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ASTRONOMY BY KK CHONG

When Nicholas Copernicus put the Earth out of the center of the universe, Astronomy was set into center stage. When Galileo Galilee pointed his telescope at the Jovian moons, mankind was brought to look at the edge of the see able universe. Today astronomers use the mind and the never heard of facilities to still work at mysteries of the universe, at both the classical and quantum levels.

But there is so little interest in the subject, as the topic has moved light years away from public interest. So I have to begin the talk with the basics. Astronomy is like good wines or exotic flowers. It takes interest and cultivation to get into it. The shepherds and cowherds during the agrarian age knew more of the skies than the university students of today. They could tell what the Big Dipper and the Southern Cross do. And we are at the edges of modern science.

We now can see images which light started their journey since the dinosaurs, 100mio years ago. We can explain the cosmic soup particles in the 3 min old infant universe after the postulated Big Bang. Still modern man is very much an alien to his astronomy.

Friendly Skies

On his first night a person older than 10years of age can start the sky enjoyment. Yes, no clouds or haze is permitted. Absence of moon is good. With fairly good eyesight, a person, with no instruments can see up to 1500 stars of which 250 are distinctly visible forming the picture signs of the 12 Zodiac signs and the other 20 easy stellar constellations.

This is all we need for the love at first sight. Lucky people can distinctly recognize the Zodiac birth signs like Taurus, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius and Aries.

The show pieces in the sky are Orion, The Big Dog, famous Big Dipper, S. and N. Cross, Summer Triangle and the huge Andromeda Square. A ten year old child can enjoy this moment. Throughout the year, the Sun will reflect light of his jewels of planets. Mostly one, often two, and up to three planets. Once every fifteen years, we can chance to see all four: Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. All appreciated by the unaided eye.

Extraterrestrial Life (ET)

Ever since we left our Earth on the Sputnik 1 in 1957, men had seriously wondered if there is life beyond mother Earth. Actually in HG Wells' attack of the Martians in the 1940's, society had accepted ET life. The Genome Project which started in 1996 and ended in 2001 had identified all the ingredients for human life, 2 billion in number of genes. This rendered space crossing imaginable. As a bulky 50kg human body we can only travel to the nearest stellar planet in 3 to 20 million years riding a Anglo-French Concorde. We cannot wait that long to find out if there is ET life. But with the genome project, we can imagine that life is possible in a split second. If an intelligent life form sends a 'hello' message to Earth today from 1000 light years away, we will receive it in 3005 AD. Our 'how are you?', what is pi square?' reply will arrive in 4005. And conformation of the intelligence is in 5005. Pi square is intelligence. Einstein's law of light speed warrants that long wait. What if they had sent their 'hello' in 1005, the conformation is still in 4005. By that time, Rotary 3300 will have a million members!!! In this write I cannot discuss. We have to look at ET life with the following questions:

- Is there life?
- Is there life with intelligence?
- Is there life intelligent enough for space astronomy?
- Is there life intelligent enough to last the nuclear bomb for more than 80 years?
- Is there life stupid enough to ask the above questions?
- Is there?

We need time to learn.

Secretary's Announcements for Lunch Meeting on 06.04.2005

Meeting of The Service Committees

- Vocational Service Committee Meeting to be held at **2.00pm** on **20.04.2005** immediately after our lunch meeting.
- The New Generation Committee shall meet on **26.04.2005** at Hotel Shangri La at **6.00pm**.
- The 78th Installation Committee shall meet on **28.04.2005** at Hotel Shangri La at **6.00pm**.

Notices

SISTER CLUB INSTALLATION FUNCTIONS 2005/06

We have received an update of SISTER CLUB INSTALLATION FUNCTIONS 2005/06.

- RC Bangkok - no news
- RC Hatyai Nakarin - 07 July
- RC Raffles City - 13 August (25th Anniversary)
- RC Singapore - 02 July
- RC Makati - 29 July
- RC Taipei Southgate - 04 June

Details on the RC Singapore and Taipei Southgate functions can be obtained from Pres. Dr Lee Hock Bee and PE Low Kok Hwa respectively.

Rtn Horst Wipfern
International Service Director

From The Desktop Of A Rotarian

Back from refereeing... and this being "magazine" month, picked up my copy of "The Rotarian" which just came with the aim of "updating" myself and refocus as I have been thinking too much on the Rules. I find myself amused by the project of R.C. of Batavia N.Y. to raise money! 13 Rotarians posed in the nude for "2005 Men of Batavia Rotary Club calendar" to raise money for a medical center. They were chosen from a variety of occupations and ages.

The idea is not new... but it took a lady Rotarian in the club to come out with it. You think it will catch on here? (especially if senior Rotarians, Datos, PDGs or our board posed for a calendar in full month?) Don't look at me... I no longer look "cute in the nude" now... perhaps two decades ago I did.



Birthday Boys

Rtn Rajendra - 14th April

Rtn Thomas - 24th April

Ann's Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Photos From Weekly Meeting On 13.04.2005



First Lady & Carlton before the commence of proceedings.



Speaker K.K. Chong.



Visiting Rotarians Ester & Loretta with William Lau.



Birthdays boys - Tony, Boon Leong & Freddy.

The Rotary Club Of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

We meet at 12:30pm every Wednesday
at The Shangri La Hotel, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

Celebrate Rotary 100 Years

BERITA ROTARY

Over the past few months, efforts have been made to improve the distribution of our Berita Rotary to keep RCKL Rotarians, be they active or excused members, informed about our club and its activities. To those Rotarians who have provided Hon.Sec. Freddy Chan with a 'functioning' e-mail address, the Berita Rotary is sent electronically by our webmaster.

Those who don't have access to computers or the Internet respectively, should receive a hardcopy by mail every week. Regrettably, there are some Rotarians whose e-mail addresses are still giving us constant problems, and their names have been deleted from our

distribution list as it is presumed that they are not interested to receive the Berita Rotary. Others don't bother clearing their e-mailboxes and Berita Rotary cannot be delivered. So why have an e-mail address in the first place?

Rotarians who believe they have a 'functioning' e-mail address but don't receive the Berita Rotary are encouraged to contact me personally, or preferably send me an e-mail so that corrective action can be taken.

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Rotary Events

JANDA BAIK ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY (Support from RC Raffles City)

The Berita Rotary issue no. 34 report on this project mentioned the wonderful support that our club had received from our sister club, RC Raffles City, and its on-the-spot donation pledge toward the cost of the food parcels and the 'Read To Me' radio cassette recorders. Our International Service Director Horst Wippern visited

RC Raffles City last week to express our club's gratitude and to receive from his counterpart, PP George Abraham, a cheque for the equivalent of RM 2,500.

Whilst the ties between our two clubs have traditionally been good, the Janda Baik project day as well as the preceding fellowship helped to enhance them. Consensus was reached during discussions at the RC Raffles City lunch meeting that Janda Baik will remain an ongoing joint project by the two clubs and additional avenues will be explored for the two clubs to have joint fellowships on a more regular basis.

Watch this space for further news!

If you have any queries please contact me before the weekend since I am leaving for Australia on Sunday.

Rtn Horst Wippern
International Service Director



IS Director Horst receiving donation cheque from PP George Abraham witnessed by Raffles City President Mohan Pillay.