



Rotary International Theme
1995 - 1996

10th

INSTALLATION

1ST JULY 1995

Riverside Majestic

ROTARY CLUB

of

KUCHING CENTRAL

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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| (1) | Rtn. Andre Suharto | Chairman |
| (2) | Rtn. Jim Ak Negin | Public Relation & Protocol |
| (3) | Rtn. Lim Keng Yaw | Public Relation & Protocol |
| (4) | Rtn. Chua Teck Kheng | Programme |
| (5) | Rtn. Aw Tai Hui | Food & Beverage |
| (6) | Rtn. Sim Choo Phong | Treasurer |
| (7) | Rtn. Frankie Yang | Souvenir Programme |
| (8) | Rtn. Siegfried Steindl | Advertisement |
| (9) | Outgoing President Ee Guan Teck | Advisor |

INSTALLATION NIGHT PROGRAMME

- 7.00 pm – Arrival of Rotarians and Guest
- 7/30 pm – Arrival of Guest of Honour**
- 7.40 pm – Toast to Yang Dipertuan Agung by Outgoing President
– Toast to TYT Dipertua Negeri Sarawak by the Incoming President
– Toast to Rotary International by DG–Representative
- 7.50 pm – Dinner Commences**
- 8.00 pm – Singing by Interactors from Kuching High (3 songs)
- 8.30 pm – Presentation of Presidential Citation to Outgoing President by the DG–Representative
- Address by President Ee Guan Teck
- Presentation of 1994/95 100 Percenter Awards and Meritorious Service Awards
- 9.00 pm – INSTALLATION OF THE 10TH PRESIDENT**
(to be witnessed by the Guest of Honour)
- 9.05 pm – Acceptance Speech by Incoming President
– Installation of Board of Directors for 1995/96
- 9.35 pm – Key-Note Address by Guest of Honour
- 10.00 pm– Vote of Thanks by the President
Presentation of Souvenir to the Guest of Honour by the President
- 10.10 pm– Lucky Draw**
Presentation of Souvenir to the Wife of the of Guest of Honour by the First Lady
- 10.15 pm– Goodnight

(All Rotarians & Rotaryanns of Kuching Central are kindly requested to stay back for 5 minutes for group photograph)



**TYT TUN DATUK PATINGGI HJ. AHMAD ZAIDI
ADRUCE BIN MUHAMMED NOR,**

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Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak



**YANG AMAT BERHORMAT KETUA MENTERI SARAWAK,
DATUK PATINGGI TAN SRI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD**

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Kt.W.E. (THAILAND), K.E.P.N. (INDONESIA),

S.P.M.B. (BRUNEI), K.O.U. (KOREA)

Ketua Menteri Sarawak

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

"ACT WITH INTEGRITY, SERVE WITH LOVE,
WORK FOR PEACE"

Theme by Herbert G. Brown, President,
Rotary International, 1995-96

Lyrics and Music by Jeff Arthur Productions



We're a part of a com- mu- ni- ty that reach- es round the world, A



part of the Hu- man fam- i- ly, we give our hearts to serve.



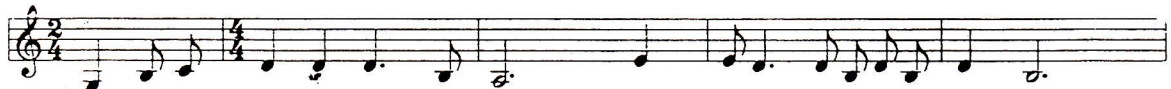
That's the rea- son, hand in hand, we take a part in a great- er plan.



Act with in- teg- ri- ty, Serve with love, Work for peace. RO- TA- RY.



RO-TA-RY. Act with in- teg- ri- ty, Serve with love, Work for peace, RO- TA- RY!



It's a lan- guage of the heart that touch- es ev-ery- body near it



Act- ing out of love means we're liv- ing in the spir- it.



That's the rea- son, hand in hand, we take a part in a great- er plan.



Act with in- teg- ri- ty, Serve with love, Work for peace. RO- TA- RY



RO-TA-RY. Act with in- teg- ri- ty, Serve with love, Work for peace. RO- TA- RY!

a special challenge



Dear Club President,

Will you accept a special challenge for your Rotary club this year?

I invite you to increase your club's involvement in Membership Development, PolioPlus, and the Club, Community, Vocational, and International Avenues of Service as a way to support the Rotary International theme :

Act with Integrity, Serve with Love and Work for Peace

By accepting this presidential challenge, your club will provide an active and visible example of Rotary service that will help meet the needs of the less privileged, inspire others to act with integrity, improve the spirit of Rotary fellowship within your club, and enhance the image of Rotary in your community.

This Presidential Citation program is designed around the Four Avenues of Service which serve as pillars to support the ideals of Integrity, Love, Service and Peace. In addition, I believe the emphasis on PolioPlus and Membership Development adds a very special focus to this year's program. The challenge of participating in each of these areas of Rotary development is more than a competition, it is an opportunity for you and your club to embrace the true spirit of Rotary service.

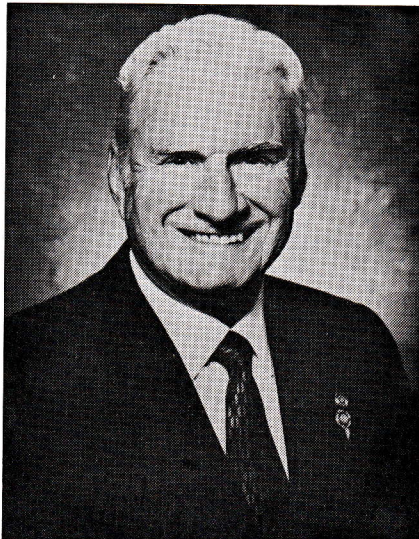
I encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity to *Act with Integrity, Serve with Love and Work for Peace*. With your dynamic leadership and active involvement, I know we can make this year the best in your club's history!

Sincerely yours,

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Herbert G. Brown
President, RI

A Message from Herb Brown



Herbert G. Brown
Clearwater, Florida, U.S.A.
President, Rotary International, 1995-96

Warm Rotary greetings !

Rotary has always been a place for visionaries, those who see how things could be and define a path toward making their dreams a reality. In our clubs and our communities, we transform our dreams into reality for man and women from every culture, race and creed throughout our globe.

Being a Rotarian means extending oneself in service to others.. Our actions can make the difference between an unmet need and a hope fulfilled. By acting with integrity in our Rotary service, we exhibit a bountiful heart which underscores our commitment to making our world better than before.

New club presidents and new members alike may at times grow discouraged when program participation does not bring immediate results. Our investment in service may not appear fruitful at first and we may become overwhelmed by the number of service options. Take heart. Consider carefully what needs can be met, what Rotary program options are available and how club and community resources can be combined. Taking one step at a time is often the key ingredient to long-standing success. Participation in the program of Rotary marks that one vital step closer to fulfilling our vision.

Share with me the steps you have taken, the choices you have made and the dreams which inspired you. It is through sharing such heartfelt ideas that others are inspired to contribute their visions, their energies and themselves. Together we can learn from one another and learn to appreciate the diversity and the immensity of our hope.

As you look through these pages, may you be inspired to dream dreams and make the courageous choices to work boldly toward making those dreams into promises for a better future in your family, in your local community and the world in which we live.

Warmly,

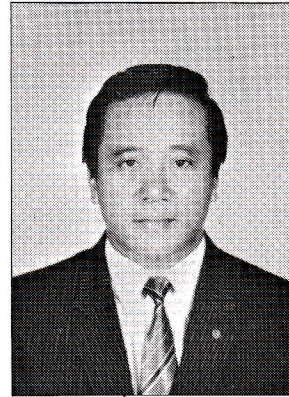
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Herbert Graham Brown
RI President, 1995-96

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

(Service Above Self – He profits most who serves best)

DATUK GEORGE A. GINIBUN, P.H.F. – DGN
(1995 – 1996) DISTRICT 3310



I would like to express my profound gratitude for having been invited to write this message on the occasion of your installation night. Some says, it's a big relief to the outgoing group while some says that our one year has been too short. However, this is Rotary and this is our way, one at a time, one Rotarian at a time and one year at a time.



