



Lend a Hand

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R.I. DISTRICT 3300



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69th District Conference

The 69th District Conference takes place this year at the Shangri La hotel between the 2nd and 4th of January 2004. The Rotary Club of KL Diraja is the host club for this year's conference and we all need to Lend a Hand and ensure its success. AG Leslie Salihuddin issued a challenge to club members to get at least an 80% sign up from club members and at the last count we were still some way short of this figure. The District Conference is one of the show cases for the District during the Rotary calendar and the club, which has recently been accused of basking in its past glories, needs to give the lie to that impression.



A very full and varied programme has been arranged, the full details can be viewed on the District Website but some of the programme features are:

FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2004

9.00am to 8.30pm Registration
8.00pm Fellowship Dinner with Eastern & Oriental Entertainment by the Beijing Opera

SATURDAY 3RD JANUARY 2004

8.00am Registration
9.45am Arrival of Guest of Honour
10.00am Opening of 69th District Conference
8.00pm Governor's Banquet

SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2004

10.45am Last session opens
1.00pm Conference ends

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A message to all club members from the International Service Committee.

Visit to Rotary Club of Bombay.

The committee was informed that the secretary of the Rotary Club of Bombay has invited our club members to visit their club in Bombay in Jan or Feb 2004. President urged the members to take up the invitation and make arrangements to visit them in the near future. The committee requested that this matter should be highlighted in the bulletin for the members to consider and indicate their interest directly to the president. If such a trip materializes, a visit to the Mauritius club should also be included.

Fellowship Dinner, 4th January 2004.

The International Service committee will organize a post conference fellowship with the Taiwan Friendship Exchange Program and the GSE team. The Fellowship Dinner will be held on Sunday, 4th January 2004 at the Raintree Club. All members of the Club/ fellow Rotarians and their anns are invited to join the function from 7.00p.m. The cost is RM100 per person. Please confirm attendance and make payments to Rtn Rizal Sardon, Rtn Hardeep or Rtn Chiu Kim Boo by the last luncheon of the month of December.



Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 24.12.2003

- Board Meeting will be held on **05.1.2004 (Tuesday)** at 6.00pm at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.

Notices

Membership Information:

September 03	56.3%
October 03	54.4%
November 03	61.8%
03/12/03	66.3% (Provisional)
10/12/03	57.7% (Provisional)
17/12/03	69.2% (Provisional)

Status of our membership as follows:

Total Membership:	120
Exempted:	16
Active:	104
Terminated:	4
Deceased:	2
Resignation:	2

Rotary Year 2004/2005

The nomination committee has nominated the following persons :

President Elect	Rtn Low Kok Hwa
Vice President	Rtn David Teh
Secretary Rtn	Freddy Chan
Treasurer	Rtn Wong Cham Meow
Club Service Director	PP Vincent Wong Wai Sang
Community Service Director	Rtn Willie Tham
Vocational Service Director	Rtn Steve Lau Keng Lim
Service to New Generations Director	Rtn Hardeep Singh
International Service Director	Rtn Horst Wippenn
Fellowship Director	Rtn Tony Lu Loy Heong

This Week's Speaker: PP Dato Haji Mustapha Ma

Dato Haji Mustapha Ma, or 'Mus' as he is affectionately known, joined Rotary as a member of the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur in 1962. His service to the club and Rotary is legendary and an example to us all and we can only give a small selection here. He served as Sergeant-at-arms, and Director of Vocational Service.

When he served as Education Attaché at the Malaysian High Commission in London, UK, he became a member of the Rotary Club of St. Marylebone, London from 1967 – 1972. He returned to the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur in 1972 and served as Director Club Service, and Vice President. He became President in 1975-1976. He served as Host Club President for the District 330 Conference in 1975. He is 100 Percenter for 39 years and has devoted more than 42 years of his life to voluntary service.

He has received many awards over the years in recognition of his service and was conferred D.P.M.P. Decoration by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Perak, Malaysia which confers the title of "Dato", a decoration in honour of outstanding services to the community and the nation. We look forward to Mus' talk.

