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# Rotaract Week

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The week of March 8th is designated as Rotaract Week in the Rotary Calendar. What is Rotaract, its aims and objectives? We carry below a summary from the clubs' website – well worth a visit [www.rotarykldiraja.org.my](http://www.rotarykldiraja.org.my)

## What is Rotaract?

Introduced by Rotary International ( USA ) in March 1968, Rotaract is a service organisation for young adults, aged between 18 to 30, aimed at developing leadership and responsible citizens through service to the community, advancing the cause of international understanding and to promote high ethical standards in leadership quality and professional development.

## What does Rotaract do?

Rotaract gives all its members an opportunity to work together in active service projects in the community. Rotaract also links you with thousands of other Rotaract members around the country and the world sharing the same belief of 'Fellowship Through Service'. Rotaract projects are not all work by any means. The element of fellowship of people who have a common goal, of young adults who hold serious ideas about service and the need for International Understanding and Professional Development is a great rallying point for social and cultural gatherings.

## Why join Rotaract?

Rotaract is one of the instruments which can give direction, set goals in perspective and build the confidence of young men and women. By being a member you have the opportunity to be exposed to numerous other personalities and establishing close bonds of friendship with members. You will be able to acquire leadership skills, gain satisfaction of doing your bit for society and in the process grow in maturity and find a purpose and satisfaction in living.



## Rotaract Club Goals

- Develop professional and leadership skills.
- Emphasize respect for the rights of others, based on recognising the worth of each individual.
- Recognize, practice and promote ethical standards as leadership qualities and vocational responsibilities.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of the needs, problems and opportunities in the community and worldwide.
- Provide opportunities for personal and group activities to serve the community and promote international understanding and goodwill towards all people.

## The Rotaract Club Of Kuala Lumpur

The Rotaract Club of Kuala Lumpur is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur. It was chartered on 28 September 1969.

## Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 03.03.2004

### Meetings of the Service Committees

- Vocational Service Meeting will be held on **3.3.2004 at 2.00pm** at Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.
- New Generation Service Meeting will be held on **9.3.2004 at 5.30pm** at Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.
- Club Service Meeting will be held on **16.3.2004 at 6.00pm** at the Penthouse of the HSBC Building hosted by Rtn Willie Tham.

### **In House Forum Report 25th February 2004**

The club hosted an in house forum to coincide with World Understanding Day on 23rd February. The subject of the forum was how could Rotary do more to promote international understanding and was chaired by His Excellency Rtn Juergen Staks.

A broad canvas from which to draw practical suggestions, but the chairman immediately came up with one. He had recently attended a major international conference in Putra Jaya on Bio Diversity. This conference had drawn delegates from all over the world many of which must have been Rotarians. However there was no publicity anywhere at the conference from the club and therefore no opportunity for delegates to use the club for 'make up' with us whilst here or to share their experiences.

A second suggestion aimed at our American colleagues was to tell them something about Malaysia, where it was, its peoples and racial diversity. This linked well to another suggestion from Rtn Willie Tham that we could use the club web site to broadcast some facts and figures about the country to visitors to the web site. A contributor to the debate did attempt to put some balance to the perceived lack of geographical awareness of the Americans by relating that he had been told when attending a Rotary club event in the US that there were fifty seven different races registered in the US (and I thought it was fifty seven varieties of Heinz!) so they were well aware of different racial and geographic backgrounds.

PP Stewart Pack voiced what many felt about the negative perceptions of foreign countries portrayed by the media; citing Northern Ireland as just one example and that Rotary with its international network and exchanges was able, at a practical level, to redress these misconceptions. He suggested that most clubs though, were individually too small to make a difference and more emphasis should be put on district activities to further international understanding and goodwill. He also felt that this was one area that Rotary could and should do more.

Rtn Rizal Sardon suggested that Rotary might consider a rule for clubs encouraging a required racial mix of members, while a further suggestion from Juergen Staks was that Rotarians after returning from overseas visits should share their experiences and impressions with club members.

