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Secretary's Corner:

Installation Dinners

1. RC Batu Pahat-Installation Dinner on Friday, 29 July. PP Mok will be attending the event. Please liaise with PP Mok.
2. RC Segamat-Installation Dinner on Saturday, 30 July. Pres Ng and PP Mok will be attending. Please liaise with them

Kindly confirm your attendance with the host a week in advance.



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Last week's speaker, P P Dr. Shan not only introduced us to the history of the Singapore Railway line, but also the railway link to Malaysia, the K.T.M.

I wish to thank the Rotarian spouses who attended the meeting and dinner.

I would urge the Board members to attend at least one, or two Rotary Installation dinners hosted by other clubs, to show support and fellowship. Please get in touch with the club's secretary, Mr. Lee Soo Tong for the dates.

Rotarian Advisor to Interact Clubs; please note that a set of badges will be given to all incoming interactors. Board, kindly liaise with me. As to date, only SAB has collected the badges.

On Saturday 16 July, there will be an Open House at JARO, from 11am till 3pm, in conjunction with the handing over of the USD 2000.00 District Simplified Grant (DSF) by the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru. All Rotarians are welcome to support the first DSF grant of the year.

“ Reach within to embrace humanity.”

Yours In Rotary

NG SWEE POH

PRESIDENT 2011/2012

ROTARY CLUB OF JOHOR BAHRU

Lee Soo Tong / Secretary

Making Dreams Come True..

Hannah Warren, a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, traveled to the Khar-gone region of Madhya Pradesh, India, while working on a photography project to document local women weaving saris. But she noticed that the women didn't wear the garments they made.

“They couldn't afford them,” explains Warren, 26, noting how little they earned from their craft. Her admiration for them and the desire to help them gain financial independence soon blossomed into Jhoole, a fair trade business that provides the women with regular wages. The 25 weavers who work for Jhoole create and sell items such as saris, crushed cotton scarves, and recycled denim skirts. When the business makes money, the whole community benefits. Jhoole reinvests 80 percent of the profits back into the company and donates the remaining 20 percent to local projects through Chetanya Sewa, a non-governmental organization that supports local programs.

The Rotary Club of Khargone and five clubs in District 6420 (Illinois, USA) have partnered on a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project benefiting the Jhoole weavers. Rotarians in District 3040 (India) also have volunteered their time and effort to make the business a success.

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Today's Programme:

Talk : Imaging Children
Speaker: Dr Tang Phua Hwee
KK Hospital
Singapore

Last Week's Programme:

Talk: Tanjung Pagar - A Lost Era or Heritage
Speaker: PP Dr Shan

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Club Matters



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From the treasurer:

Tikkie Bottle Collection on 12 July 2011:

Tikkie Bottle : RM18.00

Happy Fund : RM

Totaling : RM83.00

(Tikkie Bottle)

FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS LIP :- AS AT 12 July 2011

Membership	58
Excused	5
Effective	53
Present	35
Percentage	66.04%

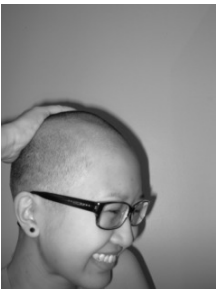
A "BIG THANKS"

....to Rotarian spouses and visitors to the club's meeting, (among whom were the Consul and Vice-Consul of the Singapore Consulate in Johor Bahru) for their presence at the meeting.....

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

Congratulations!!

10 - 31 JULY 2011		Wedding	Induction
Names	Birthdays	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
PP Yeo Ann Kiat	22		
PP Tony Ong	27		
PP Dr Roland Lim			29



Help Kong Leonie Fight Her Cancer.....

You'll know me as Leonie. I am eighteen years old, and I'm grateful that I am able to wake up to a brand new day and know that I'm still alive. I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Mediastinal Large B-cell Lymphoma in July 2010. For your information, lymphoma is a kind of blood cancer. I already had 6 cycles of chemotherapy, and also had 25 fractions of radiotherapy done.

I found out that my cancer came back in April 2011. I am now preparing myself for a bone marrow transplant, and I am undergoing another course of chemotherapy .I learn something new with each passing day. This is the story of my journey, and you're welcome to follow me in every step that I take. Really, it's nice to know that I'm not exactly alone going into this battlefield.

Log on to her website at:<http://dancingpapercranes.blogspot.com>

Attendance On 12 July 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

Absent:

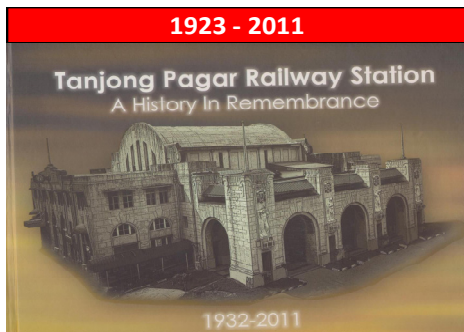
1. PDG John Cheah
2. PDG Lim Hock Teck
3. PP Dr Roland Lim
4. PP Tan Beng Soo
5. PP Datuk Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari
6. PP Chua Kean Num
7. Rtn Koh Jit Huat
8. Rtn Richie Chiam
9. Rtn Alan Cheng
10. Rtn S Elendran
11. Rtn Freddie Lee
12. Rtn Dr Lee Kim Tiong
13. Rtn Kelvin Chua
14. PP Dr Ho Loon Shin
15. Rtn Datuk Freddie Long
16. Rtn Chua Tze Wei
17. Rtn Michael Nordgren
18. Rtn Vincent Chia

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International Understanding Day on Saturday 16 July at JOTIC Johor Bahru, from 9.00am - 12.00 pm. Give them your **FULL SUPPORT.....**

A project supported by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant, is giving children in Yirimadjo, Mali hope for a malaria free future

Tanjung Pagar - A Lost Era Or Heritage by PP Dr Shan



Upon realizing that the Tanjung Pagar Railway Station will soon be shut to members of the public, Rotarian PP Dr Shan quickly dashed across to Singapore, despite a busy schedule and gathered as much information and pictures, as he could about this historic site, which he then shared with the members of RCJB during his talk "Tanjung Pagar-A Lost Era Or Heritage."

