

# What Rotary means to the community and to the member

## A few of the benefits accruing

*to the community*

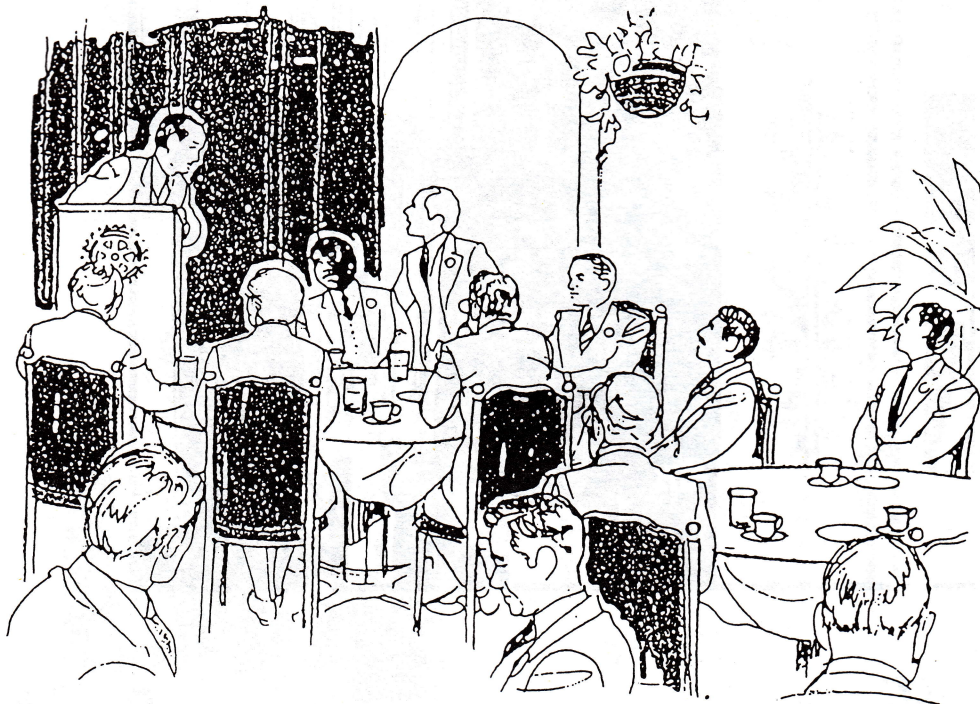
### The Rotary Club

- 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.



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## 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.

**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.

**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 in 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.

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### 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.

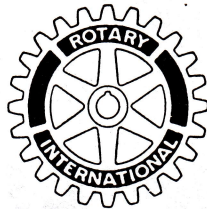
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**Q. There is a retired airline pilot in our community who has never been a Rotarian but who would have lots of time for Rotary.**

**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**



## 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) as proposed by Rtn. Wong Kho Ching.

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.

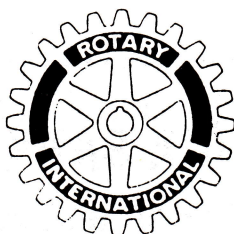
FEB 20,87 - 1st Press Report of our Club appeared in the Sarawak Tribune together with a Press Picture of our Charter President.

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 Charter Members 1986/1987

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

1986/1987	CP Chua Teck Kheng	Charter 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	PP Ee Guan Teck	
1995/1996	PP Andre Suharto	
1996/1997	PP Philip Tang	
1997/1998	PP Wong Kho Ching	
1998/1999	IPP Polycarp Teo Sebm	

# ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL

Service Above Self : He Profits Most Who Serves Best

## INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1999/2000

PRESIDENT

**Rtn. Patrick Yu**

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**I.P.P. Polycarp Teo Sebom**

