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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I had requested AG. PP Tan Beng Sooi to reschedule the DG's visit to October in view of RCJB's busy schedule for this month. May I request all the Committee Chairman and Service Sub-Committee Chairman to get their reports ready for this function.

The coming event for the club is the 'Merdeka Giving' project. I have identified an orphanage in Kempas - the 'Persatuan Kebajikan Orang-Orang Istimewa' as a recipient of our gifts. Secretary Lee Soo Tong will co-ordinate with Community Service Director, Rtn Dr. Vishwadeep in the implementation.

The orphanage houses about 60 residents in two buildings, one for the males and the other for the females. This home has a number of under-privileged children. The tentative date of the event is 16<sup>th</sup> September but it may be re-scheduled if the food and items that we are currently sourcing do not arrive in time.

The District Membership Seminar is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. I strongly urge those members who have not signed up to quickly do so; to show your support. The club will pay for any guest that you bring along. Please let Dr. Anga know in advance, so that appropriate table arrangements can be made.

"Reach within to embrace humanity."

NG SWEE POH

PRESIDENT 2011/2012

**ROTARY CLUB OF JOHOR BAHRU**

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## Secretary's Corner:

September is "New Generations Month." We will be involving the Rotaractors in our coming 'Merdeka Gift' project. We have just received news that RYLA is going 'international' and as usual, we will be sponsoring a few Interactors from each school. Our New Generations Director will update us as we move along.

Notification had also been received that the closing date for the nomination of DG (2014/2015) will be the 30<sup>th</sup> this month.

Kindly inform me of any nominations.

Rtn Lee Soo Tong  
Secretary



## Today's Programme:

Talk: "No Sex and Politics Please, We Are Rotarians"  
Speaker: Yeoh Yang Poh

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## Last Week's Programme:

Talk: Making JB A Better Place For All  
Speaker: Thomas Fann

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## Next Week's Programme:

Talk: Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia (NUS Med); The Start of A New Venture  
Speaker: Dr Steve Jones

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# Club Matters



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**From the treasurer:**

Tickie Bottle collection on 6 September 2011

Collection	: RM 30.00 +
	\$ 5.00 (Australian)
Happy Fund	: RM
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Totaling	: RM 402.00

**FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN  
FRANCIS LIP :- AS AT 6 September 2011**

Membership	58
Excused	6
Effective	52
Present	37
Percentage	71.15 %

***District Membership Seminar 2011  
-2012***

Incorporating Public Image and Fellowship on Saturday, 24 September 2011 followed by fellowship-dinner.

END POLIO Contribution Cards  
Collect your END POLIO Contribution Cards and do your part towards this mission .....

Attend weekly club meetings. Enjoy club fellowship. Enrich your professional and personal knowledge. Meet other business leaders in your community. Extend the invitation and grow in strength.....

## Congratulations!!

7 -19 Sept 2011	Birthday:	Wedding Anniversary:	Induction Anniversary:
Rtn Freddie Lee		12	
PP Chang Teck Mark			13
Rtn Chin Kuie Too			15
PP Jason Tan Boon Yew		16	
Rtn Raja Muthap-			10
PP Roland Lim	12		
Rtn Dato Teo Shiok Fu			14

***Donation For 1 PHF***

PP Ooi Kao Yang has donated for 1 PHF to Rotary International on behalf of RCJB.....

**Attendance On 6 September 2011:**

**Excused:**

1. PP Jit Sehgal
2. PP Dato Francis Ng
3. PP Dato Dr Singaraveloo
4. PP Chang Teck Mark
5. PP Dato Mokkam Singh
6. PP Dr K N Singh
7. PP Nari Gidwani
8. PP Roland Choong
9. PP Lim Kay Hua

**Absent:**

1. PP Tan Beng Sooi
2. PP Hj Mohd Noh Ibrahim
3. PP Yeo Ann Kiat
4. PP Dr Shan
5. Rtn Tan Chee Seng
6. Rtn Cheong Nai Cheong
7. PP Chua Kean Num
8. IPP Dr Siva
9. Rtn Richie Chiam
10. Rtn Chin Kuie Toon Chua
11. Rtn Alan Cheng
12. Rtn Chua Tze Wei
13. Rtn Michael Nordegren
14. Rtn Vincent Chia
15. Rtn Raja Muthappan

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# Making Johor Bahru A Better Place For All - Thomas Fann



## Challenges facing our community...

- Youth delinquencies on the rise – school dropouts, crime
- Others: Poverty, OKU, Mental Health, Missing People, Workers' Rights, etc.



