



BERITA ROTARY

R I S K....Is a Four-Letter Word (Speaker: Rtn Ramesh Pillai)

Having volunteered at short notice to give his talk last Wednesday, Ramesh started with the statement that 'Life is all about mitigation and management of risk and not of its elimination and avoidance'.

Leaving out local issues and the most recent problems caused by Lehman et al, he listed examples of financial disasters and scandals which were all due to poor governance and even poorer risk management, such as: Enron, Worldcom; rogue traders at Baring, Daiwa and Sumitomo; interest loss at Orange County (USA) [quoting Wall Street Journal].

Worldwide the problems and challenges are similar, though varying somewhat from country to country. Such as – clashing business laws and practices, lack of political will, poor law enforcement, changing accounting rules, lack of regulations, poor financial disclosure, just to name a few.

Factors that demand risk management are shown in the slide below.

In proper risk management harmony is an important aspect, and objectives, risks and controls must be aligned. Objectives are things an organisation wants to accomplish. Risks are things that might prevent accomplishing an objective. Controls are things that help meet an objective by managing the risks. And to manage the risks the risk profile of one's company needs to be determined and an effective integrated risk management structure be put in place.



Rtn Ramesh 'in full flight'



(Continued on page 4)

ROYAL PATRON
Duli Yang Maha Mulia
Sultan Selangor Darul Ehsan

YEAR 2009 - 2010 President
Dato' Rizal Sardon, PHF
Tel: 012 - 297 8197
tai_loh@yahoo.com

President-Elect
Andy Khoo, PHF
Tel: 012 - 226 4646
aakhoo@yahoo.com

Vice President
Mohd Nor Halim
Tel: 012 - 383 3755
rtnhalim@yahoo.com

Honorary Treasurer
Richard Barrett
Tel: 016 - 910 4763
barlow168@hotmail.com

Honorary Secretary
Mohd Ridza Abdullah, PHF
Tel: 012 - 217 9917
ridza@ridzalaw.com.my

Immediate Past President
Francis Chan, PHF
Tel: 012 - 212 8182
francischan1628@gmail.com

Club Administration
Horst H Wippert, PHF
Tel: 012 - 339 9487
hwippert@hotmail.com

Club Service Projects
Hardeep Singh, PHF
Tel: 016 - 368 2633
hardeep@gmail.com

Membership
Datuk Adenan Mohd Zain
Tel: 019-353 6118
adenan@gamatemas.com.my

The Rotary Foundation
Gerald Lee
Tel: 012-320 7540
gerald.m.lee@gmail.com

Club Public Relations
Andy Khoo, PHF
Tel: 016-226 4646
aakhoo@yahoo.com

Special Projects / Function
Wong Cham Mew
Tel: 019 - 333 3766
wcmcpa@tm.net.my

Editorial Team
Horst H, Wippert, PHF
Tel: 012 - 393 9487
hwippert@hotmail.com

Gerald Lee
Tel: 012 - 320 7540
gerald.m.lee@gmail.com

Louis Cheah, PHF
Tel: 03 - 7803 0410
lcbp@streamyx.com

In This Issue

- 2. Announcements / Diary
- 3. Weekly Proceedings
- 5. Guest Column
- 6. RI News
- 7. Guest Column



BERITA ROTARY

ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

COMMITTEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

Next meeting will be held on 03 February 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

83rd Installation Banquet

Date: June 2010

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Programme: To be advised

Watch this space for further details

Wednesday Speakers / Events Diary

20.01.

Mr Sayed Munawar

Special Education for Dylexic Children

27.01.

Donations to 4 homes (Golf Carnival proceeds)
Rotary Education Aids Project

03.02.

Mr Thomas Tan

(SME Financing in Malaysia)

10.02.

Interactor Brendan Ng

(Report on District Interact Conference)

17.02.

