



# ROTARY CONNECTS



## District Newsletter RY2022-23



### District Governor's Message



*DG Joanne Kam Huey Jiuan  
2022-23 District Governor  
Rotary District 3310  
Get to know more about Joanne here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uM61CuoYv5c>*

We had the first launch of Step Up to End Polio in RY2020-21 when PDG Rajamohan Munisamy was the District Governor then. That was carried out amidst Covid restrictions where no more than groups of 5 can gather and walk in our chosen venue in the Jurong Lake Gardens. This year we are blessed to have as guest of honour to flag off this event Rotary International President-elect Gordon McNally with the 2024 Rotary International team in Singapore.

Similar launch activities on Step Up to End Polio had also been carried out throughout our District in Kota Kinabalu, Kuching, Johor Bahru and Brunei on 21 August 2022 Sunday,

Step up to End Polio is a fund raiser for Polio Plus Fund but it also serves to help members bond and engage during this 8 week challenge. Last but not least, we hope to promote a healthy lifestyle for all in our District too.

We are also launching The PolioPlus Society for our District. The first 100 charter members would commit to donating US1K to the Polio Fund from now till 16 October 2022.

The first 100 charter members will have a customised poster done up that can be posted and circulated freely by the recipient in their social media platforms. They will also receive a PolioPlus Society pin

In view of strong initial response we have ordered additional pins so the first 150 sign ups will be awarded a PolioPlus Society pin as well.

All you need to do is to register for this program, donate the first US\$1000 to PolioPlus Fund and express interest to donate US\$100 each year until Polio is eradicated.

Thank you for your support and continue to do good to save lives.

# PRESIDENTIAL MONTHLY MESSAGE

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**Jennifer Jones**  
**President 2022-23**  
**Rotary International**

## September 2022

Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where we met wonderful fellow Rotary members and families who unofficially adopted me as “Tía Jennifer.” On the third day, after visiting Patzún in the mountainous western highlands, we set out for Lake Atitlán, which we needed to reach by nightfall. If we took a back road we could get there faster. Locals told us it had just been repaved and assured us, “You’ll have no problem.”

At first, it was a breeze. We wound through misty-green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But at a river crossing, we found a bridge washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and, thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in Rotary. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. And two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honored to learn from our Rotary family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective Imagine Rotary year.

# TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

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**Ian H.S. Riseley**  
**Trustee Chair 2022-23**  
**Rotary International**

## September 2022

One of my favorite books, *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson, muses on the creation of the universe and how a tiny speck of it we call Earth went from being a fiery ball with seas of molten rock to the lush green-and-blue home we know today. Bryson's argument is that it is a miracle that we – our planet and our species – have survived. "We enjoy not only the privilege of existence," Bryson writes, "but also the singular ability to appreciate it and even, in a multitude of ways, to make it better."

We are fortunate to be able to read his words or any others. And we are fortunate to be part of an organization that is making our world a better place by helping those who can't read them. There are an estimated 773 million illiterate adults – most of them women – who can't read these words or write their own name. They are at a clear disadvantage in life, with limited opportunities to work. And this situation isn't their fault.

Rotary has not forgotten them. In September, let's celebrate Basic Education and Literacy Month by looking at the long-term impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are making and how we are finding ways to lend a hand in the effort.

Last year alone, The Rotary Foundation approved 104 global grants totaling \$6.3 million for basic education and literacy projects, according to preliminary figures. This is on top of decades of work in our clubs and districts. As an Australian, I'm especially proud of the work of Dick Walker, a past district governor from Queensland, who used a Foundation matching grant to develop the concentrated language encounter method that has been adopted by educational leaders around the world.

At the community level, our clubs are well known for book drives that have changed the lives of so many children. But when we gather many clubs and districts together and work on large-scale Rotary Foundation projects, we have the potential to impact entire communities for generations.

The opportunities for Rotary to make a difference in literacy are boundless. Once basic reading and writing is achieved, it opens a path to other types of literacy, such as numerical literacy, digital literacy, and financial literacy.

Let's not squander our opportunity to improve our corner of the universe. I encourage you to think big about literacy and education and change the world – this month and beyond.

# AUGUST PROJECTS

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## HAPPY MEALS RC E-CLUB OF 3310

Weekly Sundays - Happy Meals packet food distribution started since April 2021 and 7,555 meals have been given out every Sunday from 11.30am to 12.30pm. These meals have been given out to nearby residents who are needy as well as the needy poor who are present along Waterloo Street. The project had initially started in January 2021 with 600 meals per month given out over a year to Swami Home residents. This was extended to other homes and concurrently new venues sprouted up such as this one at Waterloo Street.

