

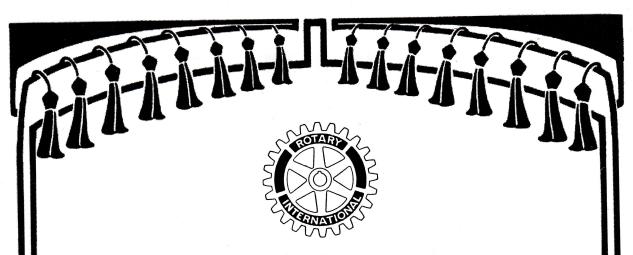
Show Rotary Cares Rotary International Theme 97-98

### 12th Installation



# ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL

7th July 1997 Riverside Majestic



### ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL

## Programme

7.00 p.m. : Arrival of Guests

7.30 p.m. : Arrival of Guest of Honour

7.40 p.m. : Toast to the following :

- Yang Dipertuan Agong by Outgoing President

TYT Yang Dipertuan Negeri by Incoming President

Rotary International by District Governor Representatives

7.50 p.m. : Dinner & Presentation of Chinese Classical Music

8.30 p.m. : Speech by Outgoing President

Recognition of one hundred percenter attendance

Presentation of mementoes to Outgoing Board of Directors by Outgoing

President

Recognition & Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows Awards

9.00 p.m. : Installation of the 12th President

Speech by President 1997/1998

Installation of Sergeant-at-Arms

Installation of the Board of Directors for 1997/1998

9.30 p.m. : Speech by the Guest of Honour

10.00 p.m. : Programme Ends.





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S.M.N., S.S.M., D.P., D.U.N.M., P.N.B.S., BM Adipradana (Indon.), P.S.L.J. (Brunei)

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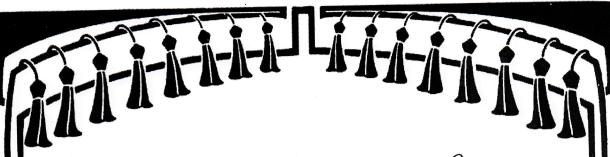




### YANG AMAT BERHORMAT KETUA MENTERI SARAWAK, DATUK PATINGGI TAN SRI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD

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Ketua Menteri Sarawak





Message from

### YB Datuk Wong Soon Koh Minister for Infrastructure Development

t is an honour and a distinct pleasure for me to be invited to officiate the 12th installation ceremony of the Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Kuching Central.

I understand that this is a gathering of distinguished rotarians who are in fact professionals of different fields and disciplines and successful businessmen from different segments of the society.

You have first found success in your respective professions and businesses. And your success has now led you to a more noble endeavour i.e. rendering services to your fellowmen who are perhaps less fortunate, less disadvantaged or more destitute.

The truly blessed is the person who can spare time and effort and make sacrifices to help others. To me, the joy of giving, based on a sincere desire to be helpful and useful to others, is life's noblest philosophy.

Life has a perfect book-keeping system. Though all acts of kindness may not be immediately and directly repaid, the givers' heart will be filled with enduring joy and happiness for he who serves best lives best.

I am sure the newly installed Board of Directors led by the capable and dynamic Rotarian K.C. Wong will respond to the trust and confidence the members place upon your shoulders by doing your very best to bring Rotary Club of Kuching Central one rung up of the service ladder of success.

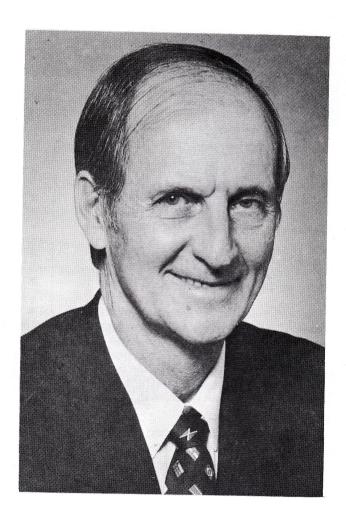
My best wishes to you all.

Datuk Wong Soon Koh

Minister of Infrastructure Development, Sarawak.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 1997/98



**GLEN W KINROSS** 



#### Glen W Kinross

RI President 1997-98

veryone wants to live in a world in which the aged, the infirm, and the children are well cared for - a world at peace, free of war, crime, and violence, and where each person has the opportunity for education and employment. Rotarians by their very nature care deeply about the problems that obstruct the creation of such a world. And with leaders in every business and profession in 28,000 communities worldwide, we have the potential to turn our concern into action and the resources needed to improve the lot and lives of people everywhere.

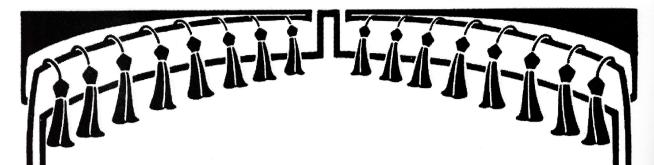
Rotary's greatest strength will always be the individual Rotarian. No other organization has such powerful human resources. The time has come to fully employ those resources and put them to work solving the most serious problems in our communities. I believe that if all of our 1.2 million individual Rotarians show they care by improving the quality of life in each of their 28,000 communities, we can indeed create a better world.

