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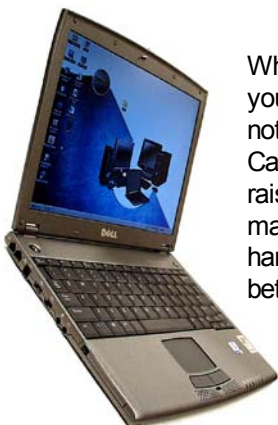
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RI teams up with Dell to offer savings for Rotarians (in the U.S. Only)



While looking for interesting articles from Rotary International to share with you, I came across this offer. I cannot help but wonder why we Malaysians did not embark on similar programs or projects in our District. Well, having heard Caesar Loong talk about 'freedom of expression', I am taking the liberty to raise this before I hand the editorial back to the editor. Such ventures, I feel, may allow some Rotarians to have more resources and opportunities to 'lend a hand' to the needy. Maybe such benefits offered by the club will encourage better participation from members? Who knows!

Rotary International has teamed up with Dell, the computer systems company, to extend special offers to Rotarians not available to the general public.

Some of the benefits for Rotarians who participate in this special program are:

1. Up to a 10 percent discount on select computer systems
2. Discounted shipping
3. 24-hour Dell hardware technical support
4. A variety of payment methods
5. Convenient order-tracking system

Rotary club members are encouraged to explore the new Member Benefits section in the Member Access <<https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/>> area of the Web site. After logging in, Rotarians will find instructions on how to get started as well as direct links to enroll via the Internet.

The Secretariat of RI, which serves Rotary clubs and districts worldwide, also receives discounts on Dell products through the same program. Currently, Dell is extending this offer to Rotarians in the U.S. only.

What others are saying about Rotary

"Rotary has the ability to organize campaigns to mobilize support for some of the worthiest causes that exist, and that makes Rotary a precious resource."

- **Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations**

"[Rotary has] proven how much can be accomplished when a group selflessly uses every ounce of the political capital it has to help the world's most disenfranchised children."

- **William H. Gates Sr., Co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

"I admire the Rotary promise to solve problems that destroy lives and trample dreams and human potential."

- **Her Majesty Queen Noor Al-Hussein of Jordan**

"Long ago, you created awareness, and took action. If I could, I would give each of you who have been involved in this monumental campaign a Champion award. You who believe in, and continue to strive to save the world's children from the ravages of polio, are most definitely champions."

- **Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director General, World Health Organization**

Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 10.12.2003

Meetings of the Service Committees

- Club Service will meet on **16.12.2003 (Tuesday)** at 6.00pm, Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur and this will be followed by a fellowship dinner to be hosted by PP Lim Eng Ho.
- International Service & Fellowship will meet on **17.10.2003 (Wednesday)** at 2.00pm, Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.
- Community Service will meet on **18.10.2003 (Thursday)** at 5.30pm, Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.
- Club Assembly will meet on **19.12.2003 (Friday)** at 6.00pm, Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

Duty Roster For RCKLDIRAJA Luncheon Meeting (10.12.2003)

Fellowship	Rtn Kreutzberg, Friedrich Wilhelm (Backup-Rtn Lee Fang-Hsin, Frank)
Start Meeting	Rtn Leong Lik Thong (Backup-Rtn Erik Lidstrom)
Singing/Toasting	Rtn Loo Kok Yuen (Backup – Rtn Tony Lu)
Introduce Speaker	Rtn Mohan Lal (Backup – Rtn Dato' Mohd Yusoff B Haji Mohd Amin)
Thank Speaker	PP Sou Yong (Backup – PP Staks, Juergen)

This Week's Speaker: Assistant Governor Leslie Sallehuddin
Topic : "Lend a Hand"

Next Week's Speaker: To Be Announced

Humourous Lesson In Life

A farmer goes out one day and buys a brand new stud rooster for his chicken coop. The new rooster struts over to the old rooster and says, "OK old fart, time for you to retire." The old rooster replies, "Come on, surely you cannot handle ALL of these chickens. Look what it has done to me. Can't you just let me have the two old hens over in the corner?"

The young rooster says, "Beat it: You are washed up and I am taking over." The old rooster says, "I tell you what, young stud. I will race you around the farmhouse. Whoever wins gets the exclusive domain over the entire chicken coop."

The young rooster laughs. "You know you don't stand a chance old man. So, just to be fair I will give you a head start."

The old rooster takes off running. About 15 seconds later the young rooster takes off running after him. They round the front porch of the farmhouse and the young rooster has closed the gap. He is already about 5 inches behind the old rooster and gaining fast.

The farmer, meanwhile, is sitting in his usual spot on the front porch when he sees the roosters running by. He grabs his shotgun and - BOOM - He blows the young rooster to bits.