- FB Link : [https://fb.watch/fob5z\\_KwCt/](https://fb.watch/fob5z_KwCt/)

## AQUAPONIC FARMING RC KINABALU SUTERA

20/8/22- Members the Rotary Club of Kinabalu Sutera and friends, led by President Chaw Zie Der, visited the Urban Farm at Kg Ganang in Penampang, Sabah.

The purpose of the visit was for visitors to know about aquaponic farming. The visit comes under the Club Vocational Service Project. Basically, aquaponic is farming using water and fertiliser derived from fish discharge. Aquaponic farming possesses tremendous potential in providing food security, pesticide-free farm produce and employment opportunity for the community.

FB Link <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.5690950824270903&type=3>



## BEACH CLEAN-UP RC KULAI

20/8/22 - RC Kulai, AIESEC, UTM & JIC(Southkey) came together, volunteering their time and effort in maintaining the environment. The beach cleaning project was held at Pantai Tanjung Tumpat, Desaru. Over 80 participants have played their part in the beach cleaning activities.

Last but not least " We don't want to live in a trash can, Stop making it one".

Hope to have more joint organisation activities so that we can make a difference to the community.

FB Link: <https://www.facebook.com/RCKulai/posts/pfbid033NPtdM2KBeJgURmER3HboAQCeGLusXkazzhcVeu7Fg5fF87q2EojeJ2ax3YcjhmNI>



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## GIFT OF SIGHT 2.0 SABAH RC CLUBS IN SABAH

21/08/22, seven Rotary Clubs led by RC Likas Bay collaborated with Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kota Kinabalu to conduct a free eye screening for the public at Pitas, Kota Marudu. The campaign labelled as "Kempen Hapuskan Katarak", was jointly organised by Queen Elizabeth Hospital Ophthalmology Clinic, and RC Likas Bay. Funding came from the Rotary Global Grant (No. 2122413) that Past District Governor Philip Chong painstakingly applied for, under RC Likas Bay "Gift of Sight 2.0" project.

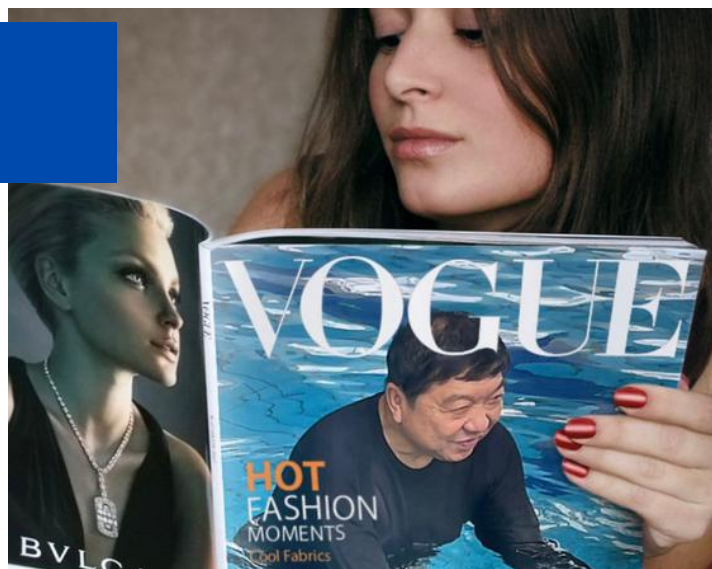
The six Clubs that joined RC Likas Bay for the program were:-

- 1) RC Kota Kinabalu
- 2) RC Tanjung Aru
- 3) RC Kinabalu Sutera
- 4) RC Luyang
- 5) RC Kota Kinabalu Pearl
- 6) RC Kota Kinabalu Mandarin

## AQUATHERAPY RC NOVENA

Every Wednesday PP Chris Bek rounds up 20 abled bodied volunteers from among Rotarians aged 20 to 70 to be trained to help out for aquatherapy sessions for stroke patients. RC Novena has also extended the program to cover cycling for Stroke Patients.

For this project, Capt Chris Bek also got featured in the cover of Vogue magazine!



## SCHOOL UPGRADE RC JOHOR BAHRU

28/08/22 RC Johor Bahru partnered with OCBC Bank to undertake essential upgrades for SMK Infant Jesus Convent at Johor Bahru.

