

RI President's Message - March 2010

Preparations for our convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June, are well underway, and we are fast approaching the 31 March deadline for lower registration fees. I can think of many reasons to attend a Rotary International Convention – interesting speakers, exciting entertainment, and a chance to visit a fascinating city, to name a few. Yet as compelling as these incentives may be, they are not why I have attended almost every convention since my first one in 1984. The main reason I look forward to this annual event is the opportunity it affords to reunite with my Rotary friends and meet so many new ones.

In many ways, our convention is Rotary at its best: Rotarians coming together to enjoy congenial fellowship while discussing the more serious business of service. We will, no doubt, be inspired by our speakers, including Greg Mortenson, author of the best-selling book *Three Cups of Tea*; Jo Luck, CEO of Heifer International; and country music singer Dolly Parton, who will be talking about her other great interests, children's literacy and the Imagination Library. And we will learn about many facets of Rotary and our Rotary Foundation in the various workshops planned. In between these events, we can build new Rotary friendships over coffee in the House of Friendship or dinner at one of Montréal's celebrated restaurants.

It has been said many times that you cannot truly appreciate the internationality of Rotary until you attend a convention. In Montréal this June, we expect to welcome Rotarians from more than 100 countries. We may be speaking dozens of different languages, but I know that all of us will be eager to communicate as best we can – with words, smiles, and laughter – effectively bridging any cultural or linguistic differences. The convention is a time to celebrate the achievements of the past year, but it is also a time to plan for the future. In Rotary, we do not look at all that we have accomplished and say, "That's enough." No, we use our successes as a springboard to do more. I encourage you to join June and me in Montréal and to use this opportunity to identify new service partners, get innovative project ideas, and renew your enthusiasm for Rotary. Much work remains to be done – both in this Rotary year and the next. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, and a Rotary convention is the ideal place to come together and formulate your plans.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

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2010/35

10 March 2010



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Help Rotary Grow and create a better future



During its June meeting, the Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new membership slogan, "Each Rotarian: Reach One. Keep One." The slogan emphasizes the importance of both recruitment and retention in sustaining and increasing membership.

To support this strategy, RI administers a web-based program designed to assist clubs and districts with identifying prospective members and to place relocating or former Rotarians in new clubs. Every Rotarian can directly support Rotary's membership growth and retention by using the membership referral and Rotarian relocation forms.

The membership referral form is for Rotarians wishing to recommend a qualified friend, family member, or business associate as a potential candidate for membership in a Rotary club other than their own.

Rotarians who are moving or have moved and can't remain in their current club can submit the relocation form to learn more about clubs in their new area. Club secretaries and other club members should remind relocating club members to complete the form to request assistance becoming acquainted with clubs in their destination city.

Once the forms are submitted, RI staff reviews them and sends valid, complete forms to district governors and/or district membership chairs for evaluation and further action. Potential members are either directly contacted by district governors or district membership chairs or referred to the appropriate club president for follow up. Rotarians have been enthusiastic about leads from the program.

"This is a wonderful membership recruitment tool," says Matthew J. Salatino, past president of the Rotary Club of Schaumburg A.M., Illinois, USA.

District Governor Georgia Medori, of the Rotary Club of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, USA, agrees. In one day, she received two prospective member inquiries through

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Happy Birthday ...
Datuk Dr. Ghandi Das on 15th March

Speaker Finders

10 March	- Charlie Tan
17 March	- PP Oh Chu vun
24 March	- Dtk Dr. Allan Mathews
31 March	-

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		50.00
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 March**
■ **CC Wong**
■ **PP SK Wong**

■ **17 March**
■ **PP Victor Wong**
■ **T W Wong**

Membership Chair - PP Victor Wong

The personal particulars for Mr Alex Anderson will be posted by email to all Rotarians for your perusal.

Vocational Service Chair Ho Shi Yin

SINDEX motivation talks - our club will be responsible for conducting motivation talks in the Keningau area. Training for motivators will be conducted on 20th March 2010.

