



# Rotary Governor's Newsletter

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### District Governor's Message

#### The Rotary Foundation

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

From this humble beginning, the Rotary Foundation grew rapidly especially after the death of Rotary's founder Paul Harris in 1947 when contributions began pouring into Rotary International during the postwar years.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980 **PolioPlus** was announced in 1984-85. Since then, eliminating Polio has become our number one priority and will remain so until the dreadful disease has been totally eradicated.

As we all know, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation a staggering US\$355 million grant for the global polio eradication program with a challenge for Rotary International to raise an additional US200 million matching fund before 30th June 2012. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, through this single amazing act of trust, demonstrated to the world its high regard for Rotary. I urge all of us to once again come together to rise up and meet this challenge. We are almost there!

In this issue of Rotary Voices, you will find a write-up of the Trans-Sabah Polio Walk and Climb which was organised to raise funds to end Polio. Congratulations to all the participants who made great sacrifices to complete the journey!

For a few years now we have been hearing about the much debated Future Vision Plan. What is this Future Vision Plan? The blueprint for this Future Vision Plan is the stream-lining, modernizing and promoting of the Rotary Foundation in an effective and efficient manner to enable the Foundation to be better known for its achievements. The focus of our efforts and resources will be on six key areas resulting in better delivery of humanitarian services which will leave a lasting impact on those members of our community who benefit from our services. The 6 areas of focus are Peace and Conflict Resolution, Diseases Prevention, Water +sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic education and Literacy and Economic and community services. The Future Vision Plan is now focused on measuring the benefits of the people to whom we are giving the money and what they derive from the respective projects. We are convinced that because of the Future Vision Plan the Rotary brand will be greatly enhanced and eventually become a world-wide force for good. I call upon all clubs, all Rotarians to get familiar with The Future Vision Plan which will be implemented beginning the Rotary Year 2013/14.

The final goal is to support Every Rotarian Every Year and the Permanent Fund. I wish to thank all those who have over the years donated generously to the Foundation. I call upon those amongst us who are yet to contribute to The Rotary Foundation to do so. Our success starts with each one of us. Now is the chance to come together to build a stronger Rotary and a stronger Rotary Foundation with all our support.

“SEARCH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY”

**HJ. ZAINIE ABDUL AUCASA**





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## Editor's Corner

Personally, one of the highlights of the District Conference was the keynote address by RI Personal Representative Dr. Kenneth Collins. Drawing on his vast experience as a Rotarian, Dr. Collins encouraged and cajoled us to reach within ourselves to fulfill the ideals of Rotary. He touched on many current topics in the Rotary world and in doing so, inspired and renewed many of the Rotarians present to contribute even more to Rotary.

Good as his Keynote address was, it was his closing summary on the last day of the Conference that left a lasting impression on me. Towards the end of his short summary, he read out some verses that touched many of those present. I have decided to reproduce the verses in full here so that you can all recall once again what he said.

### PEOPLE NEED ROTARY

Everyday they pass me by,  
I can see it in their eye.  
Empty people filled with care,  
Headed who knows where?

On they go through private pain,  
Living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides their silent cries,  
Only Rotary hears.

People need Rotary, people need Rotary.  
At the end of broken dreams Rotary's the open door.  
People need Rotary, people need Rotary.  
When will we realize —people need Rotary?

We are called to take Rotary's light  
To a world where wrong seems right.  
What would be too great a cost  
For sharing life with one who's lost?

Through Rotary's love our hearts can feel  
All the grief they bear.  
They must hear Rotary's words of life  
Only we can share.

People need Rotary, people need Rotary  
At the end of broken dreams, Rotary's the open door.  
People need Rotary, people need Rotary.  
When will we realize that we must give our lives,  
For people need Rotary. People need Rotary.

“Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”

PP CHIO CHENG LENG  
Chief Editor



## 21ST DISTRICT CONFERENCE KOTA KINABALU, 18TH-20TH NOVEMBER 2011

The 3-day District Conference received splendid support from 282 Rotarians and spouses registering for this yearly event held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. In fact this is the third time such event had been held here.

The morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> November began appropriately enough with numerous Rotarians and spouses joining in the last stretch of the End Polio Walk from Likas Stadium to Jesselton Point Jetty, finally ending at Sutera Harbour Resort, the District Conference venue. The final stage of the Trans-Sabah End Polio Walk generated much public awareness about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate Polio. It ended at about 10am where participants had yet another round of fellowship and photograph session.

From 10.30am to 12.30pm a workshop on Shelterbox was conducted by Rtn. Lasse Peterson to show what it is made of and how it is used.