The school received the much-needed upgrade including an air conditioner for it's new meeting room, learning equipment such as projectors for the classrooms and computer printers and whiteboards. With this, it's 160 students will be able to have easy access to online materials on the projectors and a more conducive learning experience.

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Link:<https://www.facebook.com/rcjb3310/photos/pcb.5356262784411396/5356250974412577>

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## ENGAGE WITH DISABLED RC SUNTEC CITY

07/08/22 RC Suntec City engaged with THK Home for Disabled at Sembawang to form Singapore's largest word formation made of crushed paper balls measuring 4.5m x 0.7m

This was a joint project with RC Novena.

FB Link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/rcsunteccity/photos/pcb.10159460149079215/10159460147459215/>

## CHARITY FUND RAISER RC KUCHING

31/08//22 The Rotary Club of Kuching continues to support the Salvation Army by participating in its charity sales held at Association Churches of Sarawak today.

This event made a big comeback after a two-year hiatus due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

RCK sold chicken rice for this event. The funds raised would enable Salvation Army to continue helping those in need.

FBLink:<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubkuching/photos/pcb.5622540247791996/5622537987792222>



## COOK AND CHEER RC PANDAN BALLEY

24/08/22 RC Pandan Valley Community Service Director Reena Rajamohan organised this Cook and Cheer event at Dignity Kitchen. We saw the differently abled at work in the food court, learnt sign language to communicate on what drinks we would like to order, prepared cookies for baking to give away and rojak to serve to 30 elderly from Sunlove Senior Activity center in Whampoa.

FB Link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubPandanValley/photos/pcb.8624954134188696/8623889637628479/>



# MEMBERSHIP

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### **State of Membership as of 22 September 2022 by PP Foo Kok Hing.**

Greetings from D3310 Membership Development Team. As everyone knows the importance of Membership as the #1 internal priority of ROTARY International. Our Members are our greatest assets. We must focus on the comfort & care of our members by creating welcome environment.

1/7/2021: 2118 Members; 1/7/2022: 2221 Members; 22/9/2022: 2288 Members  
1/7/2021 - 30/6/2022: Net change 103; 1/7/2022 -22/9/2022: Net change 67

Membership profile on Growth and Retention as of 30 June 2022: Growth: 4.86%  
Retention: Existing Member 99.77%; New Member: 86.02

For ROTARY Year 2022/23: No of Clubs 73; New Club: 1 - RC of Peace Builders Singapore

As usual, we will continue with our Membership Appreciation Awards for New Member Sponsors ( t shirts and special lapel pin from USA)

Thank you all for your great efforts in growing Rotary in our region.



21/08/2022 - Rotary Club of Peace Builders Singapore's Charter Evening with Charter President Anil Changaroth who came out from The Rotary Club of Pandan Valley to set up the first cause-based club in District 3310 for Peace Building. Chartered Certificate was officially received on 5 August, 2022. District Governor Joanne Kam was present to officiate this evening together with Guest of Honour, Rotary International President-elect Gordon McInally, partner Heather, 2024 RI Convention International Committee Chair PDG Jennifer Scott and Vice Chair PRID Jeffry Cadorette, 24 committee representatives and other Rotarian guests and friends.

# HEALTH CARE WORKERS WEEK 21 - 27 AUG

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Rotary's COVID-19 Task Force has designated 21-27 August 2022 as Health Care Workers Week. Rotary International encourage Rotary and Rotaract clubs to use this time to recognize the work of health care professionals in their clubs and in their communities.

In our District, we started this show of appreciation by Celebrating Our Healthcare Heroes. The project was organised by PP Agnes Kwek, Vocational Service Committee Singapore Regional Chair, working with all the Rotary Clubs in Singapore.

This year's Nurses Day poster photo was captured by DGN Dr Yap Lip Kee, designed by Community Service Director Rtn Sonali from RC Singapore and signed off by DG Joanne Kam.

From 27th July to 15th August, more than 21,000 nurses received Gerbera Daisies as an appreciation by Rotary, for their relentless effort and their contribution to our community. Many clubs stepped forward to help distribute the flowers to 120 hospitals and other Healthcare Institutions.

Additionally to honour more than 43,000 nurses in Singapore, Rotarians posted in social media,- appreciation messages, hand gestures " Thank You Nurses " and #healthcareheroes. These messages were picked up and flashed on Ten Square billboard at Selegie Road for 2 weeks.

