



My Experience as President of Rotary Club of Muar

I joined Rotary Club of Muar 3 years ago when PDG Jayasingam invited me to revive the club together with other new members. At that point in time, the Rotary Club of Muar was at the stage of being axed as it had only 4 members for the past 2 years.

My Rotary experience started when I joined my school's Interact Club when I was 16 years old. But, I have been a Rotarian in heart for the past 34 years although I will only be 35 years old this May. You know why? My late father was a Rotarian and he inspired me to be one. He became the President

of RC Muar in 1980/81 and helped the local community as much as he could.

In the first meeting in the attempt to revive RC of Muar, I was elected as the President Elect. Before I realized it, it was my turn to be President. I was given a huge task to bring up the club's membership, public image and community projects.

Thankfully, I had a good supportive group of Rotarians in my club that helped me to bring the club to what it is today. In the name of continuity, Rotary Club of Muar has again requested that I continue for another year from the desks of the President to complete projects being undertaken.

Our club membership has increased to 25 members and hopefully will be further increased to 30 before 30th June this year. We had a massive 8 Rotarians induction at last year's Installation.

We have done many projects to serve the community. We have planted 2121 trees in the past 2 years and are planning to plant another 1212 trees this 12th December 2012. We have donated about 20,000 dictionaries to the students of primary schools in Muar and Ledang, Johor with the help of our sister club RC USJ. We are also expecting a grant of RM50,000 from CIMB Foundation to buy lenses for patients undergoing cataract operations in Hospital Muar.

As a result of all the projects, we were able to increase public awareness of Rotary's contribution to the community in Muar.

We in Muar always have a great time during our meetings and the fellowship afterwards. Just ask our DG Haji Zainie. We truly enjoyed his company and that of charming District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah.

What a great Rotary year this is turning out to be. I have learned a lot through Rotary.

I would like to thank the PDGs, Past Presidents, Rotarians and their families, and everyone else for the support given to Rotary Club of Muar generally and to me personally in order to make good our promise in Rotary to improve the community around us and to improve ourselves as individuals.

The reign of the President moves along every year but the true reign is that of Rotary. The great wheel of Rotary will live on long after us and it reminds the whole wide world out there that we truly care.

As I look forward to serving the community through Rotary in the years to come, let's all look forward to a fun-filled and meaningful service to mankind.

Yours in Rotary

Dr Senthil Doraisamy
President 2010-12
Rotary Club Muar





AG Rustom and PP Shirin Gadiali

A REFLECTION ON MY YEAR AS AN ASSISTANT GOVERNOR, 2011-2012

I have been a Rotarian with Rotary club of Raffles City since 1992. I have certainly enjoyed Rotary as it has given me an opportunity to do community work and help the needy families and also help old and young who are sick and lonely.

In my year as President, our club and all the members helped to raise funds to install a lift for the Red Cross Disabled Children's Home. We were fortunate to have a young dynamic team of Rotarians who helped raise \$300,000 as well as giving free consultancy for the project.

I strongly believe that Projects help to make the clubs stronger and more successful. It also helps bonding among the club members and their families. Clubs should take on Challenging Projects and get all members involved in the project. It also help clubs and their members to interact and become good friends.

Helping my club and Rotary to raise funds for various projects also helps me to keep busy and at the end the satisfaction to see the beneficiaries smiling and happy. I had never planned to become an Assistant Governor, as rank and position should not matter when we are doing community and charity work.

Since I was invited to be an AG, my wife and some Rotarians insisted that I should take on the Challenge. Today, I must say honestly that I have enjoyed being an AG and have learned a lot by making new friends with Presidents and members of the 5 clubs. Each club and the President has his own style of running the club, and it helped me to learn the best practices from each of them. I was also able to share the information on speakers with the 5 clubs and that helped to make the meetings interesting.

Unfortunately I also had to deal with a weak club. Though the young Rotarians were very enthusiastic about running the club, a misunderstanding led to 7 members leaving the club simultaneously, seriously weakening the club with its four remaining members.

