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Community Service Projects School Lunches for Pupils of SJK (Tamil) Sentul

President Kanesalingam and Rtn Willie Tham visited SJK (Tamil) Sentul on 29th April to observe how the Club's donation of RM2,000 was being spent on school lunches for 20th needy students. The students - who are in Standard 1 and 2 - will have the Education Ministry's standard school lunch provided for them from 29th March to the end of the school year this year. This will enable them to remain behind after school for extra tuition to help them with their school work. Headmaster of the school Mr K Mutusamy showed President Kanes and Rtn Willie around the school.



Some of the 20 students enjoying lunch.



(L-R) The canteen operator, President Kanes and Headmaster Mutusamy.

"First Flush" Ceremony – The Stepping Stones Projects

The Rotaract Club of Kuala Lumpur jointly with young graduate engineers of Institute of Engineers Malaysia constructed 4 toilets in the "Stepping Stones" home for neglected children in Taman Seputeh. The opening ceremony was held on Sunday 28th March 2004.



Service to New Generations Director Rotarian Attan Akmar and Rotarian Nor Halim at the Stepping Stones "First Flush" ceremony on Sunday 28th March 2004.



President of the Rotaract Club of Kuala Lumpur Miss Elyse Lee and Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Kuala Lumpur pose with President Kanes, Rotarian Attan Akmar Service to New Generations Director, Rotarian Nor Halim and Vice President Mr P.E. Chong of the Institute of Engineers at the opening ceremony of the 4 toilets constructed jointly by the graduates of the Institute and the Rotaractors at the home for neglected children in Taman Seputeh on Sunday 28th March 2004.

Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 07.04.2004

Meetings Of The Service Committees

- New Generation Service Meeting will be held on **13.04.2004 at 6.00pm** at Shangri La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

- Club Service Meeting will be held on **20.04.2004**.

Notices

International Youth Exchange Opportunities

Dear Fellow Rtns.,

Greeting from the International Youth Exchange Committees. A lot of new exchange was established lately, your support to sponsor and host an Inbound candidate is very much appreciated and sought for.

1. 12 more vacancies available for August intake to the following countries USA (3 vacancies to Chicago, Oregon and Florida), Germany 2, Japan 1, Brazil 3, Mexico 1, Maharastra India 1, Medan 1.
2. The following countries has been filled and the Outbound will be leaving in July. Russia/Siberia 1, Japan 3, Brazil 2, Canada 1, France 1.
3. A request for an exchange to Bolivia was recently received to a city with 1.8 million of peoples, with 13 universities for August or January 2004 intake.
4. A short term visit by the Thai students will commence on the 21st until April 1st. The team consisting of 10 students of 6 girls and 4 boys are from the district of 3600 Chiangmai.
5. By end of year 2003, we'll be having 23 exchanges from 22 districts of 12 countries. More new exchange for a Long term are in the process and new countries/districts will be added.
6. More short term exchange to neighbouring countries to Thailand, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and other are in the process during the November/December school holidays.

Any request/inquiry please call Ms. Ammy Salam at 03-7803 5150

Regards.

Lend a Hand through Youth Exchange,

Razali Rahmat
Chairman D 3300
International Youth Exchange

This Week's Speaker

The staff in the autistic home Impian say that Dr. K.Mangalaveni of the Impian school for Autistic Children will speak on "Autism in Children".

One Minute Wisdom

Someone asked the Master if he believed in luck.

"Certainly," he replied with a twinkle in his eye.

"How else can one explain the success of people one does not like?"

Lunch Time Talk Report Back - March 31st 2004

Human Rights & The Economy, by R Sivarasa.

Mr Sivarasa an eminent lawyer, a Rhodes Scholar and also a president for two years of his school Interact club, theme for his talk was 'Human Rights Protection is central to a well functioning economy'

Malaysia he told us was a country well endowed with natural resources, with high rates of growth and a high level of economic output by most conventional measures and especially when compared to its regional neighbours. A market driven economy where business rules and almost anything goes. But this was not sustainable or healthy in the long run was Mr Sivarasa's contention and already we could see Malaysia had one of the largest disparities in distribution of wealth amongst its citizens of any of its neighbours.

