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## DISTRICT 3300 CONFERENCE

62 Rotarians from our club attended the 69th District Conference at Hotel Shangri La held on **2nd, 3rd and 4th January 2004** and did the club proud. The Conference was a grand affair. There was music, dance, speeches and vigorous dispute but it all ended amiably. The food won every person's heart. Many acquaintances were renewed and many new ones made. The spouses not wanting to be left out enjoyed themselves. 400 Rotarians and 83 spouses registered. Rotarian Akbar Khan and HSBC Bank were leading sponsors. Past President Lim Eng Ho and his organising committee left no stone unturned to make the 69th District Conference a great success. District Governor Dr. Mahinder Singh was all smiles.

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Stuart Pack holds forth as one of the principal masters of ceremony at the grand 69th District Conference.



Rtn. Willie Tham and Rtn Horst Wippert seriously discussing a point.



District Governor Dr. Mahinder Singh mesmerising all present.



Minister Dato' Law Heng Ding and Datin were guests of honour at the grand 69th District Conference.



PP Dato' Low Bin Teik with RC Ampang's PP Dr Ernest Yong and Rtn Vincent Lim.



Rty Ann Foong Pack, Rty Ann Toh Puan Lam Lee Pin and Rty Ann Datin Linda Koay are in a merry mood.



Rotary Spouses are exposed to the secrets of face painting for a Chinese Opera.



Rtn Yeo Ing King celebrate his birthday on 3rd January 2004 at the grand 69th District Conference.

## Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 14.01.2004

- Club Service will meet on **20.01.2004 (Tuesday)** at 5.30pm, Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.
- Fellowship will meet on **21.01.2004 (Wednesday)** at 2.00pm, Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.
- Community Service will meet on **29.01.2004 (Thursday)** at 5.30pm, Hotel Shangri La, Kuala Lumpur.

### This Week's Speaker - Past President Hew Kiang Hoe

Hew Kiang Hoe was born in Ipoh, Perak on 1st October 1928. He came from a humble and God-fearing family of 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Uncle Hew, as he is fondly called by his friends, graduated as a Pharmacist from University Malaya Singapore.

He joined Federal Dispensary Limited, Singapore as a Pharmacist and, after 3 years, he was promoted to the position of Assistant General Manager cum Pharmacist at Federal Dispensary Limited, Kuala Lumpur. 10 years later, in 1964, he left his employment and launched Hew Pharmacy (M) Sdn. Bhd., in Kuala Lumpur, Seremban and Klang. In 1990 he retired and sold off his businesses.

He joined the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Di-Raja in 1972. He has served in all Avenues of Service in Rotary. In 1986, he served as President of the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Di-Raja, after serving as Vice-President and President-Elect. During his term as President, he organized the first Rotary Village Core Project in the country. This project entails the raising of funds to start a fruits plantation at the Sungei Buloh Leprosarium. Annual income from this plantation goes to the inmates of the Sungei Buluh Leprosarium. In 1989, he was the Rotary District Governor's Representative. He has donated generously to many various charities – so far he has given away at least RM400,000.

#### He currently holds the following positions:

1. Honorary Pharmacist to the Tung Shin Hospital, Kuala Lumpur (since 1986).
2. Board Member of the King George V Silver Jubilee old folks home, Selangor (since 1988).
3. Trustee of the Selangor King George V Silver Jubilee Fund (since 1993).
4. Trustee of Yayasan Chik Shin, Kuala Lumpur (since 1993).
5. Honorary Secretary of the Malaysian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Selangor (since 1993).

#### **Birthday Boys**

Rtn Louis Cheah Beng Poh on 14.1.2004  
Jamil Spatafore Abdullah (James) on 15.1.2004  
PP Dato' Lau Foo Sun on 16.1.2004  
Rtn Willie Tham Kwok Meng on 16.1.2004  
Mohd Rizal Al-Amin Tun Sardon on 19.1.2004  
Dato' Kamarulzaman on 20.1.2004



#### **Ann's Birthdays**

Datin Chong Mok Kiat Ann of Dato' Victor Lim Poh Tuan on 15.1.2004  
Geeta Jayabalan Ann of Rtn Jayabalan on 17.1.2004  
Josephine Chong Ann of PP Frank Lim on 18.1.2004

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Rtn David Teh & Pitt Lee on 14.1.2004



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## Report back of meeting on 8th January at The Penthouse, City Hall.

The meeting was hosted by the Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur at the City Hall and the occasion was to mark the giving to needy and deserving pupils the scholarships that have become one of the highlight projects of the clubs calendar. Presentation of the scholarships was officiated by Rtn Low Kok Hwa and in total 118 pupils received scholarships amounting to some RM24,000. This money will be used at the start of the school year to provide books and uniforms and there can be few more deserving uses of Rotary funds. Giving youngsters the chance to benefit from education and so having real choices in determining their own futures must surely be at the core of Rotary's values and ideals.