District Governor Zainie Aucasa was very helpful and patient in giving the club the time 3 months they requested to recuperate. We also tried to introduce the weak club members to the 4 successful Rotary clubs and invited them to have a joint meeting, but they did not take up the invitation. Also the location of their weekly meeting was not conducive and did not give a good image to Rotary, so it was very difficult to get new members. After 3 months, the President of the Club submitted a request to close the club and the DG had to reluctantly accept it.

The lesson I learned from the above was, that sometimes Rotarians forget why they joined Rotary and what the objective of Rotary and their club is. They are unable to forgive and forget, thinking only of themselves and their egos. They join another Club at the expense of closing a good club and disappointing many young Rotarians. This is a sad thing and Rotary needs to change the rules. New Clubs can only get permission to register if 80% of the members are new Rotarians and not old Rotarians transferring from another club.

I must say that though the District Governor Zainie Aucasa lived in Kota Kinabalu his efficient and prompt communication and response, and regular visits to Singapore made it easy to work.

It is a pleasure working for him.

I AM GLAD THAT I TOOK THE POSITION AS ASSISTANT GOVERNOR.

I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL PAST PRESIDENTS IF THEY ARE INVITED TO BE AN ASSISTANT GOVERNOR.

REGARDS

AG RUSTOM M GHADIALI, 2011-2012
PP RC RAFFLES CITY.



ROTARY IN THE NEWS

Rotary Club of Kuching Central honours caring ophthalmologists

BY EMY LINDAY

KUCHING: Rotary Club of Kuching Central yesterday conferred its prestigious Vocational Service Awards on two outstanding individuals in the community who have devoted their vocations for the betterment of the society.

The recipients are Dr. Iwan Gudom, Sarawak state consultant ophthalmologist and Head of Ophthalmology Department at Sarawak Central Hospital (SCH) and Dr. Mohd. Aziz Saleh, an ophthalmologist attached to the Eye Clinic, SCH with special interest in cataract.

Both individuals were identified as they have consistently par-

ticipated in the Rotary Avoidable Blindness projects in the form of cataract operations for the underprivileged people of Sarawak.

Dr Iwan and Dr Aziz have made significant contributions to the Sarawak society by spending their valuable time during the weekend to join the Rotary Club in providing free cataract operations for the people in Betong, Sri Aman, Serian, Lundu, Serian and Pulau Brant.

"They performed cataract surgeries from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. during many weekends without favour and glory only to fulfil their strong desire to lend a hand to the less fortunate members of the society. They helped to restore the eyesight of many people again," said

Hj Andri Subarito, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

"The Rotary Club of Kuching regards both of them as staunch supporters of the club and Rotary. It is therefore the fervent wish of the club that Dr Iwan and Dr Aziz will continue to work with Rotary and the Rotary Club of Kuching Central to provide cataract operations and help in other related avoidable blindness problems," he added.

The Vocational awards were presented by Rotary International District 3310 Governor, Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa to the recipients, witnessed by President Juergen Ertl and Rotarian Alan Poh, the Chairman for Service Projects.

"May such noble act and contribution inspire other ophthalmologists and specialists to do good for the community," added Hj Zainie.

For the past few years, Rotary Club of Kuching Central and the Eye Clinic of SCH have carried out many joint eye projects successfully for the people of Kapit, Bario, Sri Aman, Betong, Lundu, Serian and Pulau Brant.

In the last Rotary year 2011/2012, two Avoidable Blindness Projects with Dr Iwan and Dr Aziz were carried out.

Under the first Rotary Brings Vision to Sarawak project, 28 free cataract operations were successfully done from 9 - 11 December

2010 at the SCH by six eye specialists led by Dr Iwan Gudom.

From 9 - 12 June last year, free cataract and pterygium operations for 43 low income individuals from Pulau Brant were carried out at Daro Hospital under Rotary Brings Vision to Sarawak. The medical team from Kuching and Sibau was led by Dr Mohd. Aziz.