The Singapore Ministry of Health website showed appreciation to Singapore's 23 clubs for the contribution of Gerberas and Singapore Pool for their Breakfast Vouchers.





# ROTARACT

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21/08/22 Project Kamleang (Global Grant Project)

RI District 3310 Rotaract is privileged to work with a group of diverse partners in empowering 300 young women who are at risk of exploitation.

In a Global Grant Project, under the Rotary Club of Raffles City, 4 Rotaract clubs conducted various needs assessments for Project Kamleang last year as part of phase 1 and will head into phase 2 soon.

During the assessment, the clubs identified the needs of the beneficiaries and conducted English classes, and imparted vocational skills training to the beneficiaries



# INTERACT

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27/08/2022 - Kota Kinabalu. More than 1,000 students, parents and teacher advisors thronged the Tun Mustapha Auditorium to witness the first physical annual Bakat Interact 2022 recently.

SM Stella Maris won Best Performance for this year's bakat. See YouTube video :[https://youtu.be/M\\_G\\_1DgYQs](https://youtu.be/M_G_1DgYQs). Best Dancing went to SM La Salle. Best teamwork went to SM Maktab Sabah.

Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu organised this event with nine interact clubs involved in the band and dance competition.



# END POLIO NOW

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21/8/2022- Step Up to End Polio was launched throughout out district from Singapore, Kota Kinabalu, Kuching, Johor Bahru and Brunei on 21 August, Sunday to kick start the 8- week Step Challenge from 21 August 2022 to 16 October 2022. A total of 318 signed up for the Steps Challenge ranging from 250,000 steps to 1,500,000 steps.

The PolioPlus Society was introduced. Members here would donate US\$1000 by 16 October this year and commit to contribute US\$100 each year until Polio is eradicated. 84 Rotarians have signed up to-date. The first 100 charter members from District 3310 will be recognised with a customised "This Close" poster and the special PolioPlus pins have been ordered for additional 50 supporters of this program.

A Drive to End Polio is currently planned for Oct 14 to 17. This Drive will start from Singapore to Johor Bahru, Pontian, Tangkak, Melaka, Muar, Kluang, Mersing and Batu Pahat. Rotarians can join at any of the 8 check points that will be activity packed with connections to Rotary Clubs in that area. The last check point will end with a mass Zumba workout with 1500 participants organised by RC Batu Pahat.

Overall for this year, we hope to raise US\$150k this year to do our part to eradicate Polio.



# NEW MEMBERS

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A very warm welcome to our new Rotary Club members admitted in August 2022 (based on data from My Rotary as of 31 August 2022):

### **Rotary Club of Bandar Penggaram Mandarin**

Lau, Shi Ying Joyce  
Kerk, Lee Hua  
Ng, Wee Yen  
Eng, Shirley

### **Rotary Club of Batu Pahat**

Tan, Patricia Ching Wen

### **Rotary Club of Bugis Junction**

Jensen, Anette Brinch

### **Rotary E-Club of 3310**

Kabir, Jahedul (July update)

### **Rotary Club of Kinabalu South**

Wong, James Kein Peng (July update)

### **Rotary Club of Kuching Unity City**

Lai, Audrey Jin Chun (July update)  
Dato' Su, Chung Jye Dominic (July update)

### **Rotary Club of Luyang**

Sidhu, Devraj

### **Rotary Club of Raffles City**

Ho, Kar Wah (July update)  
Chen, Liz Junjie (July update)  
Chong, Kelvin Keegan  
Ng, Shi Ling Theresa  
Pany, Murali

### **Rotary Club of Singapore**

Ng, Suzanne Hui Hiang

### **Rotary Club of Singapore Heartlands**

Agarwal, Rakhi  
Kapoor, Sneha  
Mishra, Manoj Kumar  
Mishra, Sanjiv  
Mundayil, Mujeeb Rahiman  
Muthukaruppan Kadappan  
Tapadia, Archana

### **Rotary Club of Yong Peng**

Ng Yaw Hong

Our appreciation and congratulations to the July month New Member Sponsors (based on data from My Rotary as of 31 August 2022):

### **Rotary Club of Bandar Penggaram Mandarin**

PP Christina Chin Lee Mee  
Rtn. Fo Bee Yim  
Rtn. Caroline Tay Siok Ngim

### **Rotary Club of Batu Pahat**

PP Foo Kok Hing

### **Rotary Club of Bugis Junction**

Rtn. Paul Heng  
Rtn. Tan Keng Keng

### **Rotary E-Club of 3310**

Rtn. Mitul Moniruzzaman

### **Rotary Club of Kinabalu South**

PP Ling Hang Tze (July update)

