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We hope that the GSE program will be retained, to benefit the participants, the hosts and humanity in general.

Such visits can be eye-openers and help to promote better world understanding.

“Reach within to embrace humanity.”



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Thanks to PP Yew Mun, we were finally able to nominate and sponsor a candidate to the GSE program, after a lapse of several years.

Mr Gooi Chuen Howe, was with us last week to share his experiences during the month long exchange program to Harrisburg Pennsylvania. They visited many Rotary Clubs there, as well as places of interest in Pennsylvania, while not forgetting the vocational aspects of the program.

According to PP John Ng, the hosts and his counterparts there, were very impressed with our candidates, describing them as the best, they have had so far. Among the participants, was a Muslim, who greatly pleased the hosts, with his easy adaptability to the local culture there.

The locals, were surprised to see how people of different cultures and ethnicity can live peacefully in Malaysia - a lesson, which they learnt first hand.

We are pleased with Mr Gooi’s report and feedback.

NG SWEE POH

PRESIDENT 2011/2012

ROTARY CLUB OF JOHOR BAHRU

Secretary’s Corner:

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Lee Soo Tong
Secretary

Today’s Programme:

Talk: Membership In
Rotary In District
3310 & RCJB

Speaker: PP Leong C W

Programme on Tuesday 23 August:

Talk: English language Centres Project in Primary Schools

Speaker: Steve Curtis

Last Week’s Programme:

Talk : GSE
Speaker: Mr Gooi Chuen Howe

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Club Matters



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From the treasurer:

Tickie Bottle collection on 9 August 2011

Collection : RM 30.00

Happy Fund : RM .

Totaling : RM 190.00

FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS LIP :- AS AT 9 August 2011

Membership	58
Excused	9
Effective	49
Present	30
Percentage	61.2 %

*District Membership Seminar 2011
-2012*

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

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MONTH

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!!

16 - 31 August 2	Birthdays:	Wedding Anniversaries:	Induction Anniversaries
PP Dr Anga			20
PP Chang Teck	19		
PP Mok Tai Dwan			28
Pres Ng Swee Poh	25		
PP Roland Choong		28	
IPP Dr Siva		20	
Rtn Teoh C S	18		

Apologies For Absence:

- PP Dr Shan
- PP Mok
- PP Bala
- IPP Dr Siva

Attendance On 9 August 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. PDG John Cheah
2. PP Francis Lip
3. PP Dev Chellam
4. PP Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari
5. PP Dr Roland Lim
6. PP Ooi Kao Yang
7. PP Tan Beng Sooi
8. IPP Dr Siva
9. PP Yeo Ann Kiat
10. PE Francis Gopal
11. Rtn Richie Chiam
12. Rtn Kelvin Chua
13. Rtn Dato Teo Shiok Fu
14. Rtn S Elendran
15. Rtn Alan Cheng
16. Rtn Vishwadeep
17. Rtn Chua Tze Wei
18. Rtn Vincent Chia
19. PP Balarajah

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GSE - Gooi Chuen Howe



Mr Gooi Chuen How was one of the team members of the recent GSE program to Pennsylvania, USA, which was successfully organized by PP John Ng of RC Pasir Gudang. Mr Gooi took the opportunity to share with members his learning experiences during his trip to Pennsylvania.

The Team



Left to Right: Lau Chee Long, Gooi Chuen Howe, DG Dr K.A. Abraham, PP John Ng, Sorensen Lau, Team Leader PP Vincent Chong, PDRR Muhammad Zakir Bin Abu Bakar

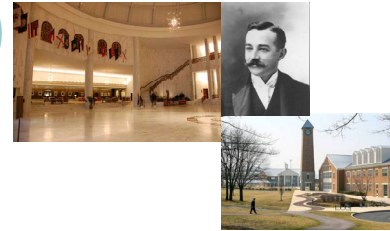
He stayed with several host families and was thus able to gain a deeper insight and understanding of the American way of life. One thing, that came as a shock, was how Americans accept pets, as very much a part of their lives, family and homes.

2nd Host Family – the Thibaults

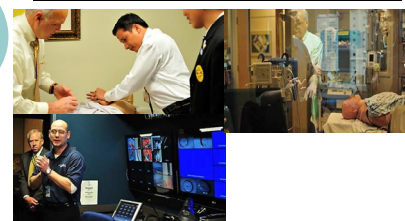


Mr Gooi and his team members were taken on a tour around Pennsylvania. The GSE team visited the Milton Hershey School, which was founded by Milton Hershey. At the Milton Hershey hospital, housemen work on simulations, before actually attending to patients.

