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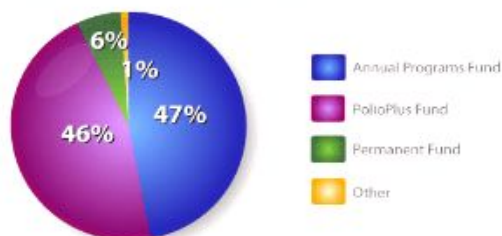
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION – MATCHING GRANTS PROBLEMS (PDG Dato' Jimmy Lim)

In his inimitable style PDG Jimmy Lim provided some insights into the financial workings of The Rotary Foundation and the problems it is currently facing with regard to allocations for Matching Grants. The two illustrations below show TRF contributions, i.e. donations / contributions received, and how the money is spent, total awards and expenses.



PDG Jimmy making his point using a new style hand-held microphone

The Rotary Foundation - Contributions



The Rotary Foundation - Total Awards and Expenses



Having been hit by the worldwide financial crisis, RI and TRF suffered severe losses from their investment that led to TRF suspending all MG applications in March this year. It would seem that most of their investments were placed through one financial advisor in the stock market. When retail investors are told to by so-called investment experts to spread one's investment to reduce the risk, RI seems to have adopted a different pattern, somewhat more risky or so it would appear, by putting the proverbial 'too many eggs in one basket'.

As reported by TRF General Secretary Ed Futa the accumulated losses had reached US\$ 222 million in February 2009 but with an improvement in the financial markets, they came down to US\$ 164 million, which is still a phenomenal sum by all accounts.

Criticism voiced by many Rotarians worldwide that RI / TRF adopt a more conservative investment policy were refuted by stating that they had been very successful with their investments over the past 20 years and that an improvement in the financial markets would reverse the losses, which are described as 'unrealised'.

According to PDG Jimmy this issue will be brought up during the forthcoming Rotary Institute in Manila. It remains to be seen whether RI is prepared to listen to Rotarians from Asia.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

COMMITTEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

Nest meeting will be held on 09.11.2009 at 14:00 hrs (immediately after the luncheon meeting)

SERVICE PROJECTS

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month (immediately after club meeting)

CLUB

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjourned EGM of

KLRCF

A delegation from our sister club will visit us for a joint meeting on 09 December.

Date: 25.11.2009

Time: 13:00 hrs

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Agenda:

To consider and approve proposed changes to KLRCF rules

Joint Meeting with RC

Phuket

A delegation from our sister club will visit us for a joint meeting on 09 December.

Tentative Programme:

08.12. - Fellowship dinner

09.12. - Joint meeting incl.

renewal of sister club

agreement

Details will be advised in due course.

41st District Interact

Conference

Date: 10-13 December

Venue: INTI University

College, Nilai

Objective: Provide leadership training and motivation

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

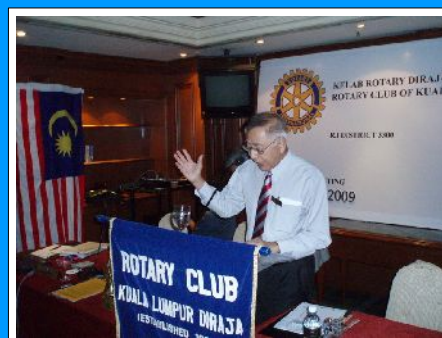
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ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 37
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups:** PDG Jimmy Lim (RC Bukit Bintang)
Rtn Tay Beng Chai (RC Tokyo North)
- Convener:** Rtn Lim Che Wan
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Richard English
- National Anthem and Loyal Toast:** PP Keow Hock Sneah
- Speaker:** PDG Dato' Jimmy Lim
- Topic:** The Rotary Foundation and Problems with Matching Grants
- Introducing Speaker:** Pres. Rizal Sardon
- Closing Remarks:** Rtn Gerald Lee



Convener Rtn Lim Che Wan



PP Keow Hock Sneah leading in singing Negaraku and giving the Loyal Toast

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Rotarians

PP Margarine Beaman
(RC East Austin, USA)
Rtn Edward Loy
(RC Singapore)

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Rtn Uwe Ahrens - 30.11.

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn Leong Lik Thong - 26.11.
Rtn Justin Teoh - 26.11.
Rtn Azmal Khan - 30.11.
Rtn Rainer Althoff - 01.12.



SAA Rtn Richard English

Invited Guests

Ms Patricia Cox - guest of visiting PP M Beaman
Mr Radzi Yusoff - guest of VP Nor Halim
Mr Azli Azra Razak - guest of Rtn Abdul Razak



