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# BERITA ROTARY

ROTARY CLUB OF KUALA LUMPUR DIRAJA

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# Nominees for the 2004/2005 Board

The forthcoming club AGM to be held on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December at 1:00pm at Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur**, will see the election of the Board for the next Rotary year. The following are the list of nominees and we wish them all every success in their various endeavours:

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Rtn Tony Lu, Rtn Horst Wippem and Rtn Willie Tham who have been nominated to serve on the 2004-2005 Board wishing each other the best for Rotary



PP Dato' Koay Soon Eng and PP Frank Lee congratulating PE Dr Lee Hock Bee and VP Low Kok Hwa who have been nominated to serve on the 2004-2005 Board

## Annual Children's Party - Appeal for a Project Leader.

The President of the Royal Selangor Club Dato' V. C. George has asked his entertainment committee chairman Mr Larry Seow to co-operate with the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Diraja to carry out this project using the field and facilities at the Bukit Kiara Annexe.

Any member or Past President wishing to lead a team to carry out this project is urgently requested to contact PP Dato' Kunhi Mohamed our Community Service Director so that the community service committee can recommend the chairman for this project to the board. The tentative date for this function is 1st February 2004.

## Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 31.12.2003

- Vocational Service meeting will meet on **07.01.2004 (Wednesday) at 2.00pm** at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.

- New Generation meeting will meet on **13.01.2004 (Tuesday) at 5.30pm** at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.

- Board of Director meeting will meet on **06.01.2004 (Tuesday) at 6.00pm** at Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur

## Last Week's Speaker Report Back : PDG Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma

Dato' Mus opened his presentation with his usual dose of laughter medicine and on this occasion he also received a "standing ovation" from everyone even before he started. The standing ovation was part of Mus' clapping therapy which complemented the laughter very well - especially on Christmas Eve! With the mood set, our speaker who needed no introduction after having been a Rotarian for 41 years, was given one anyway by Rtn Dr Tam Mun Fong.



President Kanes thanking the speaker, PDG Dato' Mustapha Ma

Dato' Mus' presentation was on the "Uniqueness of Rotary & Rotary Updates". The main points of interest were from the 2001 RI Convention inter alia:

1. There are now only 2 categories of members in Rotary – Active and Honorary Members. Other categories like Senior Active etc have now been discarded.
2. Active members must attend at least 60% of each meeting and they must have a 60% attendance record for all meetings throughout the year. 30% make ups are allowed.
3. Honorary members are given this honour for life.
4. New clubs are no longer allowed to be single gender. Exclusive male or female clubs were established before this rule came into effect in 2001.

President Kanes thanked Dato' Mus for his excellent coverage of what otherwise would be a fairly "dry" subject.



Rtn Friedrich Kreutzberg celebrating his birthday with the Club



Rtn Dr Tam Mun Fong, Rtn Ng Hock Boon, Rtn K C Tan and Rtn Hardeep Singh drinking a toast to His Majesty the King

## Word of Wisdom

### One Minute Wisdom

We will be printing these anecdotes which were collected by the late Jesuit priest and author Antony de Mello and published in a series of books. We think one of these a week in the Berita is more than enough and Members may find it refreshing or exasperating. I think it is food for thought and reflection.

"The man talks nonsense," said a visitor after hearing the Master speak. Said a disciple. "You would talk nonsense too if you were trying to express the inexpressible." When the visitor checked out this with the Master himself, this is the reply he got: "No one is exempt from talking nonsense. The great misfortune is to do it solemnly."

## Environment Week - 20th to 27th December

On Saturday, 20th December 2003 a host of our Club's Rotarians attended at the Bukit Nanas Forest Reserve in the heart of the city at 8.00 in the morning for the launching of the Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur's Environment Week from the 20th to the 27th of December, 2003.

Those present included PP Frank Lim and his two sons, Club Service Director Rotarian David Teh and his two sons, Rotarian Dr Liu Chung Shem & Ann Teoh Paik Lam, Programme Chairman Rotarian Yeo Ing King, Past District Governor Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma, PP Dato' G. S. Gill, PP Vincent Wong, Secretary Rotarian Freddy Chan, Rotarian Sokdave Singh, Rotarian Choy Hon Nang, President-Elect Dr. Lee Hock Bee and President Kanesalingam.

Datuk Mohamad Shaid Mohd Taufek, the Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur, launched the week with a speech calling on everyone to know the names of at least five trees which grow naturally in our rich tropical forests. After the opening about two hundred people, including many members of the Lions Club, performed the "Senamrobik" that is aerobic exercises to lifting music over fifteen minutes. A guided tour through 250 metres of thick forest in the green lung of the city took place followed by refreshments. Everyone wore green t-shirts urging care for the environment.

