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August is Membership Development month !

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



TODAY 'S PROGRAMME: Rotary External Perspective by Dr Wong Yin Onn

August is Membership Development month in the Rotary calendar. I do not know what you think, but I think there is a reason for RI to designate August as Membership Development month. It shows the how important and crucial it is for the long term survival of Rotary. Just like how important it is for a company to continue to show profits for it to survive, Rotary has to bring in new members for it to be able to provide service and funding for many more years.

This is what RI President John Kenny wrote in the August issue of Rotarian. "Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger, and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also the case that bringing in the wrong person can have the opposite effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well. In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations: One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client, or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is

the way that our clubs remain harmonious; it is the way that new clubs become old clubs, and new members become Rotarians for life. The membership challenges that we face today are considerable, and in many ways new. There is no denying the difficulties posed by the current global financial situation. But in the words of Henry Ford, "If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability." And as long as we all do our jobs well, and bring in new members carefully, this is a security we in Rotary will never lack."

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THE SPOKE: LAST WEEK'S TALK



MV Doulos (Largest floating bookshop)

by Mr. Hannu Kaakinen

Our speaker, Mr. Hannu from Finland., is a very experienced man working in many fields before working on the MV Doulos.

MV Doulos was built in 1914, just 2 years after the Titanic.

It's the oldest ocean going passenger ship today.

Served in the US Coast Guard in WW2.

From 1978 onwards, it has traveled from country to country and port to port bringing "Knowledge", "Health" & "Hope" to under privileged people around the world.

The ship is run by 320 volunteers from 50 different countries.

On board the ship, there is a bookshop which carries ~6000 book titles.

They also conduct aid projects in many countries across the world such as:-

Helping to build a school in Sudan

Medical relief in Tjibouti (Africa)

Making donations to schools and orphanages in Cambodia

MV Doulos provides an opportunity for young people to live, learn and work in a multicultural environment. It's finances are mainly from the selling of books, donations from governments, companies and friends.

There is also a conference on board the ship so that companies can hold their conferences there.

Thanking the speaker, Rtn Chua Tze-Wei said that the speaker is a respected man with a lot of good attributes. In the world today, there is so much conflict and turmoil, it is inspiring to know that there are 320 people from 50 diff countries sailing around the world in a ship bringing spreading knowledge, health and hope.



Sharing a Message of Hope in God



The *Doulos* community lives and works together on board as a practical outworking of their service for God. Each individual has a personal, living faith in God, stemming from a restored relationship with Him, bringing hope, meaning and focus to his or her life. The ship community desires to share this message of hope in a restored relationship with God in the ports visited. This is done with greatest respect for and sensitivity towards the culture of the community hosting the ship.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

ROTARY CLUB OF TEBRAU – 21ST INSTALLATION DINNER

21st August 2009 (Friday)

Time : 7.00 pm

Venue : Grand Straits Garden Seafood Restaurant – Ballroom 1

Theme : Tribute to Michael Jackson

tickets are available at RM75.00 per person

Rotaract Club Installation

22nd Aug 2009

Grand Paragon Hotel

Rotaract Club of Convent Sec. School will be having their installation dinner on 13th Aug.

Venue: School Hall. Theme: Appreciating the Music Legends. Invites Rtns to attend.

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MONTH!-

Rtn Shiok Fu

Tuesday 25 August 2009

will be a Membership Talk and Dialogue where 4 members, namely Rtn. Dr. Vishwadeep, Rtn. Ranjeet Singh, Rtn. Teo Cheng Siang and Rtn. Chua Tze-Wei will talk about their experiences as Rotarians and share their suggestions on membership issues. Fellow members are invited to participate in the Dialogue following their short individual talks. So reserve this date and

please try to attend this interesting club meeting!



INTER CLUB GOLF WITH RC JURONG
DATE: 9 SEPT 2009
ROYAL JOHOR COUNTRY CLUB
TEE OFF 1PM.