The farmer sadly shakes his head and says, "Dammit... third gay rooster I bought this month."

Moral of this story....

Don't mess with the OLD FARTS - age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill!



Last Week's Speaker Report Back: Caesar Loong

Topic : Freedom of Expression

Mr Loong was introduced to the audience by Rtn Attan Akmar. Before the speaker started his presentation, he put up some disclaimers. He said that he is not a constitutional lawyer and that he was surprised that he had been asked to talk about the subject. After the disclaimer, he said that it could be because of his short article published by the New Straits Times on the subject of the right of expression with regards to the public administration, authorities and the law of defamation.



PP Dato' Kamarulzaman thanks the speaker, Mr Caesar Loong

He made the observations to address a couple of issues:

1. Our culture which discourages criticism prevents deep democracy. This was because of the fear of retribution if complains were made to the administrative body.
2. As a result, there are too little debate on issues which can lead to lot's of wastage of public funds when the government makes 'U-turns' a year or so after launching a project.
3. The public authorities are there to serve the public. As they are paid by the tax payers and as custodian of public interest, they should be more open to scrutiny.

He then talked about the law of defamation, our federal constitution and fundamental liberty. Essentially, our federal constitution was based on the guiding principle of good practice and that they allow the parliament to enact laws. This translates to the fact that the freedom of expression is not enshrined in our constitution.

As such, the law of defamation was often used as a tool to curtain freedom of expression. The law is often used to stop people from criticizing or commenting about our public administration. All facts presented, when complaining, must be accurate and must be truthful. The problem lies in the fact that we are living in a culture that is not transparent. Therefore problems with getting facts arise.

He gave an example of a case in New York where it was held by the Supreme Court that there should be a traditional law for the private citizen. And in the interest of the public, a law that has greater flexibility should apply to the public administration. He then added that this has no bearing on Malaysian courts when he tried to use this in a case a couple of years ago.

Datuk Kamaluzaman thanked the speaker after one question was taken.



President Kanes presents a certificate of appreciation to Ms Lieu Wai Leng for her work on the Directory



PP Rahim, PP Shaw al and Rtn Attan at the organising meeting for the Raya fellowship luncheon



PP Jason Gan and VP Dr Lee Hock Bee congratulate Rtn Ameen on his birthday



Rtn Tan Boon Leong and Rtn Frank Lee at the buffet

To Mark 100 Years, Hong Kong Rotarians will be environment-friendly

For their centennial project, five Rotary clubs in District 3450, Hong Kong, will contribute HK\$500,000 (US\$65,000) to renovate an existing community nature center and also build a wetland conservation research center.

The Rotary clubs of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Island West, Hong Kong Northwest, The Peak, City Northwest Hong Kong, and Mid-Level will join forces to upgrade the Peter Scott Field Studies Center at Mai Po Nature Reserve to help promote wetland education among the public.

The clubs will also build a Rotary Centennial Institute for Wetland Conservation inside the newly renovated center.

"We want to expand wetland conservation education to all sectors of the public, not only students, but business leaders, city officials, and engineering professionals who have an impact on the success of the conservation," says Jason Chan, president of The Peak Rotary club. "The institute will educate fish farmers, who depend on the wetland for their livelihood, and also benefit overseas visitors and Rotary scholars."

Upgrades of the facility, which is part of the World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong, will start in December and should be complete by January 2005. New features in the facility will include an enlarged lecture room, audiovisual facilities, and a library. The renovations are desperately needed, since the Center is more than 10 years old, Chan says.

"Conservation organizations and projects usually don't get as much funding as needed," says Steve Cheung, a member of the World Wide Fund for Nature and past president of the Hong Kong Northwest club. "We feel that the World Wide Fund for Nature is a good organization to work with."

The funds for the project will come from joint golf tournaments, book sales, and charity actions organized by the five clubs. Hong Kong Rotarians will also provide manual labor for the project, Chan says.

Rotarian structural engineers and designers will help with the professional work.

Birthday Boys

PP Stuart Pack on 14.12.2003

Rtn Friedrich Wilhelm Krutzberg on 15.12.2003

Anns Birthday

Mary Lee Ann of Rtn Louis Cheah on 11.12.2003

Yoko Nakagawa Ann of Rtn Hardeep Singh on 12.12.2003

Choo Mun Moi Ann of Rtn Leong Lik Thong on 13.12.2003

Datin Mariam Ma Ann of PDG Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma on 13.12.2003

Brigitte Althoff Ann of Rainer Althoff on 16.12.2003

Wedding Anniversaries

PDG Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma & Datin Mariam Ma on 15.12.2003



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