

21st RI D3310 PETS and Assembly Proceedings



Preserve Planet Earth through the eyes of the New Generations



RI D3310 DG Dr Abraham and District Governor 2011-12 Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa and Family

The 21st Rotary International District 3310 Presidents Elect Training Seminar and Assembly: ZON Regency Hotel by the sea: 7 to 10 April, 2011

Rotarians and Spouses: Governor's Banquet



Guest of Honour PDG Dr Ben Ch'ng addressing:



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RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY , JOHOR
BAHRU, April 10, 2011

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Resolution of Appreciation

- To thank:
- **1. PDG Ir John Cheah Kam Loong and PDFL Doreen for their gracious attendance at the Opening Ceremony Welcome Dinner as Guest-of-Honor and declaring open the 21st RI District 3310 Assembly**
- **2. PDG Dr. Ben Ch'ng Kee Cheong and PDFL Lily for gracing the Governor's Banquet as Guest-of-Honor**

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Resolution of Appreciation

- To thank:
- **3. The organizing chairperson, PP Bella Khor , and the organizing committee members for a great job in ensuring the success of the 21st PETS and District Assembly**
- **4. The District Governor Dr. K.A. Abraham and the Dist Governor-elect, DGE Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa for their leadership, advices and guidance in organizing a successful PETS and District Assembly**

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Resolution of Appreciation

- To thank:
- **4. Chairperson Ms Chew Gaik Suan and Rotarian Winnie Toh for assisting in the interesting spouse program**
- **5. The host club President Wong Yoke Chin and her able club members for their dedication and strong support in ensuring the success of the 21st PETS and Dist Assembly**
- **6. The incoming District Trainer, PDG Edward Sung Burongoh, and the District Training Committee of 2011-12, for successfully carrying out the President-Elects Training Seminar and the Dist Assembly and**
- Special thanks to PP Leslie Sim for coordinating all the multi media equipment

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Resolution of Appreciation

- To thank:
- **7. All participants who registered and participated in the PETS and District Assembly**
- **8. The sponsors and advertisers**
- **9. The General Manager and the staff of the ZON Regency Hotel By the Sea, for their cooperation and wonderful hospitality**
- **10. Our distinguished speakers and facilitators of the PETS and District Assembly.**

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- **And Finally To thank:**
- **11. Our Past Dist Governors for their time, effort and knowledge as Resource Persons**
- **12. The masters of ceremonies, sergeant-at-arms, registration committee and all those who have contributed one way or another in the success of the 21st PETS and Dist Assembly;**

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Footnote from OC Bella Khor: Thank you to the following speakers in the Spouse Program:

- 1. PDFL Sally Lim**
- 2. PDFL Pet Tay**
- 3. PDFL Lorna Wu**
- 4. In-coming DFL Hajjah Kalimah**

- 5. Puan Maimunah Bte Said**
- 6. Puan Azizah Abu Hassan**
- 7. Hiroko -san**
- 8. Ms Doris Looi**
- 9. PP Ooi Kao Yang**

EVALUATION OF THE 21st RI D3310 PETS AND ASSEMBLY

PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR:

- 1. Some of the participants would like more time to interact with the DGE and with the AG assigned to their club.**
- 2. Some participants felt that the training leaders should facilitate more group discussions.**
- 3. Some participants would like more variety of teaching methods during the training (probably more workshops).**
- 4. More opportunities should be given for interaction among presidents-elect**
- 5. The participants agreed that the plenary session speakers were motivational**
- 6. Generally, the participants :**
 - a. Agreed that they were more 'knowledgeable' with the various topics at the PETs after the training;**
 - b. That the 'program presentation', 'district knowledge' and 'logistics' were 'agreeable'.**

SOME OTHER COMMENTS:

- 1. Some participants felt that 'role playing' and 'educational games' should be introduced**
- 2. There should be more time for discussions on the various topics**
- 3. The CLP is not clearly explained**

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

- 1. Generally the participants agreed that they were more 'knowledgeable' of their duties and responsibilities after the sessions**
- 2. Generally the participants 'agreed' with the program presentations.**
- 3. Most of the participants felt that the Case Studies and Workshops were useful but can be improved on the presentations.**
- 4. There should be more variety of teaching methods (workshops?)**
- 5. Slides and PowerPoint Presentation did not 'enhance the overall learning experience'**