Meanwhile fellowship golf was organized at Sutera Harbour Golf Club, teeing off at 12.20pm. There were 15 golfers taking part and they had a good time despite the overcast weather.

At 2.30pm, about 25 spouses visited the Sabah Society for the Deaf which was started by Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu 36 years ago. They were treated and entertained very well by the children at the centre

At 4.00pm the house of friendship began at the Hotel lounge bar called "JUG". Many Rotarians enjoyed themselves with plenty of cold beers, soft drinks, tea and coffee plus assorted finger food till 6.30pm.

Throughout the day, many Rotarians and spouses were arriving and registering themselves at the booths prepared for their registration in a smooth and cordial manner.

At 6.30pm Rotarians and spouses, plus guests converged at the welcoming dinner venue, a membrane-tent covered tennis courts with beautiful decor. All of us were entertained with local cultural dances and performances organized by Sabah Tourism Board. The interesting show was complemented with a delightful range buffet of assorted finger food as well as fresh seafood and barbecued chicken wing, lamb and beef. During the evening, we had three special guests namely The Chairman of Sabah Tourism Board, PP Tengku Datuk Dr. Zainal Adlin representing the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Sabah; Vice Chancellor University Malaysia Sabah Datuk Seri Panglima Prof. Dr. Hj. Kamaruzaman Hj. Ampon and spouse Datin Prof. Dr. Ann Anton and the RI Pres. Personal Representative, PRID Dr. Kenneth E. Collins and spouse CP Diane. DG Hj. Zainie presented certificates to the 7 heroes who had completed the "End Polio Trans-Sabah Walk and Climb" from Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu, a journey of about 340km of 10 days duration. The evening was casual and it provided the opportunity for Rotarians to mingle among themselves to catch up with Rotarian friends and at the same time also to make many new friends. The atmosphere in the arena was full of good fellowship. A relaxing and enjoyable evening finally ended at about 10.30pm.

### **Day 2, 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2011, 8.00-8.30am**

The Conference proper started with community singing as Rotarians and spouses arrived and filled up the hall. The formal opening ceremony began at 8.30am where DG Haji Zainie presided over the meeting and called Plenary session 1 to order. After the opening ceremonial speeches, we heard the roll call of participating clubs including delegates from Australia, Indonesia, UK and USA. The RIPPR, PRID Dr. Kenneth E. Collins, being the guest of honor, declared open the Conference.

After the Coffee Break, the spouses left the hall and were taken to another 5 Star Hotel for a separate program (Refer to spouse program report.)

Plenary Session 2 started with very interesting and informative speeches such as "My experience as a Muslim, with Rotary" by Rtn. Dr. Ali Qassem; Shelterbox presentation by Rtn. Lasse Peterson, International Director Shelterbox Response Team; "Update on Rotary" by GOH PRID Dr. Kenneth E. Collins and other speakers. The day's sessions went on well and finished in time for Rotarians to get ready for the evening Banquet Dinner.

The Banquet Dinner was formal and DG ended his speech with a song "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong and joined in by District 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Hjh. Kalimah and their children. The spouses also presented 2 songs, namely the "Green Song" and "Sayang Kinabalu" an extremely famous local song in Sabah followed by the 'Rotary Rocks' presented by Elsie Chua, Cynthia Tan and Eric Lim from RC Pandan Valley. It was really an evening where Rotarians and spouses displayed their talent and skill in dance and song and enjoyed themselves with the entertaining music provided by the stage band. In his speech that night, PRID Dr. Kenneth E. Collins said that the 21<sup>st</sup> District 3310 Rotary International Conference was one of the two best Conferences which he had the privilege to attend. The other was his own Conference. The banquet hall was filled with laughter and fellowship which continued almost till midnight.

### **Day 3, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2011 8.30-9.00am**

The Plenary session 4. The first speaker was Prof. Dr. Low Wah Yun who spoke on her field of expertise on "Ageing and Sexuality" which enlightened participating Rotarians with many thoughts on what they could do to enjoy life. The next speaker PP Tengku Dtk. Dr. Z. Adlin, Chairman of Sabah Tourism Board gave a brief on "Wonders of Sabah", then followed by reports presented by respective Rotarians plus an acceptance speech by DGN Chew Ghim Bok. Finally RIPPR, PRID Dr. Kenneth E. Collins gave his closing remarks and DG declared the Conference adjourned at 1.30pm

The success of the Conference must be attributed to the hard working committee consisting of the 7 Rotary Clubs in Kota Kinabalu plus members of respective clubs and Rotaractors who had put in lots of effort and energy to take care of every aspect of the conference, making it easy for the participating Rotarians and spouses and to ensure that their stay in Kota Kinabalu was enjoyable, meaningful and memorable.

