



DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER MAY 2009



Rotary International District 3310: Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

AS FATHER TIME CATCHES UP...

FATHER TIME is catching up on us fast! Just felt like only yesterday that we had our District Assembly in Kota Kinabalu; and there it was again, last month in Melaka, except this time, I had the honour of passing on the 'heavy chain of office and responsibility' to my successor, incoming District Governor, Datuk Hj. Latip Saruggi, from Rotary Club of Kota Melaka.

It was a mixed feeling of sadness and gladness. Sadness, because I will miss working with all my District leaders and my club Presidents, and all the other wonderful Rotarians I got to know so well.

Gladness, because I will be 'relieved' of my duties as the District Governor. No more correspondences from RI, from clubs, from district leaders, requiring my urgent attention! No more the burden of responsibility to ensure the District functions as effectively as possible during my year of governorship; no more the dread of seeing a Club falters and struggles vainly to function; no more the stressful last minute requests for speeches, messages, etc., I will now have fewer grey hairs and more time to pursue healthy interests, like golf.

BUT then again, upon reflection, I had a wonderful year. I served to the best of my ability and I was rewarded by the fantastic responses of my Club Presidents and district leaders. They made the district and their clubs alive and vibrant, with increase in membership, excellent Rotary Foundation contributions (with 24 major donors!) and with many meaningful projects.

The Club Presidents helped to fulfil the goals established by the District in the beginning of the year at the PETs and District Assembly. Short of

blowing our own trumpet, yes, it turned out to be the most eventful and memorable Rotary year for me and for all of us who served to 'Make Dreams Real'.

Undoubtedly, the most memorable event of the year would have to be the InterCity Meet in Singapore on March 6. It was where we not only had the presence of RI President D.K. Lee and RI First Lady, Young Ja, and other RI Directors, but also the illustrious MM Lee Kuan Yew. RI President D.K. presented Rotary's Highest Award of Honour to MM Lee on that occasion.

Rotary aside, what was most memorable for me and my family would have to be the marriage of our second daughter, Edina, on May 1; **AND** on May 2, our first daughter, Edna, gave birth to our second grandson, Rovilson. These would be a double joy to remember my year as District Governor for RI District 3310 (*I take this opportunity to thank all my Rotarian friends for their well wishes and gifts!*).

These joyous occasions **made our dreams real!**

Yours in Rotary,

Edward Sung Burongoh

MAKE DREAMS REAL



Newly-wed couple,
Peterson and Edina



Newly-born Rovilson
with the mother, Edna,
and family members

"THEY WHO SERVE BEST, ENJOY ROTARY MOST"

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT(2008-09)

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

- **DIST's GOAL for clubs: conduct activities to strengthen effective operation of the club.**
- Implementation of club leadership plan:
- 61 out of 66 clubs 'adopted' CLP with modifications allowed
- Dist's emphasis on membership and TRF
- 34 clubs applied for presidential citations
- 42 clubs vied for district awards

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- **DIST'S GOAL: develop and implement comprehensive plan to recruit and retain members.**
- Four successful membership development seminars
- Started with 1696 members in 65 clubs
- Nett gain of about 100 members
- 'weak' clubs appointed membership chair(one club with 9 members achieved 55.5% growth)
- One new club was chartered –RC of Sentosa Singapore

ROTARY FOUNDATION

- **DIST'S GOAL: support TRF through both financial contributions and program participation**
- 24 major donors
- Total TRF contributions as at **April 30, 2009**: USD290,000
 - Annual giving: USD163,000
 - Restricted fund: USD98,000
 - Permanent fund: USD29,000
 - APF per capita: USD95.00
- Two PHF clubs : RC Bandar Seri Begawan, RC Jurong Town
- EREY clubs : RC Pandan Valley, RC Marina City, RC Kuching Jaya
- GSE team to and from Denmark
- Matching grants stopped(DDF balance brought forward : USD40,000)
- Donations to polio plus:
 - DDF: USD12,000
 - Total to date: USD47,262(ranked number two in zone 6b)

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- **DIST'S GOAL: develop and implement plan to provide information to public about Rotary and to promote club's service projects**
- Most of the Malaysian Clubs received fantastic media coverage for their projects/activities
- Singapore and foreign media gave excellent coverage of the intercity meet in Singapore with President DK Lee and MM Lee Kuan Yew.
- Clubs are setting up websites and blogs
- E-newsletters are coming up

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION SUBMISSIONS:

34 ROTARY CLUBS
12 ROTARACT CLUBS
12 INTERACT CLUBS

SOME MEMORABLE EVENTS:

- PETS/dist assembly in Kota Kinabalu with a record 400+ attendance;
- First time district conference in Brunei at the 7-star Empire Hotel
- Intercity meet in Singapore, attended by RI President DK Lee and MM Lee Kuan Yew, who received Rotary's highest award of honor(600+ attendance)

District Awards

BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT AWARD IN:

- WATER:** ROTARY CLUB OF KOTA KINABALU
- HEALTH:** ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING
- LITERACY:** ROTARY CLUB OF KOTA KINABALU

BEST VOCATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF LIKAS BAY

BEST INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF SIBU

BEST FAMILY OF ROTARY PROGRAM AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL

BEST INTERACT CLUB PROJECT AWARD:

INTERACT CLUB OF ITE COLLEGE EAST (sponsored by the Rotary e-Club of 3310)

BEST ROTARACT CLUB PROJECT AWARD:

ROTARACT CLUB OF SINGAPORE WEST (sponsored by Rotary Club of Singapore West)

BEST ROTARY SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAM AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING

BEST INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

BEST PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORT AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

BEST AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS PROJECT AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL

BEST CLUB BULLETIN AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

BEST 'GUIDE TO DAILY LIVING' PROMOTION AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

BEST JOINT CLUB SERVICE PROJECT AWARD:

ROTARY CLUB OF SUNTEC CITY
AND
ROTARY e-CLUB OF 3310

BEST MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARDS:

CATEGORY 'A' (50+ MEMBERS):
ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

CATEGORY 'B' (25-49 MEMBERS):
ROTARY CLUB OF MARINA CITY

CATEGORY 'C' (LESS THAN 25 MEMBERS):
ROTARY CLUB OF PENAMPANG



Ladies in Red: President Swee Kim (left), PP Lillian and PE Lydia, of RC Suntec City, which, together with Rotary e-club of 3310, won the Best Joint Club Service Project district award.



President Dr. Leonard Ng, RC Kuching Central, proudly shows off his club's district awards

