

ALUMNI MEETING 3310

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The 1st meeting of District 3310 Alumni was held at the sideline meeting of the 19th District 3310 Assembly in Malacca on 18th April, 2009. PDG Gerald Minjoot, Chairman of District 3310 Rotary Foundation Alumni chaired the meeting.

Present:

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| 1. PE Hashimah Hashim | - RC Kulai |
| 2. PP Gopal Nair | - RC Kulai |
| 3. PP Simon Sim | - RC Kluang |
| 4. PP Robert Lai | - RC Kota Kinabalu |
| 5. PP V.Venkatachalam | - RC Pasir Gudang |
| 6. PP Dr G.A. Malik | - RC Tawau |
| 7. PP Fancy Tan | - RC Johor Centennial |
| 8. PP Lam Woon Siong | - RC Pontian |
| 9. Wee Yik Chuang | - RAC Kota Melaka |
| 10. Tan Swee Koon, Eugene | - RAC Kota Melaka |
| 11. Audrey Cheong | - RAC North West |
| 12. Amanda Quek | - RAC North West |
| 13. Yvonne Tang | - RAC Kota Melaka |
| 14. Ms Lai Kuen Choo, Karen | - Interact Club Teacher Adviser. |
| 15. PDG Lim Hock Teck | - RC Johor Bahru |
| 16. PDG Gerald Minjoot | - RC Jurong Town |
| 17. PDG Ben Chng | - RC Sentosa |
| 18. PP Joseph Chua | - RC Kulai |

PDG Gerald Minjoot welcomed and thanked all those present. He explained the reason for calling the meeting and he requested opinions and ideas from the Alumni of how to go about in forming this group. He then called upon PDG Lim Hock Teck, the Rotary Foundation Alumni-Coordinator for Zone 6B to address the meeting. PDG Lim said that the purpose of forming this Alumni Association is to create a lifelong relationship between Rotary and its Alumni. He informed that there are about 105,000 Alumni in the Rotary Movement but only 1,700 joined Rotary. In District 3310, about 9 joined Rotary out of about 150 alumni. He said that Alumni are important because 1. They are part of Rotary and 2. they are potential members. For membership development, Rotary Clubs should reconnect with our Alumni, involve them in our projects and invite them to our functions. The Alumni gave their ideas and they said that the best to get connected is by using the emails, sms and have our own website. They are not in favour of facebook. The Alumni agreed that they should meet twice a year at the sideline meeting of District 3310 Assembly and the District 3310 Conference. The incoming District 3310 Alumni Chairman, PDG Ben Chng also gave his views. PDG Gerald Minjoot concluded the meeting by requesting more Alumni to respond before the Alumni Association Committee can be set up. A group photograph was taken of all present and we had light refreshment before saying goodbye.

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Avoidable Blindness Committee

The following brief report of the recently concluded ABXtra09 programme on 28 March is appended for your information:

"ROTARY CAN SEE....."

Rotarians of Singapore (D3310) commemorated the first seven years of involvement, service and contribution to their community service in the prevention of avoidable blindness.

The object of the ABXtra09 programme for the community on 28 March 2009 was to educate and create an awareness of the needs to regularly check the eyes

Singapore is well known world-wide for being highly myopic, as myopia affects 80% of population by the time they reach 18 years of age.

The AB Extravaganza Programme 2009 on 28 March held activities of sight and eye evaluation for kids (SEEK) and a beautiful eyes contest (HBE) for 7-12 year olds and a Healthy Eyes Symposium for parents. Later in the day, an EYE QUIZ was held for 150 students of 13-17 years of age followed by a Eye Care Forum by eye specialists directed to parents and teachers.

The programme received the support of three Members of Singapore Parliament as guests of honour. Rounding up, some 400 Rotarians, eye specialists, prize winning students and parents, friends enjoyed the Commemorative Dinner graced by the District Governor and three succeeding Governors in the District. The presence of HE the Ambassador of Mexico to Singapore; who himself is partially impaired in vision marked the significance of the event..

Dr Edwin Chow, a research scientist of A*STAR, Singapore's top scientific agency delivered the special dinner guest talk on the "Latest Ophthalmic Research Findings".

The Chairman of the District AB Committee, PP John S Y Tan spoke on "Avoidable Blindness - Rotary can see...." In his speech he urged all Rotarians to be more aggressive in organising forums and eye screening clinics for the community as more and more people in the world are being inflicted with blindness that are treatable and preventable

Moving on; the RC of Singapore continues their "Care for the Elders" project to eye screen 100 old folks at the Ling Kwan Home in Serangoon Gardens on 19 April whilst many of us are at the District Assembly in Melaka, discussion Rotary's continuing contribution in avoidable blindness.

Put a dot in your time schedule for 16 May and join the RC Serangoon Gardens Orchard in their "Forum cum Eye Screening" of 300 residents of the Ang Mo Kio constituency. The MP Mr. Inderjit Singh is the Guest of Honour.

On June 7, the RC Tangkat Ledang with the sister Club RC Victoria will conduct eye checks for the villagers of "Bekoh orang asli village". 15 mins away from Tangkat town

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New membership data available to club and district leaders

Club and district leaders have seven new reports available to them via Member Access. The new reports give leaders access to helpful club and district membership data.

The **Clubs in District** report allows leaders to view a list of active clubs in their district. The **New Rotary Clubs** and **Terminated Clubs by District** reports show a list of new and terminated clubs for a given date range.

The **Club Member Count by Country and Geographic Area** report shows the number of Rotary club members by country or area. Leaders can get gender-specific stats for their district by viewing the Women by District report and worldwide with the **Women by Country and Geographic Area** report.

Leaders can also use the **5-Year Membership History** report to view membership records for clubs in their district.

The **View Membership Data** report is still available in addition to the seven new reports. To access these reports, log in to Member Access and click on "Review Membership Trends" or "Review Club Data" in the navigation menu.

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