Raya Lunch Hosted by Club's Muslim Members - Wednesday 17th December

Last Week's Raya Lunch was generously hosted by the club's Muslim members and it was good to see so many guests appreciate the menu specially selected to include the traditional foods of the Hari Raya month. The Master of Ceremonies, Rtn. Attan Akmar, explained that the holy month of Ramadan was followed by the month of Eade or Hari Raya as it is known here. As with the holy month of Ramadan when observance is strict, the month of Hari Raya is something of a natural counter balance to the privations just endured and enjoyed accordingly. So the tradition of 'Open House' was born - Rendang, Ketupat, Lontong and Kuah are some of the traditional foods served to guests. Attan Akmar urged all the guests to try the various foods because although traditional they are often difficult to find outside of the month of Hari Raya. Most of the guests appeared to take Attan at his word. Attan Akmar finished his talk with a rendition of a song; not Malay, but from the opera Tosca. He obviously has hidden talent ripe for exploitation!



Rtn Chiu Kim Boon, Treasurer Francis Chan and Dato' Tan Choo Teck wishing Rtn Halim Yusoff



Dato' G S Gill, Ann Datin Siti Zabadah, Dato' Mohd Yusoff and Rtn M Jayabalan enjoying lunch



PP Dato' A N Ham, PP Stuart Pack and Rtn Rajendra having fellowship



Rtn Jalil, Rtn Lokman, Rtn Sokdave and Rtn Dato' A Razak sharing a Hari Raya moment



PP Dato' Haniff, Rtn Chiu Kim Boon and Rtn Tam Mun Fong celebrating their birthdays together



Rtn Attan entertaining the Club with a Pavarotti favorite

At the RI District 3300 Conference Organizing Committee meeting in action on Monday, 15th December 2003:

(Right) District Governor Dr Mahinder Singh is seen feverishly preparing for the grand 69th RI District 3300 Conference to be held on Friday, 2nd to Sunday, 4th January 2004.



(Left) Past President Lim Eng Ho, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the 69th RI District 3300 Conference, Vice-Chairman Rotarian Wong Chee Loon and Conference Treasurer Past President Jason Gan give their full and undivided attention to the proceedings.

Nominees for International President and Director declared

This months club rotary calendar theme is AGM & Election – Rotary elections also take place elsewhere

On **2nd December 2003**, RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe declared Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar to be the sole official nominee for president of Rotary International for 2005-06. A member of the Rotary Club of Göteborg, Sweden, Stenhammar will be formally elected at the 2004 Convention in Osaka.

At the convention, new RI Directors will also be elected from among the membership of clubs in zones 1, 6, 9, 14, 19, 23, 27 and 29. They will serve a two-year term in 2005-07. As of **1st December**, RI General Secretary Edwin Futa had received no proposals of challenging candidates in five of those zones.

In accordance with RI bylaws, President Majiyagbe has declared the five candidates who face no opposition to be the official directors-nominee from their respective zones. They are:

- Masanobu Shigeta, Takasaki North, Gunma, Japan, (Zone 1);
- Horst Heiner Hellge, Hamburg-Blankenese, Germany, (Zone 14),
- Jerry L. Hall, Reno, Nevada, USA, (Zone 23);
- Frank H. Goldberg, Omaha-Suburban, Nebraska, USA, (Zone 27); and
- Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Springfield, Illinois, USA, (Zone 29).

In Zone 6, three clubs have proposed a challenging candidate to the candidate selected by the nominating committee. Also, in Zone 9 and 19, clubs have proposed challenging candidates to the candidate selected by the nominating committee. Because the challenges in all three zones have been endorsed by a majority of the clubs in the respective districts from which they were proposed, a ballot-by-mail will be necessary to determine the directors-nominee. The results will not be known until early March 2004.

Birthday Boys

Rtn David Wong Kon Yew on 25.12.2003

Anns Birthdays

Sonja Ann of Rtn Rizal Sardon on 30.12.2003

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn Attan Akmar & May on 25.12.2003



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