Congratulation to the outgoing President, Rtn. Ee Guan Teck and his Board for the outstanding achievement during their year, and welcome to the new group under the leadership of Rtn. Andre Suharto and his Board. I hope that the 95/96 theme, "Act With Integrity, Serve with Love and Work For Peace", will encourage and inspire all of us to fulfill Rotary's dreams and visions in a true spirit of the 4 way test.

Lastly, I hope that everyone present will have a wonderful time.

Yours sincerely,

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(DATUK GEORGE A. GINIBUN)

District Governor 1995/1996

R.I. DISTRICT 3310

**Message from
Minister for Social Development
Y. B. Datuk Adenan Hj. Satem**

It is my honour to be given the privilege to say a few words in this souvenir programme in conjunction with the installation of the 10th President of **The Rotary Club of Kuching Central** and the Board of Directors.

As a Minister for Social Development in the state of Sarawak, it is my duty to ensure that Sarawak is not only developing its economic and infrastructure status but is also concerned on the need to establish a well balanced development that will include the social aspects as well.

It is therefore heartening to know that the world's first non-profit making organisations like Rotary Club of Kuching Central is committed in its endeavour to provide ongoing humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world in general and Sarawak in particular.

The existence and contributions of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central in Kuching for the past ten years must be congratulated and I wish the new President of the Club, Rotarian Andre Suharto, and his able Board of Directors another successful year ahead in maintaining and enhancing the services to the society.




(DATUK ADENAN HAJI SATEM)

**Message from
ANDRE SUHARTO
- THE INCOMING PRESIDENT
Rotary Club of Kuching Central
1995-1996**

As one of the chartered members, I have the opportunity to enjoy and witness the growth of the club ever since its initial inceptions in late 1985 as the result of efforts made by our parent club, the Rotary Club of Kuching, to see the birth of a new child.

The contributions by the past & current presidents as well as board members and other members of the club in putting their utmost effort to continue providing humanitarian services in the community has definitely help to increase the awareness of the public on the importance to maintain a caring attitude especially in view of the rapid development and progress that Sarawak is currently experiencing.

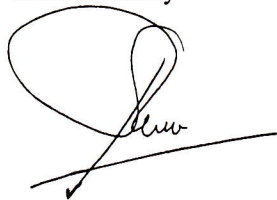
It is therefore a challenge for the new board of directors and myself to ensure the Rotary Club of Kuching Central going to greater heights in its achievement and desire to make this world a better place to live.

On behalf of the organising committee, I wish to convey our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Yang Berhormat Datuk Adenan Haji Satem for being able to grace the occasion of the installation of the 10th president and board of directors of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central.

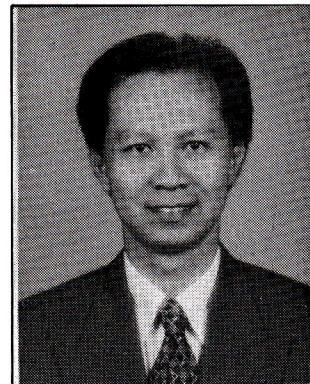
I wish to also record my appreciation to the organising committee for the effort that they have contributed in organising this ceremony.

I trust that the contents of this souvenir programme will help to increase the awareness of the Rotary organisation in general and Rotary Club of Kuching Central in specific.

Yours in Rotary

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ANDRE SUHARTO
Rotary Club of Kuching Central



**Message from
EE GUAN TECK
- OUT-GOING PRESIDENT
Rotary Club of Kuching Central
1994 - 1995
President 1994-1995**

My dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am both gratefully honoured and privileged to serve as the 9th President of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central 1994 - 1995.

Looking back at what we have achieved I believe we have truly lived up to our Rotary International Presidential Theme of "Be a Friend". I am also truly touched by all Rotarians who have contributed sacrificially to make our year such a great success, particularly the various directors and those who worked behind the scene.

This year we have won two awards namely the Rotary world Window Week Display and the Presidential Citation. This is the living testimony of Club's motto "Service Above Self".

I wish to thank all our patrons and sponsors in helping us to realise our goals. Finally, I wish the incoming President, Rtn Andre Suharto and his Board of Directors every success in the next Rotary year of service and to lead us to achieve a greater height.

Your friend in Rotary



**EE GUAN TECK
President 1994/1995**



THE MAN WHO STARTED IT ALL...

PAUL PERCY HARRIS was the founder of Rotary. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin; USA on April, 19, 1868. He received the Bachelor of Physical Culture and LL. B. degrees from the University of Vermont and the LL. B. degree from the University of Iowa.

He received an honorary PH. D., in 1933 from the University of Vermont. The Boy Scouts of America gave him the Silver Buffalo Award, and he was decorated by the governments of Brazil, Chile, Dominican, Ecuador, France and Peru.

He worked as a newspaper reporter, a business college teacher, a stock company actor and as a cowboy. He travelled as a salesman for a marble and granite concern in the US and Europe. These varied experiences broadened his vision and were of material assistance in the early extension of Rotary.

In 1896, Paul Harris went to Chicago to practice law.

In 1900, after dinner with a lawyer in a residential section of Chicago, Paul Harris was impressed by the fact that his friend stopped at several stores and shops in the neighbourhood and introduced him to the proprietors, who were his friends.

This experience caused him to wonder why he could not make social friends out of at least some of his law clients and he resolved to organise a club which would band together a group of representative business and professional men in friendship and fellowship.

By 1905, he had formulated a definite philosophy of business relations. Talking it over with three of his law clients - Silvester Schiele, a coal merchant, Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor-he decided to organise with them the club which he had been planning since 1900.

On Feb. 23, 1905, they held the first club meeting, and the nucleus was formed for the thousands of Rotary Clubs which were later organised throughout the world.

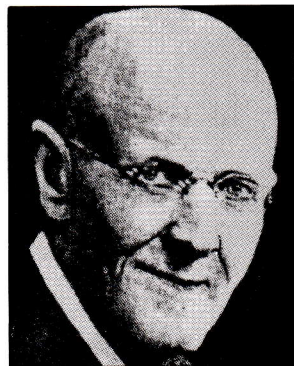
Paul Harris named the new club "Rotary" because the members met in rotation in their various places of business. This met with general approval and club membership grew rapidly.

Almost every member had come to Chicago from a small town and in the Rotary Club they found an opportunity for the intimate acquaintanceship of their boyhood days. When Paul Harris became president of the club in its third year, he strove to extend Rotary to other cities because he was convinced that the Rotary Club could be developed into an important service movement.

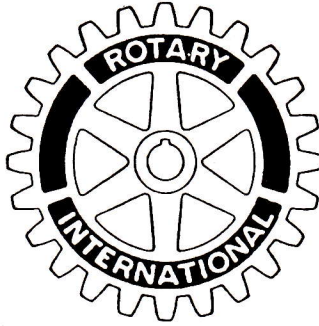
The second Rotary Club was founded in San Francisco in 1908. Other clubs were organised until, in 1910, when there were 16 clubs, it was decided that they should be united into an organisation which would extend the movement to other cities and serve as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas among the clubs.

Representatives from the clubs met in Chicago in August 1910 and organised the National Association of Rotary Clubs. When clubs were formed in Canada and Britain, the name was shortened to Rotary International.

Paul Harris was the first president of the National Association and the first president of Rotary International.



**Founder of
Rotary**



Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

ORIGIN OF THE CLUB

The first Rotary Club came into existence on 23rd February 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. The founder was Paul P. Harris whose ambition it was to bring together men of different business and professions to help build goodwill and peace in the world.

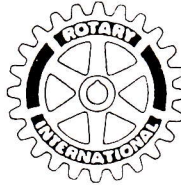
From this original Club mooted by Harris, the movement spread rapidly first in the U.S.A. and then worldwide. It soon became an organisation of business and professional men united worldwide. Its aims was to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

It was called ROTARY because the Club met in rotation at each member's place of business. As the membership grew, this was found to be inconvenient so Rotarians began gathering for lunch. As something more than comradeship was needed to keep the club going, Rotarians decided whole-heartedly to devote themselves to service to the community. This is exemplified by the Rotary motto "SERVICE ABOVE SELF." To-day so popular is the Rotary movement that there are nearly 1.15 million Rotarians in 187 countries belonging to more than 26,000 Rotary Clubs.

One can join a Rotary Club by invitation only. To ensure that as wide as possible a cross-section of the community is represented a classification system is followed to ensure that one representative of each business, profession or institution is represented. Membership is open only to adult male persons of good character and good business or professional reputation.

