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Secretary's Corner

Rotary International has designated July as Literacy Month. Even before the year started, a number of Rotarians had been working hard to get our Literacy Projects off the ground.

Both the Vocational Service and Community Service Directors with the guidance and assistance of a few other Senior Rotarians and Board Members are working hard on the community library project in Masai.

The presentation of 2 sets of computers to JARO on the 16th of this month will mark the successful completion of our first literacy project - thanks to the quick action of PP Dr Ho and President Ng Swee Poh who worked on the District Simplified Grant even before the year started.

Lee Soo Tong
Secretary

***** Criteria For The Presidential Citation 2011-12

To stress the importance of both membership and continued support for Rotary Foundation, President Kalyan Banerjee has established the following criteria for the Rotary Year 2011-12; which are strengthening clubs, increasing humanitarian service and enhancing public image.

All clubs and districts that have been teaching these goals will receive a certificate signed by the President himself.

The top 15 clubs and districts will be eligible for onstage recognition at the RI Convention 2012 in Bangkok.



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Today's Programme:
Talk: Tanjung Pagar - A Lost
Era or Heritage
Speaker: PP Dr Shan

Last Week's Programme:

1st Club Assembly

END POLIO NOW

With your help, we can wipe
the disease off the face of the
earth forever... **WE ARE
CLOSE.....**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The first club assembly was presented by each respective Community Chairman. Bear in mind that the Community Chair shall now commence the meeting and if any assistance is required, please contact me.

The first project to kickoff will be the handing over of two computer systems to JARO on the 16th of this month. I request the full support of all Rotarians, as JARO is only a stone's throw away from the heart of the city of Johor Bahru.

This week's speaker is none other than our renowned club member, PP Dr. Shanmugan. The topic is about the railway line linking Singapore and Johor.

Please bring your spouse this coming Tuesday, 12 July, as it would also be a ladies night. Dinner will be held at the Tai Soon Restaurant after the meeting. See you there.

“ Reach within to embrace humanity.”

Yours In Rotary

NG SWEE POH

PRESIDENT 2011/2012

ROTARY CLUB OF JOHOR BAHRU

Ist Club Assembly



PR Committee

The Pr Committee is headed by PP Leong Che Who, with PP Dr Lim as Secretary . The members include PP Leslie Struys, Rtn Dato Freddie Long, Rtn Alan Cheng and Rtn Ranjeet. In this Rotary Year, the committee will focus on Polio eradication. It hopes to air the “End Polio” moving picture at a strategic location in Johor Bahru and to organize World Polio Day on 24 October 2011.

Community Services Committee

The Committee headed by Rtn Dr Vishwadeep has as its committee members; Pres Ng Swee Poh, VP Tan Chee Seng, Rtn Raja, Rtn Suki Dhillon, Rtn Ranjeet, PP Dr Ho and Rtn Kelvin Chua. The projects that have been lined up for the year are the Rotary Merdeka Day Project, in September, the Jaro Project on 16 July and a Medical Camp jointly with Putri Specialist Hospital.

Foundation Sub-Committee

The Committee is chaired by Rtn Freddie Lee, with PP Dr Ho handling Matching Grants/Humanitarian Projects; Annual Giving/Permanent Fund by PP Dr Anga, Polio Plus by PP Jason Tan, Fund Raising by Rtn Datuk Freddie Long and Group Study Exchange by PP Ng Yew Mun. The Committee hopes to develop goals together with the club’s goals, to educate and train members about the Foundation, to encourage and facilitate participation in Foundation programmes and to ensure members contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee which is chaired by Rtn Datuk Freddie Long , has President Ng Swee Poh as the ex-officio member. Rtn Freddie Lee is the secretary, while committee members include PP Dr Anga, VP Tan Chee Seng, Rtn Liang The Hai, PP Jason Tan, Rtn J S Kwang, PP Dev Chellam, Rtn Ranjeet, PP Mok Tai Dwan, PP Chang Teck Mark and Rtn Alan Cheng.

The Finance Committee hopes to raise funds for the projects of RCJB in the Rotary Year 2011 / 2012.

The main event which will be organized by the Committee is the Waltathon which will be scheduled sometime in March 2012. The networking partners in this event, will be the major media organizations in the city, as well as NGOs and governmental organizations, Members of Parliament and private organizations.

