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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 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 1986.

WEEKLY LUNCHEON MEETING AT 1PM EVERY SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) AT THE RIVERSIDE MAJESTIC HOTEL, KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

## Encourage Rotarians To Expand Their Help To Children



y Rotary Friends,

Every minute 23 more children die from hunger and preventable disease. Every hour, scores of children are orphaned by the scourge of HIV/AIDS. Every day, millions of children do not go to school because they lack access to education. Every month children's lives are disrupted by war and civil conflict. Every year that the problems faced by our most vulnerable population - our children - are not solved, represents another generation that will be all too familiar with war, poverty and despair.



I have seen Rotarians around the world reaching out to provide a better future to the world's children. The Rotary Foundation's Children's Opportunities Grants program was an enormous success, as Rotarians implemented nearly 1,600 local projects with a combined US\$20 million budget to bring a brighter future to children in all parts of the Rotary world.

While much has been done, I challenge you to look around you to see what avenues of service your club might follow that would expand your direct and positive impact on the lives of children. It is not difficult to find many opportunities. Please consider uniting the forces of your club or district to ensure that each child receives proper immunizations, has access to safe water and nutritional food, and has the opportunity to receive an education. Let us pledge ourselves to ensuring that no child is left abandoned and unprotected.

The Rotary Foundation is here to support your efforts to help children.

- [Matching Grants](#) are available to fund an international service project that is designed to meet the critical needs of children.

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- Your district may have [District Simplified Grant](#) funds available to fund a local project that meets the needs of children in your community.
- [Individual Grants](#) are available to help Rotarians plan and provide "hands on" service for international service projects that improve the lives of children.

Together we can **Follow Our Rotary Dream** and *Lend a Hand* to create a bright future for our children.

### James Lacy

The Rotary Foundation, Chairman 2003-04

## AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS

It is estimated that nearly 7 million people become blind each year. Hmmm...!!!

Past RI President Frank Devlyn has been encouraging Rotary clubs and districts to

create awareness and take action to prevent blindness all these years. The District 3310 Committee on AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS hopes to create this awareness amongst Rotarians NOT TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO SAVE A VISION.

And to help in combating the

growing threat of blindness in our communities, a conference on Avoidable Blindness was organised by RC Pasir Gudang at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Johor Bahru on Saturday **18 October, 2003** commencing at 0900 hrs in the morning.

## Rotary Foundation: New Grant Structure

At the April 2002 Trustee Meeting, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation decided to adopt a new grant structure for Humanitarian programs effective 1 July 2003. This new structure will allow new grants to be phased in as older grant programs are phased out. The new grant programs are Matching Grants, Individual Grants, and District Simplified Grants. If you have questions about the new grant structure, visit the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the RI website at [www.rotary.org/foundation/grants/faq.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/grants/faq.html) and download upcoming [important dates and deadlines](#) and a [chart](#) that breaks down the elements of Matching Grants, Individual Grants, and District Simplified Grants.

**1. Matching Grants** will support Rotary clubs and districts as they address humanitarian conditions that benefit communities in need. The Matching Grant program will

continue in a manner that is consistent and compatible with the new grant structure.

- 2. Individual Grants** will support the travel of individual Rotarians planning or implementing service projects. Individual Grants will service the same needs as Discovery Grants and Grants for Rotary Volunteers (including Long-Term Volunteers), which were phased out of the Humanitarian Grants Program on 1 January 2003.
- 3. District Simplified Grants** will support the service activities or humanitarian endeavors in which districts engage. District Simplified Grants will service the same needs as Helping Grants, Humanitarian Transportation Grants, Community Assistance Program Awards, and New Opportunity Grants; all of which were phased out of the Humanitarian Grants Program on 1 January 2003.

## At the recently held board of directors meeting at Sarawak Club

Hon Secretary Frankie Ong (left) and Rtn Steve Ng are undecided whether to do Rotary business first or to eat first.



Discussions under way while eating continues in full swing while PE Aw Tai Hui (standing on the right) and IPP Kho Ping (standing left).



All are smiling when a resolution was passed without much conflict and debate. This shows that everyone in the club is moving in the right and consistent direction.



PE Aw Tau Hui is undecided whether to stay close to spouse Delwyn or stay close with the sumptuous dishes while PP Sim Cho Phong and spouse Chun Ken are confused!



PP Dr. Samuel Kiyui telling PP Patrick Yu (standing) to do what he tells him to do but don't do what he does while spouse Joyce Kiyui starred in disbelief.

First Lady Agnes (1<sup>st</sup> left) and other spouses were also present to give moral support at the board meeting making the meeting less boring 😊



### 13<sup>th</sup> District Conference 9-11 January 2004

I am pleased to inform you that the registration form can be found at [www.d3310conference.rotary.com.my/form.doc](http://www.d3310conference.rotary.com.my/form.doc).

Conference information can also be found on the Conference Website at [www.d3310conference.rotary.com.my](http://www.d3310conference.rotary.com.my).

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Thank you and I look forward to welcome you to Singapore.

Best regards,  
Catherine Koh

Secretariat for Rotary International District 3310 13th District Conference

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

	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
1	2003 Rotary Zonal Institute	Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore	7-9 Nov 2003	PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom
2	Intercity Meeting	Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore	9 Nov'03 @ 12-2pm	PP. Polycar Teo Sebom
3	1 <sup>st</sup> Rotaract & Interact Conference	Suntec City Convention Hall, Singapore	9-11 Jan'04 9 Jan'04	PP. Bobby Chai
4	Golf Fellowship at District Conference	Suntec City Convention Hall, Singapore	10-11 Jan'04	Rtn. Thomas Ngu
5	District 3310 Conference			Rtn. Thomas Ngu
6	2004 Rotary International Convention	Osaka, Japan	23-26 May 2004	PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom
7	2005 Rotary International Convention	Chicago, Illinois, USA	19-22 June 2005	TBA
8	2005 Rotary International Convention	Copenhagen, Denmark & Malmo, Sweden	11-14 June 2006	TBA

**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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1. R.C. OF MELAKA
2. R.C. OF QUEENSTOWN, SINGAPORE
3. R.C. OF CHIA YII WEST, TAIWAN