

RI President's Message - April 2010

At any given time, every one of Rotary's 33,000-plus clubs is carrying out some form of vital service in its local community and often internationally as well. Under Rotary's structure, each club works autonomously within a broader network that supports and inspires our efforts. An important piece of that network is the Rotary World Magazine Press, made up of *The Rotarian* and 31 regional magazines in 25 languages.

That is why a subscription to either *The Rotarian* or one of the regional magazines is mandatory for all Rotary club members. These publications bring us news of other clubs and districts, offer ideas for our own projects, and help us feel a greater bond with our fellow Rotarians. And the RI-mandated content printed in each issue creates a direct connection between our headquarters in Evanston and every Rotarian, everywhere in the world.

Your experience at this moment – of simply reading this message in a Rotary publication – is one that is common to every one of your fellow Rotarians, wherever they may be. RI-mandated content is consistent in every publication. It is a single, shared message – a single, shared experience. That is invaluable and irreplaceable.

When I sit down to write a monthly president's message, destined for the pages of all of Rotary's magazines, I know that I have an opportunity that will come only once a month, for only the one year that I will be in office. It is an opportunity to speak directly, in my own words, to every one of our 1.2 million members. No matter how much I travel, or how often I speak, or how hard I work to bring my message to clubs and districts, nothing I can do will have the reach of the 400 words I am privileged to put on this page. Because I know that every Rotary magazine, everywhere in the world, carries forth that message just as I wrote it, or in its own local language.

I value that opportunity tremendously, as I value the publications that make it possible. April is Magazine Month, a good time to consider how this important member benefit can help your club's service efforts and to share the useful information in its pages with others.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

The Future of Rotary is in Your hands

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7 April 2010



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last week saw the completion of our Youth Leadership Camp at the Membakut Lake Eco Training Centre. We had a total of 31 students, 21 from SMK Bandaraya, 9 from SM Kian Kok and Rtn Ho Shi Yin's son from SM Lok Yuk. The teacher-advisor from SMK Bandaraya was there for the whole camp.

On the whole the students learnt a lot about leadership as well as the uses of the various commercial crops planted around the centre. These include Palm oil, Lemon grass, Misai Kuching and the noni fruit.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to NGS Director Gwen for her hard work and to Rtn Juliana and Yvonne for their support. They all stayed at the Centre for the whole duration of the camp.



Happy Birthday ...

Rtn Samuel Yeh on 8th April

Happy Anniversary ...

PP Oh Chu Yun on 7th April

Speaker Finders

- 7 April - VP K P Lu
- 15 April - Dtk Peter Lim
- 22 April - K H Lim
- 29 April - C P Lim

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 Donations	44.00
Fines, etc.	146.00

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.

7 April
Juliana Tokuzip
Yvonne Tan

14 April
PP Philip Chong
Vincent Chua

to discuss Phase II of the project and to set up a committee to oversee the process.

SINDEX MOTIVATION TALKS - Rtn Ho Shi Yin

Next Wednesday and Thursday, we will be conducting motivation talks to all the schools in and around Keningau. It may be necessary to stay overnight. We still need more Rotarians to sign up as motivators.

Membership Chair PP Victor Wong

We expect to induct a new member in the near future as soon as we have circulated his particulars to members.

Public Relations Chair PP Dtk Lee Chuen Wan

PR report sent to District two days ago.

New Generations Chair Rtn Gwen Vu

9 Rotarians attended the SMK Bandaraya Interact Installation at the school on 25th March. The principal is very supportive.

Youth Leadership camp - ten Rotarians came for the committee meeting. 9 Rotarians came to support the Blood donation campaign organised by the Rotaractors but none donated their blood!

District Assembly - President Chu Lai pointed out that the registration from our club is very low. So far only two Rotarians have confirmed going.

At our recently BOD meeting, it was decided that our anniversary celebraton this year will be held at the Promenade Hotel on the 22nd August 2010.

Speaker: PP Dtk Dr. Allan Mathews

PP Dtk Dr. Allan spoke about Business Process Reengineering, a process that his company introduced to boost productivity and profitability. He outlined the reasons for the exercise and pointed out the various advantages and disadvantages. On the whole the process has been successfully implemented and the Sabah Branch has become a model branch for the rest of Malaysia.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Chu Lai welcomed Rotaractors and Rotarians before making the following announcements:

1. Received email from Rtn Robert Hughes and wife Lienwin of Wales thanking us for our hospitality during their visit to our club. They also extend a welcome to members to visit their club.
2. Members are reminded what this weekend, 2-4 April, our club will be organising the Youth Leadership Camp at the Membakut Lake Eco Training Centre. So far 34 students have signed up for the camp.
3. SINDEX Motivation talks to schools in the Keningau area next Wednesday and Thursday. We still need more Rotarians to help.
4. We are still looking for a host for the GSE team member.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

VP K P Lu

Charity Golf - the date has been confirmed on 15th April at the Sabah Golf and Country Club. We have not yet received any sponsors for the Hole in one prizes.

Sports Convenor Rtn Aldrin Wong

Proposed 8th Mingo Cup competition at the Bongawan golf club on Friday afternoon (2 April). Please sign up.

Family of Rotary - K H Lim

The next family outing has been planned for 24th April at Mengalum Resort. Please reply within a week or the outing will be cancelled.

Project Service Chair - Charlie Tan

Gravity Water Feed project at Kg. Timbangoh Laut - we were supposed to pay them a visit this week but since Friday is Good Friday, the visit has been postponed to next week. We need to meet with the villagers

DATE OF MEETING : 31 March 2010

<i>Name</i>	<i>On</i>	<i>At</i>	<i>For</i>
PP Tsen KL		Sindex Training Sandakan	31/03/10
PP Michael Wan	05/04	10 th BOD April	31/03/10
PP Chang EL	29/03	Anniversary Dinner meeting	31/03/10
PP Philip Chong	29/03	Anniversary Dinner Meeting	31/03/10
PP D Kong	20/03	Timbangaoh laut Gravity Project	31/03/10
PP Jimmy Liew	25/03	SMK Bandaraya installation	31/03/10
Rtn G3	29/03	Anniversary Dinner Meeting	31/03/10
VP KP Lu	20/03	Anniversary Dinner Meeting	31/03/10
PE M Tong	20/03	Anniversary Dinner Meeting	31/03/10
Rtn Samuel Yeh	02/04	Youth Training camp	31/03/10

PREVIOUS WEEKS' REVISED FIGURES

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
17/3/10	43 (38)	22	10	84.2
24/3/10	43 (38)	24	7	81.6

THIS WEEK

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
31/3/10	43 (38)	22	10	84.2

VISITORS

President Nicholas Lo	- Rotaract Club of Likas Bay
PP Veronica Chin	- Rotaract Club of Likas Bay
Dr. S. Rajah	- Likas Hospital
Rtn Keith Sutton	- R C of Kota Kinabalu
Rtn Mary Berens & Paul Feeny	- R C of Ithica, New York, USA
En. Suffian Abdullah	- Guest of Pres. Wong Chu Lai

Presiding	-	Wong Chu Lai
Secretary	-	Yvonne Tan (Acting)
Treasurer	-	PP Peter Yapp
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Dtk 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.		



A selection of photographs taken at the recently completed Youth Leadership Camp at the Mambakut Lake Eco Training Centre. All the students who attended enjoyed themselves learning about Leadership and about the commercial crops planted around the area.

