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“Read To Me” - The Most Valuable Gift You Can Give To Children.

A Brief Introduction

What is Read To Me?

Read To Me is an innovative campaign whereby every child between 18 months and 4 years is read aloud to for 10 minutes each day. This unique programme will help instill the love of reading as a lifelong habit and motivate families to read together.

“We have concentrated so hard on teaching children how to read, that we have forgotten to teach them to want to read.” --- Jim Trelease, author of the Read Aloud Handbook



Reading to a child will nurture the reading habit that will open the child to a world of knowledge. The campaign will also continually promote the value to reading aloud to children.

History

This campaign was first initiated by the Rotary Clubs of Hawaii in 1992 and has achieved tremendous success. After the initial success, the campaign was then introduced to a few other States in the USA where it was again well received. Reading aloud to children has proven to stimulate the child's mind and encourage regular reading, thereby increasing the child's expansion of vocabulary and mental alertness.

Encouraged by these successes, the Rotary Clubs of Penang, Tanjung Bungah, Bayan Baru, Butterworth & Seberang Jaya organised a Read To Me campaign for Penang during the Rotary Year 1996 / 1997 under the distinguished patronage of Y.A.Bhg. Toh Puan Dato' Seri Hajjah Siti Siti Zainab Bte Haji Baharuddin. This educational Community Service Project was targeted primarily at encouraging parents and their younger children to discover the world of books and to gain knowledge from reading them.

Objectives of Campaign

In brief, the campaign can be summed up in the following manner:

What?

Parents read aloud to their children for 10 minutes daily. For those who are unable to be present in person every day, they can record their readings on tape to be played back to the child at a convenient time.

Where?

Everyday, usually at bedtime.

Why?

- * To develop a love for reading.
- * To improve the children's language abilities.
- * To increase family harmony.

How?

- * Parents start reading daily to each child from the age of 18 months.
- * Let the child comment, question or discuss the story or related topics.
- * Important note: This is not teaching the child to read.



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Materials?

A Parents' Instructional Manual is to be made available to participating parents. Reading Materials to be procured in close cooperation/collaboration with leading publishers in Malaysia:

- * Picture books for 18 – 24 months;
- * Books with simple stories and attractive and coloured pictures for 2 years – 3 years;
- * Books with longer but interesting stories and fewer illustrations and pictures for 3 years to 4 years;
- * More advanced books with emphasis on correct pronunciation, intonation and expression for 4 years and beyond.

Equipment?

Tape recorders for recording of readings and for playback of such recordings to children.

Scope of Campaign

The campaign will be revived initially by the Rotary Club of Penang and participation extended to all Rotary Clubs in R.I District 3300 via the District Literacy and Education Task Force.

The campaign will commence as soon as possible, possibly with a launch at District level in the last quarter of 2003, and will continue into the Rotary Centennial Year 2004 / 2005.

Participating Rotary Clubs will assist in the purchase of reading materials and equipment for their own community service projects.

The official launch and the Parents Instructional Manual, Publicity Handbooks, and Flyers will be financed by the District Literacy & Education Task Force.

PDG Dato' Mustapha Ma

Secretary's Announcements For Lunch Meeting On 23.7.2003

I. Meetings of the Service Committees

International Service will meet on 23.7.2003 (Wednesday) at 2.00pm, Shangri La Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

II. Club Assembly Meeting

1st Club Assembly Meeting will be held on 25.7.2003 at 5.30pm, Shangri La Hotel.

III. Change of time for our Regular Meeting on Wednesday on 30.7.2003

Regular Luncheon Meeting on 30.7.2003 (Wednesday) has been changed to a night meeting at 8.00pm at Selangor Room, Shangri La Hotel. All spouses of Fellow Rotarian are welcome.

Special Notices

Nomination for District Governor in RI District 3300 for RI Year 2005/2006

1. The District Governor Dr. Mahinder Singh has notified all clubs in District 3300 that nominations for District Governor will be considered by the Nomination Committee on 15 September 2003.
2. President Kanes invites suggestions by any member for the above purpose. All suggestion must reached to the Hon. Secretary's office by **5.30pm 31st July 2003** and must be consist of:-
 - 2.1 Letter of Proposal of the Candidate by a member;
 - 2.2 Letter by seconder to second the said proposal; and
 - 2.3 Letter by the Candidate stating that he understands the duties of the potential office and is able and willing to carry out such duties and responsibilities.