Human rights protection was necessary so that the inevitable conflict points that this free for all economic environment created could be managed and resolved. A stable society and one with confidence in the future needed Human Rights Protection to be enshrined in the constitution so that citizens could express themselves and associate freely without fear or favour. These rights were basic and fundamental and should not be dependant on the whims of particular leaderships.

Malaysia was currently fortunate in having an enlightened leadership, but these rights, along with transparency and openness in the decision making process should be embedded in the constitution to protect the future.

Only with this type of protection of Human Rights, Mr Sivarasa argued, could a healthy economy be assured; one where all citizens had equal rights of redress and sanction and ultimately one that would lead to a more equal and just distribution of wealth.

PP Frank Lee thanked the speaker with a few personal recollections of his experiences in the past of being questioned about his association with foreigners.



Lawyer R Sivarasa speaking on 'Human Rights and The Economy'.

Photographs from the Weekly Meeting



Rotarians Dr Andrew Gomez and Immediate Past President Keow Hock Sneah at the buffet.



Rotarian Loo Kok Yuen celebrating his birthday.



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Heart Surgery For Needy Children

A team of medical doctors from the US will be coming to Penang Adventist Hospital to perform open heart surgery to needy children from poor families for a nominal fee of RM10,000. If you happen to know anyone who needed this support, please pass it on to them.

The visiting team from the US consists of the below:

Dr. Daniel Cohen - Cardiac Surgeon
Dr. Laura Diaz - Anesthesiologist
Dr. Janet Simsic - ICU/ Cardiologist
Ms. Geraldine Pearce - OR Nurse
Mr. Dean Dyke - ICU Nurse
Ms. Mindy Blackwell - Perfusionist

The tentative dates for the actual operation is **between 04.05.2004 - 14.05.2004.**

Guidelines for selection are as follows:

1. A child's medical diagnosis (both for cardiac and other complications) should fall within a reasonable "stretch" of what normally treated by the site team.
2. Children between age 1 to 18 should be considered.
3. All children should be financially needy , not only in terms of the treatment needed but also general living standards within the country.'
4. Children with cardiac conditions requiring multiple surgeries or children with other major medical problems generally should not be considered. We are only charging at very bare minimal fees as the whole team are donating their time, professional fees and skills free.

Contact:

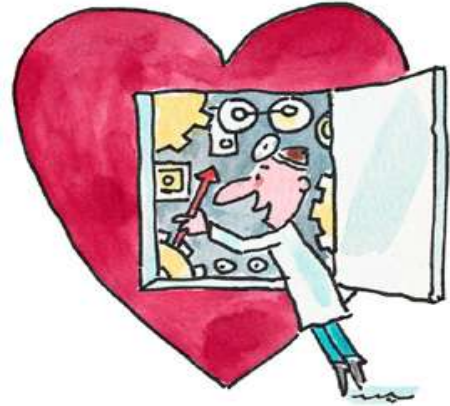
Ng See See (Heart Center) or
Rachel Phoon (Development Office) at 04-226 1133.

Closing date for applications:

15th April 2004.

Thanks and hope you and your friends can help a child somewhere....

Mr Thomas Thong
Marketing Director
Penang Adventist Hospital
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Birthday Boys

Rtn Freddy Chan on 8.4.2004

Anns Birthdays

Soon Chin Ann of Rtn Francis Chan on 07.04.2004
Raja Rose Rina Ann of Rtn Abdul Jalil Jamil on 12.04.2004
Jean Chang Ann of Rtn Leow Poh Seow on 12.04.2004

Wedding Anniversaries

Mohammad Ali Ismail & Suriati Bt Hamzah
on 07.04.2004

President Kanesalingam & Rajes
on 08.04.2004

Dato' Syed Zainal Abidin BSAM Jamalullai & Datin Khatijah bt. Hj Nyak Gam
on 10.04.2004