MEMBERSHIP	56
PHF	43
PHSM	7
ROTARY SPOUSE	8
EYER	17

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Picture page from MV DOUGLOS WEBSITE



Adriana Kamphorst (Netherlands) and Holly Suffron (USA) mingle with locals.

Jul 24, 2009 :: Sihanoukville, Cambodia



Ben Pienaar (South Africa) hands out books to locals.
Jul 24, 2009 :: Sihanoukville, Cambodia



Daniel John (Germany) speaks with students at Life University High School.

Jul 22, 2009 :: Sihanoukville, Cambodia

PROFILE OF THE WEEK : TAN BENG SOOI



PP Beng Sooi was born in Sungai Petani, Kedah, the rice bowl State of Malaysia.

He is also a Past President of this august club for the year 96/97 during whose term the club won the District Presidential Citation as well as two District Service Awards.

He is the founder and national Chairman of VPC Malaysia Group (formerly Vigers) with 8 offices in Malaysia, which in turn is a member of VPC Asia Pacific, an international property consultancy firm with offices in 9 countries.

PP Beng Sooi is presently the Managing Director of VPC Alliance (JB) Sdn Bhd and has his office at City Plaza.

Professionally, he is an associate of The New Zealand Institute of Valuers and a Fellow of The Institution of Surveyors Malaysia. Mr

Tan was also the past Chairman of The Institution of Surveyors Malaysia Johor Branch in 1995. He qualified from Auckland university as a valuer under Singapore Government



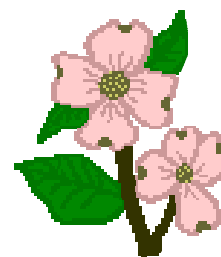
Colombo plan scholarship in 1974 and has served the New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysian governments. His professional expertise has taken to undertake valuation work to Brunei, Indonesia and China.

PP Beng Sooi was involved in the acquisition for the club of a four-storey shophouse at Jalan Tun Razak which now houses the Rotary House.

PP Beng Sooi is married to May Wong and they have three children. The eldest Shirn is married to Christopher Toh and they have 2 sons, while the second son, Joon Win 24 is working in Baker's Heart Research in Melbourne and the youngest, Joon Chien is in Sec 2 in Riverside School in Singapore.

For this rotary year, PP Beng Sooi is a board member of the club, editor of this e-bulletin (July – Sep) and Rotarian advisor to interact club of Sultan Amiidudin Baki.

In social work, he is the chairman of Pacific mall buyer committee, chairman of Tasek Resident Association, chairman of Local Spiritual Assembly Of Baha'is Of Johor Bahru, chairman of City Plaza Joint Management Body. He has many interests including golf, computer, and religious dialogue.



EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

ROTARY SCHOLAR EXCELS IN COM- PASSION

Juliana Hagembe, a 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholar from Kenya, calls the year she spent studying to obtain her master's degree in public health at the University of Hong Kong "an amazing, life-changing year. I am really proud

to be the first African scholar hosted by District 3450 [Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia] and so grateful to District 6220 [parts of Michigan and Wisconsin, USA] for sponsoring me."

During her scholarship year, Hagembe mentored members of RYLA, spoke at District 3450's annual conference, and taught children about her country. Accompanied by members of her host Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise, Hong Kong, she also visited leprosy patients at a village in China. That experience, she said, helped fuel a desire "to utilize my talents and abilities to help people less fortunate than me. It also increased my determination to pursue my ultimate goal — to contribute towards decreasing health care inequity at an international level."



Juliana Hagembe with a leprosy patient in China

Now nearing completion of her master's degree in biochemistry at Northern Michigan University, in Marquette, Michigan, Hagembe says she looks forward "to hopefully taking up a position at an international health organization to work towards this goal."