PRESIDENT ELECT

**Rtn. Bobby Chai**

VICE PRESIDENT

**Rtn. Aw Tai Hui**

HON. SECRETARY

**Rtn. Chieng Yu Tang**

ASST. HON SECRETARY

**Rtn. Kamil Misuari**

HON. TREASURER

**Rtn. Sylvester Fong**

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

**Rtn. Thomas Ngu**

ASST. COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

**Rtn. Yong Chin Fah**

SERVICE FOR NEW GENERATION DIRECTOR

**P.P. Samuel Kiyui**

ASST. SERVICE FOR NEW GENERATION DIRECTOR

**P.P. Ee Guan Teck**

VOCATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR

**Rtn. Kho Ping**

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR

**Rtn. Sim Cho Phong**

ASST. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR

**P.P. Philip Tang**

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR

**P.P. Frankie Yang**

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS

**P.P. K. C. Wong**

BULLETIN EDITOR

**P.P. Andre Suharto**

## OUT - GOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1998/1999

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**Rtn. Polycarp Teo Sebom**

PRESIDENT - ELECT

**Rtn. Patrick Yu**

VICE PRESIDENT

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HONORARY SECRETARY

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ASST. HON SECRETARY

**Rtn. Mike Maddock**

HONORARY TREASURER

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DIRECTOR OF SERVICE FOR NEW GENERATION

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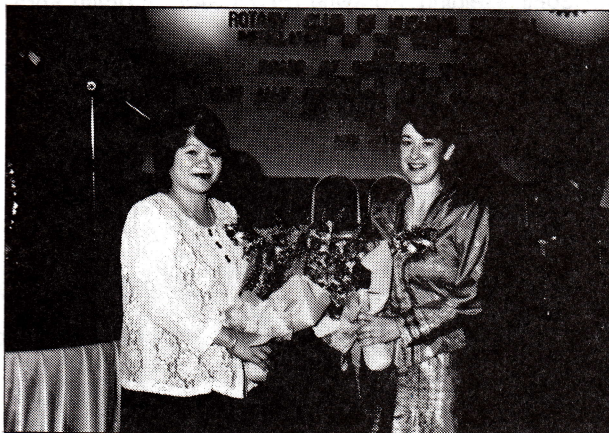
# FLASHBACK



