



BERITA ROTARY

President Rizal Inducts the 100th Member

Many years ago when the writer joined RCKL DiRaja, it was a club boasting a membership of around 120 or thereabouts (records are sketchy). What happened thereafter – and presumably not because the writer had joined – was that members drifted out of the club for various reasons, and then there was a ‘presidential house cleaning effort’ that reduced the membership to well below 100.

So with the re-admission of Thomas Varughese, we have now reached the magic ‘century figure’ again – and who knows how long we can maintain that level?

First time round, Thomas joined our club in 2004 being sponsored by his colleague Willie Tham, and within a record time he became a member of the board as Director Vocational Service (although it is a toss-up between him and Rtn Gerald Lee who went on the board as Fellowship Director almost straightaway when that position had to be filled in 2007). Thomas had to resign from the club in 2006 when his employer decided to ‘banish’ him to East Malaysia. Being in charge of Sabah and Sarawak he was invited by many Rotary clubs there to join them, but in the end he decided to join none and concentrated on his job, apart from wandering around at the annual Sarawak Rainforest Music Festival where the writer never ran into him, although he attended many including the 10th anniversary, and the Miri Jazz Festival.

So when the transfer back to head

office (for reprogramming?) was effected, Thomas of course decided to come back to our club, this time being sponsored by PE Andy Khoo.



Thomas Varughese going through the re-admission procedure

The re-admission procedure having been ‘administered’ by Pres. Rizal, Thomas was invited to talk to the members about his experiences in the ‘wilds of Borneo’. He made some interesting observations on the differences between East Malaysia and the peninsula, really not an unknown phenomenon, but also highlighted the differences of the business communities in Sabah and Sarawak. In Sabah, apparently business people are more open to new ideas and alliances, whereas in Sarawak they are a bit more reserved. But both are wary of the developments and attitudes in peninsular Malaysia.

Whilst in residence in Kota Kinabalu, Thomas had to travel extensively through both states and he enjoyed the cultural activities and environmental projects there, many of which his bank is very much involved in.

Welcome back, Rtn Thomas Varughese!

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COMMITTEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 1st Wednesday of the month (immediately after luncheon meeting)

SERVICE PROJECTS

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month (immediately after club meeting)

INT. SVC COMMITTEE

Sister Club Installations:
Raffles City - 13.08.2010
Phuket - TBA
Singapore - 25.06.2010
Bangkok - TBA
Hatyai Nakarin – TBA
Taipeh Southgate -05.06.2010
Makati - 09.07.2010

CLUB

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83rd Installation Banquet

Date: 20 June 2010

Vanue: Shangri-La Hotel

Programme: To be advised
Watch this space for further details

Wednesday Speakers / Events Diary

19.05.
HE Dr Marc Barety, French Ambassador (World Understanding - The Actions of France for Peace)

26.05.
Rtn Radzi (TBA)

02.06.
Presentation of musical instruments to SMK Jinjang

09.06.
TBA

DISTRICT

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District Conference

The 76th District Conference will be held as follows:

Date:
10-12 December 2010
Venue:
Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
Host Club:
TBA

More details will be published here and on the website

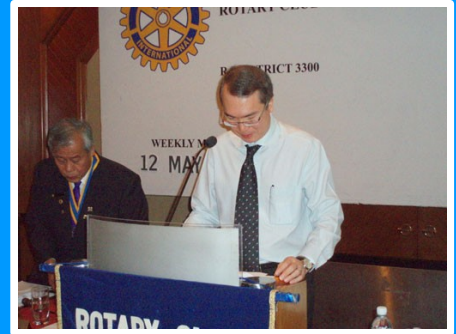


BERITA ROTARY WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS

12 May 2010

ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians: 33
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups: 1
- Convener: Rtn Tay Beng Chai
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Rtn Richard English
- National Anthem, Loyal Toast and Club Song: Rtn Bingley Sim Iskandar
- Speaker: Rtn Thomas Varughese
- Programme: Re-admission of Thomas Varughese
- Opening Remarks: Pres. Rizal Sardon
- Closing Remarks: Pres. Rizal Sardon



Stand-in convener
Rtn Tay Beng Chai



Rtn Bingley Sim Iskandar
(National anthem and loyal toast)



Sgt-at-Arms Rtn Richard English
(back at his job)

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Rotarians
Pres. Elizabeth Yam
(RC Kelana Jaya)

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays
21.05. - Rtn Mohd Azmal Khan

Wedding Anniversaries
19.05. – PP Koay Soon Eng
20.05. – PP Francis Chan
23.05. – Rtn Mohd Radzi
24.05. - PP Chan Kam Fatt

Invited Guests

Mr A.C. Lim)
Mr Donald Marandha) - guests of PP Attan



Members singing
the national anthem



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RI NEWS

Memorable Council Leaves Its Mark on Rotary (By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary International News)



A representative from one of Rotary's 531 Districts looks over proposed legislation during the Council on Legislation 26 April. Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee

Representatives to the 2010 Council on Legislation left Chicago having enacted a number of monumental measures that will make e-clubs a permanent part of Rotary International, create a fifth Avenue of Service for New Generations, increase the annual per capita dues that clubs pay to RI by US\$1, and give Rotarians in North America a choice of how they receive The Rotarian .

Representatives approved a \$1 increase in annual per capita dues starting in 2011-12 that will allow RI's budget to remain profitable through 2013, but experience a deficit of about \$3 million by 2015. Rotary clubs will pay per capita dues to RI of \$51 per year in 2011-12, \$52 per year in 2012-13, and \$53 per year in 2013-14. Per capita dues were already set at \$50 for 2010-11.

