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Club Assembly



**Today's Programme:
Club Assembly & EGMs for RCJB
and RCJB Foundation**

**Last Week : Dr. Francis Hutchinson
on "Innovation in Penang".**

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Dear Rotarians,

The next meeting is our forth and last Club Assembly (CA) . I think this is the first time we have had four CAs. Having regular CAs is good practice for clubs and is something advocated by RI.

By having regular CAs, the various Committees will be more committed to carrying out the proposed projects and also to report on the progress of the projects. By doing so,we are being responsible and accountable.

I hope we continue with this practice from now on.

My last meeting as President on June 29 will focus on my year and my view of the club. Hope all of you will try to attend. Furthermore a surprise is in store for all those who attend. So don't miss the surprise.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

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Last Week Talk: Dr. Francis Hutchinson on "Innovation in Penang".

Last Week, Dr. Francis Hutchinson shared with us his thoughts on the "Innovation in Penang". There are two components of regional innovation systems, firms, networks and association which are the regional production structure, and the government agencies, research institutes, credit providers, universities are the regional supportive infrastructure, however merely having these is not enough, communication in and between them is important. We cannot assume that information will flow freely and collaboration will occur automatically, which will cause market failures. The Symptoms of a fragmented Regional Innovation Systems is due to closed markets for goods and services, little appetite for innovation and few links to networks, lack of fora or intermediaries for firms, communication gaps between universities, the government, and private sector, support schemes not articulated with firm needs, no articulation of 'regional needs'.

Penang's regional production structure has been growing well in manufacturing over the past 35 years, but it is losing ground to the service sector, narrowing of industrial structure, slow-down in growth of new firms (less than 10 p.a.), many small firms are 'surviving' or trying to move into new sectors. Dr. Hutchinson shared with us some ideas to strengthen Penang Regional Innovation Systems such as to widen the entrepreneur base to survey, find and reach out to backyard firms, to provide access to legal advice to obtain permits, centralize information on all permits, grants available in English, Bahasa and Chinese, to host website and track all applications made to state/federal agencies (success rates, common problems), to increase capabilities such as providing technical reference works on key sectors, to provide access to market intelligence services, to coach on marketing, 'pitching' dry-runs, to do technology audits, forecasting and open-labs on a pay-per-use basis.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance: Last week's attendance 15th June was 67.35%, Previous week's attendance 8th June was 57.14%.

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.

Birthday Celebrants

Rotary Club wishes

Happy Birthday to celebrants:

24 June — Rtn. S.Elendran

20 June — Rtn. Richie Chiam

29 June — Rtn. Kelvin Chua

Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

Rotary Club wishes

Happy Wedding Anniversary to celebrants:

25 June — Rtn. Koh Jit Huat





From the treasurer: TICKKIE BOTTLE:

COLLECTION ON 15TH JUNE 2010 :

Tikkie Bottle : RM 35

Happy Fund : RM 200

Totaling : RM 3,997 (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 15th 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)**
6. **PP Lim Kay Hua (Excused)**
1. Dato. Mokkam Singh
2. PP Dev Chellam
3. PP Tony Ong
4. PP Ooi Kao Yang
5. PP Tan Beng Sooi
6. PP Kuthubul Zaman
7. IPP Yeo Ann Kiat
8. PP Dr. S Shanmugam
9. Rtn Tan Chee Seng
10. Rtn. Koh Jit Huat
11. Rtn. Richie Chiam
12. Rtn Lee Soo Tong
13. Rtn. S.Elendran
14. Rtn Dato Teo Shiok Fu
15. Rtn. Teoh Cheng Siang
16. Rtn Datuk Freddie Long

FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN PP FRANCIS LIP :- AS AT 15TH JUNE 2010

Membership	56
Excused	7
Effective	49
Present	33
Percentage	67.35%

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		

John Kenny opens 2010 RI Convention

By Joseph Derr

Rotary International News -- 21 June 2010

RI President John Kenny called to order the 101st Rotary International Convention on 20 June at the Centre Bell in Montréal, Québec, Canada, where more than 18,000 attendees from 154 countries and geographical areas assembled for the four-day celebration.

