



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

For this year's National Day Celebrations, we will be continuing with the meaningful 'Merdeka Giving Project'. We have narrowed down our selection of homes to visit to the Taman Johor area.

Rtn Dr. Vishwadeep and his committee are working on the details now. Implementation will be during the third or fourth weekends of September and as usual, the Rotaractors will join us.

We need your strong support for the coming District Membership Seminar, incorporating Public Image and Fellowship, plus Dinner on 24 September 2011, at the New York Hotel. At the last count, about 20 members have signed up. As the host club, we have to have the numbers to give others confidence. Cost including dinner is only RM 50.00 and the club will pay for all the guests that you bring along.

A Medical Camp is being planned for the second week of October. This will be a joint project with the Puteri Specialist Hospital and coordinated by PP Dr. Shan.

It will be announced once all details have been finalized.

Support for the KK District Conference has not been very encouraging. Please sign up to support PP Leong Chee Woh who will be jogging across mountain ranges and from one end of Sabah to another. For details and flight/hotel arrangements, please coordinate with PE Francis Gopal.

"Reach within to embrace humanity."

NG SWEE POH

PRESIDENT 2011/2012

**ROTARY CLUB OF JOHOR
BAHRU**

Secretary's Corner:

District Governor 2014-2015

I have received notification that nomination for the post of District Governor 2014-2015 is now open. Do let us know if you have a candidate in mind.

Lee Soo Tong
Secretary

Quotable Quotes

"Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out." (Vaclav Havel)



Tuesday 23 August 2011

Talk: Membership In
Rotary In District
3310 & RCJB

Speaker: PP Leong C W

Tuesday 30 August 2011:

No Meeting:
"Selamat Hari Raya Adilfitri
Maaf Zahir dan Batin"

Tuesday, 6 September 2011

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

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Club Matters



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From the treasurer:

Tickie Bottle collection on 23 August 2011

Collection : RM 64.00

Happy Fund : RM

Totaling : RM 372.00

FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN FRANCIS LIP :- AS AT 23 August 2011

Membership	58
Excused	8
Effective	50
Present	36
Percentage	72 %

District Membership Seminar 2011 -2012

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

Attendance On 23 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 Dev Chellam
3. PP Ooi Kao Yang
4. PP Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari
5. PP Yeo Ann Kiat
6. PP Leong Chee Woh
7. Rtn Richie Chiam
8. Rtn Chin Kuie Too
9. Rtn S Elendran
10. Rtn Dr Lee Kim Tiong
11. Rtn Ranjeet Singh
12. Rtn Chua Tze Wei
13. Rtn Michael Nordegren
14. Rtn Vincent Chia

31 August 2011

Malaysia's 54th National Day.
Happy Birthday Malaysia. We
strve to stand united!!

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!!

1 - 6 Sept 2011	Birthday:	Wedding Anniver- sary:	Induction Anniver- sary:
PP Tan Beng Sooi	1		
PP Dev Chellam			2
Rtn Richie Chiam		3	
PP Roland Choong		3	
PP Leslie Struys	5		

Club Attendance

If you have attended another club's meeting, a Rotary event or an Installation dinner in August 2011, please let Rtn Dato Teo Shiock Fu know, so that he can update your attendance record accordingly. There is also a RCJB Make-up Book for you to record your make-up details which is placed together with the RCJB Badges.

Deepest Condolences to PP Ooi

RCJB members extend their deepest and most sincere condolences to PP Ooi and his family on the passing on of his father. May his soul rest in peace....

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Reading Wine Labels - PP Dr Ho



made from; a variety of grapes (blend) or varietal (a single variety), the alcohol level, the volume (content) and how old it is (vintage).

Wines are rated as 1 - extraordinary; 2 - outstanding; 3 - above average to very good; 4 - average; 5 - below average to poor. Wines can be old world or new world.