Milton Hershey School



Milton Hershey Hospital



Mr Gooi and his team also attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show, which is the largest indoor animal show, ever held in Pennsylvania. They also visited the Hershey factory, where the delicious Hershey chocolates are made and the Harley Davidson factory there. The GSE team witnessed the Manheim Auto Auction, the largest car auction in the world.

Hershey, The Sweetest Place on Earth



At the Susquehanna Centre for the Blind, the blind are employed to make military helmets for the government. This allows the blind employees to earn decent wages for themselves. They were also taken on a tour of the Junior Business Town, which provides financial education for 5th Graders, which was a personal

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favorite of Mr Gooi.

Junior Achievement "Biz Town"



The GSE members were also able to visit the Amish Community there and see for themselves the simple lifestyles that these people lead. Pennsylvania has the largest population of Amish people living in the country.

The Amish



In conclusion, Mr Gooi said that through the GSE program he obtained a deeper insight into the American lifestyle and culture; hard work and the significance of living in a community, which seemed important to the Americans. He strongly felt that the GSE program should continue and that Rotarians should strive to preserve its continuity.



Mr Gooi is proudly presented one of the pins sent by Rotary International Foundation, by PP John Ng of Pasir Gudang.

Pins From Rotary International Foundation

PP John Ng of Pasir Gudang, who successfully organized the GSE program to Pennsylvania, said that the Rotary Club of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania was so impressed with the GSE team, that they have now invited a group from Pakistan. In appreciation, Rotary International Foundation sent 5 pins to be presented to each of the team members of the GSE program to Pennsylvania.

Trip To Cambodia From 10 - 17 December

PP Ooi informed members that RCJB will be making the yearly trip to Cambodia from 10 - 17 December, to visit the sponsored children at Shobana Foundation. Members will also visit RC Phnom Penh and RC Myanmar.

Christmas Fellowship - 26 November

PP Ooi informed members that the Christmas Fellowship will be held on 26 November at Mutiara Hotel, Johor Bahru. PP Ooi will keep members informed!!



Installation of Incoming Rotaract President, M Elango by outgoing President Cecilia.

Rotaract President 2011-2012

RCJB members witnessed and supported the Rotaractors in the installation ceremony of Incoming President M Elango. Outgoing President Cecilia thanked the Rotaractors for their support and efforts during her term of office as President of the Rotaract Club.

Rotary News



Membership Development (By M. A. T. Caparas)

August is Membership Development Month, when clubs devise and implement their plans for acquiring new members and retaining those they have.

Club growth is a year long project. The clubs capability to perform depends on its size and the quality of its members. The members are the club; as there will be no club without its members. Who the members are will determine what the club will ultimately be. August, is therefore a very important month for the club and its leadership.

Initially, the rules of the organization prevented active membership campaigns. Gradually the classification principle was loosened a little, allowing more members into clubs. Both the Membership Committee and the Classification Committee, then worked hand-in-hand in the recruitment of members. Rule changes were enacted on attendance requirements, number and frequency of club meetings, territorial restrictions on the formation of new clubs and definition of the territory from which clubs could draw members. Rotary also began to seek new members aggressively. Rotary also admitted women into the organization.

In the last 25 years, Rotary grew world-wide by barely 200,000 members; or less than 10,000 per year, with probably half of them being women.

Many believe Rotary can and should do better. Aggressive membership drives provoked debates between Quantity and Quality. Quantity says even deadwood can help financially. Quality will go so far as to accept Deadwood, so long as it is not Badwood. However, too many Deadwood will result in the club winding up dead.

The usual upshot of that debate would be an agreement to make it known that it is easy to join Rotary. That it is not difficult to be a Rotarian; that the obligations are light and few and that anyone with a decently paying job can be a Rotarian if invited.

However, membership in an organization that seeks to serve above self is not easy. One who joins it with that illusion, will likely resign on learning the truth.

One inviting another to join Rotary is like a salesman. He will have no success if the product is not worth buying. People who feel for others and have even a latent desire to give back and make something of their lives, will make time to do what he really wants and Rotary Club, where they can make friends and promote peace through service to others - even above self if need be - is the club where they can satisfy that desire.

Make membership in Rotary pleasant and gratifying. The regular meetings should be enjoyable, entertaining, informative, challenging, catering to the interests of all throughout the year.

Alternate meetings or get-togethers, that may be planned for fellowship, or other purpose. Everybody should be involved in the planning and implementation of club projects.

The club should be actively involved in causes and undertakings that members can be proud of and in which they want to be personally involved. It must be worth the time of people who join the club

A good, smoothly functioning Rotary club engaged in praiseworthy and significant service is the greatest attraction for drawing to Rotary the fine, civic-minded people of the community. It is the duty of every member to keep the club good and strong. Good leadership is significant too.

A good example of something that will always win public praise and goodwill is something done for children, be it education, health, or just plain entertainment!!

(edited and summarized from original article)