Cataract operations have been the signature projects of the club, most of the findings had been provided by CIMB Bank through Yayasan CIMB. So far, CIMB has generously given RM200,000 to support the club's humanitarian projects.

The Rotary Club of Kuching Central was established in

December 1988 and is part of Rotary International District 3310 which is headed by Rotary International District 3310 Governor, Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa who is based in Kota Kinabalu.

Since its inception, the club has bagged many recognitions and awards for its achievements in the execution of community service projects, vocational service, service to new generations and international service projects.

Rotary Club of Kuching Central currently has 38 members. Rotary International District 3310 consists of 85 Rotary clubs with 1900 members located in Sabah, Sarawak, Brunei, Labuan, Melaka, Johor and Singapore.



DR Iwan Gudom (second left) receives the Vocational Service Award from Rotary International District 3310 Governor, Hajj Zainie Abdul Aucasa (third right). Looking on are (from right) Vocational Service Director, IFF Frankie Ong, Rotary Club of Kuching Central President, Juergen Ertl, Assistant District Governor, Dr. Leonard Ng and Service Projects Director, Alan Poh.



ROTARY Club of Kuching Central President Juergen Ertl (fourth right) presents a bicycle and eyeglasses (to SK Nangka Ekwan, Sri Aman Deputy Resident, Desmond Jenkan, Assistant District Governor, Dr. Leonard Ng, Rotary International District 3310 Governor, Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa and Senior School Assistant, Terry Ringgit).

Sin Chew Jit Poh, 8 January 2012

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治好病患重獲視力 2眼醫獲扶輪社表揚

(古晉7日訊) 古晉中區扶輪社今日頒授2011/2012年度專業服務獎予眼科醫師殷且谷及阿蓋沙羅威。

同樣服務于砂拉越中央醫院的殷且谷及阿蓋沙羅威，在加入扶輪社以來，在為弱勢群體治療眼疾方面不遺余力，讓許多患有眼疾者重獲視力。

為弱勢群體做手術

殷且谷及阿蓋沙羅威在每周五、六、日，由早晨7時30分至晚間10時，從繁忙的日程中抽出時間，馬不停蹄，又為弱勢群體提供免費白內障手術。

目前，殷且谷及阿蓋沙羅威已為木中、斯里阿曼、西達、倫尼、三馬丹及布魯島 (Pulau Brant) 提供免費眼疾治療。

卸任主席安德烈亞哈多說，在前往各地提供志願眼疾醫療服務中，最具挑戰性的是醫治布利島上的眼疾病患。

布利島上大部分居民在30歲左右罹患白內障，而他們從未離開鄉島，要為他們提供治療極具挑戰性，至少需要至少1個同伴隨行，所以我們不僅僅為病人提供食宿、運輸及治療，也要為他們的同伴提供食宿及交通等。治療30病患，再加上照料給名隨行者，总共照顧60個人。

聯昌捐助經費

安德烈亞哈多也對聯昌銀行 (CIMB) 慷慨捐助扶輪社的文舉感到欣悅。

聯昌銀行通過 Yayasan CIMB 提供免費白內障手術所需經費，至今已捐助約20萬令吉。

他披露，扶輪社接下來將于2月或3月份，前往砂拉越地區提供免費眼疾治療服務。

安德烈亞哈多是今日出席古晉中區扶輪社頒授2011/2012年度專業服務獎儀式時，如是說。

聯昌、扶輪社擁有3至4名眼科醫師，每個星期必須為約30名眼疾病人提供治療服務。

驅蟲檢測視力 扶輪社造福鄉童

(古晉7日訊) 古晉中區扶輪社為斯里阿曼甘榜南加查拉森小學捐款物品及提供免費健康檢驗服務。

捐20輛腳踏車

古晉中區扶輪社捐出20輛腳踏車，同時為130名學生進行驅蟲 (Deworming) 及視力檢驗。

斯里阿曼甘榜南加查拉森小學擁有130名學生，而其中80%住校，其餘則居住在學校周圍的村莊。

服務計劃主席傅自敏表示，扶輪社致力培育年輕一代，以為國家發展提供充足的人力資源。

隨後，扶輪社也移交意向書予榜南加查拉森小學校長大衛勒南，以在2012年3月底之前，為該校學生提供驅蟲及視力檢測。

與此同時，扶輪社3310區區高爾尼阿都歌卡沙在致詞中表示，扶輪社擁有良好的聯繫網絡，集結各方力量，為社會弱勢群體提供服務，改善人民生活品質。

"扶輪社在歷屆主席及社員配備的鼎力支持下，強大、活躍並充滿活力，因此希望能在能力範圍內，繼續為社會作出更多貢獻。"

他還提醒，扶輪社應積極捐輸新血，以壯大并延續服務社會的傳承。

高爾尼阿都歌卡沙也說，自己已經過2周的短暫休息後，將於3月份繼續視察各地區的扶輪社。

受贊賞健康檢驗服務后，為眾人合照留影。
古晉中區扶輪社的代辦物品合影。
傅自敏 (右) 移交捐贈物品及意向書予斯里阿曼甘榜南加查拉森小學校長大衛勒南；左起為學校高級助理諾法哈姆及特瑞琳。

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club of:	Group No.	State	Total Members as at 1st of January	Total Members at 31st January	Ave. Attendance % this month	No. of Meetings held this month	No. of Meetings cancelled this month
A'Famosa	1	Melaka	13	13	46.15	4	0
Kota Laksamana Malacca*	1	Melaka	10	10	0.00	0	0
Kota Melaka	1	Melaka	25	25	58.00	4	0
Malacca	1	Melaka	24	24	35.90	5	0
Tangkak Ledang	2	Johor	13	13	46.20	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	22	22	72.00	2	0
Segamat	3	Johor	16	16	52.00	3	1
Kota Tinggi	3	Johor	17	17	70.00	1	2
Kulai	4	Johor	21	21	71.80	5	0
Pasir Gudang	4	Johor	20	20	60.00	3	0
Puteri Lagoon	4	Johor	16	16	83.34	3	0
Tebrau	4	Johor	21	21	60.00	3	1
Johor Bahru	5	Johor	56	56	76.67	3	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	44	44	72.00	4	0
Sentosa*	6	Singapore	63	66	43.60	4	0
Victoria	6	Singapore	5	5	50.00	2	2
Singapore	6	Singapore	147	148	33.74	4	1
Tanglin	6	Singapore	23	23	33.75	4	0
E-Club Singapore	6	Singapore	20	21	47.60	1	0
Jurong Town	7	Singapore	36	37	63.00	4	0
Singapore East	7	Singapore	34	34	57.00	3	1
Singapore North*	7	Singapore	32	32	26.00	4	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	57.60	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	41.00	4	0
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	49	49	37.80	5	0
Shenton	9	Singapore	20	20	45.00	3	1
Bandar Seri Begawan	10	Brunei	20	20	61.00	4	0
Belait*	10	Brunei	10	10	47.00	3	2
Labuan FT	10	Labuan	17	16	45.00	4	0
Mini*	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	5	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 Sutera	13	Sabah	15	15	54.60	3	1
Kota Kinabalu South	13	Sabah	34	34	47.70	4	0
Luyang	13	Sabah	20	20	76.00	4	0
Penampang	13	Sabah	15	15	51.43	4	0
Tanjung Aru	13	Sabah	18	18	39.00	1	1
Sandakan	14	Sabah	44	44	33.89	4	0
Sandakan North	14	Sabah	30	30	50.90	4	0
Tawau	14	Sabah	31	31	77.42	4	0
Tawau Tanjung*	14	Sabah	22	22	68.00	3	1

* No attendance figures received for the month.