RCJB Attendance Profile for July 2009:

- a. July 2009 Average Attendance: 79.8%
- b. 14 July Club Assembly Attendance (Designated 100% attendance meeting): 90.4%
- c. No. of 100% Percenters: 29 members
- d. No. of members with 50% or below attendance: 13 members
- e. 13 Members with below 50% or below attendance in July 2009: Rtn. Alan Cheng, Rtn. Chin Kuie Too, PP KN Chua, PP Dato' Francis Ng (Excused), PP Dr. KN Singh, Rtn. Dr. Lee Kim Tiong, PP Leslie Struys, AG PP Ir. Mohd Noh, PP Mok Tai Dwan, PP Dato' Dr. Veloo (Excused), Rtn. Dato' Dr. Teoh Beng Hoe (Excused), PP Yeo Ann Kiat and PP Datuk Zaman.

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

From the treasurer: TICKKIE BOTTLE:

OPENING BALANCE: RM 211.00 + B\$1.00
 COLLECTON: RM 87.00
 TOTAL BALANCE: RM298.00
 HAPPY FUND: RM 200.00

**FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN PP FRANCIS LIP
 AS AT 11 Aug 2009**

Membership	56
Excused	5
Effective	51
Present	38
Percentage	74.51 %

MEMBERS CELEBRATE

AUGUST		Wedding	Induction
Name	Birthday	Anniversary	Anniversary
Tony Ong		1	
Leong Chee Woh			2
Singaraveloo		8	
Elendran			10
Jit Seghal			11
Francis Ng			12
Teoh Beng Hoe		13	
Mokkam Singh		15	
Teoh Cheng Siang	18		
Mark Chang	19		
Angamuthu			20
Sivamoorthy		20	
Ng Swee Poh	25		
Mok Tai Dwan			28

ABSENT ROTARIANS ON 11 Aug 2009:

1. PP Datuk Francis Ng (exc)
2. PP Datuk Dr. Singaraveloo (exc)
3. Datuk Dr. Teoh Beng Hoe (exc)
4. PP Leslie Struys
5. PP K Zaman
6. PE Dr Sivamoorthy
7. Rtn Cheong Nai Cheong
8. PP Chua Kean Nam
9. IPP Jason Tan
10. Rtn Liang Teh Hai
11. Rtn Lee Soo Tong
12. Rtn Freddy Long.PDG Lim Hock Teck
13. PP Tan Beng Sooi
14. Rtn Datuk Teo Shiok Fu
15. Rtn Elendren
16. Rtn Alan Cheng

Guests :

Pn Ainun (Spouse of PP DR. Shan), Mr. Raja, Ms. Cheryl Quek & Ms. Jolyn Ong (Rotaract Club Convent Sec. School), IPP Muniz, Ms Eva & Mr. Gerard (MV Doulos), Mr. Lee Chin Leong(HSBC), Mr. Tee, (guest of Rtn Tan Chee Seng), Mgr. Hannu Kakininen(Guest Speaker)





Future Vision of Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation's new mission, along with its new motto – Doing Good in the World – were approved by the Foundation Trustees and the RI Board and endorsed by the Council on Legislation.

The Future Vision Plan is designed to

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
 - Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians
 - Offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals
 - Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts
- Gain greater understanding of The Rotary Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image



STREET WISE Credit Card at petrol pump

BY PE DR SIVA

Beware when using credit card to fill petrol. Just got to know about this case through a friend that this thing actually happened to one of his co-workers.

She used her credit card to purchase gas at the pump (like most of us do). She received her receipt like normal. However, when she checked her statement, there were 2 \$50 charges added in addition to her purchase. Upon investigation, she found out that because she did not press the 'CLEAR' button on the pump, the employee inside the store was able to use her card to purchase his/her own gas!

To keep this from happening, after you get your receipt, you must press the 'CLEAR' button or your information will be stored until the next customer inserts their card.

Be sure to tell all your friends/family so that this doesn't happen to them! Pressing the clear button is a must whenever you have the transactions, whenever, whenever and every time.

Lasting Impressions:

The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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