

AN E-BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF JOHOR BAHRU
(District 3310 of Rotary International, Chartered on 27 June 1952)

Volume 60 Issue 11

14 September 2010

Malaysia Day



Today's Programme:
"Insight into the functions of the public complaints bureau"
By Mr Marshall Theagarajah

Last Week :
Dr. Ho Loong Shin
on "Angkor Wat"

My Fellow Rotarians

The month of September has been a month of celebrations with the Muslim celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri and the Malaysians celebrating the Malaysia Day on the 16th September 2010.

In the same spirit of the festivities the Community Service Committee with Rtn Dr Vishwadeep, Rtn. Capt Raja, Rtn Suki and myself were actively organising the Merdeka Service Project. Besides extending cash donation to meet urgent financial needs, the organising committee is also providing provisions and canned foodstuffs. So far Rtn Cheong Nai Cheong has solicited for 20 packets of beehoon. If will certainly be heartwarming for the children if Rotarians and spouses participate on the 26th September 2010 (Sunday). The President is sponsoring the lunch for the inmates of Pertubuhan Kebajikan Pusanesam, Taman Ros, Ulu Tiram.

Selamat Hari Malaysia!

Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

Thank You.
DR. S. SIVAMOORTHY
PRESIDENT 2010 / 2011
ROTARY OF JOHOR BAHRU

Mailing Address:
P.O.Box 54, 80730 Johor Bahru,
Johor Darul Takzim, Malaysia

Weekly Meetings:
The Zon Regency Hotel, Johor
Bahru, Tuesdays at 5:15pm

Contact Tel:
+607 222 2433
(Rotary House)

E-Mail:
rotaryjb@myjaring.net

EDITORS	
PP Tan Beng Sooi	
Rtn Ranjeet Bhullar	
Exec Sec Adilin Arifin	
execsec@rcjb.org.my	

IN THIS ISSUE	
LAST WEEK TALK	2
MISSION TO ILOILO CITY PART 2	3
CLUB MATTERS	4
NEW GENERATION	5
FROM THE DAILY GUARDIAN, MANILA	6
CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS	7
RCJB MERDEKA PROJECT	8



Last Week Talk: Angkor Wat



From the treasurer: TICKKIE BOTTLE:

COLLECTION ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2010 :

Tikkie Bottle : RM28

Happy Fund : - Nil -

Totaling : RM954 (Tikkie Bottle)

QUOTE: For us to succeed, all we need to do is to focus our best efforts on doing what Rotarians are passionate about and what Rotarians are the best in the world at doing, which is *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*

*RI President 2010/2011
Ray Klingensmith*

**FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN PP FRANCIS LIP :-
AS AT 24TH AUGUST 2010**

Membership	56
Excused	7
Effective	49
Present	34
Percentage	69.39%

MEMBERS CELEBRATE

SEPTEMBER		Wedding	Induction
Name	Birthday	Anniversary	Anniversary
Tan Beng Sooi	1		
Dev Chellam			2
Koh Jit Huat			3
Roland Choong			3
Richie Chiam			3
Leslie Struys	5		
Francis Lip		9	30
Freddie Lee		12	
Roland Lim	12		
Teo Shiok Fu			14
Chin Kuie Too			15
Jason Tan		16	
Lim Kay Hua	9		
Freddie Long	21		
Mark Chang			13
Raja Muthappan			1
Chandra Segaran	14	17	

Absent Rotarians On 24th August 2010

1. PP Chang Teck Mark (Excused)
2. PP Dato Francis Ng (Excused)
3. PP Dr. K.N Singh (Excused)
4. PP Dato Singaraveloo (Excused)
5. PP Leslie Struys
6. PP Ooi Kao Yang
7. PP Hj Mohd Noh Ibrahim
8. PP Dato Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari
9. PP Dr S. Shanmugam
10. PP Mok Tai Dwan
11. PP Chua Kean Num
12. Rtn Ng Swee Poh
13. Rtn Lee Soo Tong
14. Rtn Chiam
15. Rtn Tan Chee Seng
16. Rtn Cheong Nai Cheong
17. Rtn S Elendran
18. Rtn Freddie Lee
19. Rtn Dr Lee Kim Tiong
20. Rtn Dr Vishwadeep Singh Sandhu
21. Rtn Datuk Freddie Long

Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy their club's fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Rotarians,

The Government of Pakistan has announced that the emergency phase is until **30 September 2010**. That will also be the date, the district disaster relief effort will phase out this fund raising drive and work, since we will not be involved in any rehabilitation endeavours.

In the meantime, we have decided to donate S\$30,000 from our collection, to the **Singapore Red Cross Society** to help them out to purchase some of the food packages locally, for distribution in Pakistan.