*Outgoing President Rtn. Wong Kho Ching delivering his message*



*Handing over the presidency pendant to the incoming President*

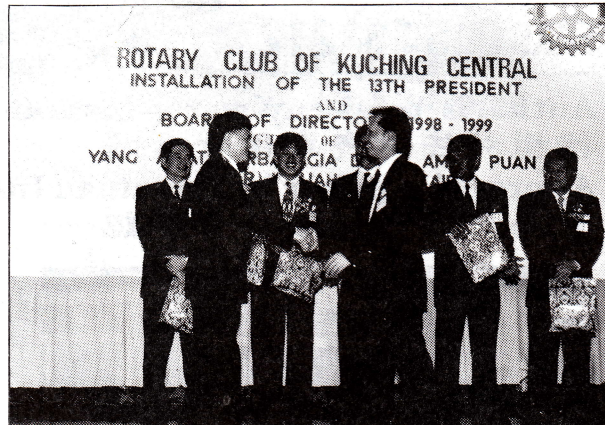


*A token of appreciation for the 1st Ladies*

## INCOMING BOARD



*Newly installed President  
Rtn. Polycarp Teo Sebom  
delivering his promises*



*Installing the Club Bulletin Editor  
PP Rtn. Andre Suharto*

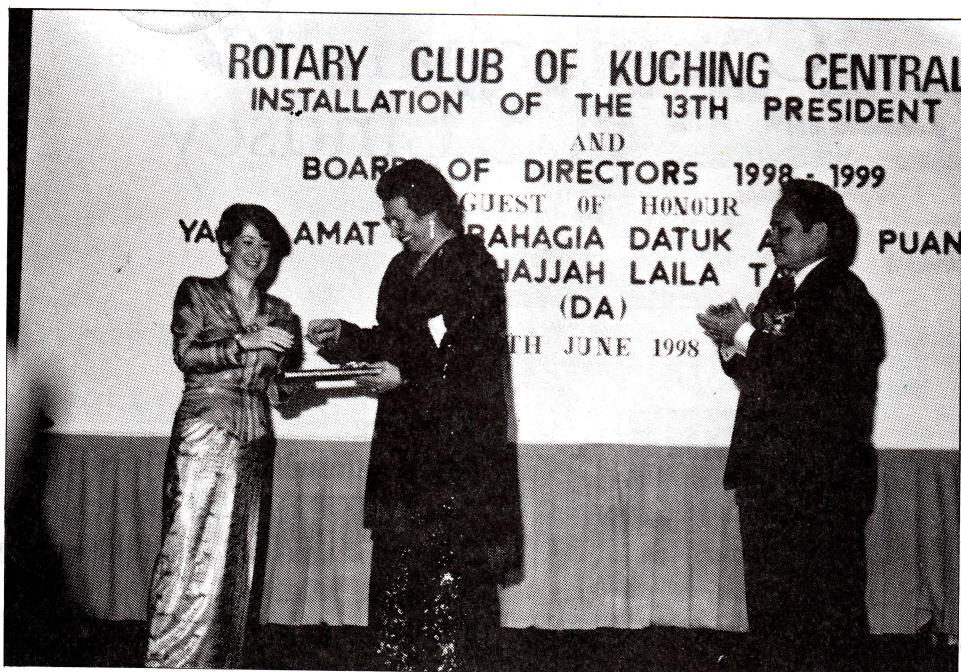


*To the right-hand man Club Secretary  
Rtn. Sylvester Fong*

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECIPIENT



*President Rtn. Polycarp Teo Sebom presenting the P.H.F. honour to  
YAB Datuk Amar Puan Sri (DR) Hajjah Laila Taib (DA)*



*1st Lady Louise presenting a souvenir to Guest of Honour  
YAB Datuk Amar Puan Sri (DR) Hajjah Laila Taib (DA)*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### CLEANING CAMPAIGN

*Beach cleaning campaign at Sematan Beach. A gotong-royong project together with 400 participants including the local residents of Sematan took part*



### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

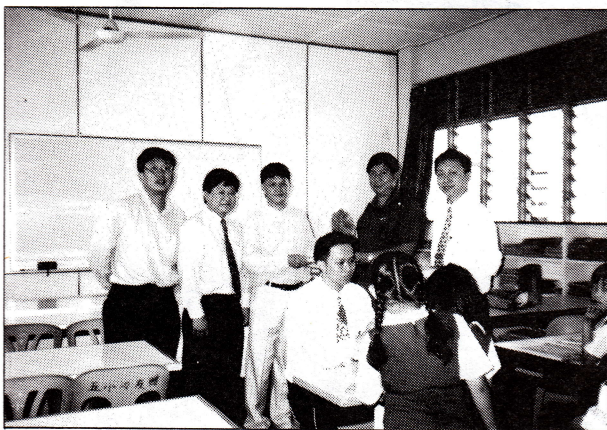
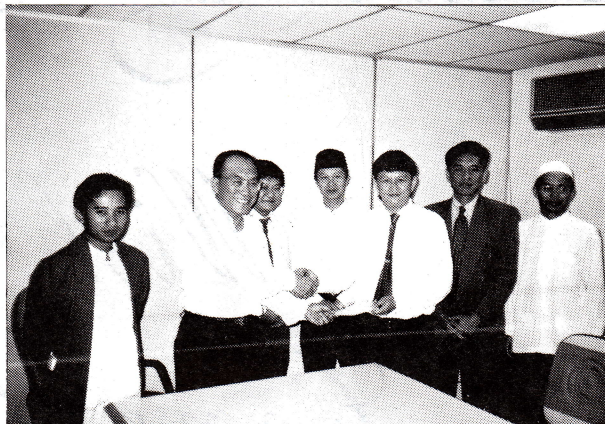
#### **TREE PLANTING**

*Participated in tree planting organised by the Ministry of Environment and Public Health in conjunction with the launch of the State Level Arbour Day 1998*



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Donation to the Muslims  
Community through Hikmah,  
a non government organisation  
involved in providing  
humanitarian services in the rural  
areas such as mobile clinic, play  
school education etc*