Rotary came to Malaysia on 4th December, 1929 when the first club in Seremban was given its charter. Rotary clubs of Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh were also formed the same year.

What is Rotary



.... "The aim was a fellowship of businessmen that would transcend trade and bring persons of diverse interest together on common ground. This is the genius of Rotary and the service club idea".....

.... "One feature that seems to me of the highest importance in the workings of Rotary is the autonomy, the selfhood, the integrity of the individual club. For all that far-flung internationality that has evolved, the real unit remains the club.... A direct tie between each member and a local club is basic..... A member cannot transfer, if he leaves town he leaves Rotary. He may be duly elected to become a member of a club in the town to which he has moved... but if so he starts all over"....

....."One man from each vocation or profession is still the basis of Rotary Club membership as introduced by Paul Harris – the founder – 1905. Out of this guaranteed diversity, which Rotary deems so vital that it chooses and invites members instead of permitting applications"....

...."The club is the medium by which the programme of Rotary is promoted and the object of Rotary is attained... The first policy of Rotary International is the advancement of the Object of Rotary by the individual Rotarian".....

....."Emphasis on the club and its multifarious affairs lead to making the weekly meeting and the attendance upon it a ritual. Four consecutive absences and you are out".....

..... "To begin with, the meetings start on time; more important they end on time and at an hour one can count on.... Speeches are short pointedly so... one speaker was given a cake of ice and told he could speak as long as he could hold it!.... We do know that something takes place when men break bread ceremonially... the luncheon, or dinner (or in a few clubs, the breakfast or tea) is an essential ingredient of the weekly Rotary gathering"....

...."The name 'Rotary' was adopted because in the early days meetings were held in rotation at the offices and stores of members. The emblem is the wheel and it denotes rotarian. It is a cogwheel and officially is not given any symbolic significance, but it does stand for mobility. The wheel does represent one of man's first technological devices and it bespeaks the movement of a man and ideas from place to place in rapid order".....

..... "Rotary grows in two way: by bringing new members into existing Rotary Club or by creating new clubs.... Rotary's growth did not just happen, any more than it happens in a business, a religion or in any organisation. There had to be an objective and a plan. Paul Harris set that objective at Rotary's first convention held in 1910, when he said that it was his belief that sooner or later, the Rotary Club idea would spread throughout the land. There were many who doubted, but there were even more who accepted the challenge.....

....."Thus Rotary extends itself and its purpose, all of its activities growing out of the service movement which it launched. It is not alone but highly representative – singular, if not unique".

There are trends within Rotary too, and they may offer some guidance to those who would essay to guess the future. One is attentiveness to Youth as a new source of power".....

....."Rotary was founded to make men less lonely and more useful!.... The meeting and eating together, the talking and listening, the laughing and learning together – this shared experience does something to each Rotarian – something significant and stimulating in his life and in the life of others, inside and outside his club..... Rotarians are realistic enough to know that Rotary is not the key to all doors, and not the answer to all problems... But the Rotary spirit of friendly service is tangible and intangible, part of our hopes and plans for better world."

What is Rotary in conclusion?

In the home it is kindness.. In business it is honesty. In society it is courtesy; In play it is fairness; In the Club it is co-operation and Fellowship. In the Community it is service. In International Relations it is sympathetic understanding and goodwill. Towards the fortunate it is congratulations; towards the unfortunate it is compassion; towards the weak it is help, towards the penitent it is forgiveness, and towards God, it is reverence and love. Rotary is the talents of experts working in harmony for the betterment of mankind."

Excerpts form "The Rotarian."

The Rotary Emblem

Rotary's early emblem was a simple wagon wheel (in motion with dust) representing "civilization and movement." It was designed in 1905 by Montague M. Bear, member of the Chicago Club, who was an engraver, and most of the early clubs adopted the wheel in one form or another. Eventually, in 1922, authority was given to create and preserve an emblem for the exclusive use of all Rotarians.

Accordingly in 1923, the present gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted, and a keyway added to signify that the wheel was a "worker and not an idler". An official description of the emblem was adopted at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. Royal blue and gold were chosen as the official Rotary colors, and the flag of Rotary was designated as a white field with the Rotary wheel emblazoned on its center. The emblem, worn as a lapel button, now identifies Rotarians around the world.

What Rotary means to the community and to the member

A few of the benefits accruing
to the community

The Rotary Club

- tends to make the community a friendly one by promoting genial fellowship and thoughtfulness of others
- helps to obliterate factions by providing a common meeting group and appealing to unselfish motives
- co-operates with and thereby strengthens other local organizations
- is a group striving to develop a spirit of whole-hearted co-operation in the handling of questions of public welfare
- is a non-partisan, non-sectarian group in a position to win popular support for plans for community betterment, however initiated
- serves as a training ground for constructive leadership an invaluable asset to the community
- can, through Rotary contacts, in the interests of its community, avail itself of the experience of hundreds of other towns and cities in improving themselves
- links the community into a chain of many thousands of other communities in more than 150 countries and geographical regions, all having Rotary clubs, thus giving it world affiliations and keeping it in the stream of world progress.

to the individual member

The Rotary Club

- affords the member an opportunity to express in a practical way those nobler desires found in every man who wants to make his contribution to the betterment of society
- gives the member a new and increased opportunity to express in action his desire to be helpful to others
- increase the member's knowledge of business and professions other than his own, and gives him a sympathetic understanding of the problems of others
- encourages and supports the member in his efforts to conduct his business or profession according to the highest stands of correct practice
- serves as an ideal means for developing the member's talents and capacities to the utmost (more than one man has found new interests and new activities through the Rotary club)
- gives the member a friendly contact and a hearty welcome in almost every important city in the world
- increases the member's knowledge of world affairs; gives him a keener appreciation of the true character of other peoples
- gives the member the satisfaction of participating in a movement which is building international understanding

ROTARY VOCATIONAL PRINCIPLES

I BELIEVE that the objectives of my vocation are to perform my duties and responsibilities in accordance with the following principles:-

1. Responsibilities

Four areas of responsibility are generally recognised:-

(a) To shareholders/partners/principals

To protect shareholders'/partners'/principals/ interests and investments and provide a fair and reasonable return.

(b) To Employees

To provide, promote and encourage:-

(1) good and safe conditions of work;

(2) good and competitive terms and conditions of service;

(3) the mental and physical development and best use of human talent and equal opportunity employment.

(4) the involvement of employees in the planning and direction of their work.

(c) To customers/clients and the general public

To develop and provide products and services which offer value in terms of price, costs and quality, supported by the requisite professional, technological and commercial expertise.

(d) To community and society

To conduct business as responsible members of the community/society, observing applicable laws of the country and giving due regard to safety and environmental standards and societal aspirations. These four areas of responsibility are seen as an inseparable whole.

2. Economic Principles

Profitability and productivity are essential to discharging these responsibilities and staying in business. It is a measure both of efficiency and of the ultimate value that people place on one's products and or services. Without profits and productivity, it would not be possible to fulfil the responsibilities outlined above.

3. Personal Integrity

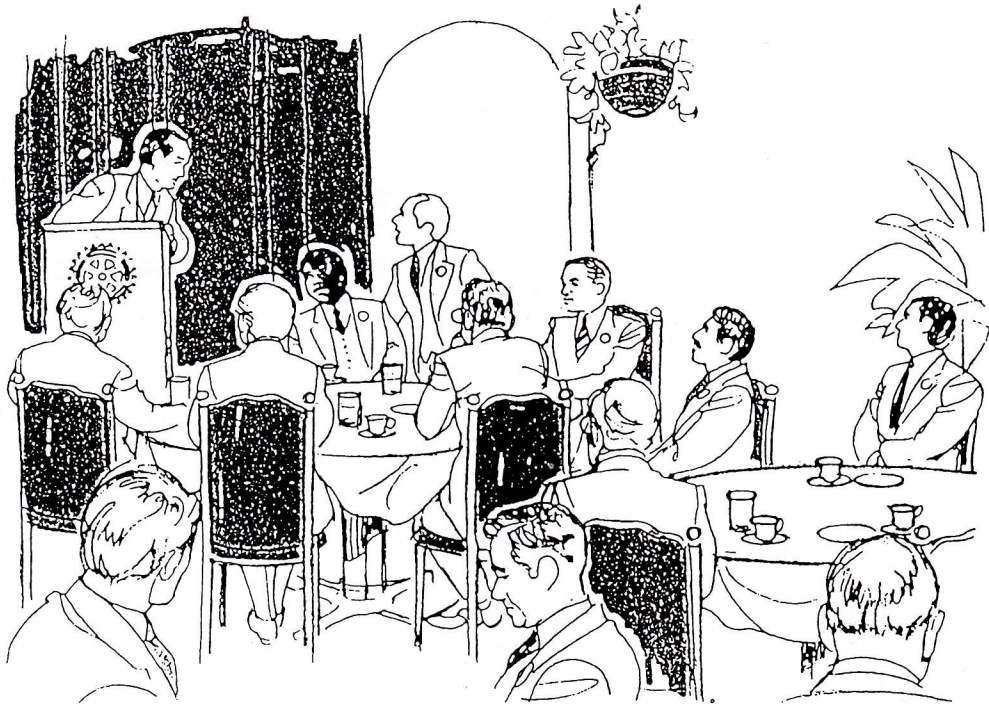
I must exercise honesty, loyalty and integrity in all aspects of my business; avoid conflicts of interest between my personal and official activities in the conduct of my business. The offer, payment, soliciting and acceptance of bribes in any form and any unprofessional and unfair conduct are unacceptable practices.