The Tanjung Pagar Railway Station which dates back to 1932 was finally shut and became Singapore state property at the stroke of midnight on 1 July 2011.

At a meeting on 24 May 2010, both Prime Ministers, Lee Hsien Loong and Najib Razak mutually and finally agreed that the KTM station be relocated from Tanjung Pagar to the Woodlands Train Checkpoint by 1 July 2011.



The last KTMB train, which rolled out of the Tanjung Pagar Railway Station, was driven by HRH Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar, the ruler of Johor, who felt very compelled to do so, as it was his great-grandfather, the late Sultan Ibrahim who paved the way for the very first train to go into Singapore, when the causeway was opened in 1923.

This nostalgic event was shared by many, amongst whom were the sixty-seven KTMB staff on the island. The Tanjung Pagar site and other KTM owned lands in the Republic will be developed by MS Pte Ltd, with Khazanah National Bhd having a 60% stake in the company, while Temasek Holdings has a 40% stake. Both the Prime Ministers have however agreed that due to its historical significance, the Tanjung Pagar Passenger Terminal building rail be preserved.

The Tanjung Pagar Railway station is the southern most stop of the Asian extension of the rail service of the continent of Europe. The passenger terminal building is modeled after the Helsinki Central Station and is of Finnish design.



The façade of the building features carvings by Italian sculptor, Rudolfo Nolli, which symbolize the 4 pillars of Malaya's economy at that time, namely, agriculture, commerce, transport and industry.



For over 80 years, the Tanjung Pagar Railway Station ruled over rail travel in Singapore. In 1932, with the construction of the station, it took over from the Tank Road Station (upon its closure), as the passenger terminal for rail travel.

Passengers on board the train, on its final journey to Malaysia, were each given a Train Certificate, in memory of the Tanjung Pagar Railway Station: that they were a part of the history of the KTM train service... the beginning, its continuance and its end....



Pres Ng presents a token of appreciation to PP Dr Shan, a surgeon by profession and a historian by choice....

Rotary News



Rotary's Six Areas of Focus

Rotary International has released the new Rotary's Areas of Focus Guide, a colour booklet that provides an introduction to Rotary's six areas of focus, with examples of service projects for each. Download it as a PDF or preorder at shop.rotary.org. The areas of focus reflect critical humanitarian issues and the needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They align Rotary with other international development efforts and strategically further The Rotary Foundation's mission.

Areas of focus:

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have identified six areas of focus for the new grant structure. These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They will align Rotary with other international development efforts and will strategically further the Foundation's mission .

Each of the six areas of focus begins with a statement of purpose, followed by a list of specific goals. The Foundation will use the goals to establish :

- Projects and activities for packaged global grants
- Possible strategic partners for packaged global grants
- Evaluation criteria for club- and district-developed global grants
- A system for measuring outcome for all global grants

Areas of focus :

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water and sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Economic and community development

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution:

The Rotary Foundation promotes the practice of peace and conflict prevention/resolution by strengthening local peace efforts, training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, supporting long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict , assisting vulnerable populations affected by conflict, particularly children and youth and supporting studies related to peace and conflict resolution.

2. Disease prevention and treatment:

The Rotary Foundation reduces the causes and effects of disease by improving the capacity of local health care professionals, combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other major diseases, enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities, educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread

of major diseases and supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment.

3. Water and sanitation:

The Rotary Foundation ensures that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by increasing equitable community access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation, strengthening the ability of communities to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems, educating communities about safe water, sanitation, and hygiene and supporting studies related to water and sanitation.

4. Maternal and child health:

The Rotary Foundation improves the lives of mothers and their children by reducing the mortality rate for children under the age of five, reducing the maternal mortality rate, improving access to essential medical services, train health care providers for mothers and their children and supporting studies related to maternal and child health.

5. Basic education and literacy:

The Rotary Foundation promotes education and literacy for all by ensuring that children have access to quality basic education, reducing gender disparity in education, increasing adult literacy, strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy and supporting studies related to basic education and literacy.

6. Economic and community development:

The Rotary Foundation invests in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities by strengthening the development of local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities, developing opportunities for decent and productive work, particularly for youth, building the capacity of local organizations and community networks to support economic development and supporting studies related to economic and community development

Are You An Altruist

“Viva pour autrui: (to live for others); Altruists are willing to sacrifice their self interest for what they perceive to be the greater common good of all. To be an altruist, you must have thought thoroughly about what is the best for the other person.

Often, organisms exhibit helping behavior towards other organisms to which they are genetically related.

Altruism is the glue that keeps communities together and stops them from flying off into a war for all against all.....