



# BERITA ROTARY

## ROTARY AND SCOUTING - TWO VALUE-BASED MOVEMENTS (By Rtn Jorgen Rasmussen - RC Lenzburg / Switzerland)

Attendance was noticeably low caused by the traffic and parking problems in and around the Shangri-La Hotel due to a conference, but those who attended last Wednesday's meeting were in for an interesting talk by a Fellow Rotarian from Switzerland.

Rtn Jorgen who was in Kuala Lumpur to attend an international Scouts conference, started by highlighting similarities between RC Lenzburg and our club, namely the absence of female members. Apparently this topic is raised in his club every few years, debated and then deferred for the next 5 years.

He described Rotary in Switzerland where there are 3 districts, as 'reasonably' successful but suffering from the worldwide Rotary age syndrome - too many old members and not enough young people joining.

According to him, the two founders of Rotary (Paul Harris - lawyer) and Scouts (Baden-Powell - army officer) had very active professional lives. Harris is well known to us; Baden-Powell fought with the British Army against the Boers in South Africa and after his return to England founded the Scouts movement. There are similarities - Rotary and its *Four-Way Test*; Scouts and the *Principles of Scouting* in line with values of society. It is interesting to note that these two great men never met.

In terms of membership numbers, however, there is less similarity. Whereas Rotary International has some 1.2 million members including 188,000 females, the Scouts movement is 38 million strong with 10 million females [acc. to Wikipedia - ed]. Rotary is present in 200 countries, the Scouts movement in 216.

In Malaysia, for instance, the Scouts movement is primarily school driven; in Switzerland with its 40,000 boy scouts and girls guides, it is mainly driven by parents, church organisations and in some cases, by Rotary clubs.

The boys-only Scouts movement was founded in 1907 and Baden-Powell's sister established the Girl Guides in 1910. As we know, Rotary was founded in 1905 and almost 85 years passed before females were admitted.

Rtn Jorgen then cited the problems the Scouts movement is facing in central and eastern European countries, which due to their 40 years under communist rule when Scouts were forbidden, failed to produce suitable leaders. Volunteering seems to be an alien trait, and this is apparently also a problem that Rotary is confronted with in those countries. This also applies to China where - like all other communist countries - a 'Pioneer' movement existed and still

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

### COMMITTEE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### MEMBERSHIP

##### COMMITTEE

Meeting every 2nd  
Wednesday of the month

##### CLUB ADMINISTRATION

##### COMMITTEE

Next meeting will be held on  
18.11.2009 at 14:00 hrs  
(immediately after luncheon  
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

None

### 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

28 October 2009

## ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 29
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups:** PDG Jimmy Lim  
Rtn Hardeep Singh (ICC)
- Convener:** PP Attan Akmar
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Jefferey Zain
- National Anthem and Loyal Toast:** PP Kamarulzaman
- Speaker:** Rtn Jorgen Rasmussen (Switzerland)
- Topic:** Rotary and Scouting - Two Value-Based Movements
- Opening Remarks:** Rtn Horst Wippern
- Closing Remarks:** Rtn Mohan Singh Rendhawa



Convener PP Attan - in an unaccustomed role?



SAA Jefferey Zain back at the rostrum



Negaraku - PP Kamarulzaman supported by PP Attan and Pres. Rizal



Pres. Rizal full swing in presiding over the meeting

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

### Rotarians

- PP Sangev Nallappan (RC Port Klang)  
PP Dr Joy Varughese (RC Subang)  
PP Ken Woodgate (RC Tawa / Wellington)

## BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

- Rtn Lim Che Wan - 29.10.  
PP Attan Akmar - 01.11

### Wedding Anniversaries

- Rtn Steve Lau - 31.10.

### Invited Guests

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exists and this is only open to Chinese youth. Consequently, the Chinese are not interested at all to join the international Scout organisation. As we know, Rotary in China is only open to non-Chinese nationals for a variety of reasons, and it is still in its (revived) infancy.



Rtn Jorgen receiving the cert. of appreciation from Rtn Mohan

## PHILIPPINES FLOOD RELIEF

A couple of weeks ago, in the aftermath of the Philippines flood disaster, our sister club RC Makati contacted PP Dr Lee Hock Bee with a request for help. Subsequently our members were asked to donate and in the end a sum of RM 6,550 was collected.

During last week's meeting PP Hock Bee handed President Rizal a cheque for this sum. It is planned that the money will be handed over to our sister club by a representative from our club

who has registered to attend the forthcoming Rotary Institute in Manila.

