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Extraordinary General Meeting



Today's Programme:
Dr. Francis Hutchinson on
"Innovation in Penang".

Last Week : Mr. Tam Cheng Yau
on "Reminiscing the Antarctica".

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Dear Rotarians,

My year is coming to an end soon, it was just like yesterday I took office but it was almost a year ago.

We had a busy year but there are a few more things we have to do before we call it quits. As promised at the first Club Assembly, we will have our fourth and last Club Assembly on June 22. I feel it is important for the club to put into practice of having regular club assemblies. By doing so, the various Committees will become more involved and will implement the proposed projects. The Committee Chairs will feel bad if nothing is done. In the process we will be trying to be more accountable.

I know most if not all projects are completed but we must have one final reporting to wrap up the year.

I hope all the Committee Chairs are ready with the presentations and as usual this CA will also be a 100% attendance meeting.

Thanks

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Last Week Talk: **Reminiscing the Antarctica**

Last Week, Mr. Tam Cheng Yau shared with us his amazing trip to the Antarctica which is the fifth largest of the seven continents. It is situated over the South Pole almost entirely south of latitude 66° 30' south (the Antarctic circle). It is a very rough circular shape with the long arm of the Antarctic Peninsula stretching towards South America. There are two large indentations the Ross and Weddell seas and their ice shelves. Some Antarctic species have been taken to the verge of extinction for economic benefit. Others have been killed or disturbed, soils have been contaminated, sewage has been discharged into the sea and rubbish that will not decompose or break down has been left behind in even the remotest parts. The food eaten on bases in Antarctica is very similar to the food we eat at home. The biggest deficiency is in the supply of fresh fruit and vegetables - i.e. there aren't any for much of the time, only when a ship comes in or an aircraft lands. This means that for much of the year the food is either frozen, dried or tinned. Modern techniques in food preservation and fortification mean that there is no danger of suffering from a deficiency disease. Ships and boats were the means by which the early explorers of Antarctica reached the continent and often over-wintered. They were very much the focus of Antarctic expeditions which were often named after the ship that took the men, their provisions and their equipment to Antarctica. Many landmarks in Antarctica are named after these vessels.

In the earliest days of Antarctic exploration, the vessels were of course sailing ships, they rarely entered pack ice as the ships means of propulsion was the same as that of the ice itself, so unless the ice dispersed, great difficulty could be had in extracting the ship.

Later on, with the advent of the screw propeller, ships became more able to enter, manoeuvre and make progress in pack ice. In particular they could break through ice by reversing a short distance and then going forwards again, repeating several times if required to break through.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance: Last week's attendance 8th June was 57.14%, Previous week's attendance 1st June was 71.43%.

Important Dates to Note:

Saturday 19 June 2010:

Installation Dinner for PE Dr. Siva at Zon Regency Hotel

PE Siva's Installation Dinner

Please note that Installation Dinner Tickets are priced at :

RM 850 (ONE TABLE)

RM 450 (HALF TABLE)

RM 100 (PER TICKET)

RCJB and RCJBF EXTRAODINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting shall be convened on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 at Zon Regency Hotel at 5:30pm to consider and adopt the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolution No I to accept the resignation of ERNEST & YOUNG as auditors for RCJB & RCJBF.**
- 2. Resolution No II to appoint MESSRS YEO ENG Tong as auditors for RCJB & RCJBF for the financial year 2010/2011.**

**Family is the most important thing
in the world.**

-Princess Diana

Birthday Celebrants

Rotary Club wishes

Happy Birthday to celebrants:

19 June — Rtn. Lee Soo Tong

20 June — PP. Dev Chellam

Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

Rotary Club wishes

**Happy Wedding Anniversary to
celebrants:**

9 June — PP. Hj Mohd Nor Ibrahim

12 June — Rtn. Teoh Cheng Siang

20 June — PP. Dev Chellam

**The nice thing about
teamwork is that you always
have others on your side.**

~Margaret Carty

**A team is more than a collection
of people. It is a process of give
and take.**

~Barbara Glacel & Emile Robert,

**The strength of the team is each
individual member...the strength
of each member is the team.**

~Phil Jackson

**Coming together, sharing together,
working together, succeeding together.**

**Everyday is a gift, thats why
they call it the present.**



From the treasurer: TICKKIE BOTTLE:

COLLECTION ON 8TH JUNE 2010 :

Tikkie Bottle : RM 54

Happy Fund : RM 200

Totaling : RM 3,962 (Tikkie Bottle)

: RM 2,200 (Happy Fund)

: SGD 7.00 / Rph 1,000

QUOTE: *It is our daily actions and our daily decisions that determine the course of Rotary for all of us.*