**Reported by Organizing Chairman PP Warrance Chan,  
21st District Conference, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, 18-20 November 2011.**

## 21ST DISTRICT CONFERENCE KOTA KINABALU, 18TH-20TH NOVEMBER 2011



Welcoming Night for all participants of the District Conference on the 18th November 2011.



Welcome address by Organizing Chairman PP Warrance Chan.



GSE Team members from USA.



The End Polio Trans-Sabah walkers holding their Certificates of Achievements.



The winner of the fellowship golf tournament, VP Woo Soo Poo of the R C of Likas Bay.



RI President Personal Rep. Dr. Kenneth Collins trying his hand at the blowpipe.



DG Haji Zainie receiving his Major Donor crystal from RI President Personal Representative Dr. Kenneth Collins.



The Rotary spouses sang two songs that received thunderous applause!



DG Haji Zainie addressing the participants.



RI President Special Representative Dr. Kenneth Collins with his keynote address.



RI President Special Rep. Dr. Kenneth Collins beating the gong to launch the District Conference.



Exchanging gifts between RI President Special Representative Dr. Kenneth Collins and DG Haji Zainie.



Recent recipients of Major Donor crystals.

## 21ST DISTRICT CONFERENCE KOTA KINABALU, 18TH-20TH NOVEMBER 2011



*Different views of the participants at the Opening Ceremony of the 21st District Conference.*



*A moment well met -DFL Hajjah Kalimah and Di, spouse of RI President Personal Rep, Dr. K. Collins*



*Organizing Chairman PP Warrance Chan and Di, spouse of Dr. Kenneth Collins.*



*DG Haji Zainie and Hajjah Kalimah with District Conference Host Club members from R C of Kota Kinabalu.*



*DG Haji Zainie, First Lady Hajjah Kalimah and family giving a beautiful rendition of "What a Wonderful World."*



*DG Haji Zainie with Rotarians from R C of Kota Kinabalu presenting a song at the District Conference.*



*DG Haji Zainie presenting Certificate of Achievement to PDG Abang Hj. Nawawi for distinguished service as Chairman of District Rotary Foundation Committee.*



*Winners of lucky draws holding their pearl necklaces,*



*At last, a moment to relax and have a cup of tea!*



*PP Alice Kunjan showing off the Shelterbox tent.*



*Our hard-working Masters of Ceremonies.*

# Spouse Program-21<sup>ST</sup> RI District Conference 18<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

(Organizing Chairlady- IPP Catherine Chan, Rotary Club of TanjungAru)

(Advisor – District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah Ekwan)

**Fifty Three (53)** Rotarian spouses registered for the Spouse Program which was a record figure, so we were told. The preparation and gestation period in planning the program lasted for about 8 months, almost the same period to conceive a baby! We simply want to express our appreciation for the important role the Rotarian spouses play in the lives of the Rotarians. The program was designed as a special treat for the spouses to cherish and remember and also lots of good stories to share back home.

So a hectic but attractive program was drawn up from the **1<sup>st</sup> day, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.** whereby some of the energetic spouses got up as early as 6.00am to participate in the End Polio Walk, starting from Likas Sports Complex to Sutera Pacific Hotel, a total of 7.4 km in all. In the afternoon at 2.00pm they visited the students of the Sabah Society for the Deaf, an institution started by Rotary of Kota Kinabalu in the mid-1970s. The spouses were welcomed by lively dancing performed by the students and shared their joy when they received gift packs sponsored by Rotary Club of TanjungAru. Later the spouses were treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea, more like a full course lunch of delicious local dishes. In the evening, the ladies came in stylish but elegant casual wears for the free and easy Welcome Reception buffet dinner and were entertained by continuous tribal folk dances. Some ladies even tested their talent in the blow-pipe skill and bamboo dance!

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> day, 19<sup>th</sup> Nov,** was just as busy as the 1st day. Immediately after attending the Conference opening ceremony, the ladies were ushered onto 2 coaches, took a spin around the City and entered into the highlight program of the day at the 5-Star resort hotel, The STAR Shangri-La's TanjungAru Resort. The District First Lady welcomed the spouses and officially launched the afternoon's program. All the Past District First Ladies and the two future District First Ladies who were present were individually recognized on stage by District First Lady Kalimah. The buffet lunch was served with a variety of delicious food. Just to name a few, fresher than fresh Salmon and Tuna Sushi, roasted duck, grilled lamb, a variety of seafood, salads, fresh fruits and desert. Somehow District Governor Haji Zainie and President Lawrence Thien heard about the palatable dishes and could not resist their "glutton nag" in stealing a moment of their time away from their main sessions to join the spouses in the "makan" spree and the challenging workshop of stringing pearl bracelets.

