

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 04 Oct.    | District Membership Seminar, Kota Kinabalu     |
| 08 Nov     | Career Guidance Seminar, Kudat                 |
| 14-18 Nov. | 18th District Conference, Empire Hotel, Brunei |

## TWO QUESTIONS

By Frank Deaver, Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, Alabama USA

Putting aside for the moment all the detail of Rotary Service, much of it minor, even trivial, only two questions are of critical importance: "Where am I?" "What time is it?"

The short answers are "HERE" and "NOW."

For Rotarians, "HERE" is where you are. For Rotarians "HERE" is almost everywhere. With more than 32,000 Rotary Clubs in nearly 200 countries, and with more than 1.2 million Rotarians in all those clubs and countries, Rotary is indeed scattered all over the face of the globe. The sun never sets on Rotarians, nor on a Rotary meeting, nor on a Rotary project.

When a government or Non-Government Organization (NGO) responds to a natural disaster, it must inevitably gather its equipment and materials, and travel a considerable distance to be on-site. But wherever there is a need or a service opportunity, Rotarians are not far away, and often are among the first to offer assistance.

It may be a catastrophic event – hurricane, earthquake, flood, or tsunami. It may simply be an ongoing local opportunity – a literacy program, health care, equipping a playground, or mentoring school children. Rotarians have the ability to be among the first to arrive, and when distant service entities have packed up and left, Rotarians are still there.

For Rotarians "NOW" is always "now," a constant, a moment in time. An oft-repeated quotation asserts that "The past is history; the future is uncertain; the present is the only thing we have." During this month of August, 2008, the short form of expressing one of its days is 08/08/08. That exact combination only appears once each century. Rotarians and Rotary Clubs must seize the "now," for it may not present itself again for a long time, perhaps never.

Although the opportunity for Rotary service is ever-present, we sometimes fail to recognize a need if it is not a sudden disaster. Within the shadow of any Rotary Club there are certain to be homeless people in need of shelter, hungry people in need of food, bright young people in need of aid to continue their education. Past RI President Bob Barth said being a Rotarian means: "You can rely on me. I am dependable. I am available. I give more than I take. I add value. I serve." Implicit in his eloquent assertion is that Rotarians must take advantage of service opportunities where they are, and without delay. "Where am I?" "What time is it?"

I am HERE. The time is NOW.

# G E L O M B A N G

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LIKAS BAY



**Make Dreams Real**



2008/09

*September is New Generations Month*

03 Sept. 2008

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As part of the family of Rotary, Interact Clubs are encouraged to participate in Rotary's US \$ 100 Million Challenge by firstly establish a program on Polio eradication and secondly conduct a fundraiser in the community. I am sure our NGS director and

his team will guide our Interactors to carry out these programs.

Over 31/8, NGD Rtn Chu Lai and I joined our Rotaractors on a fact finding trip to Kundasang to visit the Don Bosco orphanage and Sabah Tea plantation to prepare for their joint project with the Rotaractors from NUS Singapore in December 2008 for the said orphanage. It was a fruitful and enjoyable trip. My appreciation goes to the hard working Rotaractors who have sacrificed their public holiday ie 31<sup>st</sup> August, a clear demonstration of "service above self".

I would like to accord my appreciation to our Likas Bayers for helping to achieve another 100% attendance rate for 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008. The success of the club is success of its members who clearly demonstrated the spirit of a true Rotarian's willingness to always walk the extra mile.

Today I learned a new term and concept called "Appreciation Education" as opposed to "Complaint Education". It is certainly an eye opener as it can apply to us Rotarians too. We will invite the speaker to give a talk to our club very soon for the benefit of all members and spouses.

## Happy Birthday

K P Lu on 2 September

## Congratulations to Rtn Aldrin Wong and Mun Mun

on the birth of their baby boy

**ISAAC ZOEL WONG** on 28 August 2008

### Speaker Finders

September:

3 K H Lim

10 Woo Soo Poo

17 PP Johnson Tee

24 Rotary Information KP Lu

### 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. | 114.00 |

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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Taidin Suhaimin**

**Vincent Tan**

**10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Dtk Dr Ghandi Das**

**Wong Chu Lai**

### Public Relations Chairman Datuk Lee Chuen Wan

The write-up on the Vocational Service Award will be publicised in the Press shortly. The Kg. Lapasan Gravity Water Feed project will also be publicised as soon as the relevant information become available.

### Service Projects Committee - PP Ir. Jimmy Liew

#### Community Service Director: Rtn Vincent Chua

Last Sunday we launched our Gravity Water Feed Project at Kg. Lapasan. There were 12 Rotarians from R C of Lu Chou including DG Kega. More than 100 villagers were present. Rtn Charlie and I will study the quotations. The project should be completed before the end of the year.

Rtn. Charlie Tan expressed his and his wife's thanks to Rotarians for their words of encouragement at the recent demise of his mother-in-law / mother.

Rtn Charlie Tan then reported on the ongoing Kg. Pahu Sanitation project. There are 4 or 5 toilets left to be installed. Phase 2 handover will be done after Hari Raya. I will go there this Sunday to fix a proper time with them.

### New Generation Service: Rtn Wong Chu Lai

The Rotaractors will be making a trip to Ranau to present a wheel-chair to a handi-capped child. Members will be kept informed about Interact and Rotaract on egroup.



