



# THE WATERFRONT

**THIS IS THE WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL, KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA; ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310; CHARTERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 1986.**

**WEEKLY LUNCHEON MEETING AT 6PM EVERY THURSDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) AT THE RIVERSIDE MAJESTIC HOTEL, KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA**

## **18<sup>th</sup> Installation ceremony concluded with success**



The club had a successful installation ceremony for the 18<sup>th</sup> President, Rtn. Sylvester Fong, on 11 July 2003 at the Crowne Plaza Riverside Hotel.



President Sylvester & spouse Agnes with Joshua & Joane.

The ceremony was attended by YB. Datuk Wong Soon Koh, Minister for Infrastructure Development & Communications Sarawak, who witnessed the installation of the new president and as well as officially launched the club's website.

YB. Datuk Wong Soon Koh was also bestowed a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) by newly installed President Sylvester Fong. In return, he announced a grant of RM5,000.00 to be given to the club.

The ceremony proceed finely and the 2-piece musicians serenading the audience perfectly while the multi-media show continuously going on showing snapshots of photos taken during the whole Rotary year across all activities of the club. Thanks a million to Rtn. Thomas Ngu for helping to build these multi-media slides.

Congratulations also to the new MC on the block, PP. Dr. Samuel Kiyui. We will make sure that he will be back again next year by popular demand!

After the ceremony ended, all Rotarians and their respective family members got together for a group photograph as per the yearly traditions that has been in practise except that this time, we noticed that our offsprings are no longer as small as they were some years ago. That is the reasons why they refused to be told to sit on the floor during the group photo session.

Traditionally, the children have always been asked to sit on the floor infront of our spouses. Comes next year, we will need bigger stage because our children will want to sit with us. Why not try the 'amphi theater' for the installation of PE Aw Tai Hui.

**Welcome to office, President Sylvester!**

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## [www.kuchingcentralrotary.org](http://www.kuchingcentralrotary.org) LAUNCHED BY YB DATUK WONG SOON KOH, MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS, SARAWAK

After 17 years of existence, the Rotary Club of Kuching Central finally has its presence in the cyber space by having its website officially launched by YB Datuk Wong Soon Koh, Minister for Infrastructure Development & Communications Sarawak in conjunction with the installation of the 18<sup>th</sup> President, Sylvester Fong, on 11 July 2003.

The domain name is [www.kuchingcentralrotary.org](http://www.kuchingcentralrotary.org), where the extension 'org' is associated with non-profit making organization. It is also a domain name that is registered in the USA as otherwise the extension will be 'org.my' where 'my' indicates that it is a Malaysian domain name. Such strategy was used so that it gives the club an international image and secondly because the USA registered domain name is cheaper. The name 'kuchingcentralrotary' has been adopted because a search in the internet revealed that nearly all Rotary clubs have their website address in this format where the word 'rotary' comes after the name of the club.



Our website address has also been registered with Rotary International (<http://www.rotary.org/support/websites/index.html>) and linked with the District 3310 website (<http://www.d3310.rotary.com.my/links.html>). This is one way to promote our website and our existence in the net.



### ***New RI president spells out Rotary's mission in 2003-04***

[RI President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe](#) took office on 1 July with a call to Rotarians to place the family at the center of their quest for "Service Above Self," and consider it a touchstone of efforts to increase and retain membership.

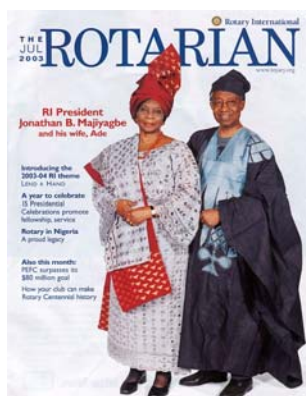
"I am asking every club to form a Family of Rotary Committee to find more ways to create and nurture an atmosphere of warmth and caring," he said. "This greater sense of a family atmosphere within our clubs is so important to the overall health of Rotary. It will not only make our Rotary membership more meaningful, it will support the work we do outside of our clubs."

To translate the [2003-04 Rotary theme](#), "Lend a Hand," into action, Rotarians will devote their professional and business skills to serve in their own communities and internationally through emphases on activities that help in alleviating poverty, addressing health concerns, and promoting literacy and education.