4. Welfare

It should be my policy to conduct my activities in such a way as to take foremost account of the health and safety of others, and to give proper regard to the safety and conservation of the environment.

5. Service to the Community

The most important contribution that I can make to the social and material progress of a country is in performing my basic activities as efficiently as possible. In addition, the need is recognised to take a constructive interest in societal matters which may not be directly related to my business. I must endeavour to take advantage of the opportunities available for me to be involved in community, educational and youth programmes.



SELLING ROTARY..... AND PROPOSING A NEW MEMBER

SHOULD WE SELL ROTARY MEMBERSHIP?

NO! - Not as a commodity to be "peddle" from house to house - or even from store - or from office to office.

YES! - If by "selling" we mean presenting Rotary for what it really is - a service organization - to the community as a whole, and especially to those qualified leaders who should belong to the local Rotary club.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How many times is a good prospect for Rotary membership lost because the explanation of Rotary was entrusted to a member who was woefully uninformed?

Will a busy person be inclined to invest both time and money in a club in which members display a lack of interest - in such ways as carelessly planned programs, poor fellowship and clannishness, and lack of service objectives?



ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL



Procedures for proposing and electing a new member

Every Rotarian who sponsors a new member should understand the correct procedure for proposal and election. The steps are specified in the folder "How To Propose A New Member," Appendix II; in the Recommended Rotary Club By-laws (Article XI), Appendix XI; and in the Membership Committee leaflet, Appendix VII. Here's a summary:

- The club board of directors receives the confidential written proposal submitted by the Membership Development committee or a member in good standing
- The Classifications committee is then asked to determine the accuracy of the proposed member's classification. Remember, after 1 July, 1989, that classification may represent either the principal business or professional activity of the proposed member or of the firm with which that individual is connected.
- The Membership committee is asked to evaluate the prospective member's per-

sonal eligibility and business or professional and community standing

- The board then reviews the recommendations of both committees. If they are sustained, the club secretary notifies the Rotarian who proposed the new member.
- The proposed new member is then informed and is asked to formally submit an application

The rest is routine – club members are notified (they have ten days if they wish to file written objections), the new member pays the admission fee, receives a membership card, is inducted into the club, and is subsequently given post-induction orientation.

See also "Charting Progress Of Proposed Members," Appendix XVI.

Q. Can a member's title or executive position be used to describe that individual's classification?

A. No. A classification must describe the principal and recognized activity of the institution or firm with which the member is connected or that which covers the member's principal and recognized business or professional

activity. In either case, the classification describes the activity in which the individual is involved rather than the title of the position held by the member.

Q. Are divisions of a firm considered eligible for separate classifications?

A. Yes, if the division is sufficiently independent to determine generally its own policies, and provided its activities constitute a complete service to the community—one that is recognized as a separate service.

Q. A candidate for membership in our club is a chemist in a plastics manufacturing firm. Is it true that we can now loan him a "chemistry" classification instead of "plastic manufacturing?"

A. Yes, the 1989 Council on Legislation amended the classification section of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to enable the classification of a Rotarian who is not self-employed to reflect either the business of the individual's employer or the work that individual does for the employer.

Keys to effective committees

1. Inform committee members of agenda in advance of meeting.
 2. Contact personally those members who are to report to the meeting.
 3. Keep meetings short and to the point.
 4. Avoid unnecessary paper work.
 5. Give each person a chance to voice his opinion.
 6. Keep track of assignments and follow-up.
 7. Promptly replace members who must withdraw.
 8. Encourage members and congratulate them upon completion of tasks.
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Q. There is a retired airline pilot in our community who has never been a Rotarian but who would have lots of time for Rotary.

What classification can we loan to him?

A. There is no basis for loaning a classification to such a retired man because he is no longer "active" in his profession.

Q. We have some members whose companies have diversified and changed their main lines of business. How can their classifications be changed?

A. Article VI, Section 1(c) of the "Standard Rotary Club Constitution" provides that the club board of directors may correct or adjust the classification of any member, if circumstances warrant such an action. The member should be notified and be allowed a hearing on the matter if he so desires.

Q. We have heard "senior active" referred to as a classification. Also "past service." Is this correct?

A. No. "Senior active" and "past service" are kinds of membership - not classifications.

Q. Should our roster of filled and unfilled classifications include specialties in medicine, dentistry, and law?

A. Yes, if the practices of these professions are recognized as specialized in your community. The same could apply to other professions that have specialties.



B. GENERAL

2. Is Rotary club membership personal? Or does it represent the membership of the firm with which the members is connected?

While a classification loaned to an active member may be based on the activity of a firm, membership in a club is personal. An invitation to membership is based not only on a person being an executive or professional, but also on having good character and reputation.

3. Is a Rotarian a member of Rotary International?

No. Rotary International is an association of Rotary clubs. A Rotarian is a member of one of those member clubs.

4. Can someone who is retired be elected to Rotary club membership?

If the person has never been a Rotarian, the answer is "No." A former Rotarian who meets the qualifications for their past service or senior active membership might be able to be elected.

5. Can a member of another service organization be elected to Rotary club membership?

There is nothing in the constitutional documents that would prevent a Rotary club from electing a qualified individual to membership who was also a member of another service club. However, the Board of Directors of Rotary International does strongly discourage such a practice, as one would have to question a person's ability to devote a 100-percent effort to both clubs.

6. Is it possible to transfer one's membership from one Rotary club to another?

No. Each club has the right to determine its own members. However, a club may recommend potential candidates for membership in other Rotary clubs.

7. Can a member of a sponsoring Rotary club become a charter member of the new club?

Yes, There is nothing to prevent a Rotarian from becoming a charter member of a new club. In fact, it is desirable for a charter list to include a few members with Rotary experience. In resigning from the current club, the Rotarian does not give a specific date, but can simply state that it is effective upon the provisional club's admission into membership in R.I.

8. Can someone be a member of more than one Rotary club?

A person cannot be an active (including additional active), past service, or senior active member in more than one Rotary club. Rotarians can, however, hold honorary membership in more than one Rotary club but not in the same club in which they hold another kind of membership.

C. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP - ARTICLE V, SECTION 3

9. Must each active member's place of business be located in the club's territorial limits?

No. A member's place of business or residence must be in the club's territory, within the corporate limits of the city in which the club is located or within the territorial limits of an immediately adjoining club. The R.I. Board has ruled that a club may also admit to active membership a person whose place of business or residence is in an adjacent rural territory that is not within the territorial limits of any other Rotary club.

10. May a club bring into active membership more than one representative of a classification?

Yes. This can be done, per Article V, Section 8, of the "Standard Rotary Club Constitution," in regard to representatives of religious denominations, the news media and the diplomatic corps and, per Section 4, by additional active membership.

11. Is additional active membership a kind of membership?

No. It is a type of active membership.

12. Does an additional active member have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member?

Yes, except for the right to propose an additional active member under Section 4 (a).