Membership Committee

The membership Committee is chaired by Rtn Dato Teo Shiok Fu, President Ng Swee Poh, PP Tony Ong, PP Dato Mokkam, Rtn Liang The Hai, PDG Lim Hock Tack, PP Leslie Struys, PP Hj Mohd Noh, , PP Ooi Kao Yang, PP K N Chua, IPP Dr Siva, PE Francis Gopal and PP Dr Anga.

Rtn Dato Teo informed members that the current membership stood at 58 members, with 8 excused members. The average age of the members is 59.2 years. The average attendance last year was 68.60%. The aim of the committee is a 10% growth, with the recruitment of at least 5 new members in this Rotary Year. They hope to improve attendance by 80% and review the status of absent members. Chairman, Rtn Dato Teo then outlined in detail as to how the Committee aims to achieve its target goals and objectives.

Administration Committee

The Administration Committee is chaired by Rtn Teoh Cheng Siang, with Rtn Kelvin Chua, PP Ng Yew Mun, PP Dr Ho, PP Leong, Rtn Lee, PP Dr Chia, PP Francis Lip, PP Dr Shan, Rtn Ranjeet and PE Francis as its members, taking charge of the various avenues of service of the Committee.

The Committee aims to study the quality of food served by the hotel, considering the cost factor and to look into other options of venues for the weekly RCJB meetings; a decision to be taken with the consensus of all members of the club. The committee also hopes to revamp the e-bulletin of the club, reorganize the archives at the dialysis centre and to restore the website to a high level as is expected of the club. The first fellowship is organized in July by PP Ooi, and with more fellowships throughout the year

Ist Club Assembly / History of the President's Badge of Office



New Generations Committee

The New Generations Committee is chaired by Rtn Suki Dhillon.

Among its projects for the year are the Interact Officers Training scheduled in August 2011 at SMK Dato Jaffar. The Committee will also sponsor 10 Interactors to the RYLA 2011 organized by RC Johor Centennial, RCJB and RC Kota Tinggi. It will also arrange for Interact Presidents to present their club's activities during the DG's visit and co-ordinate Rotarian Advisors to visit their respective clubs in November and April. All Interact Clubs are to present their past and future projects to RCJB in September 2011. The Committee also informed members that a group of Sri Lankan Interactors will be visiting Johor Bahru in August of this year.

Vocational Service Committee

The Committee is chaired by VP Tan Chee Seng, with PP Tan Beng Sooi as its secretary, and PP Tony Ong, Rtn Koh Jit Huat, Rtn Lee Soo Tong, PP Dr K N Singh, Rtn Michael Nordgren, Rtn Chua Tze Wei and Rtn Chin Kuie Too as its members.

The Committee hopes to see Rotarians live out their lives through their businesses and professions. It aims to promote the highest ethical standards, vocational awareness among Rotarians and recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations. It hopes to achieve its objectives through vocational training, a mentoring, discipleship programme and to identify and place academically challenged youths onto practical vocational courses for a duration of 3 - 9 months.

Annual Programs Fund

About 400 low income students, many living in the streets of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, received a daily meal because of Rotarians and a US\$44,000 Rotary Foundation grant.

The Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro Saude, worked together with the Rotary clubs of Lohr-Marktheidenfeld and Schliersee, Germany, to provide warm meals for children aged 4-15 years. This was made possible through your contributions to the Annual Programs Fund.

THE RCJB PRESIDENT'S BADGE OF OFFICE—ITS HISTORY



As President Ng Swee Poh takes office as the 60th President of RCJB, let it be known that he will be wearing the collar and jewel of office, that 59 other Presidents wore before him. It is an important collar and jewel and a treasure, which we Rotarians of RCJB, should hold on to with pride and awe.

Our illustrious Club was chartered on 27th June 1952 and was the first Rotary Club in the State of Johor. It had met with the approbation of our reigning Sultan then, HRH Sultan Ibrahim. He gave the approval to use the State emblem and flag to be incorporated in our Banner and as I keep saying (rightly, with the backing of our senior Rotarians) we are probably the only Club in the whole world that has a State Emblem and the flag in its banner as shown above.

I am proud to say too that the President's badge of Office as shown, was a presentation from the State through the good offices of HRH Sultan Ibrahim to the Club at its inception, to our First President Dr. Richard Harvey Isaacs. Interestingly, the Badge has the State Crest, the Crescent and the central star surrounded by four stars at the four corners. Every President since then has worn it.

(PP Dr Shan)

JARO Open House

JARO (Johor Area Rehabilitation Organization) will be having its Open House on Saturday, 16 July 2011 from 11am till 3pm to showcase its two new products, Jaro Green and Jaro Heritage to members of the public.