Old vs New world wines

Subtle	Bold
Elegant	Lush,
Refined	Opulent, more intense
Roll-Royce	Ferrari
Terror	Fruit-driven, fruit-forward
The vineyards	The winemaker's style

The speaker PP Dr Ho, despite his profession, is a man of varied interests. He delves into music, reading and of course wines. Dr Ho shared with members the extent of information that one can obtain from correctly reading wine labels.

In 1976, in an event called “Judgement of Paris;” an English wine shop in Paris, held blind tasting, in which 9 wine experts rated French and California wines. California wines received the highest scores and the wine experts often mistook California wines for French wines and vice-versa. The results showed that wine experts were no longer accurate in blind tasting, than regular wine drinkers. The superiority of French wines was challenged.

One can also learn about the official categories of old world wine as illustrated below:

OFFICIAL CATEGORIES of WINES

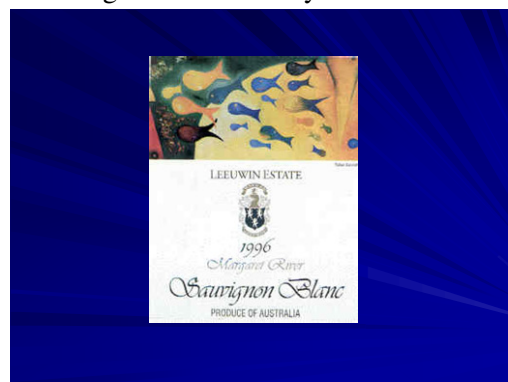
COUNTRY	DIVISION ONE	DIVISION TWO	DIVISION THREE
FRANCE	AOC	Vin de Pays	Vin de Table
ITALY	DOCG	DOC	Vino da Tavola
GERMANY	QmP	QbA	Tafelwein
SPAIN	DO	Vino de la Tierra	Vino da Mesa

Why master reading wine labels? Wine labels lay down certain compulsory information. Often, the label is the window of the contents of the bottle. The label is strictly codified; all unauthorized information is prohibited and it allows one to eventually be a wine connoisseur.

However, there is no official category system for new world wines as yet. While the labels of old world wines are more vintage, and detailed, the labels of new world wines are more simplified and more funky in design, while still containing all the necessary information.



Wine labels are not difficult to read. They tell us who made the wine, where the grapes were grown, what it is



Of Interest & Rotary News



When Mars Encounters Earth

This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history.

The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to earth in the last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide, at a modest 75-power magnification.

Burton Is Choice For 2013 - 14 R I President

Ron D Burton, a member of RC Norman, Oklahoma, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of R I 2013 - 14.

Burton, will be the president nominee on 1 October, if there are no other contenders.

Burton retired as President of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc in 2007. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Bar Associations of Cleveland County and Oklahoma.

Burton said that it is very exiting to be a Rotarian, as Rotarians are well poised to capitalize on their strengths as they embrace the RI Strategic Plan and Future Vision Plan. His vision is to have every Rotarian appreciate what it means to be a Rotarian.

Burton is an active member of his community. He is a founder and past president of the Norman Public School Foundation and founder and past board mem-

ber of the Community Foundation. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He is a past vice-president of the Last Frontier Council of the Boys Scouts of America.

Burton believes that Rotary's high ethical standards, sets it apart from other organizations. This makes Rotarians trustworthy. Vocational Service in Rotary, just adds to that responsibility. Rotarians have the responsibility to go above and beyond, to ensure that all their actions are beyond reproach.

Burton has been a Rotarian since 1979. He is vice-chair of the Future Visions Committee and a member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force of the US. He has served RI as director, Rotary Foundation Trustee and trustee vice-chair, International Assembly Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Group Discussion Leader and District Governor.

His other service to Rotary includes, chair of the 2011 New Orleans Convention Committee, Vice-Chair of the Investment Advisory Committee, Liaison Trustee of the Vocational Service Committee, Permanent Fund National Advisor and Regional Rotary Foundation Co-ordinator. He was also aid to 2006 - 2007 R I President, William B Boyd.

Burton has received the Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation For Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award and International Service Award For A Polio Free World.

Burton and his wife Jetta have two children and three grandchildren

Quotable Quotes

"Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes." -- Carl Jung