

## UPCOMING EVENTS

03 January 2009	Mingo Cup competition at SGCC
14 January 2009	DG's official visit to our club.
15 February 2009	R C Lu Chou Installation
21-22 February	ABO Paitan
6-8 March 2009	RI Presidential Conf. on Child Mortality, Singapore
7-11 March 2009	ABO Pitas (Eye Surgery)
13-15 March 2009	Pan Borneo Meet, Miri City

## Rotary Foundation Thoughts

14) This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about Rotary's Disaster Recovery efforts.

Pakistani Rotarians are bringing education back into the lives of those in Pakistan and India affected by the earthquake of 2005. In Azad Kashmir more than 80% of the schools were either completely destroyed or badly damaged. The local Disaster Recovery Committee in Pakistan decided to focus its efforts on rebuilding schools. They will help rebuild five new, environmentally-friendly schools equipped with electricity, running water, bathroom facilities, and furniture and school supplies. Children and families throughout Azad Kashmir will be profoundly impacted by the efforts of Pakistani Rotarians.

*Every Rotarian, Every Year* – Working together to make life better – for Everyone!

15) This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about the generosity and dedication of our Foundation Alumni.

Former Rotary Peace Fellow from Norway Gert Danielsen, out of a desire to give something back, pledged to donate US\$1,000 every year for the rest of his life to the Rotary Centers program and challenged other peace fellows to do the same. Inspired by Danielsen's generosity, Peace Fellow Scott Lang of the United States took up the challenge and also pledged \$1,000 annually. "My challenge and support reflects a keen desire to give back to the Rotary family now that I am able to do so," Danielsen says. "Giving a gift annually that I know will inspire Rotarians and others to give more and provide peace-building opportunities for even more people is a huge privilege to me." The commitment made by these two Foundation Alumni is a true testament to the quality of the Peace Fellows and the Rotary Centers program.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year 2008 is fast drawing to a close, and over the last 12 months we have seen natural disasters of flooding, earthquake, famine, breakout of diseases and shortage of water.

To top it all up we are faced with the recent financial tsunami and falling oil prices. It has been a really miserable 12 months. However, all these doom and gloom of the year were somewhat offset by the happy events of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and the newly elected President Elect of the USA.

It is now a time to count our blessings and a time to reflect and to make New Year resolutions. It is time to be thankful for many things in this part of the world especially in Sabah, the Land below the Wind.

In case next meeting on 30th December is cancelled, this will be the last issue for 2008. As for the Rotary year, it is time for a mid year review to ensure all our remaining projects are in good progress.

My sincere thanks to all of you and your charming spouses and to everyone in this big Rotary family, I would like to wish all of you a blessed Christmas, good health and a happy new year.

## Happy Birthday ...

PP George Bandusena on 24th December

Rtn T W Wong on 25th December

## Happy Anniversary ...

PP Dr Allan Mathews and Lorna on 17th December

PP Michael Wan and Sophia on 26th December

### Speaker Finders

#### Dec.

23 - PP David Kong

30 - PP Datuk Johnson Tee

#### Jan. 2009

07 - Charlie Tan

14 - Vincent Tan

### 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	44.00
Donations	
Fines, etc.	31.00

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.

**23 December**  
**PP Philip Chong**  
**Vincent Chua**

**30 December**  
**Dr. Ghandi Das**  
**PP Hiew Chee Wah**

Rtn Charlie said he had already had a meeting with Dr. Mutalib who is agreeable to our proposal.

An organizing Committee Meeting will be called next week, including a courtesy call to YB Datuk SURADY, the ADUN for the area.