Meeting cancelled

(Chinese New Year)

DISTRICT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Assembly

The 76th District Assembly will be held as follows:

Date:

16-18 April 2010

Venue:

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, Selangor

Host Club:

RC Bandar Sunway

Partner Clubs:

RCs Port Klang, Kelana Jaya, USJ, Central Damansara, Damansara West, and Puchong

PROGRAMME

HIGHLIGHTS

16 April:

Bowling, Registration, PETS/SETS/TETS, Fellowship Dinner

17 April:

Opening Ceremony, Plenary Sessions, Workshops, Spouses' Programme and Governor's Banquet

18 April:

Plenary Sessions, Closing Ceremony and Farewell Lunch

Register online or via Hon. Secretary Mohd Ridza Abdullah



BERITA ROTARY WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS

13 January 2010

ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 37
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups:** PP L Krishnan (RC Bangkok)
- Convener:** Rtn Lim Che Wan
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Jefferey Zain
- Nat. Anthem, Loyal Toast and Club Song:** Rtn Bingley Sim
- Speaker:** Rtn Ramesh Pillai
- Topic:** RISK ...is a Four-Letter Word (Mitigation and Management of Risk)
- Opening Remarks:** Pres. Rizal Sardon
- Closing Remarks:** PP Frank Lim



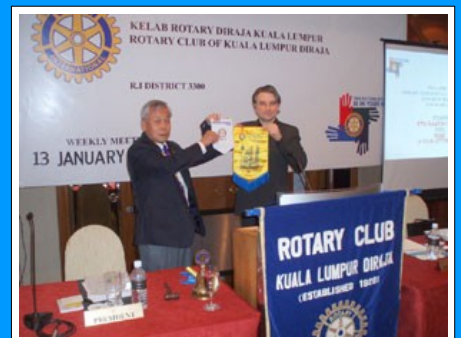
*Ever efficient
Convener Lim Che Wan*



*Rtn Binley Sim
(Negaraku and Loyal Toast)*



SAA Jefferey Zain



*Exchange of banners - Pres. Rizal
and Belgian Rtn Geert Vaes*

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Rotarians

Rtn Geert Vaes
(RC Tielt-Winge Hageland - Belgium)

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 20.01 - PP Kamarulzaman
- 22.01 - Rtn Mohan Singh Rendhawa
- 25.01 - Rtn Akbar Khan
- 26.01 - Rtn Horst Wipperrn

Wedding Anniversaries

- 21.01 - Rtn Alex Wong
- 23.01 - Rtn Frank Lee

Invited Guests

- Mr Ian Kuan - guest of Rtn Ramesh Pillai
- Mr Jeff Chong - guest of Rtn Ramesh Pillai
- Mr Michael Chan - guest of Rtn Bingley Sim



BERITA ROTARY

(Continued from Page 1)

A successful integration of integrated risk management and a balanced scorecard requires taking into account the vision, mission and value of the company and department vision and mission. Another vital aspect is a critical risk analysis that identifies, analyses, plans, tracks and controls strategic objectives, critical risk indicators and risk mitigation initiatives.

While there has been much talk about 'Key Performance Indicators' of late, not much has been said about 'Key Risk Indicators'. Why that should be so is anybody's guess. KRIs highlight the key features of the risk and control environment in order to gauge the current status and provide early warning of future exposure. Effective indicators have specific characteristics such as material,

predictive, measurable and practical. Example of KRIs for Employment Practices risk:

Risk Indicator: What percentage of your staff are temporary or contract employees?

Control Indicator: What percentage of your staff has been subject to a thorough background check?

The following slide depicts a possible approach to setting up an effective enterprise risk management framework.