The increase is only half the amount the Board of Directors had originally planned to seek. But after favorable financial forecasts, the Board offered an amended request for the \$1 increase. RI's General Surplus Fund is well above the Council-mandated minimum reserves. Market performance has improved, and the Secretariat has made significant cuts in expenses.

After years as part of a pilot project, e-clubs found a permanent home in Rotary. Representatives approved a measure that will allow up to two e-clubs per district, amended from just one per district. Proponents of the amendment argued that districts that use more than one language would be better served by more e-clubs. The measure defines e-clubs as Rotary clubs that meet through electronic communications. A handful of e-clubs have been operating as part of the pilot project set to end 30 June. Some of the pilot clubs meet solely through online forums, while others combine electronic with in-person meetings.

Representatives also voted to add a fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations, to the four that already exist: Club Service,



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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Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members can contribute within each avenue. Supporters of the fifth avenue feel it will encourage and recognize the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development efforts, service projects, and exchange programs.

In the final days of the Council, representatives voted to give Rotarians in the United States and Canada the option of receiving an electronic version of The Rotarian magazine. The Council rejected a proposal to completely do away with the subscription requirement, but it did allow for joint subscriptions for two Rotarians residing at the same address. It also voted against giving a choice between print and electronic magazines to Rotarians living outside North America.

The Council tackled a variety of other issues, including decreasing the number of members on the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International from 34 to 17; giving the Board authority to take steps to limit the number of election complaints from a district, including disqualifying a nominee for district governor; giving the Board authority to eliminate or change district boundaries if a district falls below 33 clubs or 1,200 members; and precluding clubs from limiting membership based on sexual orientation.

The Council on Legislation meets every three years to consider changes to the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. This year's Council convened 25-30 April. Representatives from Rotary's 531 districts considered more than 200 pieces of legislation submitted by Rotary clubs, districts, and the RI Board of Directors.



Who is Rtn Thomas Varughese?

- Born in Penang
- BSc in Applied Economics from University of Nottingham
- MBA and MPhil in Financial Economics from University of Nottingham
- Lived in UK 1980-1992 to study, lecture and work
- Has been with HSBC Bank since 1992 after his return to Malaysia
- Worked in HSBC's Forex, Trade, Commercial and Retail Banking divisions
- Current position – Deputy Managing Director / Commercial Banking and Director Sales
- Member of RC Labuan 1999 till 2000
- Member of RC Kota Melaka 2001 till 2002 and RC Ipoh 2002 till 2003
- Member of RCKL DiRaja 2004 till 2006
- Married to Sheila, 2 children (1 boy and 1 girl)

RI Board lowers Interact Age (By Ryan Hyland - Rotary International News)



Interactors get ready to take part in a Sub-national Immunization Day in Nepal in 2008. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

To help promote the growth of Interact, the RI Board has agreed to lower the age of eligibility for *Interactors* from 14 to 12.

“This is another opportunity to expand the family of Rotary,” says J.R. Thompson, a member of the RI Interact Committee and the Rotary Club of Rocky

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Ford, Colorado, USA. "In my personal experience working with young people, they will put out the effort to reach a reasonable level of expectations. I found this is just as true of a 12-year-old as it is of a 14-year-old."

The Council on Legislation, which met 25-30 April in Chicago, was also poised to consider a pair of proposals to lower the minimum age for *Interact*, but withdrew them because of the January action by the Board. District 2750 (Guam; Japan; Micronesia; Northern Marianas; Palau), which proposed one of the resolutions, argued in its statement of support that the mental and physical development of young people today is more advanced than when the Standard *Interact* Club Constitution was launched. The Council approved creating a permanent committee of RI for *Interact* and establishing a fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations Service, to recognize the positive change brought about by young adults involved in leadership activities.

Each year, *Interact* clubs are asked to complete at least two community service projects, one of which should further international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, *Interactors* develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs.

The Board's policy for *Interact* states that the sponsor Rotary club must cooperate with school authorities in supervising the *Interact* club and that the *Interact* club is subject to all the

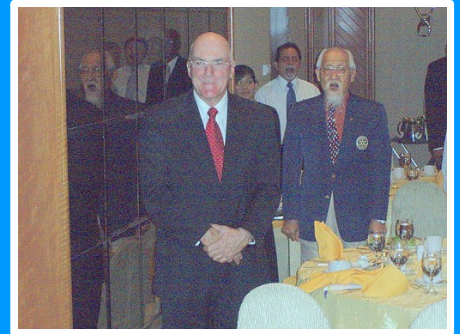
regulations that apply to other student organizations and extracurricular activities at the school. If the school where an *Interact* club is based includes students younger than age 12 or older than 18, they may also be members, the policy states. So, if a school serves students ages 10-13, 10-year-olds could also be members.

"In smaller communities, it is not unusual for secondary schools to be combined with junior and senior high schools," says Thompson. "In fact, this is a growing trend in the U.S., where the mean age of the population continues to move up."

The Board also agreed to set these priorities for the program:

- Promoting *Interact* using publications, video, the Internet, club presentations, and other methods
- Sharing information about Rotary with *Interactors* by distributing Rotary International publications such as *The Rotarian* magazine and *Rotary Leader*, and the governor's monthly letter
- Assigning Rotarians as mentors for *Interactors*, inviting *Interactors* to attend Rotary club meetings, and consulting with *Interact* clubs to develop a district-wide service project for all *Interactors*

"Strong clubs -- whether they are *Interact*, Rotaract, or Rotary -- are always looking for more good people willing to put their minds, backs, and hearts into *Service Above Self*," says Thompson



Welcome back Rtn Garran McPhee



Two PPs concentrating on their food (David Teh and Low Kok Hwa)



Welcome back Rtn Lau Choo Seng



Rtn Louis Cheah 'lecturing' his audience (Rtn Param, PP Kanes and Rtn Richard English)