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

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

13th DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, JOHOR BAHRU 15-17 AUG.



Now that SARS is over, the 13th District Assembly has been set to be held from 15 (afternoon) -17 (morning) July at Eden Hotel, Johor Bahru.

The event will start off with a friendly golf fellowship at Pulau Spring Golf Resort in the afternoon of 15 July (Friday) to be followed by a fellowship dinner at the same venue at 7.30pm. There will be presentation of awards & recognitions of Rotarians during the fellowship dinner.

The Assembly proper will start at 8am on 16 August at the Ballroom of Eden Hotel and it will be officially opened by DYMM the Sultan of Johor who will be received by DG David Tong, Chairman of the Council of Governors PDG Datuk George Ginibun and entourage. The first day sessions will end at 5.30pm and to be followed by the Governor's Banquet at 7.30pm where the highlight for the evening will be the installation of the District Governor David Tong. There will also be a second round of presentation of awards & recognitions of Rotarians during the Banquet.

Rotary Club of Kuching Central is supposed to receive recognitions for the followings:

1. District Best Club Service Award and
2. Rotary International Public Relations Award

As such, IPP Kho Ping will have to be ready to attend the Assembly so that he can officially go to the stage to receive the award & recognition.

As of todate, there are 11 members (and 1 spouse) registered for the Assembly. Registration is still opened.

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WEEKLY MEETING IS NOW CHANGED TO SATURDAY 1PM

During the 1st BOD meeting that was held on 17 July 2003, a decision was made to change the weekly meeting day from Thursday 6pm to Saturday 1pm.

The decision was made in considerations of the many suggestions by many members who find it more convenient and more relaxing to have the meeting on a Saturday so that the members can continue to stay on for fellowship thereafter. Unfortunately, President Sylvester Fong was away on overseas leave and as such, he had appointed PE Aw Tai Hui to chair the board meeting. The change will be effective from 24 July 2003.

ROTARY FIRST EXISTENCE IN MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

Malaysia

The first Rotary clubs in Malaysia was established in 1929. At present, there are 91 clubs with 2,479 members.

The following are ways in which Rotary is serving communities in Malaysia.

Medical Equipment – Pontian, Malaysia Helping to provide funds to purchase dialysis machines, chairs and trolley tables for Pontian, Malaysia.

Participating districts include District 3310 Pontian and District 3490 Chung-Li South. US \$24,000.00

Vocational Training for the Disabled – Kuala Lumpur City, Malaysia Providing equipment for a vocational training center for the mentally disabled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. District 3300 Kuala Lumpur Diraja and District 3810 Makati participated. US \$19,204.00

Microcredit Loans – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Rotarians helped provide capital for a revolving loan for 16 people in Kuala Lumpur. Sponsored by District 3810 Makati. US \$20,000.00

Education – Damansara, Malaysia Helping to provide school supplies and clothing to poor children in Damansara, Malaysia. Supported by District 3300 Damansara, District 3480 Chung Ho, Chung Ho East, Chung Ho Full May, Chung Ho West, District 3480 Taipei and District 3480 Yung Ho. US \$25,000.00

Singapore

The first Rotary club was established in Singapore 1930. At present, there are 15 clubs with 685 members. During the past 68 years, Singapore Rotarians, along with members in Malaysia and Brunei, have demonstrated Rotary's spirit of Service Above Itself. During the past five years, Rotary clubs in the region have initiated hundreds of community projects. Some of these include:

Health Care — Clubs in Singapore, along with The Rotary Foundation, have contributed more than \$36,000 to help provide therapeutic and vocational learning equipment to create a hygienic maternity center in India.

Health Care — Since 1991, Rotary Clubs in Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei have donated almost \$1.2 million to set up 5 clinics in Johor to provide dialysis for people in Malaysia and offer treatment for patients with end stage kidney disease.

Community Development — Singapore clubs donated \$24,000 to fund a community development program in the Philippines to offer health, literacy, micro-credit and vocational training to low-income families.

Assistance for Landmine Victims — The Raffle Junior College Interact Club, sponsored by Rotary clubs of Singapore, organized international understanding concerts, and sold newspapers and old clothing to raise fund to cover the cost of artificial limbs operations of Cambodian land mine victims.

FAMILY OF ROTARY COMMITTEE: At Club level

WHAT IS THE CONCEPT?

- ◆Every Rotarian to put into practice the first object of Rotary and that is to “encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service”
- ◆Every Rotarian to remember that friendship was the Foundation on which Rotary service was built.
- ◆The family of Rotary concept is to encourage clubs to care for Rotarians and members of Rotary’s extended family (spouses and children) and remember spouses of deceased Rotarians.
- ◆The objective is membership retention and to make the club more cohesive and thereby strengthening the club.

What specifically would the Club’s Family of Rotary committee do at the club level?

- ◆Visit sick Rotarians in their homes and ensure any needs are met.
- ◆Inquire after those who have missed meetings or allowed their membership to lapse.
- ◆Promote membership retentions
- ◆Promote diversity of membership in clubs
- ◆Encourage newer Rotarians to serve on a committee or spearhead a club project

- ◆Encourage spouses and adult children of Rotarians to participate in service projects
- ◆Encourage spouses and adult children of Rotarians to join Rotary
- ◆Maintain relationship with the family of deceased Rotarians and spouses
- ◆Support the family of deceased Rotarians and spouses
- ◆Encourage the family of deceased Rotarians to continue their involvement with Rotary.

WHAT’S ON- IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR?

	<i>WHAT</i>	<i>WHERE</i>	<i>WHEN</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
1	District Assembly – Golf Fellowship	Pulai Springs, Johor Bahru	15 Aug’03 1pm	Rtn. Thomas Ngu
2	Governors’ Banquet	Eden Hotel Johor Bahru	15 Aug’03 7pm	Rtn. Thomas Ngu
3	District Assembly Proper	Eden Hotel Johor Bahru	16 Aug’03 8am	Rtn. Thomas Ngu
4	District Assembly Farewell Dinner	Eden Hotel Johor Bahru	16 Aug’03 7.30pm	Rtn. Thomas Ngu
5	2003 Rotary Zone Institute	Grand Copthorne Hotel, Singapore	7-9 Nov 2003	PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom
6	2004 Rotary International Convention	Osaka, Japan	23-26 May 2004	PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom

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

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