4. There are no Reports from the other Directors and Club officers.

5. **Secretary Gwen** announced that Pan Borneo Meet will be in Miri City from 13 march 2009 to 15<sup>th</sup> march, 2009



Visiting Rotarians from Singapore and RC Kota Kinabalu



Rotaractors from RaC Likas Bay

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Michael welcomed visitors and Rotarians before making the following announcements:-

**DG official Visit** to our Club is on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2009, beginning at 4pm with meeting with President & Secretary, Rotaract Club, Interact Clubs (and teacher Advisers) to be followed by Club Assembly.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. Club Admin: PP Chang

- Today our guest speaker is PP David Kong
- December Birthday celebrations will be on Dec 23

In view of the forthcoming X'mas and New Year Holidays, our weekly Meeting dates will be re-arranged as follows:

Weekly Meeting on Dec 24 will be brought forward by 1 day ie 23 Dec

Weekly Meeting on Dec 31 will be brought forward by 1 day ie 30 Dec

Sports Convenor Rtn WSP presented the prizes for the Nov and Dec Mingo Cup competition prizes.

Champion for Nov is PP Michael Wan

Champion for Dec is PP David Kong

**2. International Service Director : PP Vincent Tan** announced that the trip to Taipei for our Sister Club's Anniversary Dinner will be from Feb 13 to 17.

There will be more announcements in the near future

**3. Rtn Charlie Tan** briefed the Meeting on the proposed ABO Project in Paitan. PP Jimmy, PP Chang, PE Wong CL and Rtn Charlie went to visit the site on Dec 16. The proposed date is Feb 21 and 22 and the venue will be the Paitan Mini Secretariat.

## DATE OF MEETING : 17th DECEMBER 2008

MAKE-UP	ON	AT	FOR
Pres. Chua Soon Lan	9 Dec 2008	PP Council Mtg	17 Dec 2008
PP Dr. Allan Mathews	9 Dec 2008	PP Council Mtg	17 Dec 2008
IPP Peter Yapp	9 Dec 2008	PP Council Mtg	17 Dec 2008
PP Tsen Kui Loi	16 Dec 2008	e-Club	17 Dec 2008
Rtn Datuk Peter Lim	17 Dec 2008	Incoming BOD mtg.	10 Dec 2008
PP Tsen Kui Loi	16 Dec 2008	e-Club	3 Dec 2008
Rtn Datuk Dr. Das	17 Dec 2008	Incoming BOD mtg.	17 Dec 2008
PP Tsen Kui Loi	16 Dec 2008	e-Club	10 Dec 2008

### PREVIOUS WEEKS' REVISED FIGURES

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
03/12/08	41 (39)	22	7	74.40%
10/12/08	41 (39)	27	3	76.90%

### THIS WEEK

Date	Membership	Present	Make-ups	Rating %
17/12/08	41 (39)	22	5	69.20%

### VISITORS

PP Tay Wei Lien	-	RC Singapore West
Rtn Philip Won	-	RC Kota Kinabalu
Rtn Jack Ong	-	RC Kota Kinabalu
Rtn Paul Thien	-	RC Kota Kinabalu
Rtn George Ngui	-	RC Kota Kinabalu
IPP James Jupinon	-	RC Kota Kinabalu
Rtn Tan Yew Lin	-	RC Kota Kinabalu
Rtn James Quek	-	RC Kota Kinabalu
Rtr Wesley Chua	-	RAC Likas Bay
PP Lina Chin	-	RAC Likas Bay
IPP Veronica Chin	-	RAC Likas Bay
Pres. Esther Chong	-	RAC Likas Bay
Rtr. Dennis	-	RAC Likas Bay
Rtr Michelle Chong	-	RAC Likas Bay

Presiding	-	Vice President Michael Tong
Secretary	-	Gwen Vu
Treasurer	-	Victor Wong
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Datuk Lee Chuen Wan (Acting)
Acting SaA Dtk Lee rang the bell and called the meeting to order and VP Michael led the singing of the Negaraku, and proposed a toast to the health of His Majesty the King.		



For AG PP David Kong, being Mingo Champ for December is especially sweet, not only because this is his maiden win after 7 years in the club, but also that he has enjoyed the generous contributions from his flight mates!



For the other vanquished, likes PP Victor Wong, the Wooden Spoon winner of November, it was a long long time since he has sucked milk from a baby bottle!!



Top and Left: Rotarians from RC Likas Bay joined the activities of the Likas Children Hospital in a party for the former patients of the Pedaetric ward.

Bottom: Rotarian Charlie wasted no time in organising the proposed ABO at Paitan by calling a first Sub-committee meeting on 22 Dec.