It is said that each food package is made up of: rice 30kg, wheat 50kg, lentil 10kg, cooking oil sugar, salt and a gunny sack to hold the supplies. Each package can sustain family units of approximately 7 persons for a month.

PP Dr Yap Lip Kee has left for Islamabad to witness (on behalf of the Disaster Relief Committee and all of Singapore's Rotary Clubs) the hand over of goods to the Pakistan Red Crescent in Islamabad. He is traveling with two Singapore Red Cross officials, the Secretary General Colonel Chua and Mr. Lim. He is also taking the opportunity to see some of the work going on in the affected areas. Hopefully he will have something to present to our Clubs and district on return on Tuesday 21st September. We wish him a safe journey.

We wish to thank all the Rotary Clubs and Rotarians for the fantastic response and generous donations to make this meaningful humanitarian project possible.

~ PP Dr Ho.

MERDEKA GIVING PROJECT ITINERY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2010

9.00am > All RCJB club members to assemble at the Johor Civil Service Club car park

9.30am > Depart for the Pertubuhan Kebajikan Orang Kurang Upaya (Skudai)

10.15am > Arrive at Pertubuhan Kebajikan Orang Kurang Upaya (Skudai) for donation of mock cheque and presentation of essential items for the home

11.15am > Proceed to Pertubuhan Kebajikan Puspanesam (Ulu Tiram)

12.00pm > Arrive at Pertubuhan Kebajikan Puspanesam (Ulu Tiram for donation of cash and essential items for the home. There will be a free lunch (Marrybrown meals)

provided for the residents of the home by President Dr Sivamoorthy. All RCJB members are also invited to participate in the lunch. A mascot from Marrybrown will also be there to entertain the children of the home.

The project is expected to end at around 1.00pm—1.30pm

Addresses of Homes:

Pertubuhan Kebajikan Orang Kurang Upaya (Skudai)
23 Jalan Hang Tuah 32
Taman Skudai Baru
81300 Skudai, Johor Bahru

Peryubuhan Kebajikan Puspanesam (Ulu Tiram)
No 20, 22, 38 Jalan Intan
Taman Ros
81800 Ulu Tiram
Johor Bahru

Dear Rotarian:

We hope you are enjoying the start of the Rotary year. We are writing to remind you of two upcoming initiatives of the 2010-11 Reach Out to Africa Committee.

Ray's Rotary Reunions, designed by RI President Ray Klingensmith will be held **3-5 February 2011** at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Three Rotary Reunions will reconnect Foundation alumni and facilitate additional international service projects in Southern Africa. The reunion held on Saturday, 5 February will focus on connecting Rotarians who have been involved in international service projects in southern Africa and those who are interested in becoming involved in projects there. Please contact reunions and to request additional information.

Rotary Project Safaris will facilitate Rotarian visits to Rotary projects in countries other than their own. The five-to-seven day Rotary safaris will enable Rotarians to view and evaluate Rotary projects for the purpose of encouraging financial support for such projects upon their return home. For details on Project Safaris, please review the new guidelines on the Reach Out to Africa Committee's website. Please encourage Rotarians in your district to consider participating in this unique opportunity.

Best wishes to you in your efforts to RI President Ray's theme, **Building Communities Bridging Continents**, into action this Rotary year.

Kind regards,

Susan Schneider
Supervisor
International Service Programs.

Friday, 17 September 2010

Solace for the terminally-ill

The Palliative Care Association of Johor Bahru (PCAJB) has been a source of comfort and aid for patients and their families faced with terminal illnesses.

Formed in 2007, the PCAJB provides free physical care for patients besides giving them and their families the emotional, spiritual and social support.

The non-governmental organisation is said to be the only organisation that loans medical and nursing equipment such as wheelchairs, oxygen concentrators and syringe drivers to patients for free,

In one case, a family member of a patient desperate for such equipment expressed relief when he heard of PCAJB and its services.

The number of patients referred to PCAJB have been steadily increasing, In 2009, the number of patients referred to the association was 264, 100 more than in 200, said PCAJB's president Dr Angamuthu Rajoo.

He said the association's palliative care team is dedicated to providing quality healthcare to patients in and around Johor Bahru,

Two teams headed by staff nurses Emily Law and Foo Siew Eng make home visits to patients who live as far as Bukit Tiram, Tanjung Langsat and Kangkar Pulai.

"Palliative care begins when cancer is diagnosed. The palliative care team works with the oncology team," said Law.

"If nothing more can be done medically, the oncology team releases patients to our care," she said.

PCAJB helps those feeling hopeless, helpless and lonely, said Law. "We comfort them to the end," she said.