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

-RI PRESIDENT JOHN KERRY

Absent Rotarians On 8th June 2010

1. **PP Dato Francis Ng (Excused)**
2. **PP Dato Dr. Singaraveloo (Excused)**
3. **PP Chang Teck Mark (Excused)**
4. **PP Dr. K.N Singh (Excused)**
5. **PP Jit Sehgal (Excused)**
 1. PP Leslie Struys
 2. PDG John Cheah
 3. PP Dev Chellam
 4. PP Nari Gidwani
 5. PP Hj Mohd Noh Ibrahim
 6. IPP Yeo Ann Kiat
 7. PP Kuthubul Zaman
 8. Rtn.Tan Chee Seng
 9. PP Chua Kean Num
 10. Rtn Koh Jit Huat
 11. Rtn. Richie Chiam
 12. Rtn J.S Kwang
 13. Rtn. S.Elendran
 14. Rtn Dato Teo Shiok Fu
 15. Rtn. Dr. Lee Kim Tiong
 16. Rtn Alan Cheng
 17. Rtn. Teoh Cheng Siang
 18. Rtn Ranjeet Singh
 19. Rtn Datuk Freddie Long
 20. Rtn Chua Tze Wei
 21. Rtn Suki Dhillon

FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN PP FRANCIS LIP :- AS AT 8TH JUNE 2010

Membership	56
Excused	7
Effective	49
Present	28
Percentage	57.14%

MEMBERS CELEBRATE

June		Wedding	Induction
Name	Birthday	Anniversary	Anniversary
Tan Beng Sooi		1	
Mok Tai Dwan		5	
Lee Kim Tiong	5		
Angamuthu	7		
Sivamoorthy			8
Mohd Noh		9	
Teoh Cheng Siang		12	
Lee Soo Tong	19		
Dev Chellam	20	20	
Elendran	24		
Richie Chiam	24		
Koh Jit Huat		25	
Kelvin Chua	29		

Gates signs soccer ball in Nigeria

Rotary International News -- 10 June 2010

Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, added his support to the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign this week, signing a soccer ball that is making its way through the continent before the 2010 World Cup.

Since February, the ball has been traveling through a number of polio-affected countries in Africa, raising awareness of the eradication effort. In many nations, its arrival has coincided with immunization activities, and Rotarians have celebrated by holding public rallies and inviting government officials. [Follow the ball's progress on our interactive map.](#)

As he signed the ball in Abuja, Gates commended Nigeria for making significant gains in the fight against polio and called upon the country's leaders to finish the job. Gates was in Nigeria to learn more about the dramatic decline in polio cases since his last visit in February 2009. This year, only three cases have been reported in the country through 8 June, compared with 298 during the same period in 2009.

"Nigeria's recent progress against polio is an achievement that all Nigerians should be proud of," Gates said. "Thanks to political and traditional leaders, dedicated health workers, and loving parents who want to protect their children, Nigeria is on a path toward eliminating polio."

The soccer ball is entering the final leg of its four-month journey. A grand campaign finale will be held at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Alexandria, Egypt, on 12 June. Africa Cup of Nations champions will kick the ball, symbolically kicking polio out of the continent. Egyptian First Lady Suzanne Mubarak will preside over the event, which will also be attended by film star Hani

Salama, children who have survived polio, government officials, and other dignitaries.

From there, the ball will travel to the [2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June](#). Its journey is being underwritten by DHL Express.

In addition, thousands have added their signatures to a virtual ball online. [Sign the ball.](#)

Since Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative began their fight against polio in 1988, the incidence of the disease has been reduced by 99 percent. In Africa, only Nigeria remains polio-endemic, but the disease still affects children in many other high-risk countries, emphasizing the importance of protecting all African children against polio. The virus is also endemic in three other countries: Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan.

The Gates Foundation has awarded Rotary US\$355 million in challenge grants in support of its efforts to eradicate polio. In response, Rotary has committed to raising \$200 million by 30 June 2012. As of this month, Rotarians have raised \$128.7 million.

"As the volunteer arm and private-sector partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has contributed \$388 million for polio eradication efforts in Africa," said June Webber, Kick Polio Out of Africa project coordinator. She added that Rotarians and their global partners are determined to provide a lasting legacy as they "celebrate the first World Cup on African soil."



By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 8 June 2010

In the past nine months, the residents of Bribie Island, Queensland, Australia, have learned a lot about polio and the global effort to eradicate the disease.

Led by the town's Rotarians, they've also given a lot back.

In September, the Rotary Club of Bribie Island embarked on Project Eradication, aimed at raising A\$1 (about US\$0.80) for each one of the community's 19,490 residents.

"One club member had lost his brother to polio many years before, and several others had been touched by polio in their youth or through friends and family," said Bribie Island Rotarian Barry Clark, reflecting on the inspiration for the project.

Over the next several months, the 25-member club organized a raffle, a children's coloring competition, wine sales, monthly food markets, a movie night, an Australia Day Ball, a golf day, and a 10-kilometer fun run/walk. Local newspapers were briefed about the effort in advance and agreed to publish monthly feature articles about the events.

The club also obtained support from the town's polio survivors. One drew the winning tickets for the raffle and took part in the run/walk, pushed in a wheelchair by a Rotarian. Another gave an interview to area newspapers and reinforced the message that some parents in Australia still weren't getting their children immunized. Yet another, who walked with a limp, began the dancing at the Australia Day Ball. A fourth spoke at a meeting of the Bribie Island club, inspiring members with his personal story of determination.

