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**Today's Programme:
Budget 2011
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**Last Week :
Mark Rahman
on Scuba Diving**

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My Fellow Rotarians

PP Leong Chee Woh has embarked on a formidable task of walking from KL to Singapore on a quest to raise funds for POLIO PLUS US\$200 million challenge.

We welcome PP Leong Chee Woh's singular effort and on our part we need to give all the possible moral and financial support. PPL Leong Chee Woh's ambitious target of 50 PHF's is laudable and I am confident that our members will work towards achieving the target. Members of the club are also encourage to participate the walk by covering shorter distances with in Johor to enhance member's participation and visibility in the community.

The Dengue epidemic is spreading and Johor recorded 1000 incidences and 3 deaths. Nationwide 105 people have died of dengue and urgent steps must be initiated to prevent more fatalities. The State government and Ministry of Health has organised various programmes with all parties including development committees Rukun Tetangga group and currently has roped in the Rotary Club Johor Bahru to address the situation efficiently. A substantive awareness campaign will be carried out in "hot" areas and all club members will be invited to participate.

The DG's visit is scheduled on the 23rd November 2010 and I appeal all Directors of Avenues of Service to submit their interim reports to the secretary.

Deepavali greetings to all Hindu friends.

Building Communities and Bridging Continents

Yours in Rotary.

**DR. S. SIVAMOORTHY
PRESIDENT 2010 / 2011**

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LAST WEEK'S TALK : SCUBA DIVING



Mark Rahman

He was born in Hannover, Germany. He started diving in 1989 and became a Padi Professional in 2003. He started to teach scuba in 2005.

Then he managed B & J Diving Centre Tioman for 4 years before settling in Johor Bahru. He has certified more than 1500 students since 2005.

To date he has more than 8000 dives that he has done, Moreover, he is PADI IDCS Staff Instructor Gas Blender as well as a Master Domestic . He is also a Dive Equipment Technician.

Products

PADI Scuba Courses
Diving Courses for children (Seal Team)
Dive Equipment Retail
Dive Equipment Service
Air Fills
Dive Travel
First Aid Courses
CPR Courses

It's a healthy activity for the whole family

JB B& J Diving Centre
Est 2008
Daiman Johor Jaya Sports Complex
Taman Johor Jaya

From the treasurer: TICKKIE BOTTLE:

COLLECTION ON 19 OCTOBER 2010 :

Tikkie Bottle : RM21

Happy Fund : - Nil -

Totaling : RM1294 (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	58
Excused	7
Effective	51
Present	33
Percentage	64.71%

MEMBERS CELEBRATE

OCTOBER		Wedding	Induction
Name	Birthday	Anniversary	Anniversary
Mark Chang		1	
Lee Kim Tiong		4	2
Ng Swee Poh		29	4
Lim Hock Teck	4		
Richie Chiam		5	
Freddie Long			7
Chua Tze-Wei			7
Ng Yew Mun	17		
Chua Kean Nam	22		
Teo Shiok Fu		23	
Liang Teh Hai	30		
Lee Chin Leong	16	17	

Absent Rotarians On 21st September 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 Sehgal (Excused)
6. PP Dato Khutubul Zaman Bukhari
7. PP Leslie Struys
8. PP Roland Choong
9. PDG Lim Hock Teng
10. PP Tony Ong
11. PP Hj Mohd Noh Ibrahim
12. PP Yeo Ann Kiat
13. PP Dr S Shanmugam
14. PP Mok Tai Dwan
15. PHF Tan Chee Seng
16. PP Chua Kean Num
17. PHF Richie Chiam
18. FSM J.S. Kwang
19. Rtn S Elendran
20. PHF Dato Teo Shiok Fu
21. PP Dr Chia Hsien Wen
22. PHF Liang Teh Hai
23. Rtn Chua Tze Wei
24. Rtn Sukvinderpal Singh Dhillon
25. Rtn Michael Nordgren
26. Rtn Bala Rajah

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 all

RYLA Johor 2010 for Johor, Malacca and Singapore is here again, this year Ryla theme is “Abundances in Life”. We adopt the “Blue Ocean Strategy”, which we focus on abundances in life, win win strategy, sharing and building inner strength.

Ryla Johor 2010 will be organised by Rotary Club of Johor Centennial, Rotary eclub 3310 and Rotary Club of Kota Tinggi. It will be held at Tanjung Sutera Resort, Sedili Besar, Tanjung Sedili, Kota Tinggi on 9th to 12th December 2010. Price will be RM400 per participant.

Please register your interactors, rotaractors and youth age 14 to 22 years old asap as we are only taking 80 youth in total. For further informations, please contact Organising Chairman Rtn Corbin Embrey at 0127006686 or Fancy Tan 0197789105 or (S’pore) PP Edmund Chew 0296317749 or (Malacca) PP Chia Cheng Wee 019655 5166.