Thank you to all donors!



Pres. Rizal receiving the cheque from PP Hock Bee

## INTERACT

Our club sponsors 8 Interact clubs whose members are aged 13 to 18. This year Rtn Mohan Singh Rendhawa heads the Youth Sub-Committee of the Service Projects Committee and is our club's advisor to these clubs.

Recently, the Interact Club Conference (ICC) was held at Wesley Methodist School, Kuala Lumpur, during which the various

Interact clubs reported on their plans for the current year and a new board was elected. This event was attended by Rtn Mohan Singh and Club Service Projects chair Rtn Hardeep Singh. Noteworthy is that two Interact clubs raised some RM 40,000 for projects in their respective schools.



### Who is Rtn Jorgen Rasmussen?

- Born in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Has been living in Switzerland for 40 years and has been a member of RC Lenzburg for some 20 years
- Graduated as an economist (International Trade)
- Has been in general company management all his professional life
- Currently serving as company director (and chairman) on a number of Boards and Foundations / Trusts
- Became a boy scout at age 8 and has been involved in the Scouts movement ever since
- Goodwill Ambassador for the Oresund Region (Denmark and South Sweden)
- Served his two years of military service as paymaster in Royal Danish Army Pay Corps which included 6 months with the UN Peacekeeping Force in Gaza, Palestine
- Knighthood by the Queen of Denmark - 'Knight of Danneborg' (name of the Danish flag)



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## RI NEWS

### Can-do Spirit brings Rotary's Challenge near Halfway Mark (By Dan Nixon - Rotary International News)



Interactors in Kolkata, India, paste End Polio Now stickers on cars in return for donations, raising \$3,200 for Rotary's challenge. Photo courtesy of Rajani Mukerji

Creative Rotary club and district fundraisers, together with the generosity of individual Rotarians, have propelled Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge almost to the midpoint in funding. As of 21 October, \$99 million has been raised for Rotary's challenge through efforts like these:

- The Concert to End Polio will take place 02 December, featuring world-renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman and the New York Philharmonic. Perlman is a polio survivor.
- An auction of more than 90 paintings in New Delhi raised \$40,000 for the challenge. District 3010 and India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur organized the event in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy and Dhoomimal Gallery.

• A concert organized by District 5230 (California, USA) featured eclectic jazz trumpeter and Grammy Award-winner Chris Botti. The event raised \$30,000 for Rotary's challenge, drawing about 1,400 Rotarians and others, including actor and director Clint Eastwood and his wife, Dina.

• Fourteen Major League Baseball teams provided support during the regular season, many donating portions of ticket sales. A game hosted by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim resulted in a \$20,000 contribution, a Cincinnati Reds game \$10,000, and a Kansas City Royals game \$7,500.

• The Rotary Club of Ry, Denmark, offered a car as first prize in a community raffle that garnered about \$8,000.

• District 3400 (Indonesia) organized a family fun day that featured a blood donation drive, aerobic workout, children's games, music, and a food and fashion bazaar, raising about \$5,800.

• Put Polio on Ice, a fundraiser sponsored by the Ontario Reign professional hockey team and District 5300 (parts of California and Nevada, USA), netted more than \$5,000.

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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.

### 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?



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## RI NEWS / GALLERY

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- Posies to End Polio, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs, New York, USA, garnered \$4,050 through sales of red roses at \$20 per dozen. The effort was preceded by a community forum featuring the Academy Award-nominated documentary *The Final Inch*; a talk by Ann Lee Hussey, chair of the Rotarian Action Group for Polio Survivors and Associates; and a panel discussion involving local Rotarians who served during National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria, two polio survivors, and a health official.

- Members of the Rotary Club of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, raised about \$2,110 by

parking cars for visitors attending a vintage railway exhibition that featured the Hogwarts Express steam locomotive of Harry Potter fame.

"In the face of difficult economic times, Rotarians are heartily commended for their steadfast commitment and resourcefulness in reaching this milestone of support for global polio eradication," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. "Rotary's challenge ends 30 June 2012. Let's push confidently ahead to reach our goal and help ensure that all the children of the world will be forever safe from this devastating disease."



Rtns Beng Chai, Bingley and Victor entertaining visiting PP Sangev Nallappan



Pres Rizal welcoming visiting PP Ken Woodgate



PP Attan and PE Jayabalan in discussion with Rtn Jorgen



A distinguished looking speaker



Welcome back, Rtn Alex Wong



A 'decimated' membership singing the Negaraku