As the fundraisers unfolded, the project gained increasing visibility in the community and media. The club also sent out news releases about the work of Jenny Horton -- a nurse and member of the Rotary Club of Kenmore, Queensland -- in the polio immunization effort in India.

The publicity helped generate significant donations from residents and groups such as the Lions club, Bowls club, and community orchestra. The Bribie Island club also gained 12 new members.

On 13 May, Bribie Island Rotarians presented a check for A\$20,000 (about US\$16,600) for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge to Past RI President Clem Renouf at a celebration in Nambour. Another US\$4,200 came from the Rotary Club of Toowong. Renouf and Past District Governor John Sever, former chief of the infectious diseases branch of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, were instrumental in laying the groundwork for PolioPlus.

Renouf offered high praise for Horton, who also attended the celebration. Horton has worked for the Stop Transmission of Polio program in Botswana, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. The program was established in 1999 by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and has received \$681,900 in grants from PolioPlus for volunteers' stipends.

"Someone once said, 'If you want to send a message, wrap it in a person,'" Renouf noted. "Jenny is the ideal wrapping for our story at this stage of the war [against polio], not from command headquarters but from the front line."

"It's amazing to be part of a program which will eradicate a disease from the world," Horton said.



Past RI President Clem Renouf (left) receives an A\$20,000 (US\$16,600) check for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge from Bribie Island Rotarians, joined by Jenny Horton (right), of the Kenmore club. *Photo courtesy of Barry Clark*

Top 15 things Rotarians should know about global grants for vocational training

Rotary International News -- 8 June 2010

Did you know that the new global grants offered under the [Future Vision Plan](#) can support vocational training teams? Here are some key concepts about how vocational training activities can work under The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, which will be tested by 100 pilot districts beginning 1 July 2010. The plan will roll out for all districts in 2013. These ideas can get your club and district started as you develop vocational training opportunities.

1. Both clubs and districts can develop and apply for [global grants](#) to fund vocational training under the Future Vision Plan.

2. Clubs and districts are free to develop as many global grants for vocational training as they wish in a given Rotary year. Consider the number of trainings appropriate for your area.

3. Communities can provide inspiration. Clubs and districts are encouraged to pinpoint their community's needs and strengths within an identified [area of focus](#) when developing vocational trainings with other clubs or districts.

4. Teams may either receive or provide training. [Capacity building](#) is key.

5. Either a single team or multiple teams may travel on a global grant. You determine the number of teams needed for each grant.

6. Each team may center training on a different area of focus, if more than one vocational training team is traveling on a grant.

7. A minimum of one Rotarian team leader and three non-Rotarian participants are required per team. There is no maximum team size. Develop your team according to the goals of your grant.

8. There are no age restrictions for participants. Instead, selection is based on expertise within the identified [area of focus](#).

9. All participants on a single team must have careers linked to the goals of the grant, but they are not required to have the same professions.

10. Vocational training is an opportunity for Rotarian service. Rotarians may participate on

vocational training teams that are providing training, if they have the needed skills.

11. Trainings may be developed for any time frame, depending on the scope of the training project.

12. Trainings may take place in a variety of settings, including universities, medical institutions, schools, companies, and community centers. Determine which setting is most appropriate for your training.

13. Teams may be hosted in a variety of places, such as Rotarians' homes, university dormitories, and hotels. Determine what kind of hosting is most appropriate for your team.

14. Costs are flexible. There is no set, catalog cost associated with vocational trainings. Global grants must meet the US\$30,000 minimum for total project cost, but this includes the expenses for the vocational training team as well as any other grant activities, such as humanitarian projects, scholarships, or additional teams.

15. A Rotary Foundation [District Grant](#) can be used to support a vocational training team that's more like a traditional [Group Study Exchange](#). The vocational training exchange can be with any district (pilot or nonpilot), and teams are not required to train within one of the areas of focus.



A microcredit recipient in Calcutta, India, makes pottery. Under the Future Vision Plan, global grants may be used to fund vocational training teams in one of the areas of focus, including economic and community development. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*



Last Words

Laughter The Best Medicine

10 Reasons Not To Jog

1. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now & we don't know where she is.
2. The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
3. I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.
4. I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
5. I don't exercise at all. If God meant us to touch our toes, he would have put them further up our body.
6. I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
7. I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.
8. The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.
9. If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.
10. I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

WOMEN'S REVENGE

"Cash, check or charge?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase.

As she fumbled for her wallet I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

"So, do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked.

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the most legal evil thing I could do to him."

When the elevators broke down

Bill, Jim, and Scott were at a convention together and were sharing a large suite on the top of a 75 story sky scraper.

After a long day of meetings they were shocked to hear that the elevators in their hotel were broken and they would have to climb 75 flights of stairs to get to their room.

Bill said to Jim and Scott, let's break the monotony of this unpleasant task by concentrating on something interesting. I'll tell jokes for 25 flights, and Jim can sing songs for 25 flights, and Scott can tell sad stories the rest of the way.

At the 26th floor Bill stopped telling jokes and Jim began to sing. At the 51st floor Jim stopped singing and Scott began to tell sad stories. "I will tell my saddest story first," he said. "I left the room key in the car!"

