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KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA;
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310; CHARTERED ON 23RD DECEMBER 1986.

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

THE MANY 'FIRST' IN ROTARY.....



Rotary "Firsts"

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on 23 February 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary Convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the United States was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918.
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921.

More Rotary Firsts

- Rotary established the Endowment Fund in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary first adopted the name "Rotary International" in 1922, when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Rotary first established Paul Harris Fellow Recognition in 1957 for contributors of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center Rotary club) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.
- The first Rotary Convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.
- The first head of state to address an RI Convention

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was U.S. President Warren G. Harding in 1923 at St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Still More Rotary Firsts

- Rotary first presented Significant Achievement Awards in 1969 to clubs with outstanding international or community service projects.
- Rotary's first Interact club was organized in Melbourne, Florida, USA, in 1962 to become the pioneer for about 8,600 Interact clubs in 110 countries.
- Rotary's first convention held in the Southern Hemisphere was in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1948.
- Rotary's first community service project took place in 1907 when Chicago Rotarians led a campaign to install a public "comfort station" in the city hall.
- The first year The Rotary Foundation received total contributions of a million dollars in a single year was 1964-65. Today, more than US\$70 million is given annually. Contributions since 1917 total more than \$1.3 billion.
- Rotary's first appeal for aid to disaster victims was in 1913 when \$25,000 was given for flood relief in Ohio and Indiana, USA.

2004 Council on Legislation to Consider Constitutional Change for On-Line Make-Up

In March, 2003, the Board of Directors of eClub One approved a proposal submission to the RI 2004 Council on Legislation to amend the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to give online makeups official sanction. District 5450 endorsed the proposal at its Annual Conference in April, 2003.

The RI Constitution and Bylaws Committee has reviewed the proposed legislation and "has determined that file 225 is duly proposed and neither defective nor deficient", and the RI Board has tentatively agreed with the committee's determination as to the status of [our] proposed legislation. It will now be sent to the 2004 Council for consideration.

If adopted, this Enactment will become a powerful tool for both recruitment and retention. It will put Rotary Clubs in many languages just a click away from their members and visitors who need to keep connected, informed, and inspired.

I encourage you to recommend positive consideration of this Enactment to your District Legislative Representative.

John Minter, President
Rotary eClub One of District 5450

THE HISTORY OF Rotary Anns

In many Rotary clubs throughout the world, wives of male members have been affectionately called "Rotary Anns?" This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion. The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary Convention being held in Houston. In those days, few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann?" Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized that would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a "Rotary Ann" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately, the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance. Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the "first lady of Rotary International?"

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TALK FOR ROTARACT CLUB OF SWINBURNE SARAWAK

PP Andre Suharto was invited to give a professional development talk on his career by the Rotaract Club of Swinburne Sarawak on 20 January 2004 from 10am until 12.30pm at the office PP Andre Suharto.

There were 6 attendees and they were:

Name	Rotaract Position	Course	Year
1. Kimberly Carey Chan	Director of Prof. Development	Bachelor of Business (Marketing)	2
2. Lim Ngee Kheng	President	Bachelor of Business (Marketing)	3
3. Adeline Kueh	Secretary	Bachelor of Business (Marketing)	2
4. Andrea Chan		Foundation in Engineering	-
5. Norsyema		Bachelor of Business (Marketing)	3
6. Antionette Goh	Vice-President	Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Systems Electronics)	3

It was an interactive session that provides the Rotaractor a hindsight into the level of commitment and dedication required by one who wish to be successful in their career irrespective of disciplines.

WHAT'S ON - IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR?

	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	CONTACT
1	Submission of District Awards (Category A-service avenues award)	Must be received by District Award Committee	1 Mar'04	Respective service directors
2	Rotary International Nite (in conjunction with the arrival of the Centennial Bell)	Sarawak Tourism Complex (Old court House)	Either 8-10 Mar'04@7.30 pm	PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom
3	Submission of District Award (category B-membership & attendance)	Must be received by District Award Committee	10 April'04	Rtn. Thomas Ngu
4	14 th District Assembly (Hosted by R.C. of Kota Melaka & Singapore)	Renaissance Melaka Hotel	22-25 April'04	<i>Rtn. Thomas Ngu</i>
5	International Avoidable Blindness Conference (Hosted by R.C. Singapore East)	Suntec City, Convention Hall, Singapore	1-2 May'04	PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom
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	2006 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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