While families want to keep their loved ones comfortable and provide a better quality of life, most are at a loss on how to go about it because medical care has moved from curative to palliative.

The family not only has to grapple with how to look after their loved ones with an advanced illness, but in some cases, when the patient is the sole breadwinner, some also feel anxious about how to care for other family members.

PCAJB volunteers play an important role by staying with the patient while the caregiver attends to family or personal needs. Its also a refreshing change for patients when they are taken out to parks or shopping centers

MALAYSIA DAY—Tunku Abd Rahman

This is the speech by Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman on the occasion of Malaysia Day on September 16, 1963 to commemorate Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore forming Malaysia.

Malaysian Insider, September 16, 2010



SEPT 16, 1963 — The great day we have long awaited has come at last – the birth of Malaysia. In a warm spirit of joy and hope, 10 million people of many races in all the States of Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak and Sabah now join hands in freedom and unity.

We do so because we know that we have come together through our own free will and desire in the true spirit of brotherhood and love of freedom.

We have made our decision after much care and thought, finally arriving at mutual consent by debate and discussion, inquiries and elections held over two-and-a-half years.

We can feel proud indeed of the way we have created Malaysia through friendly argument and compromise. The spirit of co-operation and concord is living proof of the desire we share for a common destiny.

What better basis for Malaysia can there be, what finer augury for the future?

The road to nationhood has not been an easy journey. Surprises and disappointments, tension and crisis, have marred the way.

The peoples of Malaysia, however, have endured all trials and tribulations with confidence and patience, calmness and forbearance, with faith in our final goal — Malaysia.

In the first eighteen months of political and constitutional discussions, beginning from May 1961, things went ahead favourably, because the ideal of Malaysia caught the imagination of all the peoples concerned.

We can all recall the remarkable enthusiasm and interest aroused then in the evolution of Malaysia.

Step by step the concept came to life. The activities of the Malaysia Solidarity Consultative Committee, the merger talks between the Federation of Malaya and Singapore, the broad agreement reached in London to establish Malaysia, the appointment of the Cobbold Commission and its exhaustive inquiries in the Borneo Territories, and the subsequent establishment of the Inter-Governmental Committee — all these steps were taken in internal harmony and in full public view.

Suddenly towards the end of 1962 the situation changed. Communist China committed unjustifiable aggression against India. I stood up for democracy and condemned China's attack.

(continue next page)



MALAYSIA DAY—Tunku Abd Rahman



One immediate reaction was that Communists throughout South-east Asia retaliated by an indirect assault upon me by opposing my idea of Malaysia, and they set about creating every possible difficulty to baulk Malaysia.

Other external complications occurred – the Philippines' claim to North Borneo, the sudden and abortive revolt in Brunei, and the startling adoption by Indonesia of a policy of confrontation against Malaya.

All these events projected an international crisis in South-east Asia this year, the climax coming in June. The successful meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Malaya, Indonesia and the Philippines, followed by my own conference with President Soekarno in Tokyo eased tension considerably and brought new hopes for harmony and peace.

Prospects for a Summit Conference were good, confrontation from Indonesia subsided, so we went ahead with arrangements for the final talks in London on Malaysia.

The Malaysia Agreement was duly signed in early July. Unexpectedly Indonesia reacted most strongly, renewing its policy of confrontation with the result that the Summit conference of leaders of Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines at the end of July began in an atmosphere of doubt.

The Summit conference ended in an agreement by the three countries to form an Association of States of Malay origin to be known as Maphilindo.

It was agreed that in order that the partners in Maphilindo could welcome Malaysia the United Nations Secretary-General should be asked to ascertain anew the wishes of the peoples of Sarawak and Sabah. That request has not been implemented.

Now finally the peoples of Malaysia are celebrating the establishment of Malaysia. This is the time to think earnestly and hopefully on the future of Malaysia as the whole country resounds with joy.

So I pray that God may bless the nation of Malaysia with eternal peace and happiness for our people.

The Federation of Malaya now passes into history. Let us always remember that the Malayan Nation was formed after many difficulties during a long period of national Emergency, yet its multi-racial society emerged, endured and survived as a successful and progressive nation, a true democracy and an example to the world of harmony and tolerance.

As it was with Malaya, so it can be with Malaysia. With trust in Almighty God, unity of purpose and faith in ourselves, we can make Malaysia a land of prosperity and peace.

In doing so let every Malaysian in all the States of Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak and Sabah ensure that our Malaysia is truly worthy of the aims and hopes we have shared, the trials and stress, we have endured, in working together to achieve our common destiny.

"MERDEKA! MALAYSIA!"