However, they missed the opportunity to witness the fashion show parade by tall and elegant models adorned in pearl jewelry and sensuous and beautiful dresses sponsored respectively by Bejewelled, local pearl distributor and RJ Couture, a local renowned international fashion outlet.

Also, at the lunch venue, there appeared before the eager eyes of the spouses a display of Sabah pearl designed jewelry. A great number of the ladies were immediately drawn to the attractive lustre of the precious pearl ornaments neatly tagged with irresistible bargain prices.

During lunch each spouse was given a pack of pearls and shells to test their skill of stringing bracelets, meaning they have to make their own free gift. They were very diligent students, judging by their intense concentration during the pearl workshop and their satisfaction in the "graduation" by the end of the session.

Before the end of the eventful afternoon the spouses were given demanding vocal lessons to become songbirds in preparation to serenade the audience at the District Governor's Banquet in the evening.

The verdict – They sang 110% better than the local entertainers!!

The most exciting event for the spouses during the District Governor's Banquet was when **20 very lucky registered spouses each won a Sabah Pearl necklace!**



Photo taken at Sunday Market, Kota Kinabalu



Hajjah Kalimah with Past and Incoming District's First Ladies



DG Zaimie with the spouse Choir during singing rehearsal



Showing off their completed Pearls bracelet



Fashion Show Model



Hajjah Kalimah with the beautiful Fashion Show models



## END POLIO TRANS-SABAH WALK AND CLIMB 7 - 18 NOVEMBER 2011

On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011, seven Rotarians and one former Rotaractor embarked on a marathon journey from Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu, a journey that was to take them from the East Coast to the West Coast of Sabah, covering a total of 339 kilometers. Along the way, they also have to climb Mount Kinabalu, at 4,095 meters the highest mountain in South East Asia. The journey was timed to end in Kota Kinabalu on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, the first day of the 21<sup>st</sup> District Conference being held at the Pacific Sutera Hotel. The reason for this daring adventure? To raise funds for the eradication of Polio. It was aptly named the **End Polio Trans-Sabah Walk and Climb – Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu**.

The walkers comprise PP Tay Wei Lien, Rotary Club of Singapore West, PP Leong Chee Woh, Rotary Club of Johor Bahru, PP Robin Tay, Rotary Club of Pudu, Kuala Lumpur, AG Erich Schneider, Rotary Club of Queenstown, Singapore, Rtn Charles Johnson, Rotary Club of Kuching Jaya, PP Sylvester Fong, Rotary Club of Kuching Central, Mervyn Voon, a former Rotaractor of Kota Kinabalu and President Franco Lee, Rotary Club of Tawau Tanjung who joined them in time to climb Mount Kinabalu.

From the very beginning, it was decided that they would begin each day's walk in the early hours of the morning to take advantage of the cooler temperature and lack of traffic. This, however, is not without its hazards. The nights were pitch black and only the headlamps, reflective vests and red blinking lights on their backs provided some measure of safety. For added safety, the support vehicle, a minibus, followed behind with its blinking hazard lights and dome light to warn traffic from the rear that there were people in front. These precautions worked well as thankfully, there were no untoward accidents. This decision however, meant that the early part of each day was completely shrouded in darkness with little or nothing visible to the naked eye.

Each dawn was always a welcome sight although the scenery passed in a blur, the minds focused only on the next step and the next. Milestones and traffic signs were welcomed reminders that they were indeed making progress. Each town or village meant welcome rest and refreshment. Too soon, however, it was time to move on again!

By Day 5, the terrain changed from flat featureless plains to the demanding walk up towards the hills and Mount Kinabalu. The steep incline slowed everyone down and rest stops became more frequent. Day 7 was a much welcomed rest day in preparation for the hardest part of the journey: the climb up Kinabalu. Day 8 saw the assault on the Sacred Mountain and all six climbers successfully negotiated the climb up to Laban Rata. The assault on the peak of Kinabalu began at 2.10 a.m. on Day 9 and all the climbers reached Low's Peak and were rewarded by the magnificent view from the top. Noon on Day 10, the walkers were all welcomed at Park Headquarters by DG Haji Zainie, District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah, RI President's Personal Representative Dr. Kenneth Collins and spouse Diane as well as the members of the Group Study Exchange Team.