SOME OTHER COMMENTS:

- 1. There should be longer breaks in between**
- 2. The presentation slides should be made available to the participants**
- 3. More information required on the DSG and DDF and how to apply**
- 4. Encourage more sharing of success stories and best practices**

- 5. Dim the lights for video presentation**
- 6. Make sure all air conditioning units in the rooms are functioning properly**
- 7. The rooms are too small for easy movements – suggest ‘round tables’.**

MY COMMENTS:

- 1. The Organising Chair Bella Khor must be commended for arranging and coordinating the events. Well done and thank you.**
- 2. The facilitators and resource persons carried out their responsibilities well, but last minute changes should be avoided as these can be quite stressful.**
- 3. PP Leslie did very well with coordinating all the multi- media equipment....well done and thank you.**
- 4. Timing of the sessions was generally OK, but there were instances of running late...not surprisingly these facilitators did not attend the briefing that morning.**
- 5. We need to figure out how to have a ‘5-minute break’ after each session.**
- 6. Facilitators should not wait until all the participants are in; they should start even if there are only three or four participants in the room....keeping time is important.**
- 7. Before winding up the session, allow 5 minutes for the resource person to ‘present his view’, if any.**

8. In my opinion, the 'evaluation/feedback' forms do not really reflect the 'real situation'....most participants would choose the 'easy way out' by 'agreeing' ; the 'usual few' would come out with harsh/non-constructive comments(as long as they can remain anonymous). I would prefer an 'open forum' where all the participants are encouraged to give their comments. The 'nasty ones' would not dare to criticize for the sake of criticizing, for fear of being ostracized by their peers...however, good constructive comments can be expected.

Facilitator PP Dr Ho, District Trainer PDG Edward Sung Burongoh and OC PP Bella Khor



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OC Bella, PDFL Lily, DFL [2011-12] Hajjah Kalimah and GOH [Governor's Banquet: 9 April, 2011] PDG Dr Ben Ch'ng

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PDG IR JOHN CHEAH P.I.S
GUEST OF HONOUR –DISTRICT 3310 ASSEMBLY
On 8th April 2011 at 7.00pm

Rotary International Annual Themes
and some success stories.



District Governor Dr Kochitty Abraham and charming spouse Geetha, Incoming District Governor Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa and lovely spouse Hajjah Kalimah, Past District Governors and their supportive spouses, District Governor Nominee Lee Kong Hwee and lovely spouse Nana, District officers, Presidents of the various clubs in District 3310, Distinguished guests, Ladies of Rotary and my fellow Rotarians.

On 7th February 2011, with the Almighty's blessings I achieved 3 score & ten indeed I am honoured to be invited as your Guest-of- Honour for the opening of the 21st District 3310 Assembly. Having been installed the 56th District 330 Assembly as the District governor for year 1990/91 in Kuala Lumpur.

I am delighted by the members of the "Boys Brigade" who escorted me into the function room. The "Boys Brigade" formed the "Guard of Honour" during my wedding ceremony in church in the year 1966. You now know how long Doreen has been my constant companion.

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Tonight, I take pleasure to address you on the annual Rotary International theme and share with you some of her successful stories. Rotary is now 106 years old and with all its experiences gained guided and led by illustrious Presidents and their R.I Boards of Directors and the Council on Legislation, Rotary International is indeed a very successful N.G.O serving the community worldwide.

Every year the R.I President will come forth with a theme to guide Rotarians in their efforts to do good for the community. "To Dignify Human Being", "Serve to Unite Mankind", "Let Service Light the Way", "Share Rotary Serve People", "Rotary Bring Hope", "Honour Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm", "Create Awareness-Take action" and "Rotary Shares". The above Rotary International themes tug at my heart strings and inspire me to contribute whatever I can to Rotary long after my year of service as a Club President (1975-1976) and as a District governor in 1990-1991. These annual Rotary themes and many more, also serve to inspire, motivate and encourage Rotarians around the world to do what they could to make the world a better place for the less fortunate, the needy and the sick. Rotarians worldwide refresh, renew and rededicate themselves at the beginning of each rotary year commencing on the 1st of July and continue to contribute till the end of June the following year. These themes are carefully selected to encourage and motivate Rotarians to render "Service Above Self".