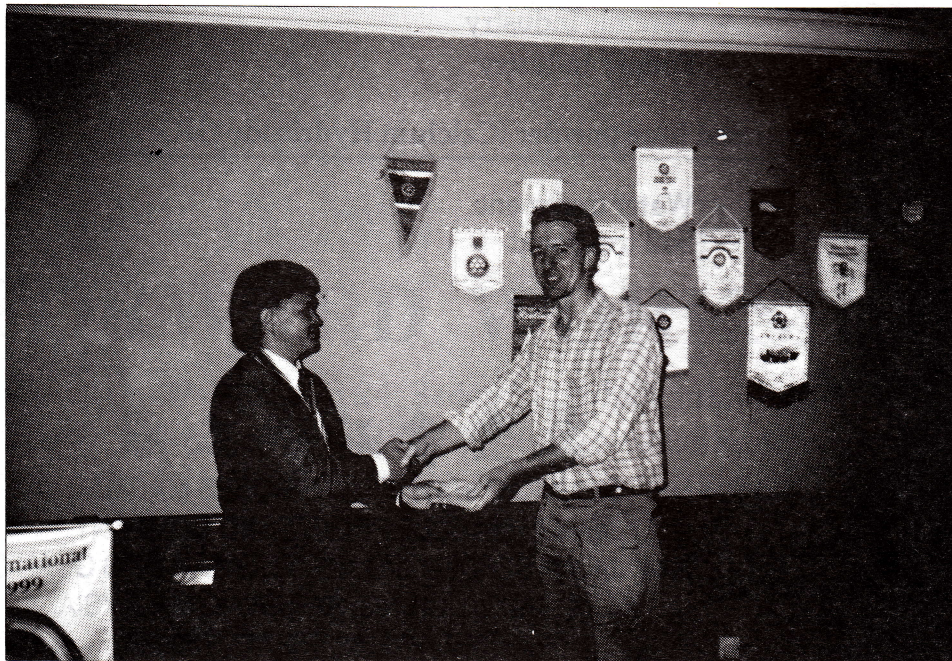
*Together with Guan Ho Leong  
Sdn Bhd we provided free eye  
testing and free lenses to about  
8,000 students*

*Donation to the school of  
SRK Sebandi, Lundu*





*Donation to the old folks home, donation to Salvation Army children home and the Blind Society*

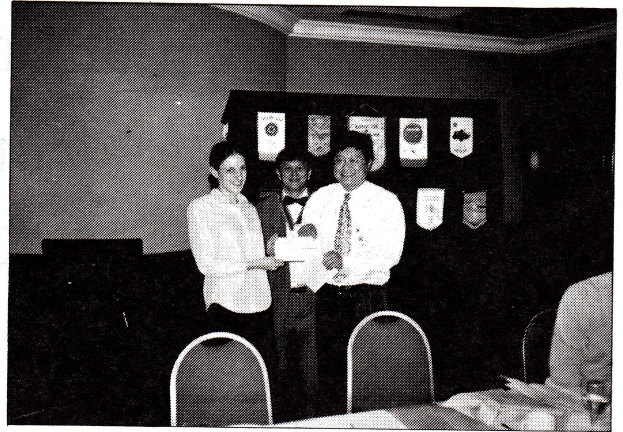


**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

*Donation to the Mentally Ill Association*

**EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

*Sponsoring a volunteer from England  
teaching English at Chung Hua  
Middle School No. 4, Kuching*



古晉中華第四中學  
**Sekolah Menengah Chung Hwa No. 4**  
**Chung Hwa Middle School No. 4**

To: Mr Polycarp Teo Sebom,  
Chairman of Rotary Club

The Gap Volunteers As Teaching Assistants

We would like to say thank you to both of the organizations, The Rotary Club and The Gap, for introducing an English teaching assistant, Miss Claire Bartram, to upgrade our school's English level.

Miss Bartram has come to help our school since January 11 1999. Her teaching term in our school will be completed at the end of this month (June 26 1999).

Miss Bartram is a responsible teacher. She is kind and helpful especially to our students. She spends most of her time and effort to prepare her work. The classes she has conducted mainly in the afternoon's activities from Monday to Friday. She has also taken in charge of "The English Language Learning Club". Her classes have been divided into two different forms --- the senior form and the junior form. Her timetable is as follows: