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Governor's Newsletter

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District Governor's Message

Bringing Smiles to the World



In the 107 years of Rotary, our great service organization, well known across the world, has fulfilled an important and basic need common to all humans – the need to share, the need to serve and the need to sacrifice.

As Rotarians, we are taught to love and help others. We are moulded to become good role models and social ambassadors who are known to others to be honest, ethical, charitable, affectionate, and compassionate and having hearts unfettered by selfish motives.

The variety of remarkable Rotary humanitarian services which have touched the lives of millions around the world is a clear demonstration of the Rotary mission – to do good in the world. And Rotary has proven this over and over again in being the world's largest private provider of international educational scholarships and more than 1 billion children in developing nations have been immunized against polio through Polio Plus Grants.

The changes we as Rotarians bring to the world and to the lives of people motivate us to dream even bigger. Despite everything we have already done, there is still so much more to do. And with commitment and greater efforts we address the challenges faced by the less fortunate to deliver the Rotary dream and promise for all to live in peace and harmony.

Rotarians around the world feel the personal satisfaction in keeping with the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". There are countless Rotary contributions that have served mankind – feeding the hungry, giving sight to the blind, providing the basic necessities like clean water to the poor, educating the poor, helping the aged in their old age, eradicating polio... just to name a few. But yet there are so many reasons Rotarians can feel a true sense of satisfaction.

At the Rotary International Convention earlier this month, the huge SMILE embodies for me everything that Rotary stands for. It represents all the Rotarians of the world coming together to bring a smile to the faces of needy people who would otherwise have little or nothing to smile about. This will forever be one of the most enduring memory of my year as District Governor and as a Rotarian. What we do as Rotarians have given my life real meaning and satisfaction.

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa



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The month of May witnessed the 25th Pan Borneo Inter-Clubs Meet at the Sutera Pacific Hotel on the 25th-27th of May 2012.

In something of a break from tradition, DG Haji Zainie decided to use the occasion to present part of the District 3310 Awards to deserving Rotarians and Clubs as well as being together many Rotarians from the District. The presentations added much pomp and ceremony to the entire proceedings.

The Pan Borneo Inter-Clubs Meet began in 1984 as an Intercity Meet between the Rotary Club of Kuching, Sibul and Miri in Sarawak. The idea was proposed by the Rotary Club of Kuching, under the leadership of President Kang Tee Yong, was to meet the following objectives:

1. To provide opportunities for Rotarians in these clubs to meet;
2. To provide opportunities to exchange ideas on all aspects of Rotary;
3. To identify a project that could be jointly undertaken by the clubs.

The first Pan Borneo Intercity Meet was held in Kuching on the 8th December 1984. It was attended by the Presidents of the three clubs and more than thirty Rotarians.

In 1987, the Intercity Meet expanded to include Rotary Clubs from Sabah and Brunei to become the Pan Borneo Inter-clubs Meet. A tradition of the Pan Borneo Meet started then with a Pan Borneo project being carried out by the hosting club, funded by RM1,000.00 contribution from each participating club.

The Rotary Club of Miri hosted the first Pan Borneo Inter-Clubs Meet and the first Pan Borneo project was the donation of medical and sports equipment to the Home for the Aged in Miri.

The fact that it is now over a quarter of a century since the first Pan Borneo meet is a clear indication of the need for such a meet. It has brought the clubs in the Borneo region much closer and the joint projects give each club a sense of belonging to Rotary and to the region. Much friendship among Rotarians have blossomed. This year's meet may represent a new landmark in the history of the Pan Borneo Inter-club meet.

In recent years, some Rotary clubs from neighbouring countries have joined us in the spirit of fellowship, peace and understanding. We hope that the Pan Borneo Inter-Club Meet will continue to grow in strength to meet the ever changing challenges of the Rotary movement. We all share a common desire to meet the needs of our community and to promote peace in our world so much troubled by distrust and suspicion.

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PP Chio Cheng Leng
Chief Editor



DG Haji Zainie and DFL Hajjah Kalimah taking a break at Borneo Highland on 23rd April 2012



A break at the Borneo Highlands Resort, Sarawak.



The ladies on the wheel..



President Juergan pointing the Kalimantan border line with DGN Hj. Andre just showing the nice new cap.



President Juergan up to his old trick again...



Enjoying the Sarawak Highlands coffee .

LAUNCHING OF DISTRICT ROTARACT CONFERENCE AND BOWLING COMPETITION, SINGAPORE ON 19 MAY 2012



In attendance were AG Chew Ban Seng, AG Chew Phak Heng, DRR Sorensen Lau and District Rotaract Chair PP Derek Cheah.



I hereby declare the Conference and Bowling Tournament officially open.



The DG's Team.



and so is PP Koh Juay Mreng and...



..AG Chew Phak Heng.



The winning team from RC Bugis Junction.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, BANGKOK

5 - 12, MAY 2012



Met upon arrival by District First Lady Norimol of District 3350, Bangkok.



Posing in front of the Convention Venue Challenger Tong Muang Thani.



... at the registration with AG Eddie Choong and spouse Heidi, Ernie and President Lee Yik Soon.



At the Asia Breakfast Meeting.



Distribution of scholarship to students in Bangkok, a joint project with RC Marina City and RC Dusit.



Group photo with students in Ayuthaya, recipients of Matching Grant aids.



At the House Of Friendship with fellow Rotarians from RC Miri, Bintulu and Likas Bay.



...and more from RC Likas Bay and RC Kinabalu Sutera.



At the Environmental and Conservation booth with President Dr. Senthil.



With more fellow Rotarians from RC Bandar Begawan, RC Kinabalu Sutera and RC KK.



At the Kitchen of the World with AG Chew Ban Seng.



DFL with PRIP Bitchai and PDG Saowalak.



President Tapan Rao and spouse Praba with PRIP Bitchai.



At the International Night.



PP Gladys Pang and fellow Rotarians from RC Marina City