When I joined Rotary in March 1975, I encountered the theme "To Dignify the Human Being". This theme struck a cord in my heart and those of the caring Rotarians to do what we could for children born into slums and ghettos and later to commit to Polio Plus to try to put an end to the suffering of Polio stricken children who were condemned to crawl.

In year 1979/80, I assumed the Presidency of R.C of Johor Bahru with the theme "Let Service Light the Way". No one lights a candle and hide it under the bushes. Yes, let your "service" be seen by men as "Rotary brings Hope". Our service in bringing hope can be seen by countless examples with success stories both locally and worldwide. Rotary International's most successful story is the Polio Plus Programme. Started in year 1985 with Rotarians being the 'key' and 'catalyst' as

they “act with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity”. We are grateful to “Bill Gates” for the donation of the U\$S200 million to challenge Rotarians to end Polio which has crippled children worldwide.

Recently, we witness Rotarians in our District walking all the way from Kuala Lumpur to Johor Bahru and thence to Singapore to raise funds to match Bill Gate’s challenge. With the help of WHO and American Centre of Disease Control, Rotarians have succeeded to reduce polio cases by morethan 99% and now the only endemic countries are India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

This Rotary year, R.I President Ray Klingsmith has stressed the importance of membership as well as the continual support for the Rotary Foundation. Incoming R.I President Kalyan Banerjee has also impressed upon us the importance of Membership. The call for membership development has been stressed by several Presidents since 1998 when membership has been hovering around 1.2 million. Several articles have been written by R.I. on membership development and retention. Countless seminars have been conducted by R.I membership coordinators but the results remain unsatisfactory. We really need to “Share Rotary -Serve People”.

Rotary needs to encourage members to win more civic minded people to join the movement, even to the extent of inviting spouses of Rotarians to join and work side by side with rotarians to serve the community. Good examples of husband & wife teams in Rotary are in PRIP Louis Vincente Giay & Spouse Celia, Rtn Dr Lim & Spouse PP Bella Khor from Johor Straits View, PP Val Winslow & Spouse Rtn Yvonne from Singapore R.C Serangoon Gardens Orchard and PP Nelson Loong and Spouse PP Fancy Tan from R.C of Johor Centennial.

There are several ways Rotary can make membership reachable to all sectors of the community. Recently, the Board of Directors have come out with pilot programmes with the following proposals such as the Satellite Clubs, Corporate Membership, Associate Membership and Innovation and Flexibility. These are useful programmes to take note of in the Membership Development programmes.

Rotarians need to “Honour Rotary with Faith & Enthusiasm”. Serving Rotary with love and sincerity is to honour Rotary. In 1996, a young philanthropist by the name of Dato Yap Sing Hock, owner of Lien Hoe Corporation, invited me to have a look at 2 pieces of land in Kulai for the setting up of a Haemodialysis Centre. As a result of the visit, not only did he donate a piece of the land to the R.C of Kulai, but he also donated a substantial sum of money for the construction of this centre. I was rather curious as to why he made the donation, Sensing the need to give me an answer he replied, “I have noted you and Dato Francis Ng serving as Rotarians and I believe in Rotarians because of the good example that you both have shown, I know my money is in safe hands. Rotarians have earned the trust and credibility of the public. I urge all Rotarians to continue to be good trustees of public funds.

The Polio Plus Programme that began in the Philippines in 1985 has done well throughout the world. The recent spread of dengue fever has affected people in S.E Asia and in particular Malaysia. It was timely that the “Reducing Child Mortality Conference” was held in Johor Bahru, last year when a number of distinguished speakers from overseas participated. Amongst the speakers was PDG Dr Ben Henson from Manila who delivered a paper on “Dengue Eradication” and today with his guidance, we are able to assist the government in the Jawatankuasa Tindakan Denggi Johor Bahru. President Dr S Sivamoorthy of the R.C of Johor Bahru and myself a former Public Health Engineer in year 1970 in the Malaria Eradication Programme, Ministry of Health Malaysia have been appointed by the Johor Bahru government to sit in the committee for “Dengue Eradication”.

