or made, then shipped by members of her Rotary club. Moini received additional assistance from the Rotary Club of Uni Town Peshawar in Pakistan.

"The majority of children suffer from health problems," said Moini. "Lack of education and warm clothing, and unhygienic living conditions contribute to this human tragedy.... I am thankful that Rotary gave me the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these resilient people."

Spanish Rotarians lead medical missions in Mauritania

Medical outreaches mounted by Rotarians in Spain have significantly benefited a community of its closest neighbor on the African mainland, Mauritania. The Rotary Club of Maspalomas (Gran Canaria), Spain, organized five missions during a two-year campaign in Nouadhibou, Mauritania, only 108 kilometers (67 miles) away.



During the missions, Canary Islands Rotarians and other volunteers treated patients and delivered an ambulance, medical supplies, and medicines. In all, they provided 7,177 medical consultations, treated 650 ill patients, and performed 3,100 dental operations and 130 eye surgeries.

The Rotary Club of Nouadhibou provided logistical support for the campaign, while Canary Islands businesses and health organizations donated medicines and supplies. Air Atlantic Airlines and the Spanish Air Force airlifted cargo, teams of medical specialists, and Rotarians to Mauritania gratis.

The construction of three windmills to help pump potable water for 80,000 people also contributed to the community's health and well-being. Funds raised by Canary Islands Rotarians, matched by a Rotary Foundation grant for a total of US\$12,000, helped pay for this element of the campaign.

"This humanitarian aid program was an important milestone in reaching a 75 percent reduction in the community's mortality rate of pregnant mothers in just two years," said Juan Jesús Suárez González, past president of the Maspalomas club and coordinator of the missions.

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