



# BERITA ROTARY

## Community Service Events (Donations to Children's Homes and Schools)

The Malaysian Golf Carnival, an event in support of our community service activities that was held under the able management of our former member, Rtn Raymond Chin, during RY 2007-08 came to its final conclusion last Wednesday with the presentation of donation cheques of RM 7,000 each to four homes for underprivileged children.

The money the Kuala Lumpur Rotary Charity Foundation was able to distribute was a combination of late donations received from corporate sponsors after the golf event accounts had been finalised and money under the RI public relations grant that was awarded to our club but took an extremely long time to be credited into our bank account.

Spring Single Mothers' Home, and Klang Handicapped Centre.

Representatives from the four homes were at our lunch to receive their donation cheques from DG Leslie Salehuddin who had been specially invited for this event.



The homes' representatives with DG Leslie Salehuddin, Rtn Raymond and Pres. Rizal

A yearly project by our Community Service Sub-Committee of the Club Service Committee is the provision of school uniforms, shoes and school supplies to needy children who are studying at various schools, mainly in the Klang valley. Schools that are invited to submit information of their needy students under our Rotary Education Aid Project are selected based on a number of criteria.

This year our Community Service Committee selected 9 schools, i.e. SK Cochrane, SK Taman Maluri, SK Setapak, SJK C Lai Chee, SJK C Chong Hwa, SJK C Kwong Hon, SJK T Sentul, SJK T Cheras, and SJK T Saraswathy to be the recipients of our support.

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Rtn Raymond returns to our club's rostrum

With a bit of humour Rtn Raymond briefly explained the background to the donation and introduced the four homes – Tara Bhavan Home for Children (Tara Foundation), Pertubuhan Al-Khaadem, Malaysia

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## 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

**03.02.**

**Mr Thomas Tan**

(SME and Microfinancing in Malaysia)

**10.02.**

Pres. Interact Club of Convent Bukit Nanas

**17.02.**

**Meeting cancelled**

(Chinese New Year)

**23.02.**

**TBA**

### 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

27 January 2010

## ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 38
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups:** 2
- Convener:** Rtn Victor Lim
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Mohan Singh Rendhawa
- Nat. Anthem & Loyal Toast:** Rtn Gerald Lee
- Events:**
  - (1) Cheque Presentation to 4 Homes (Proceeds from Malaysian Golf Carnival)
  - (2) Cheque Presentation to 9 Schools (Rotary Education Aid Project)
- Opening Remarks:** Rtn Hardeep Singh
- Closing Remarks:** Pres. Rizal Sardon

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

### Rotarians

DG Leslie Salehuddin  
(RC Gombak)  
PP Robert Ng  
(RC Gombak)  
Rtn Raymond Chin  
(RC Gombak)

## BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

03.02. - Rtn Peter Chang  
04.02. - PP G.S. Gill

### Wedding Anniversaries

02.02. - Rtn Richard English

### Invited Guests

Ms Lau Yen Lin - daughter of Rtn Lau Choo Seng  
Representatives from schools - SK Cochrane, SK Tmn Maluri, SK Setapak, SJK C Lai Chee, SJK C Chong Hwa, SJK C Kwong Hon, SJK T Sentul, SJK T Cheras, SJK T Saraswathy  
Representatives from homes - Tara Bhavan Home, Pertubuhan Al-Khaadem, Malaysian Spring Single Mothers, Klang Handicapped Centre



Rtn Victor Lim  
- able 'stand-in' Convener



Rtn Gerald Lee  
- National anthem and loyal toast



Rtn Mohan S. Rendhawa  
- acting Sgt.-at-Arms



Rtn Hardeep Singh opening the  
events proceedings



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## RI NEWS

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The preferred method to carry out this project is for the Kuala Lumpur Rotary Charity Foundation to purchase the materials and hand them over to the children at a specially arranged function and in the presence of representatives from the Ministry of Education. This year, not only did the logistics provide a major problem but the Deputy Minister could not be present and his representative had to cancel his attendance due to some ministerial matters he had to attend to at short notice.

The cheques of RM 4,000 each for the purchase of the materials were handed over to the schools' representatives by DG Leslie Salehuddin and Pres. Rizal Sardon.



Representatives from the 9 schools with DG Leslie Salehuddin, Pres. Rizal and Service Proj, Chair Rtn Hardeep

### Rotarians witness Chaos in Haiti

(By Ryan Hyland - Rotary International News / Photos courtesy of Michelle Bohreer)



Haitians in Port-au-Prince minutes after the earthquake struck.



The Rotarian team arrives home in Houston four days later.

As president of the Rotary Club of Houston, it had been Michelle Bohreer's dream to travel to Haiti and conduct a service project to improve the lives of children there.

On 12 January, 45 minutes into a weeklong trip to Port-au-Prince to do just that, the dream quickly spiraled into a nightmare. Bohreer and a team of five Rotarians from Houston were heading into Haiti's capital city to

implement a water project for an orphanage when a powerful earthquake rocked the area, causing widespread devastation.

"Minutes after the quake happened, thousands of people poured out into the street running and screaming. Hundreds were walking around bleeding," says Bohreer. "It was

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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.

### 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?



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moments like that when the absolute catastrophe hit you."

The quake, the worst in the region in more than 200 years, flattened much of the capital, killing as many as 200,000 and leaving millions more injured. A massive international relief operation is underway to bring food, water, and medicine to those who need it.

"I was overwhelmed by sights, sounds, and smells that I will never forget," says team member Vicki Brentin, past president of the Houston club. "I held tight to the hands of frightened, injured children and looked deep into the eyes of their mothers or fathers begging for help. That left a compelling and lasting impression on me."

Unable to leave the country, the team members spent four days in Port-au-Prince trying to help in any way they could. They found a collapsed hospital, sifted through the wreckage, and found Tylenol and antibiotic ointment to distribute to injured people.

"The injuries were too severe for the medicine we had, but receiving care of any kind during that time gave them hope. It gave us hope," says Bohreer. "I've never been so proud to be a Rotarian."

On 15 January, she and her team were able to board a charter flight to the Dominican

Republic and, from there, back to Houston, where they arrived safely the next day. Brentin said the team drew strength from the Haitian people who they encountered. "I was so moved by the amazing spirit of the Haitian people who, in the face of their own tragedy, pain and suffering, reached out to us with such kindness and concern for our well being."

Bohreer says her club will be back to help the country rebuild. "We as Rotary have an obligation to take care of people who are suffering under such difficult conditions," she said.

### From Safety into Catastrophe

A day after the earthquake, Caleb Lucien, a member of the Rotary Club of Pignon, and nine other Haitians traveled 85 miles south from Pignon to Port-au-Prince to assess the damage and help victims.

"The city is completely destroyed," says Lucien, Health and Hunger Resource Group coordinator for District 7020 in the Caribbean. "We drove past hundreds and hundreds of dead bodies. The loss of life is beyond belief."

Lucien spent US\$3,500 of his own money on water and food to distribute to victims. He also searched for Rotarians who he knew lived in affected areas and helped evacuate more than

120 injured people to Pignon.

"It was not a time to feel or think about the devastation. It was a time to act," he says. "I grieve, but I have to move forward and focus on getting Rotarians to help in the recovery."

He is working closely to bring relief supplies to affected areas with District 7020's Haiti Task Force, established two years ago to administer financial aid to the nation. "The immediate need for the next two to six months is shelter, food, and clean water," says Lucien. "In the long term, I hope to see Rotary help with rebuilding infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, and churches."



Rtn Michael Schmermer happy to be back



Rtn Lau Choo Seng with daughter Yen Lin