So many good and practical suggestions to take forward and implement; it was just a pity that attendance at the meeting was one of the poorer as more suggestions and contributions would have been forthcoming.

Rtn Rizal Sardon gave the vote of thanks to Juergen Staks on his elegant and effective handling of the forum.



(L-R) Rtn Attan Akmar, HE PP Juergen Staks and his guest from the Rotaract Club of Berlin, Ms Ileana Grebe.



Rtn Rizal Sardon presenting a certificate of appreciation to HE PP Juergen Staks for chairing the forum.

## Photographs From The Festival Of Music

Some photographs from the Semi-finals of the Festival of Music held on Saturday, 28th March 2004 at the DBKL Auditorium, Jalan Raja Laut from 3.00p.m. to 7.00p.m.



Past President Dato' Dr. Low Bin Tick, Chairman of the Chinese Section, wearing his Commander in Chief uniform of the St. John's Ambulance announcing the Chinese teams' roles in fluent Mandarin at the semi-finals of the Festival of Music Centennial Project.



Rotary Anns having a coffee break during the Festival of Music.



Two veena players deep in concentration.



Rotarian Chiu Kim Boo auditor for the event carefully sifting through the figures. Organising Chairman Rotarian Dato' Sri Akbar Khan and Past President Jason Gan look on.



Lucinda Joseph of Bernama lines up all the contestants in the semi-finals before the results are announced.



Chief Judge En Ramlan Imam from Akademi Seni Kebangsaan (National Arts Academy) announcing the semi-final results.

### One Minute Wisdom

"Allow me to explain the Good News my religion proclaims," said the preacher.

The Master was all attention.

"God is love. And He loves and rewards us forever if we observe His commandments."

"IF?" said the Master. "Then the news isn't all that good, is it?"

# Polio Eradication

Submitted by Dato PP Mustapha Ma

By now you must have already learned that The R.I. Theme for 2004-2005 is: "Celebrate Rotary 100 Years." Attached are digi photos taken in the R.I. Assembly Hall and a discussion session featuring the 5 Management Heads of the R.I. Secretariat at Evanston - including The Rotary Foundation.



The Rotarian Magazine's feature on Q & A The World's leading authority on communicable disease control, Dr. David Heymann - the "SARS Czar" takes aim at polio. - Interview with Dr. David Heymann who visited Kuala Lumpur and attended the Regular Weekly lunch Meeting of the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja paid tribute to Malaysian Rotarians for our contribution to Polio Eradication efforts: Page 46 The Rotarian February, 2004 Issue Third Column under the Sub-Heading of "Can you give us an example?"

The Islamic summit wasn't really intended to be about health issues. But the Malaysian Rotarians helped to convince the Malaysian Minister of Health and the delegates that this was an important item for the agenda. And recently, R.I. President Jonathan Majiyagbe urged leaders in each Nigerian state to eradicate polio....."

## Will we hit our 60% attendance target?

### Attendance Report:

July 03	67.1%
August 03	58.5%
September 03	56.3%
October 03	54.4%
November 03	61.8%
December 03	62.7%
January 04	68.9%
February 04	56.5% (Provisional)

## Membership Status:

Total Membership: 119  
Exempted: 15  
Active: 104  
Terminated: 4  
Deceased: 2  
Resignation: 3

## Birthday Boys

PDG Dato' Beh Lye Huat on 3.3.2004  
PP Dato' Low Bin Tick on 5.3.2004  
PP Chan Kam Fatt on 8.3.2004  
Rtn Michael Loh on 8.3.2004

## Ann's Birthdays

MMA Sultan Nachiya Ann of Rtn Ameen A. Abdullah on 5.3.2004  
Ainol Hisan Ann of Rtn Ramli bin Ibrahim on 7.3.2004  
Wismaputri Ann of Rtn Tan Kok Chong on 9.3.2004

## Wedding Anniversaries

PP Lim Eng Ho & Chooi Miew Kuin on 8.3.2004



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