From the Park Hq, it was downhill all the way and the beautiful scenery was a welcome change. Getting to Tuaran was a significant landmark. Rotarians from Kota Kinabalu joined the Trans-Sabah walkers on their last leg. From there, to Likas Sports Complex where Rotarians and spouses joined them in greater numbers. Then it was on to Jesselton Point by which time the whole walk began to take on the feel of a gala event. Finally it was on to Pacific Sutera Hotel where they were welcomed by DG Hj. Zainie and District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah and Rotarians attending the 21<sup>st</sup> District Conference.

It has been an epic journey and our District can be justly proud of the achievements of this group of self-sacrificing Rotarians who endured dangers and hardship to raise funds to End Polio. Long will it remain a significant event in the history of our District.

# END POLIO TRANS-SABAH WALK AND CLIMB 7 - 18 NOVEMBER 2011



*In the beginning ... End Polio Trans-Sabah walkers getting ready for their epic journey.*



*The first steps were taken in the dark - at 2.00 a.m. in the morning!*



*Half an hour later, a rainstorm came and they all took shelter in a petrol station.*



*After 9 hours of walking on Day 1.*



*At the JS Resort after covering 41.4 km on Day 1.*



*Stocking up on high-energy food!!*



*Day 3 & 4: walking past a small Catholic Church.*



*Day 4: just 1 km from Telupid and welcome refreshment!*



*A wonderful refreshing drink and a chance to stretch tired legs.*



*Day 7 & 8: Kota Kinabalu is less than a 100 km away!*



*A Rotary Club signboard from R C of Likas Bay at Kg. Tamalang, Ranau.*



*The Fairy Garden Resort at Kundasang.*



*Support vehicles were with the walkers day and night!*



*DG Haji Zainie and RIPPR Dr. K. Collins with the Trans-Sabah walkers.*



# END POLIO TRANS-SABAH WALK AND CLIMB 7 - 18 NOVEMBER 2011



*On top of Mount Kinabalu at last!*



*The successful climbers with their Certificates.*



*Rotarians in Tuaran, waiting for 1 a.m. so they can start walking.*



*At the Likas Sports Complex.*



*More Rotarians and spouses joining the walk from the Likas Sports Complex to Jesselton Point.*



*Jesselton Point! The last stop before the District Conference Venue at Pacific Sutera Hotel.*



*A group photo at Jesselton Point.*



*Final destination at the Conference Venue. Note the Pacific Sutera Hotel in the background.*



## DG'S VISIT TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE NORTH ON 21ST OCTOBER 2011



President Philip Kee at his opening address.



DG Haji Zainie addressing the Rotarians.



Dg Haji Zainie presenting a gift to President Philip Kee.



District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah with some RotaryAnns at the meeting.



A nice VIP photo!



A happy photo for the album.

## DG'S VISIT TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF JOHOR BAHRU ON 24TH OCTOBER 2011



President Ng Swee Poh welcoming DG Haji Zainie on the DG's Official Visit to his Club.



DG Haji Zainie giving his address.



DG Haji Zainie and First Lady Hajjah Kalimah visiting the Johor Bahru Haemodialysis Centre with President Ng and First Lady Maria.



DG Haji Zainie presenting a gift to President Shanti Louis of the Rotary Club of Johor Straits View.



Exchange of gifts between DG Haji Zainie and President Ng Swee Poh



A moment to celebrate!

## DG'S VISIT TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF A'FAMOSA, MALACCA ON 28TH OCTOBER 2011



*DG Haji Zainie deep in discussion with the members of the Board.*



*DG Haji Zainie presenting a gift to President PP Seet Jen Ping.*



*A photo for the collection.*



*District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah with First Lady Ting and GSE Team Leader Kathleen D. Stoup from USA.*



*Exchange of gifts between District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah and First Lady Ting Eng Ing.*



*Dinner time is always a time to celebrate!*

## DG'S VISIT TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA AND ROTARY CLUB OF SERANGOON GARDENS, SINGAPORE ON 3RD NOVEMBER 2011



*DG Haji Zainie addressing the joint Board of the R C of Victoria and RC of Serangoon Gardens*



*District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah with President Angelia Tio of R C of Serangoon Gardens.*



*DG Haji Zainie presenting a gift to President Florence Suryawan of R C of Victoria.*



*A rare photo of President Florence and President Angelia together.*



*A great photo of DG Haji Zainie, Dist. First Lady Hajjah Kalimah, AG Erich and the Presidents and key members of their Boards.*

# ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR, JOHOR AND MALACCA ON 24TH OCTOBER 2011



All ready for the Rotary Foundation Seminar to begin!



DG Haji Zainie and PDG John Cheah.



Photo showing DG and some of the Rotarians who attended the Seminar.



District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah with the GSE Team from the USA.



Another section of the crowd.