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RI Regional Director - Members decision to be taken at the Club's Regular Luncheon Meeting on 6.August.2003

I. Rotary International ("RI") have invited any Rotary Clubs in Zone 6 (which includes our RI District 3300) desiring to submit to the RI Nominating Committee a suggestion for RI Director (from Section B of Zone 6) that such person be eligible to be elected at the 2004 RI Convention to serve during 2005-2007;

II. PDG Dato' Mustapha Ma has indicated his willingness and desire to be so suggested by the Club to be so eligible to be elected; and

III. The President will ask members to decide upon whether to submit to the RI Nominating Committee the name of PDG Dato' Mustapha Ma to be eligible to be elected at the 2004 RI Convention to serve as RI Director during 2005-2007.

Please note that the required quorum for such regular luncheon meeting of the Club is one third of the members.

All members are urged to attend the Club's regular luncheon meeting on 6.August.2003 to decide on the above.

Rtn Freddy Chan, Hon. Secretary

Monthly Programme

The following speakers have been arranged for July 2003:

Date	Speaker	Topic
23 rd July 2003	Ms. W. C Kang (MIMOS)	ICT for Youths / Senior Citizens
30 th July 2003	Evening Speaker (TBA)	Diet, Health and Nutrition

Today's Speaker: Mrs. Chop Ai Kuang nee Kang Wai Chin

Topic: The Youth & ICT for Development Agenda

Ms. Kang Wai Chin, is the Strategic Policy Research and Intervention in Priority Area (SPRiPA) Project Manager with MIMOS Berhad. She has successfully implemented various ICT for Development (ICT4D) projects in different parts of Malaysia. One such project is the Mobile Internet Unit (MIU).

Ms. Kang has successfully designed, developed and implemented the first Mobile Internet Unit (MIU) in Malaysia. The MIU project has gained worldwide recognition by various international bodies, including the Stockholm Challenge and the International Bureau of Education, UNESCO.

Ms. Kang holds a Bachelor of Agriculture Science (Hons), Diploma in Education and Masters in Education from the University of Malaya.

Last Week's Speaker Report Back – Wednesday 16.7.03

Speaker: David Teh

Topic: Club Service – Be Involved Be Counted



Rtn David Teh delivers his talk

Club Service Director, David Teh, issued a challenge to all Club Members. He explained the working of the various Club Service responsibilities and activities and called on Members to 'Be Involved – Be Counted'. Rotary is about participation – joining in. Over the coming year rostering of duties at luncheon meetings will be introduced in order to give everyone the opportunity to join in. However, don't wait to be asked. You only get out of any activity what you put in.

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A lively question and answer session followed the talk -

- PP Lee Fu Leung complimented the President on the prompt start and time management of the meeting! He also encouraged Members to take up David's challenge.
- DG Dr Mahinder Singh urged Rotarians to select one of the four avenues of Club Service, reminding us all that Rotary is not *just* about turning up for lunch.
- PP Dato Koay Soon Eng asked us not to forget about fellowship. We are in Rotary to give service and to make friends.
- PDG Dato Mustapha Ma, in his inimitable way, showed us how to laugh.

Many thanks to David Teh for a provocative and challenging talk. We will highlight some of the areas of the Club Service Committee in future editions.



PP Frank Lee Posing a Question to the Speaker



The function room was packed to the brim

P.S. THE CHILDREN (PROTECT AND SAVE THE CHILDREN)

P.S. The Children, which began its services on 1 April 1999, is a non-profit, non-government organization supported through foreign and local grants, supplemented by individual and project based donations. It operates on basic fund needs of approximately RM240,000 per annum, providing direct prevention services in the past three years to over 1,034 children aged between 5 - 18 years and counselling/treatment services to over 155 children and their parents. Its services also include direct training, support and consultancy for over 3,124 teachers, social workers, psychologists, church and community leaders, police officers, childcare providers, parents and corporations.

Its purpose is to put in place the prerequisites for a transformation of mindsets through the following activities:

1. increase awareness of child sexual abuse, its causes, effects on victims, and explore strategies for prevention within Malaysia;
2. create an understanding that child sexual abuse is not only a problem for the victim, but is also a problem for the entire community thus a national concern; and
3. provide direct prevention and treatment services to children and/or victims and their families to avoid or minimize long term trauma and effects of sexual abuse.

More information can be found at www.psthechildren.org

Rtn Chong Soon Yong

Quotes on Wisdom of love and Marriage

We enter into relationships intent upon loving our partner to the best of our ability. We strive to understand who they are and what they need. We offer support companionship, intimacy, and pleasure. We build them up when they're down, comfort them when they're hurting, encourage their ambitions and share their sorrow and their joy.

Ellen Sue Stern

Birthday Boys (from 23.7.2003 to 29.7.2003)

PP Dr. Sukhdave Singh on 25.7.2003
PP Shawaludin on 27.7.2003
Rtn Teo Choo Kum on 30.7.2003

Ann's Birthdays (from 23.7.2003 to 29.7.2003)

Foong Ann of PP JV Stuart Pack on 29.7.2003

