



BERITA ROTARY

VISIT FROM SISTER CLUB RC PHUKET

Last Wednesday's programme had one central theme, the visit from our sister club, Rotary Club of Phuket.

On Tuesday, the visitors were met at the airport by PP Ramli and Rtn Horst. On the way from the airport to town a brief stopover was made at Wisma Rotary to show the visitors the St. Johns Dialysis Centre and our newly established archives and meeting room

That night the team of 4 comprising PDG Sermsak Piyatham, Pres. Somporn Chumpong, PP Saroj Angkanapilas, and Pres.-Nom. Tanit Tanitvit were entertained at a welcome dinner held at Maju Palace, ably organised by our 'Mr Rotary', PP Lim Eng Ho, and new Rtn David Law. Nearly 40 Rotarians and spouses attended and had a great time with good food and free flowing drinks.

between RCKL DiRaja and RC Phuket and some of their members (refer to article on page 5).

This was followed by the signing of the Sister Club renewal certificate (after some hiccup with the paperwork) by Presidents Somporn Chumpong and Rizal Sardon, witnessed by Rtns Tanit Tanitvit and Hardeep Singh.



Renewing the sister club agreement

Another reason for the RC Phuket team wanting to visit us was to thank our club for its involvement and support with the setting up of the 'Learning Centre' at Tha Chat Chai School, Phuket. In 2005, our club had donated here school uniforms and supplies for 150 school children whose parents had been robbed of their source of income in the 2004 Asian tsunami.

Phuket Pres. Somporn handed a plaque of appreciation to Pres. Rizal which will be kept in our club's archives.

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Pres Rizal giving instructions as PP Eng Ho is counting the money

After our club business had been dealt with, Rtn Horst Wippern gave a short speech that provided interesting information about the historical links

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COMMITTEE

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MEMBERSHIP

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

Nest meeting will be held on 06 January 2010 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

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Rtn M JAYABALAN

Pres. Rizal Sardon wishes to announce with regret that Rtn Jayabalan has tendered his resignation as President-Elect and Board Member, effective immediately.

AGM OF RCKL DIRAJA AND KLRCF

Date:

30.12.2009

Venue:

Shangri-La Hotel

Agenda:

Accounts 2009
Election of Office Bearers 2010/11

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

9 December 2009

ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 35
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups:** -
- Convener:** Rtn Lim Che Wan
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Lim Che Wan
- National Anthem and Loyal Toast:** Rtn Hardeep Singh
- Programme:**
 - Visit from RC Phuket
 - (a) Renewal of Sister Club Agreement
 - (b) Report on Library Project at Tha Chat Chai School
 - (c) Cheque Presentation for Soup Kitchen Project
- Opening Remarks:** Rtn Horst Wippern
- Closing Remarks:** Pres. Rizal Sardon



Rtn Lim Che Wan, Convener and SAA



Rtn Hardeep Singh (Negaraku and Loyal Toast)



Welcome back, Rtn Uwe Ahrens (explaining his new toy to Dato' Ku)



PDG Mus looking after PDG Sermsak and Pres. Somporn (RC Phuket)

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Rotarians

- PDG Sermsak Piyatham)
- Pres Somporn Champong)
- PP Saroj Angkanapilas)
- Pres. Nominee Tanit Tantivit)
- RC Phuket (sister club)

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Rtn Lau Pak Fatt - 23.12.

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn Horst Wippern - 18.12.

Rtn Andy Khoo - 20.12.

Invited Guests

- Tan Sri Samsuri Arshad - ex Dep. IGP) guests of club
- Dato' Ku Chin Wah - SAC II)
- Mr Chan Sau Seng - guest of PP Attan
- Ms Munirah)
- Mr Sasha Nordin) PERTIWI (guests of Pres. Rizal)



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Plaque presented by RC Phuket

presentation (US\$ 3,000) for our soup kitchen project by Phuket Pres. Somporn to Pres. Rizal. It was the wish of our Phuket friends to reciprocate and show their appreciation for the project cooperation by our clubs and the friendship developed through it. The cheque was gratefully accepted by our club.



Cheque presentation

The last item on the agenda last Wednesday was the cheque

Message from TRF Trustee Chair December 2009 Foundation Supports a Strong Rotary family



This year marks my 50th as a Rotarian. I cannot recall whether, on the day I first joined a Rotary club,

I gave any thought to what my involvement with Rotary might be in 2009-10. I am sure I never expected that Rotary would have become so much a part of the Estess household that it would feel to all of us like family.