Let us begin by attacking hunger and poverty, which are the root causes of so many other ills in our communities. But we cannot lift people out of poverty with food and shelter alone. People also need the tools to help themselves and to improve their situation in life. We live in a world of letters and numbers. Those who cannot read, write, and do basic mathematics will never be able to pull themselves out of poverty and live in dignity and self-sufficiency.

To accomplish such lofty goals, we must not choose projects because they are easy but because they are hard. We can begin by identifying the most serious problems in our own communities. Then, drawing on the business and professional skills of our members, we can develop practical solutions and convince other community leaders to help implement them.

As Rotarians, we commands considerable influence, but many clubs are not making full use of their stature and power for good. To fight the rising level of crime, poverty, homelessness, and other ills, Rotary should become the conscience of the community and bring pressure to bear upon others to join our vital cause. Using the Object of Rotary as our guiding principle, let us begin at the grassroots level to Show Rotary Cares.

Glen W. Kinross RI President 1997-98





# Governor's Message

#### Fong Hoe Beng Governor 1997/98

Dear PE Kho Ching

Congratulations on your induction as the new President of your club.

The Presidential Theme for our year is: SHOW ROTARY CARES.

Of course, its not enough to just say that Rotary cares. We have to prove it by our actions. During 1997/98, I would like to see every Rotary Club in our district identify the greatest problem in its community and direct all its resources — its community influence and the vocational expertise of its members — towards the solution of that problem.

I encourage every club president in 1997/98 to set this as a goal.

As each of us prepare to serve Rotary in 1997/98, we need a guiding beacon — a common focus on which we can chart our course of building a better world through better communities. Our program is ambitious and challenging, but its thrust can be expressed simply in the words of our theme for the year:

This is what we will be asking every Rotarian in every community to do during the year ahead.

SHOW ROTARY CARES by working to feed the hungry.

SHOW ROTARY CARES by helping to life people out of poverty

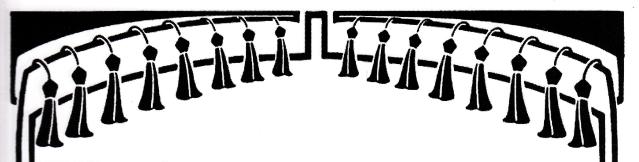
SHOW ROTARY CARES by providing every adult with basic reading and mathematical skills

SHOW ROTARY CARES by undertaking projects for your community that will make your cities and towns a better place in which to work and live.

**SHOW ROTARY CARES** for Vocational Service by encouraging every Rotarian to uphold the highest ethical standards in business and professions, always putting principle above expediency.

FONG HOE BENG

**GOVERNOR 1998/98** 





Outgoing President's Message

### **Philip Tang**

Outgoing President — 1996/97

t has certainly been my privilege to serve the 11th year of Rotary services within the Rotary Club of Kuching Central. The past year has been very inspiring and interesting and I have enjoyed much support from the Board of Directors as well as fellow members.

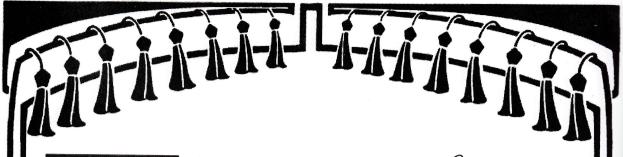
During the year many projects were implemented and completed. The more notable one was the "Clothing for the Needy" project where we collected over 32,000 pieces of used clothing for distribution to the needy.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Board of Directors and fellow Rotarians for your support and participation during the year to "Build the Future with Action and Vision", and at the same time, congratulate the Incoming President Wong Kho Ching and his new Board of Directors in carrying on the good traditions of Rotary and to "Show Rotary Cares".

Yours-in-Rotary

Philip Tang

Outgoing President 1996/97





Message from

Wong Kho Ching
Incoming President — 1997/1998

n 1900, in Chicago a young lawyer had a vision of a group of businessmen and professionals gathering together in a social setting. A vivid vision of a club, with members of representatives of different business and professionals, sharing a common quality of friendship, a forum for encouragement of religious and political tolerance and of service to the community.

This young man then strongly believe that the friendship would lead to goodwill among the members and good deeds and service for the community for the world and its people.

The vision had become a reality and it has not faded away or at all but has now become a part of the fabric of our global society.

• This year on the 27th January 1997, our Club celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the death of the said young visionary Paul P. Harris (1868-1947) the founder of Rotary. From a dream/vision of a young man, Rotary Clubs are now found in every part of the world.

Our theme for this Rotary year is SHOW ROTARY CARES. It places a challenge on each and every Rotarian to give effect to the said theme — to show the world its community and people that we are not just a member of a Club but a Club of capable and dynamic members with the belief of service above self.

