



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Now as Rtn Ng Swee Poh has been installed as the 60th President of Rotary Club of Johor Bahru, I am sure a new era is dawn for Rotary year 2011 / 2012. For the 1st time, the Guest of Honour was a Member of Parliament, namely Yang Berhormat Datuk Utama Shahrir Bin Abdul Samad.

This year's Rotary International Theme is "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" and our RI President Kalyan Bonnerjee asks us to look within ourselves, to understand that all humanity has the same dreams, hopes, as privations and problems.

District Governor Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa says that "Reach Within" begins at each club. When

Paul Harris founded Rotary, he thought first of the club as an independent unit a place of service and fellowship in its own right.

As we "Reach within to Embrace Humanity" let us enjoy Rotary together for another great year of service.

Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

Yours In Rotary

DR. S. SIVAMOORTHY

PRESIDENT 2010 / 2011

**ROTARY CLUB OF JOHOR
BAHRU**

Today's Programme:

Rounding up of Rotary Year 2010 / 2011 by President Dr Siva.

Last Week's Talk:

Can Competition Allow Compassion (Soul Searching Time in Singapore After the 2011 General Elections) by Dr Ooi Kee Beng

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From the treasurer:

Tickkie Bottle Collection on 14 June 2011:

Tickkie Bottle : RM	26.00
Happy Fund : RM	-
Totaling	: RM3454.00

**FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS LIP :- AS AT 14 June 2011**

Membership	58
Excused	7
Effective	51
Present	32
Percentage	60.8%

Absent Rotarians On 14 June 2011:

1. PP Jit Sehgal (Excused)
2. PP Dato Francis Ng (Excused)
3. PP Dato Dr Singaraveloo (Excused))
4. PP Chang Teck Mark (Excused)
5. PP Dato Mokkam Singh (Excused)
6. PP Dr K N Singh (Excused)
7. PP Roland Choong (Excused)
8. Rtn Cheong Nai Cheong
9. Rtn Chin Kuie Too
10. PP Chua Kean Num
11. Rtn Chua Tze Wei
12. PP Francis Lip
13. PDG Ir John Cheah
14. Rtn Kelvin Chua
15. Rtn Dr Lee Kim Tiong
16. Rtn Lee Soo Tong
17. PP Leslie Struys
18. PP Dev Chellam
19. PP Mohd Noh Ibrahim
20. Rtn Richie Chiam
21. PP Roland Choong
22. Pres Dr Siva
23. PP Tan Beng Sooi
24. Rtn Dato Teo Shiuk Fu
25. Rtn Vincent Chia
26. PP Yeo Ann Kiat
27. PP Dato Zaman K Bukhari

Attend weekly club meetings. Enjoy club fellowship. Enrich your professional and personal knowledge. Meet other business leaders in your community.

COME ON LET'S CELEBRATE

June 2011		Wedding	Induction
Names	Birthdays	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
IPP Dr Anga	7		
Rtn S Elandran	24		
Rtn Kelvin Chua Chee Chow	29		
Rtn Koh Jit Huat		25	
Rtn Lee Soo Tong	19		
PP Dev Chellam	20	20	
PP Ir Mohd Noh Ibrahim		9	
PP Mok Tai Dwan		5	
Rtn Richie Chiam	24		
Pres Dr Siva			8
PP Tan Beng Sooi		1	

Attendance Report : May 2011

Average Attendance: 70.6%

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Walk To End Polio - PHF Presentation

The presentation of PHF will take place on Tuesday, 28th June 2011. Minders must inform PP Leong Che Woh if their recipients cannot be present or if someone else will receive on their behalf.