Canada is the country that made Rotary international, and this year marks the 100th anniversary of the first meeting of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba -- the first club established outside the United States.

Kenny praised the projects he had witnessed during his travels throughout the year, reminding all attendees that club service is the nucleus of Rotary.

"I have always believed that the real work of Rotary, the work I have seen in this past year, was not done by me or by any member of the Board of Directors of Rotary International," he said. "It was done by you -- in every one of your districts, in every one of your clubs, and in every one of your communities."

Kenny visited clubs from Brazil to Latvia, which he said hadn't received a visit from an RI president since Paul Harris in 1932.

Kenny said his trip to Haiti made an indelible impression on him.

"It is one thing to hear and read about the devastation that the January earthquake caused in Haiti," he said. "It was another thing entirely to go there -- to see the collapsed buildings, walk among the rubble, try to comprehend how many people had been lost, and realize the scope of what would be needed to even begin to rebuild."

Kenny stressed that long-term recovery efforts, such as the ones Rotarians supported in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, after the devastating tsunami in 2004, is the kind of help that Rotary is best equipped to provide in Haiti. "Rotarians were in Banda Aceh before the news crews came, and stayed long after the other aid groups left. We are there and helping yet."

He reminded Rotarians that not every project needs to be a large-scale effort.

"It is easy to forget just how much of a difference simple acts of service can make. A small loan to start a business, a day spent making repairs to a home, the gift of a pair of eyeglasses -- all of these things have the potential to completely change another person's life," he said.

The experience of being a Rotary club member depends a lot on what Rotarians put into it, Kenny said. "What Rotary is, what it will be, what it can become -- all of this depends on the choices we make, every day, every hour, and every minute. How we serve, whom we help, how to balance our own abilities with the needs of our communities -- these are the decisions that will shape the Rotary to come. These are the decisions that are up to you. *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*."

Rotary's recent expansion into Palestine -- an effort supported by Israeli, Jordanian, and U.S. Rotarians -- was highlighted during the flag ceremony. Music and dance stirred the rest of the opening plenary session, with a gospel choir singing "What a Wonderful World" and lively dances performed by Inuit, Québécois, and Turkish troupes. Celtic Thunder, a group of male vocalists, also performed a variety of folk and popular songs, closing the session on a high note.



RI President John Kenny opened the 2010 RI Convention on 20 June at the opening plenary session in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images

By Arnold R. Grahl
 Rotary International News -- 20 June 2010

After two powerful typhoons hit the Philippine capital of Manila in September, members of the Rotaract Club of Manila knew they wanted to do something to help their community bounce back.

Even though some of the Rotaractors were among those affected by the storms, which caused severe flooding and displaced thousands, the club collected canned goods, mobilized volunteers to work with relief agencies, and took part in two medical trips to assist residents relocated to evacuation shelters.

Rotary International recognized the club's Response and Relief effort as this year's Outstanding Rotaract Project international winner during the 2010 Rotaract Preconvention Meeting in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 18 June. In all, seven Rotaract club projects were singled out for honors.

"This is truly an honor for our club," said club president Tiffany Go. "This award adds more strength to the bond between our members, and fires up passion to continuously serve the people and the community. We know that our hard work has planted seeds and something good will bloom."

The club collected US\$5,000 in canned goods and supplies, which were delivered to Cordillera, Laguna, and Pasig. In cooperation with the Rotary Club of Olds, Alberta, Canada, Rotaractors also brought in more than \$2,500 in funds



Victims of the typhoons in the Philippines line up to receive emergency aid. The Rotaract Club of Manila was recognized as this year's Outstanding Rotaract Project international winner during the 2010 Rotaract Preconvention Meeting for its effort to help victims. *Photo courtesy of District 3770*

and equipment, a portion of which was used to help rebuild a library inside a daycare center for children evacuated from the hard-hit areas. Manila Rotaractors also took part in two medical trips to assist people in evacuation shelters. They teamed up with volunteer doctors from the University of the Philippines during a visit to a shelter in Santa Ana, Taguig, and cooperated with the Rotary Club of Manila and Jancen Cosmetic Surgery to help evacuated residents of Pasig in the Philsports Arena. Two members of the Rotaract club are doctors and assisted with basic family care. Other members helped direct patients and volunteered in other capacities.