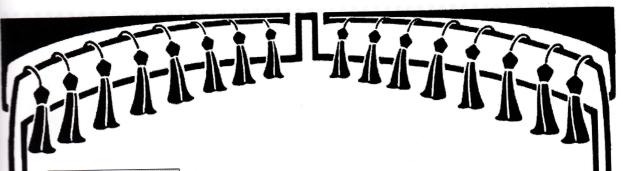
As the incoming twelve (12) President of our Club, I must take this opportunity first and foremost to thank the many past Presidents and their team of Board of Directors for their untiring and wonderful works they have done for the past eleven (11) years which has made ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL a name in our community.

As the Incoming 12th President, my Board of Directors and I look forward to a fruitful year in carrying out our community services for humanity and in making our Club an inspiration in our society.

Yours in Rotary service

WONG KHO CHING

Incoming President 1997/1998





Message from

Santai Wang Chih Yi President 1996 ~ 1997 Rotary Club of Chia Yii West

GREETING FROM THE LAND OF TREASURE — FORMOSA.

Congratulation from all of us at Rotary Club of Chia Yii West, Taiwan.

It is my greatest honour to congratulate your good self and your members at Kuching Central on the 12th Installation Ceremony of your club.

We have been looking forward to be present at this auspicious occasion.

However it is with deepest regret that our next president installation will be held on the 30th June and therefore on the 7th July will be our first meeting after the installation. Nevertheless, all of us from the Rotary Club of Chia Yii West would like to convey to your good self and all your fellows members all the best wishes and every success in enjoying Rotary to "SHOWS ROTARY CARES for all our community, for our world for all the people".

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**Santai Wang Chih Yi** President 1996 ~ 1997 Rotary Club of Chia Yii West

### **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 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.

### Paul P. Harris 1868-1947

Paul P. Harris, a lawyer, was the founder of Rotary, the world's first and most international service club.

Born in Racine, Wisconsin, U.S.A. on 19 April 1868, Paul was the second of six children to George N. Harris and Cornelia Bryan Harris. At age 3 he moved to Wallingford, Vermont where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents. Married to Jean Thompson Harris (1881-1963), they had no children. He received an LL.B. from the University of Iowa and received an honorary LL.D. from the University of Vermont.

Paul Harris worked as a newspaper reporter, a business teacher, stock company actor, cowboy, and traveled extensively in the U.S.A. and Europe selling marble and granite. In 1896, he went to Chicago to practice law. One evening Paul visited the suburban home of a professional friend. After dinner, as they strolled through the neighborhood, Paul's friend introduced him to various tradesmen in their stores. It was here Paul conceived the idea of a club that could recapture some of the friendly spirit among businessmen in small communities.

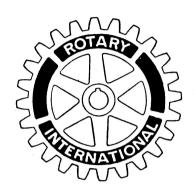
On 23 February, 1905, Paul Harris formed the first club with three other businessmen: Silvester Schiele, a coal merchant; Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer; and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor. Paul Harris named the new club "Rotary" because members met in rotation at their various places of business. Club membership grew rapidly. Soon Paul became convinced that the Rotary club could be developed into an important service movement and strove to extend Rotary to other cities.

Paul was also prominent in other civic and professional work. He served as the first chairman of the board of the National Easter Seal Society of



Crippled Children and Adults in the U.S.A. and of the International Society for Crippled Children. He was a member of the board of managers of the Chicago Bar Association and its representative at the International Congress of Law at the Hague, and a committee member of the American Bar Association. He received the Silver Buffalo Award from the Boy Scouts of America for distinguished service to youth, and was decorated by the governments of Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France and Peru.

Paul maintained his law office for most of his life. He spent much time traveling and was invited to speak to Rotarians at annual conventions, district and regional meetings, and other functions. When President emeritus Paul Harris passed away on 27 January 1947 his dream had grown from an informal meeting of four to some 6,000 clubs. In the past five decades, the organization has grown to more than 27,500 clubs with 1.2 million members brought together through Paul Harris' vision of service and fellowship.



### **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.

### What is



.... "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 honestly. 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 accuring

to the community

to the individual member

#### 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.

### 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 upmost (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:-

Responsibilities

Four areas of responsibility are generally recognised:-

To shareholders/partners/principals

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

To Employees

To provide, promote and encourage:-

good and safe conditions of work;

good and competitive terms and conditions of service;

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

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

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.

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.

**Economic Principles** 

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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

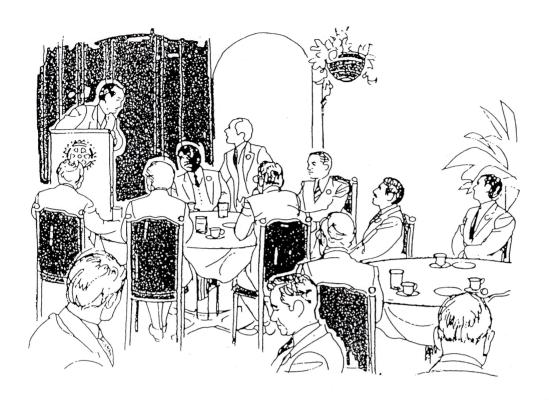
I must exercise honesty, loyalty and integrity in all aspects of my business; avoid conflicts of interest between my personal and official activities in the conduct of my business. The offer, payment, soliciting and acceptance of bribes in any form and any unprofessional and unfair conduct are unacceptable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