

RI President's Message - February 2010

Each of us has, at one time or another, been asked the question, what is Rotary? There are many ways to answer, depending on the questioner, the context, and the time available. The shortest and simplest answer is that Rotary is the world's oldest service club organization. This is, of course, an accurate but necessarily incomplete response, for any true understanding of Rotary must include an explanation of how we in Rotary strive through our service to achieve more than the goal of each individual project. By working together in our clubs, our districts, and internationally, we strive to establish the simple foundations of a better society: friendship, trust, honesty, and hope.

The structure of Rotary, along with our international club projects, helps make friendly connections between Rotarians in different countries. Our emphasis on ethical and honest behavior works to build strong and open relationships between people and nations. Our service projects in water, health and hunger, and literacy help eliminate many of the practical obstacles to peace. And our Rotary Foundation and Rotary Youth Exchange programs go a step beyond by training the leaders of tomorrow to be active builders of a more peaceful world.

These programs help shape responsible citizens of better communities — people who will have a broad and nuanced perspective, enhanced by opened eyes and open minds. They will be indelibly marked by their experiences, and throughout their lives — both now and in their later careers — they will not keep the benefits of these experiences to themselves. These are the people who will help build the kind of future that we as Rotarians strive to create through our every action.

What is Rotary? It is a network of people who care — people who are both realists and optimists. We recognize the challenges before us and our own limitations; we also recognize our abilities and our responsibility to use them to the fullest. If we are ever to realize Paul Harris' vision for Rotary as an organization that promotes goodwill among nations, then, as he wrote, "the hearts of men must be so touched and molded that mutual understanding and goodwill will take the place of fear and hatred." In this, World Understanding Month, we do well to remember these words — and to remember as well that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

The Future of Rotary is in Your hands

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



According to the Chinese Zodiac the Year of 2010 is the Year of a Golden Tiger, which begins on February 14, 2010 and ends on February 2, 2011. The first day of the lunar New Year 2010 falls on the 14th day of



February, which is Saint Valentine's Day, so it is a day the West celebrates as a lovers' day, a day of romance. To the Chinese, it is the start of the Golden Tiger Year. The Tiger is the third sign in the cycle of Chinese Zodiac, which consists of 12 animal signs. It is a sign of courage. This fearless and fiery fighter is revered by the ancient Chinese as the sign that wards off the three main disasters of a household: fire, thieves and ghosts. On New Year's day itself, it is beneficial to celebrate, to be happy, to have smiling faces, and to refrain from scowling, quarreling, or criticizing anyone.

I take this opportunity to wish all Rotarians and their family a very Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful Chinese New Year.



The new RI Theme Logo for 2010-2011

Happy anniversary ...

PP Chio Cheng Leng and Cecilia on 15 February

PP Tsen Kui Loi and Stella on 16 February

Speaker Finders

10 February - Aldrin Wong
17 February - PP Michael Wan

A GUIDE TO DAILY LIVING

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the precept of the guide. Ask yourself these 4 questions and act upon them:

- First : Have I spent some time to self examination?
- Second : Have I spent quality time with my family?
- Third : Have I given my best to my work?
- Fourth : Have I given some time to someone near and far?

CONTRIBUTIONS

	RM	
Sunshine		54.00
Donations		
Fines, etc.		

DUTY OFFICERS are expected to arrive early to ensure that everything has been prepared for the meeting, to welcome visitors and guests and collect Sunshine Fund and Fines.

10 February
PP Johnson Tee
PP Vincent Tan

17 February
PP Tsen Kui Loi
Gwen Vu

The Rotaractors completed their cookies baking and will be selling their cookies today. Thank you all Rotarians for your support in purchasing these cookies.

CLP Chair PP Philip Chong

i wish to thank all Rotarians who attended the launching of the SINDEK 2010 in Kota Marudu on Monday.

As for the Motivation talks, I wish to stress that these talks are also very helpful to Rotarians irregardless of whether you are actively involved or not.

PP Peter Yapp

Tomorrow at 10 a.m. we will be visiting Tan Seri Bernard Dompok's office where he will present us with a mock cheque for the RM50,000.00. Attire will be formal.

President Nicholas Lo of Rotaract Club of Likas Bay informed members that they baked cookies at Pelangi to help their club raise funds for their projects. Thank you Rotarians for your support.



PP S K Wong receiving his Citation for Four Avenues of Service from DG.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Chu Lai welcomed Rotarians and Rotaractors to today's meeting before making the following announcements:

1. SINDEX - Motivation talks will begin tomorrow. Any one interested.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PE Michael Tong

The 23rd Pan Borneo meet will be held in Tawau on 12-14 March 2010. Members please register now. So far, no Rotarians have confirmed going yet.