DG Haji Zainie addressing Rotarians who attended the Seminar.



District TRF Chairman PDG Abang delivering his address.



PDG Mohd. Faiz Kidwai, TRF Regional Co-ordinator.



Questions and comments from the floor.



Organising Chairman PP Jimmy Tay presenting Certificates of Appreciation..

## The Interact Club of SM Sains Kuching: A New Beginning

The idea for a service oriented club in SM Sains Kuching (SainsKu) came about after administrators in the school realised that SainsKu students had become overly self-absorbed.

Although blessed with an opportunity to live and study in an immersive academic environment,” SainsKu students were in danger of losing touch with the outside world”, said Principal Salbiah Seman.

Service isn’t new in SainsKu but, in the past it had always been done on an ad hoc basis and without any avenue for expansion. Hence, every year, projects are different and without continuity.

“Our students and teachers must learn to understand where and how they fit into this jigsaw puzzle we call society”, remarked Deputy Principal Bahtiar Afandi.

Preliminary discussions began a year ago between Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kuching Central and the school. After a brilliant tie-up through the school’s Wind Orchestra, the need was more prevalent and meetings were stepped up.

Rotarian Dr. Willie Lau (RCKC President Elect 2012-2013) and Rotarian Major Francis Ng (RCKC Hon. Secretary) were given the task of building up this club from scratch. With overwhelming support from the school, the emerging Interact Club of SM Sains Kuching began with an intensive 3 week search for potential Club Leaders and a President.

Immediately after the search, potential leaders were packed off to an intensive one day Interact and Rotaract Leadership Training Programme. Those who remained were then interviewed for the various positions in the new Club.

“Never before have I been in a Club where so many people are genuinely concerned with my personal growth; it’s special”, admitted Mary Chrisabel, pro-tem Hon. Secretary when asked what she thought was different between Interact and other clubs in the school.

After that initial training, the Club’s Rotarian Advisors conducted “on-the-job” training for the pro-tem Committee which covered meeting decorum, fundraising, recruitment and proper documentation.

Once ready, a small launching ceremony was held at the Club’s Inaugural Meeting on the 3rd November 2011 where representatives of RCKC - which included the President, President Elect, Vice President and Hon. Secretary - together with members of the school administration were introduced formally RCKC President Juergen Ertl congratulating Zainorazwan, President of the Interact Club of SM Sains Kuching, to the Charter Members and Board of Directors of the Club. In the meeting, the Club and its sponsors agreed that the registration date for the Interact Club of SMSains Kuching will be the 11th of November 2011.

“Interact Club-SainsKu has a dream to become an effective force for good in this school, community and the world” exclaimed Zainorazwan, Club President. “We want to help our fellow students experience and embody the Rotarian spirit of Service Above Self. What could be better than that?”



*PE Dr. Willie Lau, President Juergen Ertl, H.Sec. Maj. Francis Ng & VP Andrew Chong listening attentively.*



*RCKC President Juergen Ertl congratulating Zainorazwan, President of the Interact Club of SM Sains Kuching,*



**美國 L D S 慈善機構 捐贈驗眼器材 予斗湖扶輪社**

(本報斗湖十二日訊)斗湖扶輪社獲得美國 L D S 慈善機構捐贈價值 3 萬 3 千令吉的驗眼器材，以協助斗湖有須要的，為預防失明。

這套價值不菲的器材，今天由來自美國的哥頓侯爵將之移交斗湖扶輪社，由社長周庚年代表接收，由 3 1 0 區域總監再里爾、副總監余美光見證。

哥頓侯爵表示，他因為自己的孩子因事故導致雙目失明，使他了解到失明的痛苦，因此，誓要為少眼出一分力。

斗湖扶輪社社長周庚年亦表示，斗湖須要做眼檢的人很多，尤其是鄉村地區的村民。

他也披露，透過該社的护眼活動，越來越多人須要到相關的儀器來協助診斷眼睛的病，因此，這套完整的儀器將會惠及更多有需要的人。

**張健文：4 國家傳染 小兒麻痺症仍待消滅**

(本報 29 日訊) 斗湖扶輪社在上海冷門氣室舉行「消滅小兒麻痺症慈善晚會」，共籌得 1 萬 3 千美金作國際預防小兒麻痺症基金。

大會主席張健文致詞時表示，社會的進步，使大家的生活素質都有所提升，許多疾病都在減少或消失中。

他說，小兒麻痺症在我國已消失了 19 年，但這并不代表本區域已免於它的威脅；根據他了解，現今小兒麻痺症還在 4 個國家傳染，即印度、巴基斯坦、阿富汗及厄立特里亞。這套預防疫苗在東亞地區流行。