Encik Abdul Rahman, the head of the Dewan Bandaraya's environment division has asked our Club to carry out a project to preserve planet Earth. Any member or Past President wishing to undertake to lead this task should urgently contact PP Dato' Kunhi Mohamed our Community Service Director.

The photographs show our Rotarians in action. (The first photo shows some of our Rotarians together with the Datuk Bandar and Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, Chairman of the Organizing Committee. Both of them are Honorary Rotarians of our Club).



### **Birthday Boys**

President A Kanesalingam on 01.01.2004

Rtn Yeo Ing King on 03.01.2004

Dato' Tan Choo Teck on 04.01.2004

Rtn Hardeep Singh on 06.01.2004

### **Anns Birthdays**

Datin Rukamani Ann of PP Dato' Krishnan L on 31.12.2003

Christine Ann of Rtn Ng Hock Boon on 02.01.2004

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

PP Dato' Krishnan L and Datin Rukamani on 01.01.2004

Dato' Mohd Hj Yusoff Amin and Datin Hajjah Siti Zabadah bt Hj. Ahmad on 06.01.2004



## A Story Worth Reading 'The Power of Non-Violence in Parenting'

Dr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and founder of the M.K.Gandhi Institute for Non-violence, in his June 9 lecture at the University of Puerto Rico, shared the following story as an example of "non-violence in parenting":

"I was 16 years old and living with my parents at the institute my grandfather had founded 18 miles outside of Durban, South Africa, in the middle of the sugar plantations. We were deep in the country and had no neighbors, so my two sisters and I would always look forward to going to town to visit friends or go to the movies.

One day, my father asked me to drive him to town for an all-day conference and I jumped at the chance. Since I was going to town, my mother gave me a list of groceries she needed and, since I had all day in town, my father asked me to take care of several pending chores such as getting the car serviced. When I dropped off my father that morning, he said, 'I will meet you here at 5:00 p.m. and we will go home together.'

After hurriedly completing my chores, I went straight to the nearest movie theatre. I got so engrossed in a John Wayne double-feature that I forgot the time. It was 5:30pm before I remembered. By the time I ran to the garage and got the car and hurried to where my father was waiting for me, it was almost 6:00pm.

He anxiously asked me, 'Why were you late?' I was so ashamed of telling him I was watching a John Wayne western movie that I said, 'The car wasn't ready, so I had to wait', not realizing that he had already called the garage. When he caught me in the lie, he said, 'There's something wrong in the way I brought you up that didn't give you the confidence to tell me the truth. In order to figure out where I went wrong with you, I'm going to walk home 18 miles and think about it.'

So, dressed in his suit and dress shoes, he began to walk home in the dark on mostly unpaved, unlit roads. I couldn't leave him, so for five-and-a-half hours I drove behind him, watching my father go through this agony for a stupid lie that I uttered. I decided then and there that I was never going to lie again.

I often think about that episode and wonder, if he had punished me the way we punish our children, whether I would have learned a lesson at all. I don't think so. I would have suffered the punishment and gone on doing the same thing. But this single non-violent action was so powerful that it is still as if it happened yesterday. That is the power of non-violence."

With thanks to Rtn. Yong Chong Soon.

### KL DiRaja Sponsors 4 Students On An International Youth Exchange Program to D3360 Northern Thailand

On December 15, 2003, a group of 10 students aged between 14 and 18 left KLIA for Phitsanulok, Thailand on a 10-day exchange program jointly organised by D3300 and D3360. KL DiRaja sponsored Interactors Nur Izzati Khairudin, Utami Adi Puteri Hadi and Liyana Munira Mohd Amin as well as student Muhammad Atif Zulkifly for the program. The other participants are sponsored by RC Cheras, RC Titiwangsa and RC Kuantan. The return air fare and travel insurance are borne by the students' parents while all expenses in Thailand are borne by D3360. The Rotarian coordinator for the program in Thailand is PDG Suthep Nimpitakpong.

The tour covers the ancient cities of Phitsanulok, Sukhothai, Phrae, Lamphang, Chiangmai and Chiangrai where the participants will stay with host parents as well as in hostels and resorts. They will also attend Rotary Club meetings where they will exchange our KL DiRaja banners with the host clubs.

In May 2004 (tentatively), a group of students from D3360 will make a similar reciprocal visit to D3300 and KL DiRaja will host at least four participants. Rotarians (and non-Rotarians as well) interested in hosting these students for a few days each are welcome to register their interest with Rtn Attan as early as possible.



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