Club Admin. Committee Dtk Dr. Das

Next week, our speaker will be the AG of Tawau and Sandakan.

Project Service Chair - Charlie Tan

Community Service Chair - PP David Kong

Last visit to the Gravity Water Feed project on 30 January. It is almost complete but for minor leakages. The next phase will be the installation of the Sanitation facilities.

International Service - Chair Datuk Peter Lim

So far, 12 Rotarians, 6 spouses and 2 family members have confirmed going to the return visit to the anniversary celebrations of the R C of Lu Chou, Taipei. I need your passports to make the hotel bookings.

International Night - 25 February at the Sutera Magellan. Cost will be RM60.00 per pax.

New Generations Service - Rtn Gwen Vu

Youth Camp - Survival Camp at Kg. Kiau. we paid a site visit on Sunday to look at the camp site. The track to the campsite was much longer than expected and took nearly two hours. The camp site is has only very basic facilities but many exciting activities are possible. We will be having a committee meeting this coming Thursday.

DATE OF MEETING : 03 February 2010

<i>Name</i>	<i>On</i>	<i>At</i>	<i>For</i>
Rtn Aldrin Wong	04/02	8 th BOD at	03.02.10
VP KP Lu	27/01	1 st Incoming BOD	27 th January
PP Tsen	09/02	Sindex Meeting	03/02/10
Rtn KH Lim	09/02	eClub	09/02/10

PREVIOUS WEEKS' REVISED FIGURES

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
20/1/10	43 (38)	23	9	84.20
27/1/10	43 (38)	27	4	81.50

THIS WEEK

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
03/1/10	43 (38)	27	4	81.50

VISITORS

1. Pres. Nicholas Lo - Rotaract Club of Likas Bay

Presiding	-	Wong Chu Lai
Secretary	-	Yvonne Tan (Acting)
Treasurer	-	PP Peter Yapp
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	George Ligungjang
SaA George rang the bell and called the meeting to order and President Chu Lai led the singing of the Negaraku, and proposed a toast to the health of His Majesty the King.		



NGS Sub-committee meeting



Citation for Four Avenue of Service - PP S K Wong

Name of nominee **Past President Wong, Shun Khing**

In the space provided, please outline how this nominee was personally involved in carrying out the four Avenues of Service
Club Service

PP SK Wong served as the Club President in Rotary Club of Likas Bay during the year 1988-89 under the RI theme of “Put life into Rotary-your life”. He has involved in fireside talks for prospective members and membership development & retention. He & his spouse Jane have been actively involved in club fellowship, regularly attending District Conference & Assembly. He is the Committee Chairman assigned to look into the update of our club bylaws. PP S.K. is also one of the Committee Members for Club Leadership Plan (CLP). He served as Sergeant-at-Arm in 2006-7 at aged 73. He is a veteran golfer who unfailingly participated and assisted in promoting our annual charity golf fund raising activities. He has also served as Sport Convener in 2003-04 & 2007-08.

Vocational Service

As an Organizing Committee Member involved in the Young Inventor Award in 1997-8 & the Sindex (Sabah Invention & Design Exhibition) in 1998, 2002 2005 & 2007. The main objective of the program was to focus on inculcating upon our new generation throughout the State of Sabah to be creative, innovative and inventive especially in the field of science and technology. The project was organized with the sponsorship of the Science and Technology Unit of the Chief Minister’s Department. Sindex projects received District Award. PP SK was one of the speakers in giving motivation talk to rural schools students. PP SK assisted in organizing the vocational career guidance seminar and exhibition for rural school. The aim is to guide and advise students on career selection and planning the appropriate courses in pursuit of their vocation. Our club received District Award for this program for many years that was held.

Community Service

PP SK was involved in carrying out numerous World Community Service (WCS) Gravity Feed Water supply and Sanitation projects with our match club Rotary club of Lu Chou Taiwan D3490. This program is to provide water gravity feed clean water and flushed toilets c/w proper sewerage system for remote villages. He also participated in Medical camp for rural villagers and involved in hands-on fabrication work for toilet structure in providing flush toilet for the benefit of rural villages instead of pit latrine.

International Service

PP SK was the Director of International service in 1999-2000. He coordinated sister club visit from Taiwan & return visit to Taiwan. He also participated at International Night program with his family. Over the years he also assisted in coordinating program for incoming GSE team and Youth Exchange Students. He has contributed to the TRF and was recognized PHF in year 2000. PP SK also contributed to the Rotary’s US \$100 Million in 2008-9.