13. What is meant by "second additional active"?

The common example of additional active membership is someone from the same or competing firm being proposed by the holder of the classification, which is in accordance with Section 4 (a). However, there is also a way for a qualified individual to be an additional active under Section 4 (b) and this is often referred to as "second additional active." Such a member can be proposed by any member with the permission of the holder of the classification. The candidate also must have been a Rotarian in another club who lost active membership after ceasing to be employed in the classification held within that club's territory. This often is used when a Rotarian moves to a new community and the classification is filled and there is already an additional active member under 4 (a). It can also be used when a Rotarian changes jobs and would then be classified differently. In regard to this latter situation, second additional active membership is not allowed in the same club in which a Rotarian was an active member. However, the member could join another club that shares the same territory. Unlike an active member or an additional active member under 4 (a), a second additional active member must have a place of business or residence within the club's territorial limits.

E. CLASSIFICATIONS - ARTICLE VI

14. What is a classification?

It is a word or phrase that describes the principal and recognised activity of the firm with which an active (including additional active) member is connected - if self-employed, the service provided - or the principal activity of the member.

15. Is there a list of all possible classifications?

No. There has never been a list that was purported to include all possible Rotary classifications nor could there be. Each club decides what classifications are valid within its territory.

16. Is "senior active" or "past service" a classification?

No. They are kinds of Rotary club membership.

17. What is meant by "major and minor classifications"?

It used to be a common practice, which many clubs still use, to give a classification where the first word states the principal field of endeavor and then a word or phrase describing the firm's specialty within the field. For example, "Medicine-Dermatology" would be given to someone who is self-employed or works in a firm that deals solely with treating skin diseases. In many clubs, the classification now used would simply be "Dermatology."

18. Can a senior active's former classification be changed if the member changes occupations?

No. A former classification is that classification that a Rotarian had upon ceasing to be an active member. It does not change after that.

19. What is the appropriate wording of a classification for a priest in charge of the local Russian Orthodox Church?

"Religion," "Russian Orthodox Churches," "Christianity-Orthodoxy," etc. are all acceptable terminologies for a classification. The exact wording is up to each club, as long as it describes the activity of the institution. Such classifications as "priest," "pastor," "clergy," "minister," etc. are also proper.

20. Is "Mortgage Banking" the appropriate classification for a bank officer in charge of the mortgage department?

Yes. According to an enactment adopted by the 1989 Council on Legislation, this bank officer could hold either the classification of "Mortgage Banking," which describes the member's principal activity, or "Commercial Banking," which describes the principal activity of the member's firm.

21. Can more than one classification be created for an extremely large and diverse corporation or institution?

Yes. If a corporation has distinctly separate divisions that act virtually independently of each other, the R.I. Board considers it proper for a club to establish a classification for each such division. For example, a large university contains a school of medicine, a business school and law school. Each school grants its own degrees and sets most of its own policies. It would then be proper for a classification to be established for each school within the university, plus a classification of "University Administration" to be loaned to one of the executives that oversees all of those school. It would not be appropriate for a classification to be established for the various departments within those schools. This example can be applied to conglomerates and other very large corporations, but not to businesses such as a local bank or law firm.

22. What is the "Ten Percent Rule"?

The Board of Directors of R.I. suggests (requires on the charter lists of new clubs) that a club's membership should be balanced, so that no one business interest dominates. Therefore, it established the "10 Percent Rule," which means not more than 10 percent of the classifications in any club should be in any one related field, such as education, law, insurance, government, etc.

F. PAST SERVICE MEMBERSHIP - ARTICLE V, SECTION 6

23. What is the purpose of past service membership?

It provides a way for many active members who retire prior to being qualified for senior active membership to continue their club membership.

24. Can past service membership be given to any retired individual?

No. The only people who can be elected to past service membership are former active members who have lost active membership because of retirement or who have lost their classification through no fault of their own and are either 55 years of age or older or have been active members of one of more clubs for three or more years.

25. Can a senior active member be elected to past service membership upon retirement?

No. A person who becomes senior active can never again be an active or past service member in any Rotary club.

26. Can a past service member hold office in the club?

Yes. Past service members have all of the privileges, rights and responsibilities that active members have except that they do not have a classification and cannot propose additional active members under Section 4 (a).

G. SENIOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP - ARTICLE V, SECTION 5

27. Can a person elect not to become senior active?

No. Senior active membership is automatic for all active and past service members that qualify.

FORMATION OF OUR KUCHING CENTRAL CLUB

CREATION

- AUG 05,85 – The Board of Directors of the “Rotary Club of Kuching” meeting at the residence of President John Chin (85/86) saw it fitting to propose and discuss the formation of a new Rotary Club in Kuching in conjunction with its Golden Jubilee (50 years) celebration in 1986. Meeting agreed that this task be undertaken by PP Lt Col Devan Pilai and PP Dr. Ong Shak Foo.

FORMATION

- APR 25,86 – 1st Interest Meeting for the formation of a “New” Rotary Club in Kuching held on Friday 5:30 PM at the Mulu Room, Holiday Inn Kuching organised by President John Chin (85/86), PP Lt Col Devan Pilai and Secretary Joseph Lim and attended by upcoming citizens from various walks of life in the State Capital.
- MAY 02,86 – 2nd Interest Meeting also at the Holiday Inn Kuching elected the PRO-TEM COMMITTEE of the PROVISIONAL CLUB.
- MAY 09,86 – 3rd Interest Meeting elected Mr. Chua Teck Kheng, Senior Agriculture Economist attached to the Agriculture Dept Sarawak – President of the new Club.
- Members voted for the weekly fellowship to be held on every Thursday 5:30 PM
 - The proposed name chosen was the “Rotary Club of Bandar Kuching”

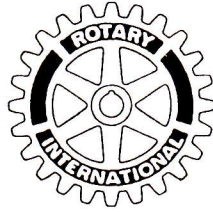
THE PROVISIONAL CLUB

- MAY 12,86 – 1st Board of Directors’ Meeting of the new club was held at the Army Officers’ Mess at Reservoir Road, Kuching attended by Club Advisors: IPP John Chin (85.86) PP Lt Col Devan Pilai and PP Dr. Ong Shak Foo.
- Meeting was informed that the Sponsoring Club – “Rotary Club of Kuching” was generally not in favour of the proposed name as it may lead to membership confusion and it was agreed that the choice of a new name be left to the members’ during the next weekly Meeting.
- MAY 15,86 – 1st Weekly Meeting to be held on Thursday 5:30 PM

- 1st Overseas Visitors: RTN Reg Stokes and Ann from the "Rotary Club of Bairnsdale" Victoria Australia who also presented their club Banner to the Club
- After many a speech in support of this or that name, the majority voted in favour of the "ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL", (PROVISIONAL)
- JUN 05,86 - Sergeant-at-Arms, RTN Ang Khim Hwa was the 1st member to introduce himself and spoke on this classification - Mathematics Education.
- JUN 19,86 - Club Banner Design incorporating the historic Borneo High Court House in Kuching by virtue of its "Central" location and symbolising the first 2 tenets of the FOURWAY TEST of ROTARY : the Pursuit of TRUTH and FAIRNESS to be undertaken by RTN Odita Ibrahim.

ESTABLISHMENT

- DEC 09,86 - Registrar of Societies Malaysia issued Certificate of Registration No. 103/86 (Sarawak) - Official Recognition of our Club by the Government.
- DEC 23,86 - Charter of our Club - Formal Recognition of our Club by Rotary International
- 65th Club in District 330.
- FEB 20,87 - 1st Press Report of our Club appeared in the Sarawak Tribune together with a Press Picture of our Charter President.
- MAR 28,87 - 1st Ladies Night at the Residence of the Charter Secretary - RTN Michael Hii.
- APR 20,87 - P.O. Box 641 allocated to our Club by the General Post Office Kuching.
- MAY 09,87 - 1st weekly fellowship to be held on Saturday 1:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Kuching.
- JUN 26,87 - CHARTER INSTALLATION.