區區委員會致詞時曾讚賞金山扶輪社在支持預防小兒麻痺症活動上的表現。

東亞區以議員及地產商、東亞金山扶輪社的社員在慈善事業上表現特出。

他宣佈撥出 3 千令吉作該社活動基金，同時將交去年宣佈的 3 千令吉撥款該社社長張健文。

籌款 1 千美元以充作國際預防小兒麻痺症基金，並成為保羅利利及保羅利利扶輪社基金會受助和徽章者，包括黃章吉、黃章成、黃章河、許德元、郭啟輝、黃富強、李文全、黃輝利、李秀定、溫清輝、黃吉平、陳榮榮、陳金龍及黃麗儀。



**湖 4 部門團體成辦 無塑膠袋日推介紹**

因此，「無塑膠袋日」不應只限於每個星期六和星期日，而消費者應獲得環保購物。

這項「無塑膠袋日」推介紹也獲得斗湖市議會、斗湖扶輪社、斗湖青年會、斗湖獅子會及多個政府部門代表出席致辭。

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Ini berlaku dalam tindakan menegakkan tata pemerintahan manusia di bawah Undang-Undang Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan dan Undang-Undang Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan.

"Ada banyak akaun yang kita boleh lakukan jika ada laporan. Undang-undang memang perlu dibuat kerana agensi yang bekerja kemudian tidak mengikut peraturan yang ditetapkan dan mereka tidak melakukan kerja yang sepatutnya seperti yang sepatutnya mereka lakukan," kata Dr S Subramaniam.

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**Call to join the final leg of 'End Polio' event**

Mary Chin, KOTA KINABALU: Rotary is inviting the public to participate in the final leg of the 12-day 'End Polio' Trans-Sabah Walk and Climb' event tomorrow (Friday).

Sabah Committee Chairman, Wong Chu Lai, said it begins at the Likas Sports Complex at 7am and ends at Pacific Sutera Hotel, here.

"Three hundred T-shirts will be given free to participants on a first come, first served basis. Each participant is entitled to a free Red Bull drink from the principal sponsor of the event," he said.

Wong, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Likas Bay, said the VIPs joining the 300 walkers at Jesselton Point by Rain are Rotary International (RI) President, from Australia, RI District 3310 Governor, Zainie Abdul Acausa, and five members of the Group Study Exchange team from RI District 7390 at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA.

He said participants will also get to meet the name 'hero' walkers who started walking from Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu on Nov 7, covering 339km and conquering Mount Kinabalu.



Flashback to Nov 7: Liew (centre), flanked by Member of Parliament for Batu Sapi, Datin Linda Den (2nd right) and Zainie, flanking the 'End Polio Trans-Sabah Walk and Climb' event in Sandakan.