### **Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl**

Rtn. Rosie Chong

### **Rotary Club of Kota Melaka**

Rtn. Zainal Akbar bin Abdul Samad

### **Rotary Club of Kuching Unity City**

Rtn. Lim Yieng Kung  
Rtn. Ngo Sie Haw

### **Rotary Club of Luyang**

PP Francis Chan  
PP Kenneth Tan

### **Rotary Club of Raffles City**

PP Brian Tan Heng Khuan  
PP Kesavapany K.

### **Rotary Club of Singapore**

PE Dr. Chan Siew Luen

### **Rotary Club of Singapore Heartlands**

President Preeti Dubey  
Rtn. Ravikumar Annadurai

### **Rotary Club of Yong Peng**

IPP Chan Kok Shu

# Monthly Theme : SEPTEMBER

## BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month,

Rotary supports activities and training that improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

We enable members to help people obtain sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

- Supporting programs that strengthen a community's ability to provide basic education and literacy to all
- Increasing adult literacy
- Working to reduce gender disparity in education
- Funding graduate scholarships for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy.

The Foundation considers the following activities to be within the scope of basic education and literacy:

- Projects that demonstrate improved academic outcomes for early childhood, primary, and secondary students, including for students with physical or developmental disabilities, that are achieved by focusing on:
  - Teaching skills for educators
  - Learning materials (the curriculum)
  - The learning environment, including facilities
  - Before- and after-school programs and tutoring programs
- Projects that demonstrate improved literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy skills for adults

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

One of the best resources available to grant applicants is the Rotary grants staff.

In addition to their professional expertise and education, grants staff members draw on The Rotary Foundation's long experience in funding effective projects to make sure your global grant projects are eligible for funding.

Rotary has an array of other project planning resources to help members find answers at various steps of the process. These resources can help you plan a successful project, find support for your efforts, promote your work, and evaluate its impact.

You can also find information to help you plan for your basic education and literacy global grant in:

- [A Guide to Global Grants](#)
- [Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation Global Grants](#)
- [Areas of Focus Policy Statements](#)
- [Six Steps to Sustainability](#) • [Global Grant Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Supplement](#)
- [Global Grant Lifecycle](#)
- [Basic Education and Literacy Project Strategies](#)

Reference Link: <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/guide-global-grants>

# Share your Rotary stories and club projects in future newsletters!

By PP Elsie Chua, D3310 Communications Chair  
RY2022-23

Dear Rotarians,

A template had been set up in Google Classroom for Presidents, Public Image Chairs to get in to share stories for the newsletter by the 21st of each month. Content will be curated here to capture key happenings in our District each month. Please do go into this link:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTA3MDUwNDIzMTA0?cjc=rfsal2s> to participate actively.

Thank you for your support and if you have any feedback please email me at [elsie.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:elsie.rotary@gmail.com)

## Major Events/Activities

DATE	ACTIVITIES
24 Oct 2022	World Polio Day (Be involved in Step Up Challenge and look out for further District Activities)
2 Nov 2022	Foundation Million Dollar Dinner
25-27 Nov 2022	Pan Borneo Meet
2- 4 Dec 2022	YAS Island Rotary Institute Abu Dhabi <a href="https://2022yasislandrotaryinstitute.org/">https://2022yasislandrotaryinstitute.org/</a>
18 Feb 2023	Rotary District 3310's Day of Service
23 Feb 2023	Rotary's Anniversary. World Understanding and Peace Day
12 - 14 May 2023	District 3310 Conference at the Angsana Laguna Phuket
27-31 May 2023	Rotary International Convention, Melbourne, Australia. 149 in our District has registered to-date! <a href="https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne/register?gclid=Cj0KCQjw852XBhC6ARIsAJsFPN0qAJkgxafErltuX-e4yGUoK7h08vpJFoaOeqMY53iMqWd_0HRFFn0aAlidEALw_wcB">https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne/register?gclid=Cj0KCQjw852XBhC6ARIsAJsFPN0qAJkgxafErltuX-e4yGUoK7h08vpJFoaOeqMY53iMqWd_0HRFFn0aAlidEALw_wcB</a>

Please register and block out your calendar for these events