If the above programme is found successful, Malaysia can use this programme, to reduce, control and eradicate the spread of dengue.

In this assembly, we enter to learn and depart to serve. How much we learn will show how well our clubs is administered. Receiving the rotary Presidential Citation from Rotary International is the reward of every serving Club President of the District and I wish you and your board of Directors well.

Teaching is learning. I congratulate all Training Leaders for their dedication and commitment. With every Assembly you serve, the wiser and more knowledgeable you will become.

At this juncture, I would like to congratulate District Governor Dr Kochitty Abraham and spouse Geetha for dedicating a whole Rotary year “Building Community and Bridging Continents” May respect, esteem and friendship be your reward for your significant contributions.

My best wishes go to District Governor-Elect Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa and spouse Kalimah. May you have good health and safety as you lead our District for a year of dedicated service as you “Reach within to embrace Humanity” may service opportunities fill your path may enlightenment and fulfilment light your way throughout the coming Rotary year.

In conclusion, I urge you, my fellow Rotarians to be annually recharged and motivated by the annual Rotary International themes and be continually encouraged to “Share Rotary Serve People” at club, District and International level year after year.

It is with great pleasure, I declare the 21st RI District 3310 Assembly officially open.

Summary of Attendance:

Registration:

- 1. District Assembly: 232
- 2. Presidents Elect Training Seminar: 69
- 3. Spouse Program: 29
- 4. District Governor: Dr Kochitty Abraham
- 5. District Governor Elect: Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa
- 6. District Governor Nominee: Lee Kong Hwee
- 7. District Governor Nominee 2: Chew Ghim Bok
- 8. District Trainer: PDG Edward Sung Burongoh
- 9. Past District Governors: 12
- 10. Assistant Governors: 5

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Opening /Welcoming Dinner: 310:
Friday 08th April, 2011

Governor's Banquet: 360:
Saturday 09th April, 2011

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Reported by:
Bella Khor
OC for 21st RI D3310 PETS and Assembly





RY 2011-12 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



MY FELLOW ROTARIANS,

Welcome to the 21st PETS and District Assembly and congratulations to all of you for being selected to be the District Leaders for 2011 – 2012.

Each of you is here today to discover new ways to explore opportunities that you have through Rotary – and to learn more about yourselves, and each other. You are here to learn how each of you can make Rotary, and the World, a little bit better – one act of service at a time.

No one can tell you, at this moment, what new understanding will shape you during the hours and days ahead – but I can assure you that how much you learn, and how much you grow here, it is up to you. If you open your mind and yourself to new ideas and new ways of thinking – you will leave this PETS and District Assembly with a new perspective on Rotary service, and your own role within it. And you will, I hope, leave as a better Rotarian – one who understands that the day is short, and the task is great.

Our theme in the coming Rotary Year is “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”. R.I President Elect Kalyan Benerjee asked us to look within ourselves, to understand that all humanity has the same dreams, similar hopes, the same aspirations and similar problems. He also believes that if you strengthen yourself, you strengthen those who share your life and your home. Once you have a strong family, you have a strong base on which to build. Those who have that inner strength can work together better to serve humanity, and that is what we do in Rotary.

Our “Reach Within” begins at each club. When Paul Harris founded Rotary, he thought first of the club as an independent unit, a place of service and fellowship in its own right. Today, our network of clubs is one of our strength, our greatest asset, as we are able to share resources and expertise within clubs in our District, across regions, nations and continents. But for that network to perform well, it must be

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vital and comprise of clubs that are strong and thriving. All Presidents Elect and club leaders must ensure that their clubs remain growing, vibrant, relevant, and strong by bringing in and retaining members, by focusing and increasing humanitarian services and by enhancing their public image and awareness. A strong and thriving club provides better service to the communities.

I wish to thank all of you for your attendance and participation in this PETS and District Assembly and wish you all every success.

I wish also to sincerely thank our District Trainer PDG Edward Sung Burongoh and his team for their untiring effort and commitment.

To the PETS and District Assembly Organizing Chair PP Bella Khor and all her committee members, I would like to commend them on an excellent job done. This 2011 PETS and District Assembly was handled with extreme meticulous attention by PP Bella, and with her leadership, this event will truly be one to remember.