Rotary Club of Kuching Central Chartered Members 1986/1987

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| Andy Alamsysh Suharto (Andre) | Community Service Director |
| Ang Khim Hwa (Ang)* | Sergeant-At-Arms |
| Michael Chew Swee Kee* | Member |
| Chieng Lee Ching (Lee Ching) | President Elect |
| Chong Kim Lin (Kim Lin)* | Member |
| Chua Teck Kheng (Teck Kheng) | Chartered President |
| Ee Guan Teck (Guan Teck) | Honorary Treasurer |
| James Hii Siew Hua | Member |
| Michael Hii (Michael) | Honorary Secretary |
| Hong Boon Kheng (Boon Kheng)* | Member |
| Kho Kwang Chee (Kwang Chee)* | Member |
| Dr. Samuel Kiyui (Samuel) | Bulletin Editor |
| John Lee (John)* | Member |
| Peter Lee Kok Chiang (Peter)* | Member |
| Odita Ibrahim (Odi) | Youth Service Director |
| Francis J. Rozario (Francis)* | Member |
| Jacob Sagan (Jacob) | Vice President |
| Sim Choo Phong (Choo Phong) | Member |
| Sun Nan Ping* | Member |
| Wilford Teo Swee Ching (Wilford) | Member |
| Tiong Soon King (Soon King)* | International Service Director |
| Wong Kho Ching (Kho Ching)** | Club Service Director |
| Frankie Yang (Frankie) | Vocational Service Director |
| Patrick Yu (Patrick) | Member |
| Zainal Abidin Hj. Ahmad (Zainal)* | Member |

* Since left the club ** readmitted

List of Past Presidents

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| 1986/1987 | CP Chua Teck Kheng | Chartered President |
| 1987/1988 | PP Chieng Lee Ching | |
| 1988/1989 | PP Jacob Dungau Sagan | |
| 1989/1990 | PP James Hii | |
| 1990/1991 | PP Frankie Yang | |
| 1991/1992 | PP Odita Ibrahim | |
| 1992/1993 | PP Loa Djin Liang (Left in February 1993) | |
| | Acting President Ee Guan Teck | |
| 1993/1994 | Dr. Samuel Kiyui | |
| 1994/1995 | IPP Ee Guan Teck | |

ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL

Service Above Self : He Profits Most Who Serves Best

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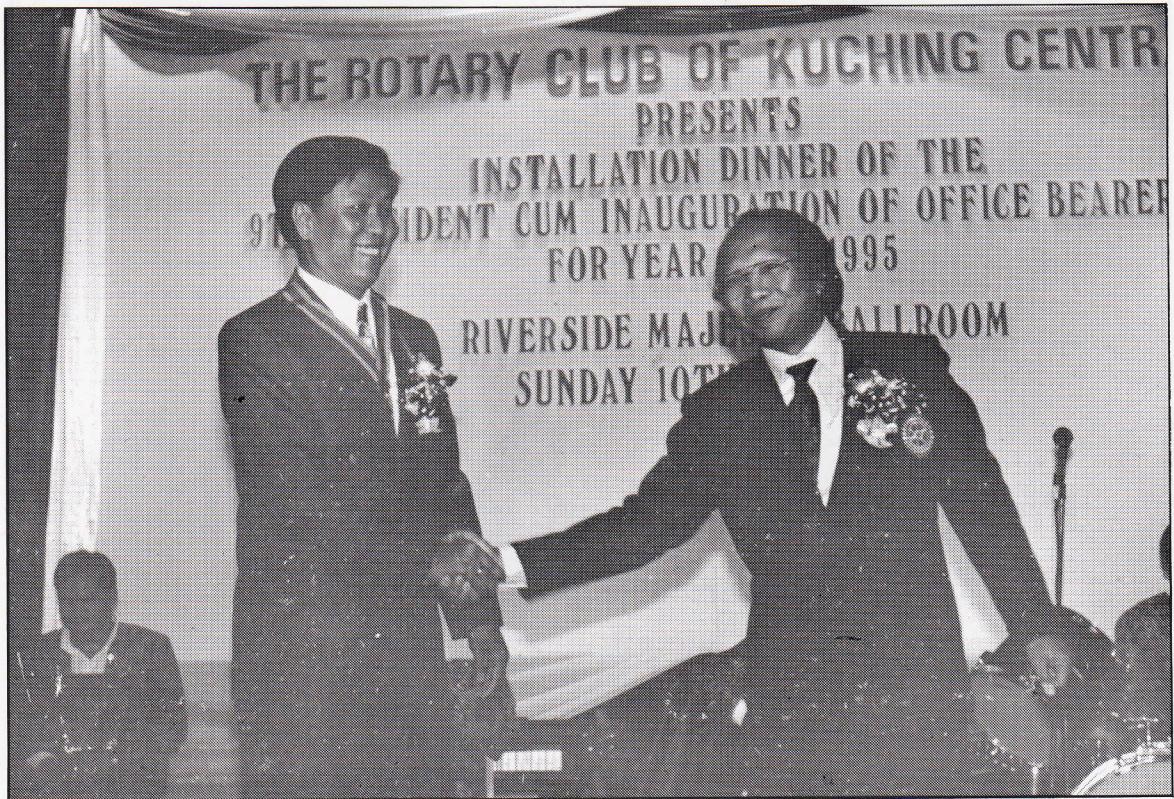
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1994 / 1995

THE 9TH PRESIDENT 1994/1995
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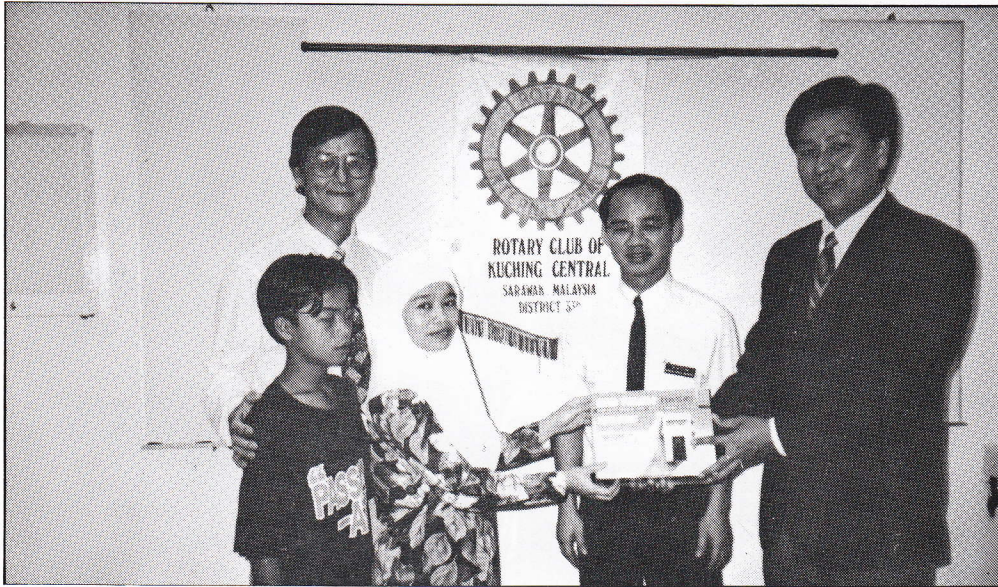
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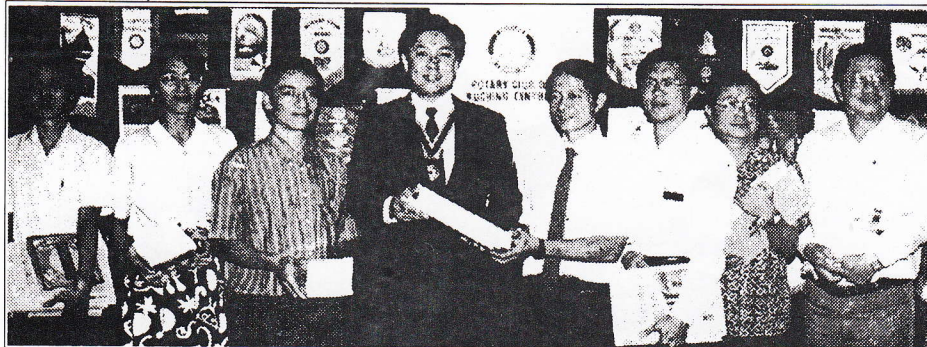
A Glucometer for the Kidney Patient

"Minimise sugar intake in your diet and go for a medical check up if you suspect that you suffer from diabetes", these are the golden advice from a doctor of a hospital. The Club recently donated a glucometer for a lady diabetic patient who was diagnosed with the disease when she was 19 years old. Her brother and sister are also diabetics. The instrument is used for monitoring sugar level in urine.



President Rtn Ee Guan Teck and Community Service Director Rtn Henry Poh handing over the glucometer witnessed by Dr. Narr.

Distribution of Chinese Books for 10 Primary Schools



Picture above: Rotarian Ee Guan Teck (fourth from left) presented the books to the headmaster of SRK Sg. Apong, Martin Chai.

HANDING OVER OF BOOKS... Ten primary school headmasters from Kuching yesterday received a total of 809 copies of books donated by the Rotary Club of Chiayi West, Taiwan.