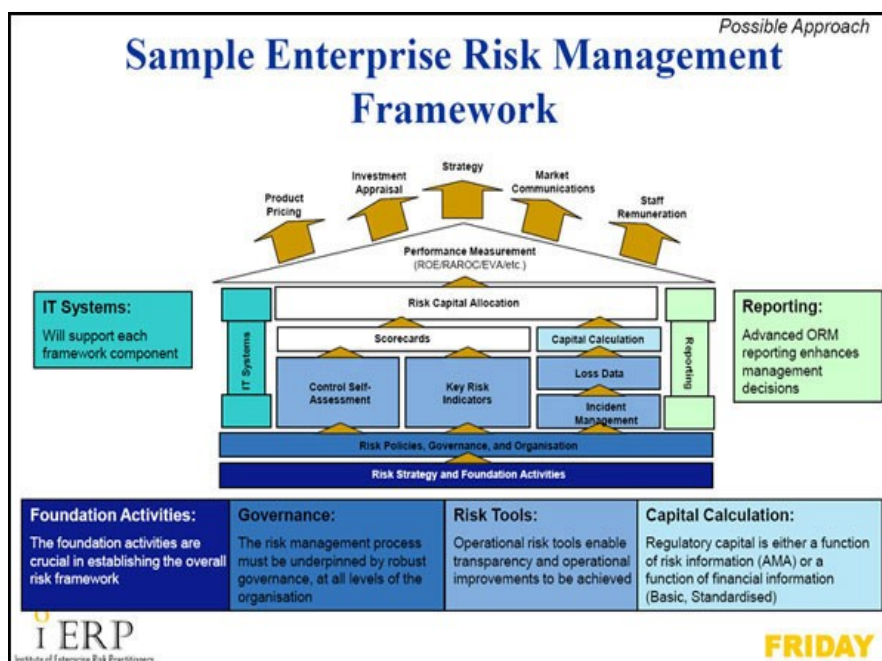
Ramesh's conclusion was that.....

Either you manage the first four-letter word (RISK) or your business / investment may end up being described by that other four-letter word (which shall not be mentioned here).

Who is Rtn Ramesh Pillai



- CEO of Friday Concepts (Asia), a risk management consulting company
- BEcon with Accountancy, Loughborough / UK
- Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales (ICAEW) and Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)
- Risk management advisor to Amanah Raya / KWB
- Nominee director for Bank Negara
- Started career with Price Waterhouse, UK
- Thereafter Director Finance / Admin at Picker Int. Ltd., London and CFO at Rank Video Services (Europe)
- Head of Credit Admin Citibank Berhad, Malaysia
- GM Risk Management, Danaharta
- Became a Rotarian and joined our club in September 2009





BERITA ROTARY GUEST COLUMN

Club Archives

The long awaited archives for our club – and the Kuala Lumpur Rotary Charity Foundation – have materialised after a long period of converting the top floor of Wisma Show Rotary Cares (Wisma Rotary for short) to a habitable state. We have placed the first set of storage shelving (more to follow), we have an air-conditioned meeting room and plenty of space to accommodate whatever our Past Presidents and Past District Governors from our club may have collected during their terms.



Meeting Room

While some have indicated that they will get things ready, PP Ham Ah Nee is actually the first who parted with old souvenir programmes, banners, and other collectibles for transfer to our archives. And PP Attan will hand over his 'donations' to me this Wednesday.

But not only PPs and PDGs have things to be transferred to our

archives, also past Hon. Secretaries, club officer, in fact all Rotarians may be 'sitting' on things connected with Rotary which they (or their spouses) would be glad to remove from their offices, homes, garages or wherever. I have already transferred my small collection of international service and secretarial files (including correspondence).



Shelving ready to be filled up

I am appealing again to all PPs and PDGs from our club, club officers and Rotarians – please let us store your Rotary files, collectibles, memorabilia etc. and thus enable us to preserve what little physical proof is left of the club's history.



Rtn Horst Wippern
(Club Admin. Chair)



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.

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?



BERITA ROTARY

RI NEWS

Setting the Pace for Sustainable Peace in Uganda

(By Dan Nixon - Rotary International News)



(second from left) takes part in the Gulu Walk 2009, a peace-building campaign focusing on the plight of war-affected children in northern Uganda (Photo courtesy of Robert Opira)

Robert Opira of Uganda is a master of understatement when he calls his first job out of college "very challenging work." As a psychological counselor and project manager for World Vision, he helped rehabilitate and resettle more than 12,000 former child soldiers in northern Uganda from 2002 to 2005.

