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My Fellow Rotarians



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Last Week : Dr Pavin Chachavalpongpun
on Will there be light at the end of the tunnel

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All the Rotary Clubs in the world have done their contribution to "End Polio Now". Rotary Club of Johor Bahru with other clubs in the District is organizing a major campaign "End Polio Now" through 19 Rotarians and Rotaractors who will walk from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore. The participants will be flagged off on the 20th December at 4.00am from Gardens Hotel. RCJB will have 15 members joining the core walkers from GoodHope Hotel, Skudai led by PDG Ir John Cheah and DGN Lee Kong Hwee will lead 8 members of Rotary Club of Pontian. Yes, fellow Rotarians we are moving closer to realizing our dream of a polio-free world and our Future Vision Plan promises a more efficient and effective use of resources. We will wish all the Rotarians a safe and pleasant walk.

Our sincere condolences to the family of late PDG Etican Ramasamy whose illustrious Rotary "career" came to end after his accident. He passed away on the 13th December 2010 and RCJB observed a minute of silence after PP Balarajah read out an obituary.

Wishing all Rotarians and their families a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

Building Communities and Bridging Continents

Yours in Rotary.

DR. S. SIVAMOORTHY

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LAST WEEK'S TALK—WILL THERE BE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?

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PHD—Dept of Political Studies, SIAS, University London (2002)

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2007-2010 : ISEAS

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Reinventing Thailand Thaksin and His Foreign Policy



Pavin Chachavalpongpun

About the book *Reinventing Thailand—Thaksin and His Foreign Policy*

From 2001 to 2006, Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra transformed Thailand's international role from one of obscurity into a kind of regional hegemon. Thaksin's diplomatic and ambitious were reflected in his myriad of grandiose foreign policy initiatives, designed to locate Thailand at the forefront of regional politics and reinstall the Thai sphere of influence over weaker neighbouring states. He abolished the traditional bending with the wind foreign policy, revamped the Thai Foreign Ministry and empowered Thai envoys through CEO Ambassadors programme. But in this process, Thaksin was accused of exploiting foreign policy to enrich his business empire. Thaksin's reinvention of Thailand as an up-and-coming regional power was therefore tainted by conflicts of interest and the absence of ethical principles in the country's foreign policy.



From the treasurer: TICKKIE BOTTLE:

COLLECTION ON 14 DECEMBER 2010

Tikkie Bottle : RM41.00

Happy Fund : - Nil -

Totaling : RM1728.00 (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 14 DECEMBER 2010**

Membership	59
Excused	5
Effective	54
Present	34
Percentage	62.96%

MEMBERS CELEBRATE

DECEMBER	Birthday	Wedding Anniversary	Induction Anniversary
Francis Lip	2		
Kelvin Chua			7
Jit Seghal	11		
Dato Zaman		18	
Shanmugam	20		
Dato Mokkam Singh	21		
Francis Gopal	21		
Chua Kean Num			21
Leong Chee Woh		25	
Lee Soo Tong		26	
Singaraveloo	25		
Lim Hock Teck		26	
Francis Ng		27	
Roland Choong		29	

Absent Rotarians On 14 December 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 Jit Seghal (Excused)
6. PP Leslie Struys
7. PDG John Cheah
8. PP Dato Ir Mokkam Singh
9. PP Nari Gidwani
10. PP Tan Beng Sooi
11. PP Ng Yew Mun
12. PP Dato Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari
13. PP Mok Tai Dwan
14. Rtn Richie Chiam
15. Rtn S Elendran
16. Rtn Lee Kim Tiong
17. Rtn Chia Hsien Wen
18. Rtn Liang Teh Hai
19. Rtn Teoh Cheng Siang
20. Rtn Ranjeet Singh
21. Rtn Dr Ho Long Shin
22. Rtn Datuk Freddie Long HH
23. Rtn Chua Tze-Wei
24. Rtn Michael Nordgren

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.

Dear Rotary Centers Community

While local, regional, national and international conflicts abound in the waning days of 2010, Rotary's grassroots peace initiative continues to propel us optimistically into 2011. Glimmers of hope shine around the world at Rotary club and district meetings, during and after community service projects and at conferences and symposia where Rotary Peace Fellows are actively researching and presenting their findings. As the Rotary Peace Centers Committee and support staff continue their work to evaluate each of the centers this program year, individual and club donations, District Designated Fund allocations and major gift continue to support and endow the Rotary Peace Centers program.

As you spend a few minutes of your day scanning this issue of PeaceNet, think about the tremendous impact our Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni are making around the world. In his recent report, Rotary Foundation Trustee and Past RI Director Ashok M. Mahajan set the tone and a challenge for this newsletter when he wrote, "Instead of losing hope for a secure future where you and your future generation can live in peace, you can become one of the engines that can transport peace to every part of the world." Below you will find several examples of Rotary Peace Centers alumni acting as human engines to generate peace in Queensland, Australia, in Ratlam, India and around the world. They are artists, international observers, photographers, poets and published authors who force us all to see our societies for what they really are to catch the peace train and to help move it forward, one advancement after another.

Peace,
Brad Lauhman
Manager, Rotary Peace Centers Department.

These are members of RCJB who will participate in the walk:

KL to Singapore
Leong Chee Woh

Good Hope Hotel, Scudai to Tune Hotel, J Bahru
Angamuthu Rajoo
Cheah Kam Loong, John

Cheng Poh Ang, Alan
Chia Ah Chik
Chua Kean Num
Elendran S
Koh Jit Huat
Lee Ah Choy, Freddis
Lim, Roland
Singh Sandhu, Vishwadeep
Singh Dhillon, Sukvinderpal
Sivamoorthy S
Tan Boon Yew, Jason

Dear Rotarians

29th October 2000 marks a significant milestone in the polio eradication.