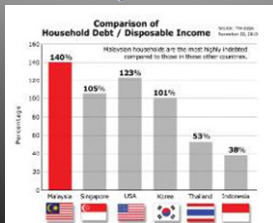
The speaker for the evening, Mr Thomas Fann, and a few others set up Pusat Khidmat Masyarakat JB (PKMJB), in the hope of making Johor Bahru a better place for all.

Among the various activities of the organization, it partners with governmental and non-governmental organizations to help solve the numerous social issues affecting Johoreans, such as the rising rates of divorces, single parents, neglected children, drug abuse and gambling.

When a troubled individual goes to PKMJB, it puts him in touch with the relevant organization. They will follow-up with the organization to find out if the concerned individual has got in touch with the organization. It is then for the individual to work alongside with the organization in solving the issue.

## Challenges facing our community...

### Money Problems



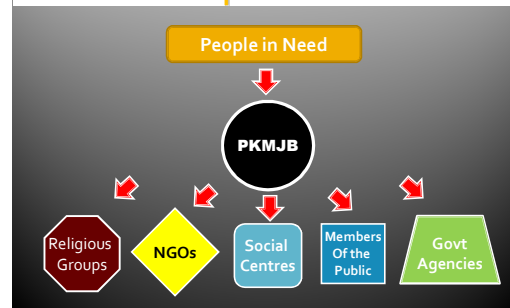
A Bank Negara report in 2010 claimed that Malaysia's household debt at the end of 2010 was RM581 billion, which it said was manageable, with income growth, high savings levels and favorable employ-

ment opportunities. However, Mr Fann pointed out that this trend is very worrying when looked at from the point of disposable income, because it reveals that households spend about half their incomes to pay off debts.

The money woes of Johoreans are worsened, with the numerous buses that ferry Johoreans and visitors for free to Genting's Singapore Casino and Marina Bay Sands daily; which the authorities are not able to do anything about, to curb this worrying, negative influence.

Poverty levels, youth delinquencies, school drop-outs and crimes are on an ever-increasing rise in the state.

## FOR THOSE SERVED A One-Stop Referral Centre



PKMJB partners with the government, private and social sectors to help Johoreans deal with such issues. It is a one-stop referral centre for people in need. The organization is politically non-partisan, religiously neutral and multi-ethnic in reach. It is collaborative in nature and compassionate in its services, while maintaining the dignity of its clients.

Mr Fann urged RCJB and its members to be a partner for service with PKMJB, a volunteer or a referrer. Organizations and individuals can also provide financial assistance in any form, to enable PKMJB to reach out to the many Johoreans in need.

PKMJB is open every Saturdays from 3pm to 7pm at No 55-A, Jalan Molek 2/4 Taman Molek, 81100 Johor Bahru.

# Club Announcements & Rotary News



## ***RC Straits View Installation Dinner***

RC Straits View's Installation Dinner will be held on 30th September. The cost is RM60.00 per pax. Kindly contact President Ng S P.

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## ***District Membership Seminar***

Dr Anga urged RCJB members, who have not signed up, to attend the District Membership Seminar on 24 September, with RCJB being the host club.

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## ***Induction Of New Member***

The Board had approved the membership of Gooi Chuen Howe into RCJB.

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## ***Deepest Condolence to PP Nari***

RCJB members extend their deepest and most sincere condolences to PP Nari on the passing on of his wife, Sharda, on Friday, 9 September.

The wake is at Aloha Towers, Block A2-02. The funeral rites will be held at the Ngee Heng Crematorium on Sunday 11 September at 4pm.

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## ***The "Greening" Of Rotary***

We have a color for the Rotary year 2011—2012 and that color is green. Green is the color of new shoots and branches coming forth from strong and deep roots.

I would like this year to be the start of the "greening" of Rotary, as we replace our darkening pallor of grey with a brighter shade of green—seeking out newer members and younger generations and growing a more vigorous Rotary.

How can we be more inviting to younger members

who are different in so many ways from young people a generation or two ago.

Young professionals today are working longer hours and every minute they have is precious. We have to show them Rotary is a good use of their time—something they will want to be a part of.

And we have to come to them, where they are: on the internet, on Facebook, on Twitter, on e-mails and on their smart phones. More than ever before, a club's web-site is its public face - and it has to be a good one.

We cannot hide our Rotary light under our proverbial bushel; we must let it shine forth brightly and let it be a beacon to all those who cherish our Rotary value of "Service Above Self."

Kalyan Banerjee  
R I President 2011 - 2012

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## ***Avenue of New Generations***

New Generations has joined Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service, as the foundation of club activity.

Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities.

The avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by the youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

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## ***World Polio Day 24 October 2011***

Create an awareness by doing your part in the fight to eradicate the world of polio. **END POLIO NOW**