New Generations Chair Gwen Vu

Last Saturday, we went to Membakut to inspect a resort belonging to Datuk Karim. It appears to be very suitable for our Youth Camp planned for the 17-19 March.

International Service Chair - Datuk Peter Lim

A total of 16 Rotarians / spouses and guests will be visiting the R C of Lu Chou this Friday. They will be travelling in two groups. Rtn Samuel has been requested to prepare a 'directory' for all those going. President Chu Lai is reminded that there will be an exchange of gifts by the President.

International Night - as reported by PP Philip Chong

The recent International Night was held as a celebration of 105 years of Rotary. Our club took up six tables. There was a total of 260 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

Six Rotary clubs took part in the celebration presenting songs, drama and dance. The Rotary Club of Penampang was adjudged to have presented the best item. All those who attended agreed that it was an excellent evening.

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RI's membership program. "Outstanding! Keep those e-mails coming," Medori says.

Help Rotarians learn about RI's membership program by placing a banner ad on your club or district's website or blog. These ads direct prospective members, relocating Rotarians, and current members to the appropriate form on RI's website.

Don't let great candidates for membership pass you by. Encourage club members to become familiar with Rotary's membership program to enhance your club and district membership efforts.

Press Release from RI on 4 March 2010

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

1. The dateline for the submission of project reports for District Awards have been extended to 31st March 2010. All Directors please take note.
2. 20th March 2010. All Rotarians have to make themselves available either to attend the handover / launching of the Gravity and Sanitation project at Timbangoh Laut, Penampang OR SINDEK motivation talk (we need at least ten volunteers).
3. Last Saturday, 5 clubs from around Kota Kinabalu carried out a joint project planting trees near Yayasan Sabah. A total of 2,000 trees were planted. Present also were the Mayor of Kota Kinabalu as well as out District Governor.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PE Michael Tong

The 23rd Pan Borneo meet will be held in Tawau on 12-14 March 2010. Members please register now. Members are also reminded that the District Assembly will be held from 14 - 17 April.

VP K P Lu

Charity Golf - still waiting for the quotation from Sutera Golf and Country Club. We need Rotarians to help with sourcing the hole-in-one prizes.

Project Service Chair - Charlie Tan

Community Service Chair - PP David Kong

PP Michael Wan - last Monday, we went to Kg. Timbangoh Laut to check on the progress of the Gravity Water Feed project. We are proposing another trip there on 12 March to ensure that everything is in order for the hand over of Phase I and launching of Phase II on 20th March. A total of 200 guests is expected. The villagers have requested a contribution of RM 500.00 - 1,000 for the refreshments.

DATE OF MEETING : 03 March 2010

<i>Name</i>	<i>On</i>	<i>At</i>	<i>For</i>
Rtn Vincent Chua	09/02	NGD Meeting	10/02/10
PE Michael Tong	04/02	7 th BOD	10/02/10
PP David Kong		Courtesy Call YB Tan Sri B Dompok	10/02/10
Rtn Dtk Peter Lim	09/02	eClub	10/02/10
Rtn G3	04/02	7 th BOD Meeting	10/02/10
PP Dtk Lee C W	02/02	SINDEK Launching K. Marudu	10/02/10
Rtn Dtk Peter Lim	11/02	eClub	10/02/10
PP Chio CL	02/02	SINDEK Launching K. Marudu	10/02/10
Rtn Wesley Chua	11/02	eClub	10/02/10

PREVIOUS WEEKS' REVISED FIGURES

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
10/2/10	43 (38)	23	9	84.20
24/2/10	43 (38)	20		53.80

THIS WEEK

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
03/3/10	43 (38)	25		65.78

VISITORS

Presiding	-	Wong Chu Lai
Secretary	-	C P Lim (Acting)
Treasurer	-	PP Peter Yapp
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Datuk Lee Chuen Wan (Acting)
Acting SaA Dtk Lee 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.		



District Governor addressing our club during his official visit to our club.



Rotarians and spouses at the dinner following DG's visit to our club.