YB Datuk Mohamad Shaid Bin Mohd Taufek, Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur was then formally introduced to the meeting by PP Dato Hanif to talk on the subject of Kuala Lumpur – World Class City. Datuk Bandar explained to the meeting the various responsibilities of City Hall, listing these as control, regulation, development of infrastructure, facilitation and promotion of the city. A lot of effort and progress had been made and was evident to everybody of the physical development over the years of Kuala Lumpur examples being roads, public transport, bridges, flyovers and public amenities. But did all this imply world class and what anyway were the benchmarks to gauge world class.

A city and any community is more than the visible bricks and mortar. An equally challenging issue was the progress being made on the 'Emotional Development or Well Being' of the city. Kuala Lumpur was experiencing the same social ills as other modern cities; crime, drugs, abuse and misuse of children and a general disregard of the rights and property of others. Any city claiming to be world class surely needs to strike the right balance between its physical and emotional development and the Datuk Bandar argued the time was now to start addressing this balance. He told us of one initiative the City Office had undertaken in setting up a telephone counselling service for people in crisis and of the success this had been. He also reminded us that all of us as parents had a prime responsibility for inculcating values in our children that would lead to them becoming responsible and contributing citizens of the future. In his view our generation had discharged its duties of parenting by all too often taking the easy way out; not disciplining our children as our own parents had disciplined and taught us to behave. Now having sown the seed we were reaping the whirlwind and expecting others to pick up the pieces. The views of the Datuk Bandar were expressed far better than this summary and struck a strong chord of agreement with many nods of approval from club members.

PP Dato Khuni Mohamed gave the vote of thanks to Datuk Bandar for his provocative and challenging talk.



Some of the scholars.



Boys getting down to the serious business.



Rtn Low Kok Hwa officiating the scholarship awards.



The Top Table, President Kanes, District Governor Dr Mahinder Singh flank Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur.



# Uniqueness Of Rotary

- By PDG Dato' Haji Mustapha Ma

According to an Arab proverb:

*"Great minds discuss ideas,  
Average minds relate events,  
Small minds gossip about people,  
And very small minds talk only about themselves"*

We in Rotary are most fortunate that our Founder Paul Harris did not stop short at gathering his 3 friends for fellowship only. He gave us more noble objectives of promoting goodwill and high ethical standards in business and professions. Doing good and caring for our fellow human beings and promoting World Understanding, Goodwill, and Peace. Our endeavour to rid our society and our community of social ills and social inequities are sometimes reflected by the BLAME SYNDROME as aptly illustrated by the sad story of 4 persons named: EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, NOBODY, and ANYBODY:

"There was an important job to be done. EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it, ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it. SOMEBODY got angry about that, because it was EVERYBODY's business. NOBODY just wouldn't do it, and it ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done."

Service above self must be promoted in a caring society. The concept that no one but no one is so poor or handicapped that he or she cannot be of service to others must be acknowledged by all concerned. For service brings happiness, service comforts our souls and enriches our perceptions. Service to others can be said to be the rent we pay for inhabiting this earth.

REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS.

Ravindran Tagore, The Poet Laureate wrote this inspired poem:

*"I was sleeping and dreamt  
That life was pure joy;  
I awakened to see  
That life was mere service;  
Then I served and I saw  
That serving was joy."*

In a caring society, we have to instil the soul and spirit of service to others. For it is in serving others that we can derive real joy. Rotarians strive to contribute to a more caring society. The so-called modern-day materialistic man is slowly beginning to realize that there is no REAL and LASTING SATISFACTION, HAPPINESS OR PEACE to be gained from material success alone. For life to have any meaning it must be supplemented and complemented by equitable advancement and success in spiritual and religious development. We must all be united in our determination to translate belief into action. Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.

In the words of R.I.Past President Richard King "Rotary is of great value. It changes the course of human life. It changes the life of every Rotary beneficiary, as well as the life of each Rotarian. It is worthy of our time, effort, energy, means, and commitment; and it brings people together. It is a great privilege to be a member of the world's oldest and most distinguished service club." It is said that "there is no limit to the good that a single person can do, so long as he doesn't care who takes the credit".

## One Minute Wisdom

Someone asked the Master why he seemed so wary of religion. Wasn't religion the finest thing humanity possessed?

The Master's reply was enigmatic: "The best and the worst – that's what you get from religion."

"Why the worst?" "Because people mostly pick up enough religion to hate but not enough to love."