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THE WATERFRONT

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The Right Honorable The Chief Minister of Sarawak Bestowed Paul Harris Award by District Governor Mike Parry

Rotary International District 3310 Governor (DG), Michael Graham Parry, presented a Paul Harris award to the YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr.) Hj. Abdul Taib Mahmud, the Chief Minister of Sarawak on 29 October 2002 in conjunction with the charter and first installation ceremony of the Rotary Club of Petra Jaya.

In his citation, DG Mike Parry mentioned that ever since taking office as the Chief Minister of Sarawak on 26 March 1981, Kuching in specific and Sarawak in general, has progressed rapidly with leaps and bounds. 'Under the leadership of the Right Honorable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr.) Hj. Abdul Taib and his politics of development, he has been instrumental in

- maintaining understandings and unity amongst the various races irrespective of their religions where the Sarawakians have been living in harmony and peacefully all these years
- the setting up of the Sarawak International Medical Center where this not-for-profit making organization will turn Sarawak into a regional medical hub and making world class medical treatment affordable to the people of Sarawak and the region
- the promotion and development of education institutions such as UNIMAS, CURTIN University etc. thus bringing affordable education to the doorsteps of the people of Sarawak
- implementing the proper management of the forest such as replantation of trees in logged areas and selective felling of trees

He has established himself as an outstanding politician locally

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as well as internationally and his awards and honours stand as a glowing tribute to him. His vision of getting teachers to take up drama to rekindle the interest of the young in the Art', said DG Mike Parry.

The Right Honorable Chief Minister of Sarawak also made a name in the Literary World in the publishing of several books that he has written. DG Mike Parry also said, 'As the Governor of District 3310, I would like to say that His Excellency, the Right Honorable Chief Minister is an outstanding example of a leader who renders service above self and I honestly wish he had joined Rotary.'

The bestowing of a PHF to someone is always associated with the desire to recognise that person as someone special. For example, a person who by his/her example, has distinguished themselves prominently in some area of achievement.

Accordingly such awards have been made to community leaders whose inspired contributions are appreciated by Rotary clubs.

Wife of the Right Honorable Chief Minister of Sarawak, YABhg. Datuk Amar Puan Sri (Dr.) Hjh Laila Taib, has been bestowed a PHF award a number of years ago.

WHAT'S ON- IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR?

	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	CONTACT
1	INTER-ROTA Assembly	Holiday Inn Damai Lagoon	8-10 Nov'02	PP. Frankie Yang
2	Election of office bearers	TBA	Nov-Dec 02	Rtn. Cecil Yong
3	Joint District Conference	Genting Highlands	13-15 Dec.'02	PP. Chieng Lee Ching
4	Submission of District Awards & Presidential Citation	N/A	28 Feb 2003	Rtn. Cecil Yong
5	Pan Borneo	Lahad Datu, Sabah	6-9 Mar'02	PP. Abel Chieng
6	District Assembly	Eden Hotel Johor Bahru	April'03	PP. Chieng Lee Ching
7	2003 Rotary International Convention	Brisbane, Australia	1-4 June 2003	PP. Bobby Chai
8	Rotary Institute	Singapore	1-4 Nov 2003	PP. Bobby Chai
9	2004 Rotary International Convention	Osaka, Japan	22-26 May 2004	TBA
10	2005 Rotary International Convention	Chicago, Illinois, USA	19-22 Jun 2005	TBA
11	2005 Rotary International Convention	Copenhagen, Denmark & Malmo, Sweden	11-14 Jun 2006	TBA

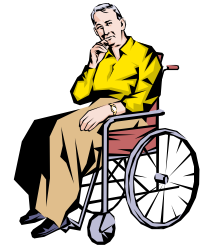
Notes: Events printed in italic bold are new events which have just been included in this issue. TBA= To Be Announced.

Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign

Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio

In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private-sector organization. PolioPlus was the catalyst for the World Health Assembly's resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio. Today, thanks to Rotary's US\$500 million commitment and its leadership in mobilizing volunteers, the world is on the threshold of eradicating the poliovirus. Great progress has been made. Fewer than 10 countries still have polio. The number of cases worldwide has decreased 99 percent since 1985. The greatest obstacle to victory is adequate funding. A \$275 million shortfall must be overcome in the period 2002-05. For this reason, the RI Board of Directors and the

Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously decided to launch a one-year campaign to help fill the funding gap. The campaign seeks \$80 million in cash and pledges during the period 1 July 2002 through 30 June 2003. (Pledges may be paid over a three-year period.) The money is needed for vaccine and its delivery through National Immunization Days, and surveillance systems needed to identify remaining pockets of the disease. Up to \$25 million of contributions to the campaign will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The World Bank will provide further support. Each Rotary club is requested to set its own campaign goal. Many plan



community fundraisers to help reach the goal. As of mid-August, contributions exceed \$5 million. Approximately 35,000 Rotarians are engaged in the campaign leadership team. To help publicize the campaign, Rotarians are invited to download a presentation and accompanying script. The presentation is available as a [PowerPoint file \(14.3 MB\)](#) or as a [.pdf file \(1.2 MB\)](#). The [script \(93 KB\)](#) is a .pdf file. [Frequently Asked Questions \(218 KB\)](#) about the campaign and the monthly Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign [newsletter \(879 K\)](#) also are available for download as .pdf files.



Birthdays & Anniversaries in October 2002

5 Oct	TAN LEAN SIM	
9 Oct		PHILIP TANG & ELIZABETH



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