"The Lord's Resistance Army had abducted and recruited an estimated 36,000 children, the youngest being seven years old," says Opira, a member of the Rotary Club of Gulu and former Rotary Peace Fellow. "It was this kind of work that motivated me to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. I thought maybe I would do something to help prevent war, rather than addressing the consequences."

While a 2005-07 peace fellow at the University of Queensland in Australia, Opira got the idea for creating a conflict resolution center in his homeland. "I realized that starting the center would enable me to better utilize the knowledge and skills acquired from the fellowship," he says.

Opira shared his vision with another Ugandan peace fellow

(2004-06) at the Queensland Rotary Center, Godfrey Mukalazi. Following their graduation, the pair founded the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution in Gulu, Uganda. GLACCR is a non-governmental organization working to address conflict and security challenges in the five-country Great Lakes region, where more than five million people have died since the mid-1990s in conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda alone.

Working with 26 NGOs and district government leaders, GLACCR is building conflict sensitivity training into development projects in northern Uganda. Opira says the effort, funded by a US\$100,000 grant from USAID, will help preserve peace in area communities by focusing on the root causes and consequences of conflict.

GLACCR also provides expertise in peace-building and conflict resolution to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Vision, Self-Help Uganda, and other NGOs active in Uganda. In addition, it is designing a conflict early warning system that will link global information technologies with local social networks to help prevent conflict.

Opira is also director of St. Peter's Junior School, which he founded in 2008 with the support of Rotarians in Australia, Japan, and the United States. Designed to serve mainly children of families affected by conflict and

(Continued on page 7)



Good to see you again, PP Low Bin Tick



'Chairman of Chairmen' PP Chan Kam Fatt reflecting



Welcome back, Rtn Richard English



Four happy birthday celebrants - Rtns Eric Tan, Louis Cheah, Pres. Rizal and Rtn David Law



BERITA ROTARY

GUEST COLUMN / PICTURE GALLERY

(Continued from Page 6)

HIV/AIDS, the school has established a nursery and aims to add one grade each year. Opira says that "the support from Rotarians throughout the world" for his peace fellowship

led him to join Rotary that same year. "I wanted to remain in the Rotary family. I realized that through this great family I could better serve my community."

R.I. BYLAWS: Council of Past Presidents

Nowhere in the Manual of Procedure (MoP 2007) can you find this Council of Past Presidents (CoPP), except in the By-Laws of RI - neither under the Standard Rotary Club Constitution nor in the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws.

Article 19.040 (pg 245 of the MoP) states how it is constituted, its duties and meetings.

GLACCR also provides expertise in peace-building and conflict resolution to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Vision, Self-Help Uganda, and other NGOs active in Uganda. In addition, it is designing a conflict early warning system that will link global information technologies with local social networks to help prevent conflict.

This Article provides:-

1) The council shall be a "standing council" with the President as an ex-officio member (with no voting rights).

2) The penultimate past president shall serve as chairman and the Immediate past president shall serve as vice – chairman.

3) The general secretary (of R.I.)

shall serve as secretary of the Council.

4) The Council shall consider through correspondence matters referred by the president or board ...and may give advice / recommendations to the board THEREON (i.e. not on anything the council members like).

5) The president or the board may call for a meeting "...where concerted consideration and recommendation of the council required" and a report by the chairman shall be made to the board.

RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja is the only club in the district with such a council. It would seem that also other clubs had formed such a council before but disbanded it since. Does RCKL DiRaja need such a council when it is NOT in the standard constitution & the recommended bylaws?

In my humble opinion, No! It only creates "a club within a club" (and 2 classes of Rotarians).



Contributed by Rtn Louis Cheah



Singing the national anthem with gusto



Is anybody listening to PP Lim Eng Ho?



An attentive crowd listening to the speaker



PP Frank Lim thanking the speaker