Majiyagbe is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and principal counsel in J.B. Majiyagbe & Co. Born in Lagos, he is a graduate of the University of London. A member of the Honourable Body of Benchers,

Majiyagbe is a former member of the interim judicial service committee, Kano State, a past vice president of the Nigerian Bar Association, and a member of the International Bar Association. He has served as a trustee of the Kano Lebanon Club and the Kano Club. He was a long-time chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Kano and served as chairman of the Kano branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society for many years. Majiyagbe is also a member of the Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture.

A Rotarian since 1967, Majiyagbe is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Kano. He has served Rotary International as district governor, International Assembly instructor, committee member, director and trustee of the Rotary Foundation. He is a recipient of the Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Awards. Majiyagbe is a past chairman of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee and a former member of the International PolioPlus Committee.



RI President Jonathan & Ade in the July issue of Rotarian

## Rotary world mourns death of Ade Majiyagbe

Ade Majiyagbe, wife of RI President-elect Jonathan Majiyagbe, died on 6 June 2003 in England, having suffered a stroke a few weeks earlier. Known and loved throughout the Rotary world for her warmth, good humor, and dedication to Rotary, Ade was very active in Inner Wheel in her homeland of Nigeria and served on the organization's international board of directors.

An insurance claims adjuster by profession, she also sang in her church choir and enjoyed sewing and fashion design. She is also survived by her son, John. Ade was a familiar presence with her

husband at RI conventions, the International Assembly, and other meetings. Leading the spouses' session at the 2003 International Assembly, she reinforced her husband's message of addressing the world's most pressing problems, saying: "As privileged people and spouses of Rotarians who are known for humanitarian services, we must team up to give back to society what society gave us. We must Lend a Hand in helping to clothe the naked; Lend a Hand in feeding the poor; Lend a Hand in healing the sick; Lend a Hand in caring for the aged and comforting the bereaved."

"Together with her husband, Ade Majiyagbe served and represented Rotary with devotion and faith," said Gay Maloney, who served as her aide during the 2002-03 Rotary year. "Most of all, I witnessed her commitment to serve those less fortunate throughout the world. Because of her beautiful spirit and selfless nature, she inspired me and all others who had the privilege of knowing her."

The funeral was held on Friday, 13 June at 11:30 am at St. Andrew's Church, Bathune Rd., Stoke Newington, London N16 England. Memorial contributions in honor of Ade Majiyagbe can be made to "Ade's Hope Fund for the Education of Women and Children" c/o The Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 75133, Chicago, IL 60675-5133 USA.

## **WHAT'S ON- IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR?**

	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
1	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Board of Directors meeting</b>	<b>Riverside Crowne Plaza</b>	<b>17 Jul'03 8pm</b>	<b>Rtn. Frankie Ong</b>
2	District Assembly – Golf Fellowship	Pulai Springs, Johor Bahru	<b>15 Aug'03 1pm</b>	<b>Rtn. Thomas Ngu</b>
3	Governors' Banquet	Eden Hotel Johor Bahru	<b>15 Aug'03 7pm</b>	<b>Rtn. Thomas Ngu</b>
4	District Assembly Proper	Eden Hotel Johor Bahru	<b>16 Aug'03 8am</b>	<b>Rtn. Thomas Ngu</b>
5	District Assembly Farewell Dinner	Eden Hotel Johor Bahru	<b>16 Aug'03 7.30pm</b>	<b>Rtn. Thomas Ngu</b>
6	2003 Rotary Zone Institute	Grand Copthorne Hotel, Singapore	7-9 Nov 2003	<b>PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom</b>
7	2004 Rotary International Convention	Osaka, Japan	23-26 May 2004	<b>PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom</b>
8	2005 Rotary International Convention	Chicago, Illinois, USA	19-22 Jun 2005	TBA
9	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.**

## **MUNA – MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

The District is contemplating to encourage Rotaractors/Interactors from Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei to participate in the upcoming International Model United Nations event on 31st July - 3rd August 2003. As of today, only the following applications have been received:

1. RAC Curtin University (1 Applicant)
2. RAC Swinburne Sarawak (2 Applicants)

More delegates are encouraged to apply so that we can select the best students to attend the upcoming

MUNA in representing Malaysia. Last year, the Presidents of the Rotaract Club of Kuching and Swinburne Sarawak Institute of Technology were selected to attend the same event and they found it very beneficial and useful.

Kindly invite interested delegates to send in their own Supporting Resume not later by 19 July 2003 to the followings:

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