Let us enjoy Rotary together for another great year of service.

HJ ZAINIE ABDUL AUCASA
[District Governor RY 2011-12]



Welcoming Speech to Presidents Elect on Thursday 7th April, 2011

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Presidents Elect ROTARY YEAR 2011-12: Group Photo

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Host Club [RCJSV] President Wong Yoke Chin presenting Bouquet to PDFL Doreen Cheah



House of Friendship



Spouse Program:

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Fruit Carving Demonstration by PP Ooi Kao Yang



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Feedback from Around the District;

The Progressive: “First of all, thank you for a successful PETS/ DA. However, it is amazing how often we get all the positive good here and there or rather we hear all the good positive remarks but nothing on the negative side. Are we kidding ourselves that everything is positive and nothing negative? What about some negative remarks which we need in order to improve further? Or are we to say that everything has been good and hence what is there to improve on further?

From training points, we would like to hear from all the PEs some constructive comments which we would need in order to improve on training aspects. I can't comment on the PEs' point of view as I was one of the facilitators.

The Old Timer: *“Start the PETS at 9am on Thursday morning instead of the afternoon. This way, you have two full days. :-)*

The programme is packed tight (PDG Edward has to make do what he had). RI training materials used require 1 hour for each Session. In reality, we only have at best 45 minutes (sometime even less as people linger for tea and fellowship). Also, we need a "refresher break" between Sessions.

PEs have indicated that they like to do more networking... and have requested mixed sessions rather than sticking to the "syndicate group" which they have been assigned. This may be very challenging for the organisers... but we can consider a couple of hours for them to get together, know each other, and discuss joint projects. This is possible if we increase the hours available.

Question: *Will this be acceptable? Great if it is can be done though!*

The New Rotarian: “This was my first time at a District Assembly, I have no previous experiences to match it with so I will take everyone's word here that it was good, better than ever before. But personally I felt that the hosts were wonderful. Could get to meet PP Bella, she was too darned busy, I decided to keep my distance. Will shake her hand at the next one when she, hopefully, will be more relaxed. My special thanks to Dr Lim. He was amazingly helpful in expressly harried times.

The Benevolent Rotarian: “With so many compliments messages posted to PP Bella and her organising committee members, I must also convey my congratulations wishes for a job well done.....

My club's PE by the name of Juergen Ertl also mentioned that as far as his Group B of PEs are concerned, the facilitators assigned to this grouping did well in getting the PEs to engage in discussion. Well done to PDG Edward Burongoh and PDG Hoe Beng and all who were involved in training the facilitators. It shows that positive progress is showing.

The band and the selection of songs at the Governor's Banquet were also superb. While it is not possible to satisfy everyone, I am sure the amount of positive feedback is sufficient to instill a sense of satisfaction for job well done.

The Senior Rotarian with Future Vision: “That was a very good PETS & DA last week. A special: 'Terima Kaseh', to you and your Team, on a great job done. My comments for what it is worth:

- 1). The participation by our 'New Team for 2011-2012 was most enlightening & greatly encouraging to us older Rotarians that Rotary 3310 is in GOOD Hands I am happy to say.
- 2). Maybe the older Rotarians who attended could have been utilised more effectively in more areas of dialogue. This is for the Next Team to consider to make the PETS even better than it already is.

Comments Out Loud:

1. The team is inexperienced in handling seating arrangement for the VIPs at the Banquet.
2. The Souvenir Program had forgotten to mention and address the presence of Past District First Ladies.....
3. The Break-out Rooms had an unpleasant smell.
4. The prawns served were not real prawns!

Editor's Comment in reply to:

1. Please wait for your turn to sit at the VVIP Table. You will be right on it and not near it.
2. Going to the Printer, we were not sure who are coming and who are not. The Masters of Ceremony did an excellent job on both Dinners and Proceedings.
3. Level 6 is near the Bar/Lounge and small wonder, if the rooms reeked in stale smoke.
4. Texturize Vegetable Protein [TVP] is probably cleaner in protein content.



OC Bella and Host Club President Yoke Chin



Family of Rotary Consolation Prize



PP Christina Chin RC Batu Pahat



RC Kuching Central: Largest Contingent: 23 Rotarians and Spouses