Pres. Rizal exchanging bannerettes with visiting PP Margarine Beaman

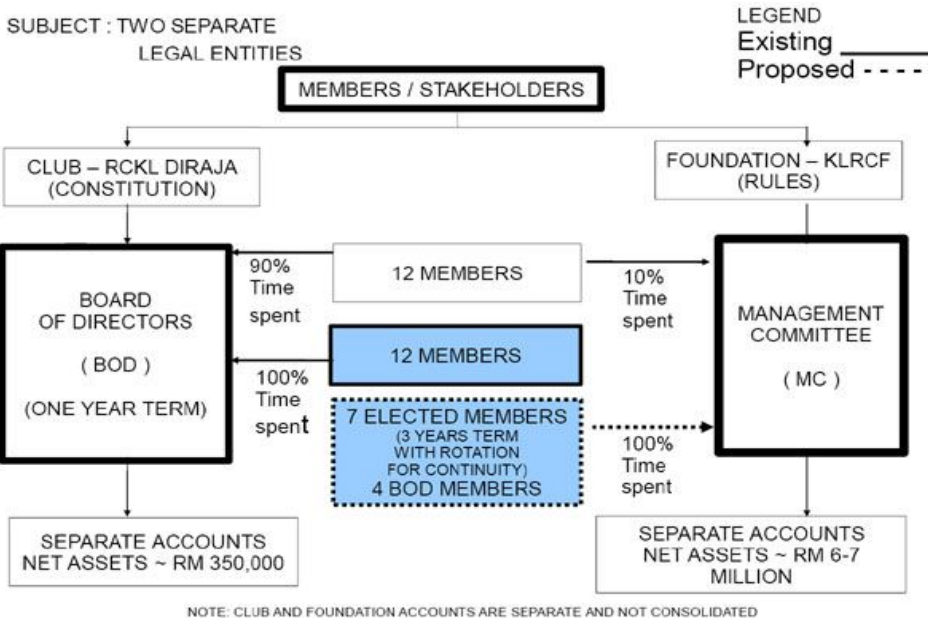


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RI NEWS

KUALA LUMPUR ROTARY CHARITY FOUNDATION

PDG Dato Mustapha Ma reminded members that a team of senior Rotarians and experts had been working on updating the rules of KLRF and that the new rules, whose most important changes are the formation of a board of trustees, will be tabled at the Adjourned EGM on 25 November 2009. He showed a slide which illustrated the separate positions of KLRCF trustees and directors of RCKL DiRaja. He also underlined that the changes are considered essential to preserve the tax free status of KLRCF and to comply with all statutory requirements.



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.

When the Berlin Wall fell, Rotary was There (Adapted from an article by Matthias Schuett - Rotary International News)



Enthusiasm for Rotary's role in a soon-to-be reunified Germany was scrawled onto the Berlin Wall before it was dismantled in 1990. Photo courtesy of Rotary Magazin

On a November 1989 evening, hundreds of Rotarians participating in an International Institute packed the foyer of the Hilton in West Berlin. They anxiously waited for taxis to take them to a host hospitality event, but none arrived. Finally, a hotel employee walked to a microphone and made an announcement, as organizer Peter Lorenz, of the Rotary Club of Berlin-Spree, recounts:

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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

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“He said, ‘We have to ask for your patience because the taxis we called can’t make it to the hotel. As you will see, thousands of visitors from the eastern part of the city are on the streets, blocking access to the hotel. We have been waiting for these guests for 28 years, and we ask you to wait with us. The [Brandenburg] gate and wall are open.”

The fall of the Berlin Wall 20 years ago this month marked the beginning of monumental political changes in Europe, but also the start of a new era in Rotary. The event is largely seen today as the launching pad for the rebirth of Rotary across Eastern Europe.

German Rotarians, stunned by the events of 9 November, rejoiced in the prospect of a reunified Germany and what it would mean to Rotary. They also wasted no time in getting involved, even as the wall itself was coming down. Members of the Rotary Club of Berlin-Tiergarten welcomed visitors coming through the wall from East Berlin with tea and coffee. The Rotarians also donated street maps of West Berlin, which the visitors needed because their East German maps didn’t indicate any West Berlin streets. “The coffee went cold, but the maps went in a flash,” recalls Berlin-Tiergarten club member Jürgen Thormann.

In the weeks and months that followed, West German Rotarians developed strategies for reestablishing clubs that had once existed in the eastern part of the country, in cities such as Chemnitz, Dresden, and Leipzig. District governors from the Austrian and German districts discussed plans for expanding Rotary into East Germany and neighboring countries, including Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. Clubs and districts also began conducting seminars with communities in East Germany, many of which helped establish twin city programs or led to Rotary club projects that are still ongoing, 20 years later.

Even though the concept of service clubs was foreign to an entire generation in what had been East Germany, within a year after the German reunification, 49 new clubs were chartered there. In March 1990, Hugh Archer, who was RI president at the time and attended the International Institute in West Berlin when the wall came down, traveled to the Kremlin to discuss the concept of service organizations with Soviet officials. Three months later, the Rotary Club of Moscow was chartered.

By the autumn of 1995, the reunified Germany had 91 new clubs, and the Rotary movement was rapidly expanding into Eastern Europe.



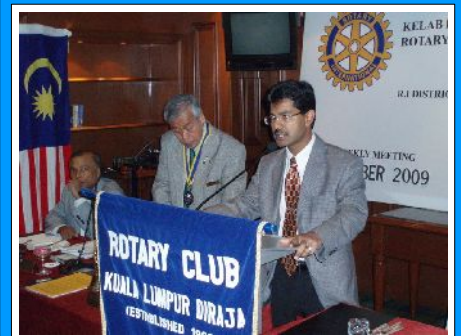
Reunion of our 4 'living PDGs' - Jimmy Lim, Mahinder Singh, Beh Lye Huat and Mustapha Ma



Rtn Razak having the birthday cake all to himself (and son?)



Rtn Gerald pushing hard for EREY contributions from members



Hon. Sec. Ridza reminding members of the forthcoming adjourned EGM