Fancy
District Ryla Chair 2010

Dear Rotarian Advisors and Interact Presidents

As the New Generation Director for 2010-2011, I have organised the mutual contact Meetings as follows:

- a) All Interact Clubs to visit and present their respective past and future projects to RCJB in September of every year.
- b) The Rotarian Advisors to visit and meet with their respective Interact Clubs twice as year at least within
 - i) The first 2 weeks of each November every year
 - ii) The month April of every year.

Please note that the Presidents of the Interact Clubs are to call their respective Rotarian Advisors and initiate the Meeting at their respective school for the above.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Rtn Cheong Nai Cheong
New Generation Director
2010-2011

World Interact Week is celebrated annually during the week of 5 November to commemorate the founding of the first Interact club in 1962. To mark this occasion,

Interact clubs, in partnership with their sponsor Rotary clubs, are encouraged to participate in joint projects.

In the past, Interact clubs were required to successfully complete four specific activities and submit a form to RI in order to receive recognition for World Interact Week. Now, Rotarians and Interactors will be able to decide how to celebrate whether its by completing one, two, or an entire week’s worth of activities of their choice—and they are no longer required to submit the form. After an Interact club has completed its activities, the Rotary club or district Interact chair can simply download and complete the certificate of recognition for presentation.

Dear Rotarians,

You are cordially invited to my daughter—Banu’s Wedding on 30th October 2010 Saturday at Diamond Jubilee Johor Bahru.

The program is as follows:
6.00pm—Be seated
6.30pm—Baha’i Ceremony
7.30pm—Dinner

The wedding card is being posted. Your presence will be deeply appreciated. Please find card attached.

Please RSVP to this email or to my mobile no—
0127007868.

Thanks and regards.
PP Dato Dr Singaraveloo & Datin.

The Rotary Chile Foundation Recovery Fund uses Rotarian contributions to help fund Matching Grant projects for disaster recovery efforts in Chile.

Although the Rotary Foundation is no longer accepting to the fund, much work remains to be done. Rotary Districts are to support by donating District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations as DDF contributions are the fastest way to fund these efforts. Rotary districts are encouraged to complete the DDF contribution form to make a donation now. Districts participating in the Future Vision Pilot are not eligible to make matched cash or DDF contributions to Matching Grants.

Generous contributions from Rotary clubs and districts will help Chilean communities overcome the challenges they face after this disaster. The Rotary Foundation is deeply grateful for the contributions and actions of Rotarians everywhere.

contributed by PP James Ho

ROTARY A CHALLENGE TO WIVES

From the opinion page of the October issue of the Rotarian. By Viola Hiestland, wife of a Rotarian

What does it mean to be the wife of a Rotarian and what role does she play, or should she play?

To me it means attendance, friendship, the Object of Rotary, and The Four-Way Test. I live with a Rotarian, my husband, who has had 45 years of perfect attendance. I feel a keen desire to help him keep it perfect. That has often meant driving fast and furiously, sometimes to a nearby Club and occasionally for a hundred miles, to make up at a Rotary meeting. This is a challenge and fun, for me as well as for Bill. I go along with an encouraging word and a spirit of excitement.

Making friends is as meaningful to a Rotarian's wife as it is to a Rotarian—first being friendly! Friendships which may last for a short time or for a lifetime. A smile or a kind word can make the difference between a good friend or just a passing acquaintance. I remember a friend who once said, "Rotarians and their wives are "kissing friends" - like "kissing cousins!"

A Rotarian's wife is interested in hearing the Object of Rotary and the Four-way Test and knowing that in life (yours and mine) these ideals are applicable to the things we think, say or do in relations with our husband, as a housewife, or as a business woman.

A Rotarian's wife believes that Rotary is a concept of a good life. She's happy that there is such a wonderful organisation of men who see the needs of today and who do something tangible to help organize a Good World for the future.

This I Believe! I hope and pray that my role as a Rotarian's wife fulfills these beliefs. I will continue to try.



HISTORIC MOMENTS: Friendship Trees

*By Susan Hanf
Rotary International News*

Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship and community service the early 20th century. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

As president emeritus, Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s, often accompanied by his wife Jean. During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship.

In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary Clubs and planted trees along the way.

“Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany in its metropolis—Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports platz formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials and others were in attendance.”

Harris also planted trees in Tallinn, Estonia and Goteborg, Sweden, during this trip.

Planting trees soon became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Estonia, Japan, Mexico and New Zealand. In *My Road to Rotary* Harris recalled:

“With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and goodwill.”

Other RI presidents also observed the tradition. In 1931-32, then-RI president Sydney W. Pascall planted trees at the sites of Rotary clubs he visited, reportedly at Paul Harris's suggestion.

Not all of the trees were planted outside the United States. The Harrises often entertained visiting Rotarians and dignitaries in their home, Comely Bank, and planted trees with their guests to mark the occasion. They called the garden their Friendship Garden.

Today, Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.