On this day, the World Health Organization (WHO) has certified the western Pacific Region which includes Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and Indonesia, free of polio. Only five indigenous cases were reported in 1992. After America, this is the second region in the world to have achieved polio-free status. For the Western Pacific Region had to put in place a sensitive surveillance system for detecting polio cases, not have any local polio cases for at least 3 years and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to respond to imported cases of polio.

However in 2005 there was a recurrence of polio cases in neighbouring Indonesia where 225 children were paralysed. Malaysia issued a polio alert. When polio cases manifest themselves, there is already a lurking epidemic. Rotary and its partners immunised 24 million children under 5 in Indonesia to prevent the outbreak from spreading across Asia. Several Rotarians from our district volunteered during their National Immunisation Days (NIDs) including PDG John Cheah.

As Nigeria remains polio-endemic, the virus has spread beyond its borders to countries which were previously polio-free. In October this year, there was a synchronised mass immunisation of 72 million children across 15 countries in Africa to stop the spread.

Until the World is free from polio, no child is safe.

Best regards,
Chee Woh.

Rotary International News—8 December 2010

There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world.

By contributing to the Foundation, you help support the Foundation's six areas of focus, which help to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. By giving US\$100 a year through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Contributions to EREY are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs.

Here are a few ways your contributions are making change possible.

5. Fighting hunger

In Romania., orphans and sick children have eggs, milk and meat because of a Foundation grant that benefits local farmers. The farmers are able to buy everything from animal feed to packaging materials. There is one stipulation: They must donate a portion of their products to children's hospitals, schools and orphanages.

In Alaska, USA, the Rotary Club of Anchorage East is also fighting hunger by distributing food to low-income families through mobile food pantry.

Projects such as these help address the areas of focus of maternal and child health as well as economic and community development.

4. Reducing child mortality

The Rotary clubs of Jaela-Kandana, Western Province, Sri Lanka and Madras Northwest, Tamil Nadu, India, are helping to reduce child mortality by providing improved sanitation facilities for 15 families in a small community in Sri Lanka. With a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, the clubs have built 14 toilets, helping to prevent diarrhea and other diseases related to poor sanitation.

According to the World Health Organization, 1.8 million children die of diarrhea every year, making it the second leading cause of death among children under five. Proper sanitation can reduce the rate of child mortality in many communities by up to a third. Water and sanitation is the third area of focus.

3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

Watching civil war tear apart his homeland of Cote d'Ivoire instilled in Rotary Peace Fellow Kouame Remi Oussou a passion to resolve conflict.

He is now working for the United Nations Development Programme in the Central African Republic, a country that weathered periodic internal fighting before a comprehensive peace accord took effect in 2007.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders in promoting national and international cooperation, peace and conflict resolution. Help support the Rotary Peace Centres. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution is the first area of focus.

2. Basic education and literacy

Education helps rebuild lives, whether it's in small rural towns or in war-torn countries. For example, a literacy project sponsored by US Rotarians in conjunction with the International Reading Assoc

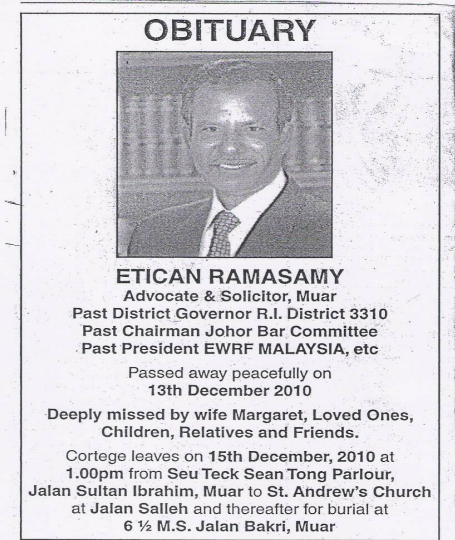
SHARING (continues)

The Southern Sudan Teacher Training initiative provides refugees of the country's decades-long civil war, who are known as the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan with teacher training materials, guidance and support to help them teach students in kindergarten through eighth grade. "People returning from refugee camps to rebuild their lives in Duk County are hungry for books and school supplies," says John Dau, a Lost Boy., humanitarian and founder of the John Dau Foundation.

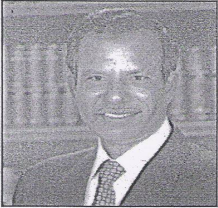
1. Eradicating polio

Around the world, Rotarians are taking million of steps in walkathons, diving into icy ocean waters and participating in other fundraisers to help Rotary fulfill its promise to rid the world of polio. Si Burgher, of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield, Indiana, USA, raised almost \$1,600 by having his shaggy eyebrows shaved.

Rotary launched its Polio Plus program in 1985. Since then, eradicating polio has been the organization's top priority. End Polio Now and help fulfill its promise.



OBITUARY



ETICAN RAMASAMY
Advocate & Solicitor, Muar
Past District Governor R.I. District 3310
Past Chairman Johor Bar Committee
Past President EWRF MALAYSIA, etc

Passed away peacefully on
13th December 2010

Deeply missed by wife Margaret, Loved Ones,
Children, Relatives and Friends.

Cortege leaves on 15th December, 2010 at
1.00pm from Seu Teck Sean Tong Parlour,
Jalan Sultan Ibrahim, Muar to St. Andrew's Church
at Jalan Salleh and thereafter for burial at
6 ½ M.S. Jalan Bakri, Muar