The total cost of the books was US\$10,000 and they were presented by the president of Rotary Club of Kuching Central, Rotarian Ee Guan Teck. The schools which received the donation are SRB Chung Hua schools No. 1 to 5, SRK Kenyalang, SRK[®] Bintawa, SRK Stampin, SRB Chung Hua Sg. Lubak and SRK Sg. Apong.

A Television Set for the Sarawak General Hospital Children's Ward Club donated a 14" Sharp color TV set to the General Hospital, the gift was handed over by D.G. Ben Chng during his visit and at the same time members of the Club donated blood to the hospital.



Occasionally, during the luncheon, donations are collected on ad-hoc for those who needs a small financial assistance.



A deaf student who studies in Kuala Lumpur came back to hometown seeking for financial help to continue her study.

(below) A couple English teachers volunteered themselves travelled from England to teach English in a kampung without any financial assistance from any institutions. Member Rotarians donated some money to help for their travelling home passage.





A house cleaning for the Home.



Vocational Service Award



The Vocational Service awarded to a retired school teacher.



Food & drinks donated to the Old Folks Home.

Youth Service

Youth Leadership Training Programme

A youth leadership training programme was conducted at the hotel Riverside Majestic for board member of Interactors from Kuching High and Tun Abang Hj Openg Interact Clubs. The talks were given by Rtn Wong Kho Ching – Director of Youth Service, President Rtn Ee Guan Teck, pp Rtn Frankie Yang, pp Rtn James Hii and cp Rtn Chua Teck Kheng.



REPORT BY THE TEACHER ADVISOR OF THE INTERACT CLUB OF KUCHING HIGH

A new Interact year has commenced, and this is perhaps a good time to reflect on what our club has achieved so far, and what we hope to achieve during the 1994 -95 Interact year.

As teacher advisor of the Kuching High Interact Club since its inception, I take a special pride in the Interactors years after year. I have seen Interact club officers enter the Interact programme shy and diffident, and emerge strong and confident after their year has ended. This can be attributed to the leadership training they have undergone (under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central), the guidance they have received, and the opportunity they have been given to develop their potential towards the ideal of "**SERVICE BEFORE SELF**".

Interactors may be young in years, but their energy and enthusiasm can lead them to greater heights. In our school, our Interact Club has organised fund raising projects such as ice cream sales, car washes, selling of flowers to students to be given to teachers on 'Teachers' Day, and sales of biscuits and cakes in school. Community projects have also been undertaken with the same level of enthusiasm. Our Interactors have participated in Open House sales at charitable institutions by setting up food or games stall. They have also collected and donated old clothes to the poor and needy, visited the Home for the Aged and the Mental Hospital, assisted in Christmas parties for the Salvation Army, and at the school level, they have repainted the teachers' toilets and the tennis court. In addition to serving those in need, our Interactors have also been provided with the opportunity for fun and fellowship. They have held social gatherings with other clubs, taken part in games, and learned to interact with others. They have also published an annual Interact bulletin which serves to remind Interactors of the goals and objectives of the Interact Club.

The 7th Installation of the Interact Club of our school was held on 16th of July, 1994. Already, its new President, Jenny Yap, and her Board of Directors have drawn up their programme for this Interact year. This programme of activities is somewhat similar to those outlined above, perhaps with a few variations. What is important is that these projects and activities reflect the diversity and spirit of our Interactors, and help them take the first step towards a lifetime of service.

Our Interact club has enjoyed the sponsorship and support of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central all these years. We are indebted to a number of Rotarians who have given us invaluable help and advice. We look forward to your continued support, and are most keen to work closely with your club to achieve our ideals of service.

And, in line with the Rotary International theme for 1994-95, the Interact Club of Kuching High will continue to "**BE A FRIEND**" to everyone.

Mdm. Ngui Lee Chin
Teacher Advisor

*Kuching High Interact Club Advisor PP
James Hii and Mdm Ngui, President Ms
Jenny Yap & Secretary Ms Jacqueline Kueh*



Club Service

At luncheon meeting



Visiting Rotarians from overseas



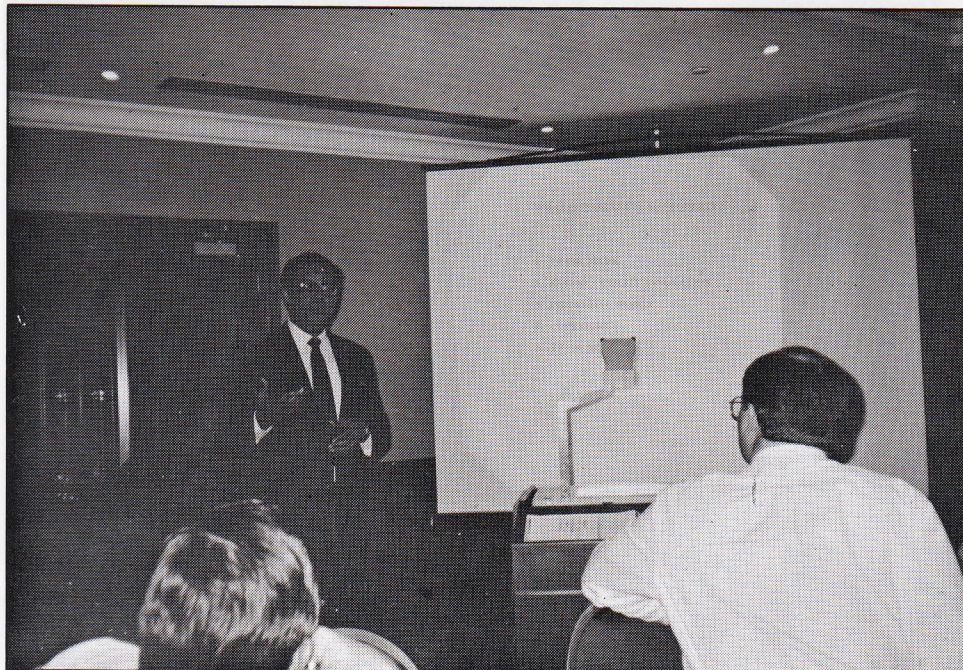
Latest News from Rotary International

According to report by PDG Rtn John Cheah that the council of Rotary International has passed a resolution that, "a Rotarian who is absent from his Club meeting will be allowed to make-up his attendance at any club 14 days in advance or 14 days later."



Visiting Rotarian PP Michael Ng being 12 years in the Rotary said, : "A club must have its core and the core is made up from a group of committed members. If there is no core then there is no committment. Good Rotarian lives good Rotary life."

At the luncheon meeting



Speaker, Dtk. Kandan – a lawyer and an expert in patent filing talks about "Intellectual Property"

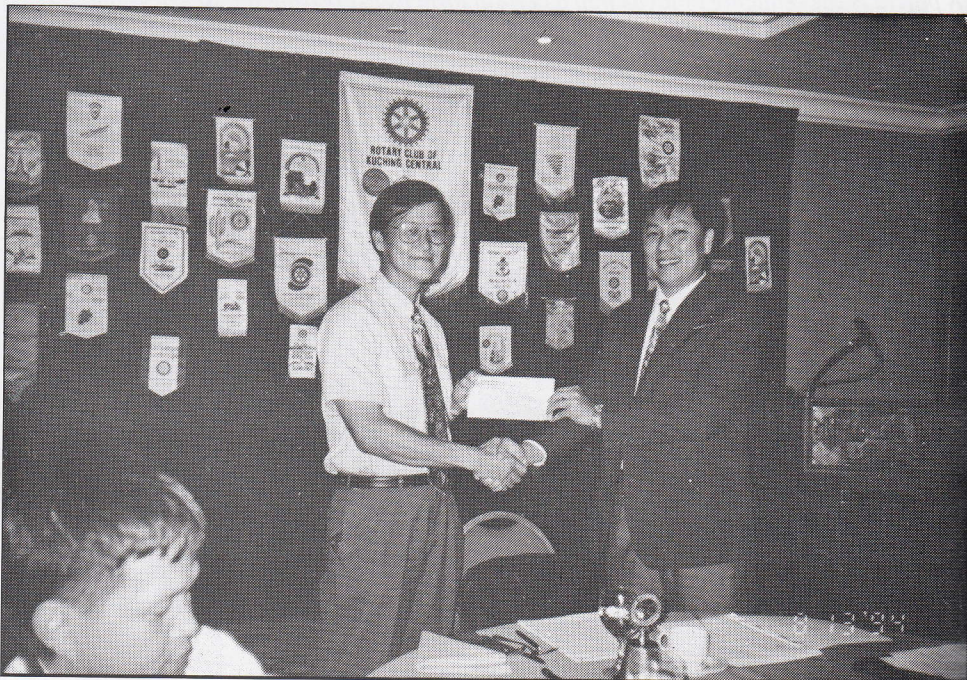
"A patent is the reducing of ideas into a certain form by expressing it into words and file it. You can disclose it but with protection."