**Treasurer: PP Victor Wong** : Statement has been circulated to all members. Pl arrange for payment asap.

**President Esther Chong** - Rotaract Club of Likas Bay, informed members that the Rotaract club will be visiting Kg. Bongkud in Ranau to donate a wheelchair to a child. They will also be visiting the Don Bosco home to determine what they need for their December visit.

### Speaker PP Rtr Lina Chin

Rtr Lina gave a powerpoint presentation of her trip to Ohio as part of the GSE team led by AG Christiana Aluda. They visited 7 Rotary clubs during their stay, the biggest and oldest club being the R C of Dayton with 150 Rotarians.

All in, she stayed with 5 host families. She was privileged to witness the cicada season which only happens once every 7 years. She was also amazed at the food, particularly at the huge portions which they served.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Soon Lan welcomed Rotarians and Rotaractors before making the following announcements:-

1. Birthday Celebration: Birthday cake for Rotarians born in the month of August - PP Tsen Kui Loi and PP Johnson Tee. Unfortunately PP Tsen is unable to be here today so PP Johnson will have to cut the cake by himself. (*Cheesecake kindly made by PP Chang Erh Ling's Ann.*)

2. Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge: Rotary's leadership in the polio eradication effort was recognized in 2007 with a \$100 million challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The funds must be spent during the 2008 calendar year on immunization and other polio eradication initiatives and matched within three years. Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge is a three-year fund-raising effort to match the grant. Each of the nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs in the world is being asked to raise at least \$1,000 annually for the challenge, which ends 31 December 2010. The \$200 million generated by the grant and match will be a vital catalyst to help achieve

3. Our heartfelt condolences to Rtn Charlie Tan who'se mother-in-law passed away recently.

4. A lot of thanks are in order. Firstly thank you to all the Rotarians who were at the KKIA to welcome Lu Chou Rotarians on their return from Sandakan. Thanks also to Rotarians who put together the Powerpoint presentation on our silver jubilee celebration as well as to the Rotaractors who contributed to the entertainment on the evening. Thanks also to Dr. Das who gave us all an early Deepavali! Thank you also to PP Chio for the article on our club's history.

5. Silver Jubilee photos are with me. Will bring them next week.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLUBADMIN COMMITTEE: PP Chang

**Club Speaker:** Rtn KP Lu will be talking on Rotary Information on 24/09.

**Club Attendance :** We have achieved 100% attendance on 13,8/08!

### Membership committee: PP Philip Chong

We have just had a meeting of the Membership Development Committee.

PP Oh reported that the Seminar on Membership Development will be held at the International Hotel from 8.00 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 4th October.

## DATE OF MEETING : 27th August 2008

| MAKE-UP          | ON          | AT                 | FOR         |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| VP Michael Tong  | 24 Aug 2008 | Kg. Lampasan visit | 27 Aug 2008 |
| PE Peter Lim     | 24 Aug 2008 | Kg. Lampasan visit | 27 Aug 2008 |
| Rtn Ho Shi Yin   | 24 Aug 2008 | Kg. Lampasan visit | 27 Aug 2008 |
| Rtn Aldrin Wong  | 24 Aug 2008 | Kg. Lampasan visit | 27 Aug 2008 |
| Rtn Alex Pang    | 25 Aug 2008 | e-club             | 20 Aug 2008 |
| Rtn Wong CC      | 28 Aug 2008 | e-club             | 20 Aug 2008 |
| Rtn Maureen Lind | 29 Aug 2008 | e-club             | 20 Aug 2008 |

### PREVIOUS WEEKS' REVISED FIGURES

| Date     | Membership | Present | Make-ups | Rating % |
|----------|------------|---------|----------|----------|
| 13/08/08 | 42 (40)    | 30      | 9        | 100.00%  |
| 20/08/08 | 42 (40)    | 28      | 9        | 94.90%   |

### THIS WEEK

| Date     | Membership | Present | Make-ups | Rating % |
|----------|------------|---------|----------|----------|
| 27/08/08 | 42 (40)    | 24      | 4        | 71.20%   |

### VISITORS

|                        |   |                |
|------------------------|---|----------------|
| President Esther Chong | - | RAC Likas Bay  |
| IPP Veronica Chin      | - | RAC Likas Bay  |
| IPDRR Lina Chin        | - | RAC Likas Bay  |
| PP Jason Ho            | - | RAC Likas Bay  |
| PP Juliana Tokuzip     | - | RAC Likas Bay  |
| PP Yvonne Tan          | - | RAC Likas Bay  |
| Wesley Chua            | - | RAC Likas Bay  |
| Dr. S. Rajah           | - | Hospital Likas |

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| Presiding   | - | President Chua Soon Lan |
| Secretary   | - | Gwen Vu                 |
| Treasurer   | - | Victor Wong             |
| Sergeant-at-Arms  | - | PP Michael Wan          |
| SaA 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. |   |                         |



Top: President Soon Lan presented a memento to DG Edward at the 25 Ammiversary celebrations.  
 Left: RAC Likas Bay Rotaractors were in full force in support of their sponsor club, RC Likas Bay, during the Anniversary celebrations, where they presented songs and dances. Bottom left: Donation of wheel chair to a Ranau kid, and visit of the Don Bosco home at Bundu Duhan.



Top: Visitors from Lu Chou at the welcome dinner, and also at Dr. Ghandi Das' residence for fellowship before their flight back to Taipei.  
 Bottom left: A pix with the pretty maidens of Kg. Lapsan Ulu.  
 Bottom: Fellowship golf with Lu Chou visitors at Karambunai Golf Resort.