Here is the list:

PHF Recipients - Minders:

Angamuthu Rajoo / Chia Ah Chik / Chin Kuie Too / Lee Kim Tiong / Leong Chee Who / Liang Teh Hai / Lim Hock Teck / Teoh Cheng Siang

Minder - PDG John Cheah:

Mr Sunny W.H Boey PDG / Mr Vincent Ng Kin Hong / Mr Cheong Boon Long / Ir R.Sarkuna Singam / Mr Tai Chin Onn / Mr Law Yik Hui / Ir Goh Kae Wan / Y.B Dato Dr Wee Ka Siong / Mr Ooi Ngiap Ten / Mr Lee Sing Mao / Ir Chow Choon Hoong / Mr Lee Chai (Kelvin) / Mr Tan Teck Yeong Lawrence / Mr Jaafar Mohamad / Mr Kwek Choon Lin Winston

Minder - Rtn Cheong Nai Cheong:

Kong Weng Keong

Minder - Rtn Michael Nordregren

Leila Maria Nordgren / Petri Juusola

Minder - Pres Dr S Sivamoorthy

Thavakumar Kandiah

Minder - Rtn Dato' Teo Shiok Fu

Datuk Teo Ah Khiang

Minder - Rtn Freddie Lee

Kee Siew Chia (approved by BOD) / Yap Seng Maw (approved by BOD)

Minder - PDG Michael Parry

Liza Michele Parry / Shirley Yvonne Parry / Christopher Norman Parry

Update on Rotary's USD200 Million Challenge For Polio Eradication

As of 31 May 2011 Rotarians have raised about \$174.7 million for Rotary's US\$200 million challenge.

These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

Matching Grants 2011 / 2012

There's RM1 million available for Matching Grants projects.

Through Matching Grants, Rotary International matches contributions raised for international service projects. The Foundation provides a one-to-one match for DDF contributions and a US\$0.50 for every new \$1.00 cash contribution. The minimum grant is US\$5,000.00.

Quotes:

"The man who has no imagination has no wings"
(Muhammad Ali)

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."
(Confucius)

"Ignorance is the night of mind, but a night without moon and star."
(Confucius)

Can Competition Allow Compassion by Dr Ooi Kee Beng



“Thank you Dr Ooi” as VP Francis Joseph Gopal presents the speaker with the practical gift of an umbrella.

Dr Ooi Kee Beng is not a new face to RCJB. Dr Ooi is a Senior Fellow at the Institute of South East Asian Studies, Singapore. He is also Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore, Visiting Associate Professor with the City University of Hong Kong and Editor of the Penang Economic Monthly.

Dr Ooi has written several books on politics and has won many awards. His latest book, which is due for release in July 2011 is “Serving a New Nation: Dr Baey Lian Peck’s Singapore Story.”

Dr Ooi’s talk showed how many Singaporeans viewed the ruling party, PAP as being arrogant and disconnected from the every day problems and issues that Singaporeans face. Over the years, with PAP’s stronghold in the politics of Singapore and its infallible nature, the loss of even one seat is indeed a big challenge to the party and its strategies; but what more when the incumbent controls 81 out of the 87 parliamentary seats.

This time round, the elections in Singapore saw many new and young faces (first timers) who could interact with the population at large. This was crucial as Singaporeans felt that PAP was not much concerned with such looming issues as the high costs of apartments, the influx of foreigners,

high ministerial salaries and the spates of flooding in some parts of Singapore.

In a country, where there is the fear of voting or showing support for the Opposition, this time round, the population turned out in full force for Opposition rallies as opposed to PAP rallies.



Dr Ooi takes questions from RCJB members with his profound knowledge in politics

The aftermath of the elections saw the resignation of Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew and Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong, within a week. Senior cabinet members, DPM Wong Kan Seng, Mah Bow Tan and Raymond Lim stepped down within two weeks of the elections and a committee to review ministerial salaries was immediately formed.

The truth is that the PAP’s policies of Elitism and Economism did not gain much favor with the Singaporeans of today, as many questioned these policies.

With the change in the political scene, what many may ponder is how can a competitive society also be compassionate (brought on by Nichole Seah’s popularity of the NS Party) and how long can hierarchies, no matter how meritocratic their genesis, stay objective in the recruitment of personnel and remain true to their basic functions; which may be a tougher question to answer for the government, as well as its citizens.