Speaker Dr. Narr talked about diabetes.



"Fines" are being collected on Rotarians who come in late or without SMART attire, birthday or wedding anniversary or any mischievous members.



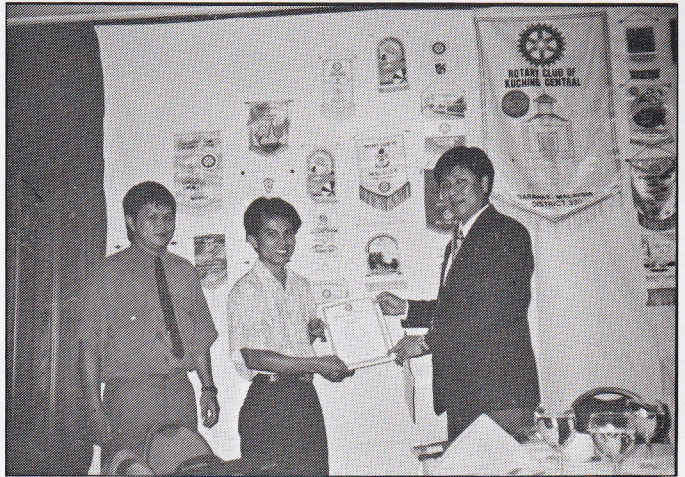
added to the fun, Lucky Draws are conducted at the end of the luncheon.

Luncheon Meeting under casual wears at Damai Lagoon Resort.



Club Service
Induction of New Rotarians

Rtn. Jim ak Negin



Rtn. Kamil Misuari



Rtn. Bobby Chai

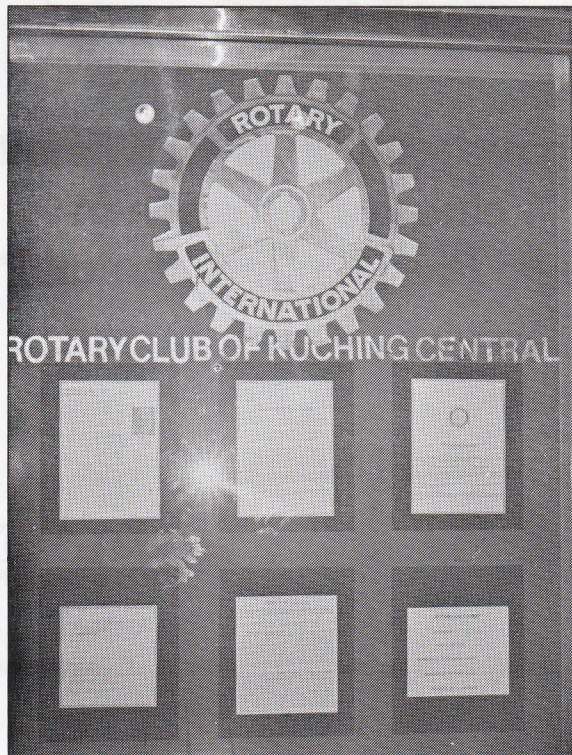
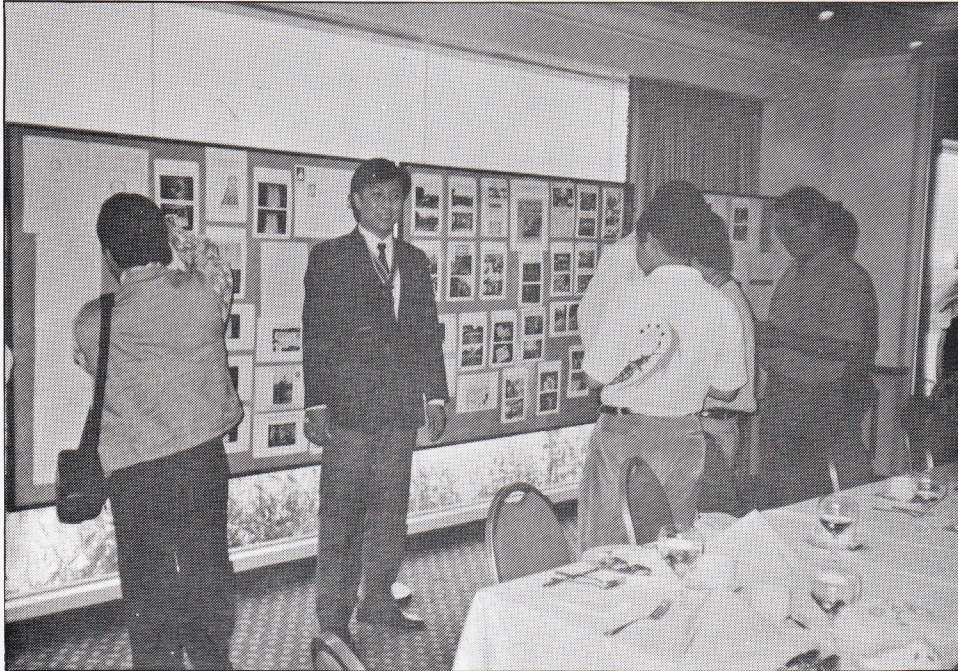


Rotary 90th Anniversary and Rotary Window Week Display cum Photos Exhibition

In conjunction with the Rotary 90th anniversary, Club held a photographs exhibition at hotel Riverside Majestic. The photo exhibition was held for one week at the lobby of the hotel.

A Window Display

The Window Display was also held at the Ngiu Kee Departmental Store, Saberkas building for public awareness. Rotary was founded on 23rd February 1905.



ROTARY DISTRICT 3310

5th Assembly held at Kuching on 27 – 30 April 1995

Opening Ceremony



*Penal of
Organising Clubs*



*President
Ee Guan Teck
delivering his address*



ROTARY DISTRICT 3310

5th Assembly held at Kuching on 27 – 30 April 1995

*President
Ee Guan Teck
receiving the
Awards from R.I.
Presidential Citation
Rotary Week
Window Display
from D.G. Ben Chng*



*Kuching Central
Rotarians
participating
at the
Assembly*



The Story of a Kapit Boy by Rtn. Jim ak Negin



I was born on 29th March 1961 in a remote place called Nanga Mujong, Kapit in a missionary clinic. My father left the longhouse when I was one year old and thus I was left to my grandfather for upbringing. In 1967 I entered the primary school and was the first person from the longhouse ever to be educated. It was a missionary boarding school at Nanga Mujong. Life was tough at that time. The school did not have much basic amenities. Firewood and vegetable had to be gathered from the bushes by students woke up early in the morning. The only means of communication to school was by boat. Rowing boat to school up against the fast flowing river current was no easy task, thus the students only went home once a month on weekend.

I attended my lower secondaries education in Kapit town. Thereafter, I continued my form IV and V in Tanjong Lobang, Miri. Also one year in matriculation as a preparation to enter Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Life was fun in Miri. It was my first time ever to see a sea in my life. Out of curiosity, I first time tasted the sea water and confirmed it is really salty as it claimed to be. It was there I learned to catch the sea crabs with bare hands liked Robinson Crusor. I learned to make belacan during the shrimp seasons, nevertheless, it was a failure.

I graduated from Universiti Kebangsaan in 1983 and the first job I took was an air traffic controller. I joined Public Bank Berhad in 1984. An incident that never made me to forget serving in the Public Bank was the "Public Bank Blast" in Miri in 1990 which claimed 3 lives and I was one of the twelve staff that involved in the mishap. Thank God, I'm alive.

In 1991, I was appointed as a branch manager heading Papar branch, Sabah and in late 1993, I was transferred to Kuching with the WISMA Saberkas branch.

As a christian, I had been a church leader eventhough I am not in the leadership now but still very much involved in music ministry of the Sunday schools.

*I also cannot deny the fact that I had once been a club secretary of the Lions Club of Papar, Sabah. ****