"Each of you is making the world a better place through your efforts," RI President John Kenny told the award recipients on 18 June. "It is my sincere wish that many of you will go on to be Rotarians in good time. But Rotary is already a part of you today, and so are you a part of Rotary."

2010 ROTARACT PRECONVENTION MEETING.



By Amanda R. Crysler -- Special to Rotary International News
Rotary International News -- 20 June 2010



Guest journalist, Amanda R. Crysler, shares her experience at the 2010 Rotaract Preconvention Meeting. *Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/Rotary Images*

Rotaractors are an inspiring bunch

I've been part of the Rotaract/Rotary family for three years, and this is my second RI Convention and Rotaract Preconvention Meeting. Every time I come in contact with other Rotaractors, I am struck by their level of commitment and the passion they have for their Rotaract clubs.

There are young professionals and university students from 170 countries promoting Rotarian-sponsored organizations like ShelterBox and Rotary programs like PolioPlus. They are raising hundreds of thousands of dollars, they are helping to share the story of polio and the need for vaccinations, and they are developing their own international and local projects.

Most of all, they have shown a huge commitment to their Rotarian mentors and embody what it means to place Service Above Self. These are dynamic members of the Rotary family. Dong-Joon Lee, chair of the RI Ro-

taract Committee, summed it up best at the closing ceremony of the preconvention meeting: "We have witnessed the energy, enthusiasm, and creativity of Rotaractors from every corner of the world. *This* is the power of Rotaract!" Looking around at Rotaractors during the ceremony, I thought about the past two days: hearing an emotional speech by Ramesh Ferris, a polio survivor who hand-biked across Canada; hearing details of international Rotaract club projects during the Outstanding Rotaract Project awards ceremony; learning that the Council on Legislation made New Generations Service a fifth Avenue of Service; hearing RI President John Kenny remind us that "we are all here because of Paul Harris and his simple but revolutionary ideas"; and listening to President-elect Ray Klinginsmith state his commitment to the principles of Rotaract and explain his emphasis on youth and young adult programs for his term.

Yes, I am inspired by my fellow Rotaractors -- and you should be too. We have a lot to learn from Rotarians, but I also think Rotarians have a lot to learn from us. I hope you take the opportunity during this convention (and also at home) to get to know Rotaractors and what Rotaract is all about.

After all, the future of Rotary is in our hands.

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Last Words

Laughter The Best Medicine

TOOTHBRUSH SALES

The kids filed back into class Monday morning.

Little Mary led off, "I sold girl scout cookies and I made \$30," she said proudly, "my sales approach was to appeal to the customer's civil spirit and I credit that approach for my success."

"Very good," said the teacher.

Little Sally was next, "I sold magazines," she said, "I made \$45 and I explained to everyone that magazines would keep them abreast of current events."

"Very good, Sally," said the teacher.

Eventually, it was Little Johnny's turn. The teacher held her breath. Little Johnny walked to the front of the classroom

"\$2,467!" cried the and dumped a box full of cash on the teacher's desk. "\$2,467" he said. teacher, "What in the world were you selling?"

"Toothbrushes," said Little Johnny.

"Toothbrushes?" echoed the teacher, "How could you possibly sell enough toothbrushes to make that much

They were very excited. Their weekend assignment was to sell something, then share with the class how they were successful.money?"

"I found the busiest corner in town," said Little Johnny, "I set up a chocolate chip cookie stand and gave everybody who walked by a free sample.

They all said, "This tastes like POOP!" Then I replied, "It is. Wanna buy a toothbrush?!!"

Emergency Services

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed.

The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps, "My friend is dead! What can I do?".

The operator says "Calm down. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guy says "OK, now what?"

QUOTES

The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in."

Morrie Schwartz

