

## UPCOMING EVENTS

14 April 2009	BOD meeting
16-19 April 2009	District Assembly, Malacca
22 April 2009	Club Assembly (No guests please)
05 May 2009	PP Dtk George Chin's 85th Birthday party

## ROTARY FOUNDATION THOUGHTS

29) This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about a matching grant that has helped turn waste into profit for Philippine coconut farmers.

With the aid of a Foundation matching grant, the Livelihood Project gives local farmers the supplies and labor to turn wasted coconut husks into "coconets", which have environmental and economic benefits for the community. The project increased employment levels for women and out of school youth while reviving the local coconut industry. Coconut husks, which are a huge source of agricultural waste, are now used to make coconets which help provide an environmentally friendly solution to land erosion and degradation. Another husk byproduct, coconut dust is used as a soil enhancer and organic fertilizer. This is an example of how The Rotary Foundation is helping smaller communities throughout the world and is ensuring that economic growth reaches the poorer communities.

30) This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** about the PolioPlus Program.

Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985 and contributions to the PolioPlus Fund continue to support the most essential components of polio eradication activities in our partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and UNICEF. With Rotary's community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. By volunteering and supporting the PolioPlus program, Rotarians do the work of the world with every Polio vaccine administered!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April is Magazine month. In the April issue of the DG Newsletter, DG Edward wrote about the pros and cons of the printed magazine and e-magazine. E-magazines help save the environment by less trees being felled. Then again very few Rotarians actually access the internet on a daily basis to read.

I would like to encourage members to leave copies in their office and also to give away copies of the Rotarian magazine to their friends. I believe our Rotarian magazine can be a PR tool.

April also signify the beginning of the "Changing of the guard". It begins with the President Elect and his club officers attending the PETS and DA. A New Rotary International theme and emphases brings with it new goals and excitement. Other than the D3310 DA, six of us Rotarians and spouses will attend the D3490 DA at Taipei this weekend. We are looking forward to it.

Our site visit to Kg Lapanan last Sunday was fruitful. We were able to meet up with the villagers and ascertain the progress of our WCS project. The piping from the water catchment to the water tank has been completed. Now work is in progress connecting the pipes from the water tank to the houses which we expect will take another month to complete. The water pressure from the catchment is strong and the water is cool and clean. The villagers and the village kindergarten can now enjoy continuous supply of clean water and this will certainly help to improve sanitation.

**"Education is the best provision of old age"**

**- ARISTOTLE**

## **Happy Birthday ...**

PP Chio Cheng Leng on 6 April  
Samuel Yeh on 8 April

## **Happy Anniversary ...**

PP Oh Chu Vun and Set Moi on 7 April

### **Speaker Finders**

April	08	G3
	15	Vincent Chua
	22	KP Lu
	29	PP Jimmy Liew (Rotary Information)
May	06	Dtk PP Lee CW

### **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.	70.00

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.

**8 April**  
**PP George Bandusena**  
**PP Philip Chong**

**15 April**  
**Vincent Chua**  
**Dtk Dr. Ghandi Das**

### **Community Service- PP Vincent Chua**

The pipes have almost connected to all the homes. Planning to visit the site on Sunday (5 April 2009) with Rtn Charlie Tan and Pres. Chua Soon Lan.

### **New Generation Service – Rtn Wong Chu Lai**

Pres. Chua Soon Lan would attend the coming Rotaract Meeting next Tuesday (7 April) at 8.30 p.m.

### **Treasurer – PP Victor Wong**

All members are encouraged to pay up their dues soonest.

### **Secretary – Rtn Gwen Vu**

The next BOD meeting to be held on 14 April 2009 at Kinabalu Club at 6.00 p.m. while the next Club Assembly would be held on 22 April 2009.

### **Speaker**

Rtn CP Lim spoke on “EU Standards for imports of fishery products from other countries”.

Rtn CP Lim stressed that the current practice in Sabah was not acceptable to EU and therefore Sabah’s fishery products would not be able to exports to the EU countries unless major efforts to adhere to the EU strict standards were taken. For one, the storing of fishery products during transportation must be 0-2 degree C. The melted water also must not be in contact with the fishery products. For business seafood operators, there are farm management standards and practices that must be adopted including minimum standards on ‘residues and contaminations’. With regards to fishing vessels, there must be toilets ...but regretfully, most of the fishing vessels currently used do not have toilets nor any proper sanitation. Lack of hygiene and cleanliness is a big issue in the State’s fishery sector....



## **PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President Chua Soon Lan** welcomed all our Rotarians before making the following announcements:

1. RI Convention due date was 31 March 2009. To her knowledge, Pres. Valerie from RC Tawau would be attending.
2. Our Club President Citation has been sent off on 31 March 2009.
3. Submitted reports for 5 avenue of service.
4. Also submitted ABO report to DG on Monday.
5. The next Charity Golf meeting to be held on 3 April 2009 at SGCC at 12.30 noon.
6. Program to Taiwan visit has been circulated in the email.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PE Datuk Peter Lim**

For the District Assembly in Melaka on 16-19 April 2009, 7 Rotarians have registered so far. Those who are still interested to contact him.

### **Administration Committee – PP Chang Erh Ling**

Absent with apologies. The dinner list was being circulated and to return to PP Victor Wong.

### **Sports Convenor –Rtn Woo Soo Poo**

Held 8 Mingo games so far. Very close competition. May plan for another game on 25 April 2009.

### **Family of Rotary –PP Johnson Tee**

Would organize a fellowship gathering before the Rotary term ends.

### **CLP/ Membership Committee - PP Philip Chong**

VP Michael is planning to bring a potential new member today but something came up. Will follow-up with VP.

## **DATE OF MEETING : 01 April 2009**

<i>MAKE-UP</i>	<i>ON</i>	<i>AT</i>	<i>FOR</i>
PP Jimmy Liew	3 April 2009	Charity golf Mtg.	25 March 2009
PP Datuk Lee CW	3 April 2009	Charity golf Mtg.	25 March 2009
PP Vincent Tan	3 April 2009	Charity golf Mtg.	25 March 2009
PP Tsen Kui Loi	3 April 2009	Charity golf Mtg.	25 March 2009
PP George B.	3 April 2009	Charity golf Mtg.	1 April 2009
VP Michael Tong	3 April 2009	Charity golf Mtg.	1 April 2009
PP Chang Erh Ling	2 April 2009	Comm. Service-Visit to QEH	1 April 2009

### **PREVIOUS WEEKS' REVISED FIGURES**

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
18/03/09	41 (36)	21	7	77.80%
25/03/09	41 (36)	25	7	84.20%
<b>THIS WEEK</b>				
Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
01/04/09	41 (38)	25	3	73.70%

(Revised attendance rating for March 2009 : 81.50%)



*Newly inducted Rotaian Julianna, behaving really well, with PP Datuk Dr. Johnson Tee watching over her shoulder!*

Presiding	-	President Chua Soon Lan
Secretary	-	Gwen Vu
Treasurer	-	Victor Wong
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	PP Michael Wan
SaA PP Michael rang the bell and called the meeting to order and President Soon Lan led the singing of the Negaraku, and proposed a toast to the health of His Majesty the King.		



Progress of work at the Kg. Lapasan Gravity Feed water supply and Sanitary project was inspected by President Soon Lan, Community Service Director, Rtn Vincent Chua, and Chief Inspector of Works, Rtn Charlie Tan and their spouses on Sunday 4 April.

Top: Rtn Vincent assures all that the storage tank had been installed and piping work completed.

Bottom: The old latrine for the kindergarten will be replaced with a modern one with a proper septic tank.