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Rotary Club of:	Group No.	State	Total Members as at 1st of July	Total Members at 31st July	Ave. Attendance % this month	No. of Meetings held this month	No. of Meetings cancelled this month
A'Famosa	1	Melaka	11	11	54.50	4	0
Kota Laksamana Malacca*	1	Melaka	10	10	0.00	0	0
Kota Melaka	1	Melaka	25	25	58.00	2	0
Malacca	1	Melaka	25	24	34.50	4	0
Tangkak Ledang	2	Johor	12	12	60.40	4	0
Batu Pahat	2	Johor	23	23	34.54	5	0
Muar	2	Johor	21	21	46.00	5	0
Pontian	2	Johor	14	14	68.00	4	1
Kluang*	3	Johor	25	25	65.00	4	0
Mersing*	3	Johor	27	27	52.00	2	0
Segamat	3	Johor	16	16	64.00	4	0
Kota Tinggi	3	Johor	17	17	75.00	4	0
Kulai*	4	Johor	21	21	76.58	5	0
Pasir Gudang*	4	Johor	20	20	82.00	4	0
Puteri Lagoon	4	Johor	16	16	71.43	2	0
Tebrau	4	Johor	21	21	76.00	4	0
Johor Bahru	5	Johor	57	56	78.00	4	0
Johor Centennial	5	Johor	11	11	85.00	4	0
Johor Straits View*	5	Johor	14	14	61.00	4	0
Queenstown	6	Singapore	43	43	77.00	3	0
Sentosa*	6	Singapore	63	66	43.60	4	0
Victoria	6	Singapore	10	10	53.00	3	1
Singapore	6	Singapore	140	144	38.76	5	0
Tanglin*	6	Singapore	25	27	28.00	3	0
E-Club Singapore*	6	Singapore	26	19	47.00	1	0
Jurong Town	7	Singapore	36	35	77.00	4	0
Singapore East*	7	Singapore	36	36	63.00	5	0
Singapore North*	7	Singapore	33	31	45.16	5	0
Singapore West	7	Singapore	51	51	42.00	4	0
Singapore Centennial*	7						
Changi	8	Singapore	27	27	41.00	4	0
E-Club 3310	8	Singapore	26	25	30.00	N/A	0
Pandan Valley	8	Singapore	48	48	64.20	4	0
Serangoon Garden Orchard*	8	Singapore	15	16	70.00	4	0
Suntec City*	8	Singapore	32	32	48.00	2	0
Bugis Junction	9	Singapore	32	32	47.00	3	1
Bukit Timah*	9	Singapore	18	18	53.00	4	0
Garden City	9	Singapore	34	34	53.12	3	2
Marina City*	9	Singapore	36	38	54.70	4	0
Raffles City	9	Singapore	50	50	35.60	5	0
Shenton	9	Singapore	20	20	35.00	5	0
Bandar Seri Begawan	10	Brunei	20	20	70.00	5	0
Belait*	10	Brunei	10	10	47.00	3	2
Labuan FT	10	Labuan	17	16	45.00	4	0
Miri*	10	Sarawak	10	10	60.00	4	0
Bintulu*	11	Sarawak	29	29	45.69	4	0
Bintulu Central*	11	Sarawak	16	16	60.00	5	0
Sibu	11	Sarawak	29	29	61.00	4	0
Kuching*	12	Sarawak	37	37	55.00		
Kuching Central*	12	Sarawak	38	38	64.03	5	0
Kuching South*	12	Sarawak	14	14	50.00	4	0
Kuching Jaya	12	Sarawak	17	16	69.00	5	0
Kota Kinabalu*	13	Sabah	63	63	80.00	4	0
Likas Bay	13	Sabah	44	44	93.75	5	0
Kinabalu Sutura*	13	Sabah	16	16	60.31	4	0
Kota Kinabalu South	13	Sabah	35	35	65.70	5	0
Luyang	13	Sabah	20	20	62.00	4	0
Penampang	13	Sabah	15	15	60.00	4	0
Tanjung Aru	13	Sabah	18	18	69.50	2	0
Sandakan*	14	Sabah	45	45	47.00	4	0
Sandakan North	14	Sabah	30	30	62.10	5	0
Tawau*	14	Sabah	31	31	78.00	5	0
Tawau Tanjung*	14	Sabah	22	22	68.00	3	1

\* No attendance figures received for the month.

## UN-ROTARY DAY - 4TH NOVEMBER, SINGAPORE

The United Nations Association of Singapore (UNAS) and Rotary International District 3310 hosted the inaugural UNRotary Day on 4 November in Singapore to *Commemorate* the UN Rotary Day which is held annually at UN headquarters in New York City to create broader awareness of the relationship between the United Nations (UN) and Rotary International and the critical import which the shared humanitarian goals embody for our future in creating a healthier and peaceful world.

The UN-Rotary Day also *celebrates* one of the most successful partnerships in global health - The **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** spearheaded by Rotary and UNICEF with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which has wiped out **99% of the highly infectious and debilitating disease** and spared an estimated 5 million children from a lifetime of paralysis and extreme poverty.

Announcement on the **End Polio Trans-Sabah Walk and Climb** to be held between 7 – 18 November as part of District 3310 effort to raise USD\$200 million to match USD\$355 million in challenge grants received from the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** was made by Past President Mr. Leong Chee Woh from the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru.

Leaders from UNAS and Rotary International District 3310 representing *Brunei, Sabah, Sarawak, Labuan FT, Johor, Malacca and Singapore* met and network with the diplomatic community and civil society during the inaugural event to *solidify friendship, affirm commitments and encourage collaborations to accelerate* progress on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), foster peace and stability and aid in Thailand's national crisis.

Awareness and support for humanitarian goals and peace were created through talks, videos, art, a charity runway show and stage performance during the advocacy event.



Prof. Tham Seng Chee, President of UNAS.



DG Haji Zainie during his address.



Mr Yap Kwong Weng, Secretary General of UNAS.



GOH His Excellency Mr. Olivier Caron, the Ambassador to Singapore.



Mr Nipon Petchpornprapas, Minister Counsellor, Royal Thai Embassy.



PP Pimkamol Prasrtwongse, R C of Bangkok Ramhhamhaeng.



A gift for the Guest of Honor HE Olivier Caron.



A gift for PP Pimkamol.



A gift for the DG Haji Zainie.



DG Haji Zainie and First Lady Hajjah Kalimah during dinner with the GOH at the Holiday Inn Atrium, Singapore.



A group photo for the album.