I often talk about how The Rotary Foundation supports the entire

family of Rotary. Rotary is like a family in so many ways – in the ways we lift each other up, help each other grow, and accomplish things together that we never could alone.

Through Rotary, with the help of our Foundation, we can take on challenges that no one else has the ability, or the inclination, or the organizational resources to tackle. We in Rotary share what we have in a way that no one else does – with love, with kindness, and with simple generosity. And that is why,

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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.



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when I was traveling with my wife, Mary, during Rotary's centennial year, she so often said to me, "The finest people in the world must be Rotarians."

What we have both seen in the last 50 years, over and over again, has been a pure and overwhelming desire to be of assistance – a desire that, thanks to the Foundation, is backed with financial and

practical resources. Rotarians work to address needs that seem so large or so intractable that no one else will even try – or sometimes so insignificant that no one else will bother. In our Rotary family, we rise to these challenges because we know we can – with the strength of our Foundation behind us.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
Foundation Trustee Chair

HISTORICAL LINKS BETWEEN

RC KUALA LUPUR DIRAJA AND ROTARY CLUB OF PHUKET

(By Rtn Horst Wippenn)

One member of the RC Phuket team that visited us last week, represents a unique historical link between our clubs. He is Rtn Tanit Tantivit, son of Bunlur Tantivit. Let me explain:

The records of our club list one Chua Cheng Bock as a member as at 31 August 1929. Since he was not a charter member, his name was included in the section 'Later Members'. His classification was listed as 'Importer – Motor Cars' and his 'nationality' (sic) as Chinese.

The joining date of his nephew, Chua Boon Guan, cannot be established anymore. Also there are no records of the positions he might have held in our club. However, what is known and recorded is that he was our club's president in RY 1951/52 (described in the booklet 'A Short

History of the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur', published on the occasion the 60th anniversary).

The Chua family, of course, was well-known for having introduced a certain German motorcar brand to what were then the Federated Malay States, which became the dream of every aspiring businessman, statesman, politician, and sometimes undesirable characters.

Chua Boon Guan's daughter married a man from Phuket by the name of Bunlur Tantivit who became interested in the Rotary movement and became the charter president of the Rotary Club of Phuket in 1977.

Our club records also list one Gunn Lay Teik, believed to have

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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?



PDG Mahinder Singh catching up with 'classmate' PDG Sermsak



Five PDGs and two Presidents



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been the son-in-law of Chua Cheng Bok. He was our club's president in 1941/42 and in 1955/56. He was elected to become District Governor in 1957/58 but could not assume this post as he was posted as Malaya's High Commissioner to Australia. Then there is Lau Foo Sun, our club's president in 1973/74; his wife is the cousin of Bunlur Tantivit's wife.



PN Tanit pointing at the reprint of the 1929 members list showing Chuan Cheng Bok's name - RCKL DiRaja archives

Rtn Tanit will follow in his illustrious relatives' and late father's footsteps when he becomes RC Phuket's president in 2012.

Ever since becoming a Puket Rotarian it had been his wish to one day establish contact with the Rotary club of which his grandfather had been the president many decades ago, our club, and close the circle, as it were, by linking both clubs under a sister club agreement.

So in RY 2003/04 he contacted (then) International Service

Director Rizal Sardon, now our president. After a period of getting to know each other and - most importantly - of cooperating in projects in Phuket, the original sister club agreement was signed during PP Low Kok Hwa's year, in May 2006.

Immediately after the tsunami that hit Phuket in December 2004 our club offered to help RC Phuket with relief efforts and after some discussions it was decided that we would provide financial assistance for the donation of uniforms and supplies to 150 primary school children whose parents had been affected by the disaster. PP Lim Eng Ho and I flew to Phuket early in the RY 2005/06 to attend the handing over of these donations at Tha Chat Chai School.

At the school we were told that it (and the community) was in dire need of a library and an IT centre, and that there was no hope for any government assistance in the short term. So it was decided on the spot that our club would be part of the project, which was then entering the conceptual stage. A large project by all accounts. Our club made a commitment to assist financially for the fitting out.

Money from club funds was pooled with donations from individual Rotarians during

various visits to Phuket, and during IPP Francis Chan's year when another team combined golfing, shopping, and fellowship with a project visit, PP Ham Ah Nee committed to donate an LCD projector.

The project which has been named 'Tha Chat Chai Learning Centre' has been successfully completed and handed over to the school and community.



The learning centre building



The learning centre interior