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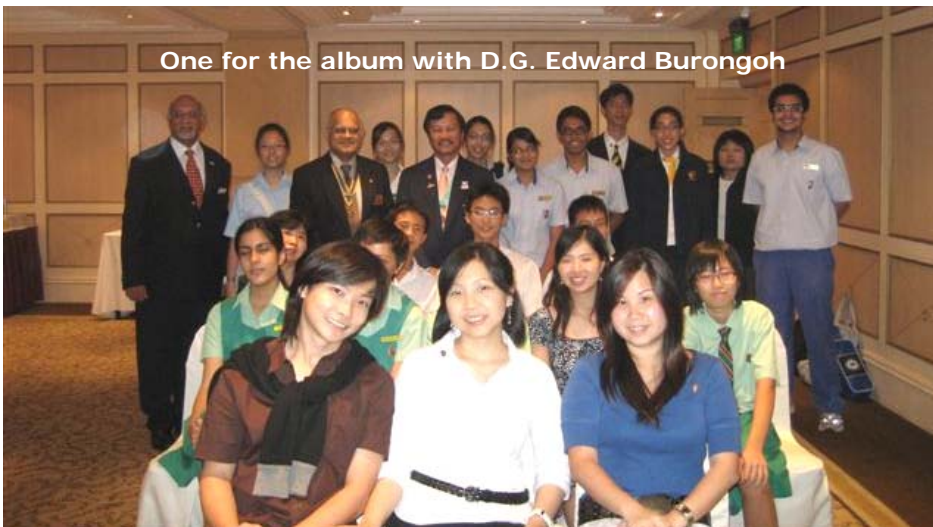
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In Focus

DG's Meeting with Interactors/Rotaractors

By: President Paliath Mohandas



About 32 Rotarians attended the Club Assembly, and 22 spouses attended the spouse program.

Prior to the Club Assembly, the DG met with our Interactors and Rotaractors for an hour. There were 17 Interactors from 6 of our Interact Clubs – Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Catholic Junior College, Global Indian International School, Raffles Institution, Raffles Junior College, Tanjong Katong Girls' School), as well as 3 Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Temasek. All the Interact Clubs were led by their Teacher-Advisors, in addition to their President, as well as other Interactors.

The DG shared his experiences in Malaysia and asked our Interactors and Rotaractors to describe some of their programs/activities. The DG was particularly keen on our Interact Clubs joining together if possible, to do an "International Understanding" project for the WUP Day. He cited examples of say, a fair where each club represents a country, with their traditional dresses and foods, etc. In fact GIIS Interact Club said that they were in the process of organising something similar, joining hands with the other Interact Clubs of the Rotary Club of Singapore. The meeting was attended by AG Mansoor Hassanbhai, PP Philip Leong, President Paliath Mohandas,

Meeting with District Governor Edward...



PE Dr Yap Lip Kee and Director Rtn Nirmal Singh. **RC**

Last week

Club happenings on October 29th

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Opening Remarks:

President Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas opened the meeting with a special welcome to District Governor (DG) Edward Burongoh and First Lady, Mariana. He added that a good Club Assembly was held on October 28th attended by DG Edward.

Welcome of Guests:

The welcome of Guests was performed by Rtn. Jack Wang:

Guests:

1st Lady Mariana Burongoh
 1st Lady Vatsala Mohandas
 Mrs. Maria Hassanbhai
 Mr. Colin Dunkop
 Mr. Manua Guehennec
 Mr. Norman Hunter
 Mr. Daniel Roche

Toast:

PP Raymon Huang was pleased to raise a toast to DG Edward's club, the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu. He advised that the club has 60 members and in the last Rotary year, inducted 3 new members. PP Raymon highlighted that when DG Edward was president of his club in 1997/98, the Major Project was the building of a hostel close to the hospital at a cost of M\$90,000. This hostel, PP Raymon added, enabled families to visit the patients in hospital, and the stay was free of



L to R: Rtn. Marco Bardelli with his PHF recognition, posing with DG Edward and President Mohan

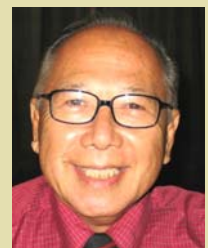
charge. He noted DG's busy schedule visiting the various clubs and would be in Singapore till November 8th. PP Raymon added that DG Edward lived by his personal motto of "do what you believe in and believe in what you do!".

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Recognition:

President Mohan called upon Rtn. Marco Bardelli to receive his second Paul Harris Fellow recognition. President Mohan thanked Rtn. Marco for his generous contribution of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation towards its worthy programmes. **RC**



Jack Wang



PP Raymon Huang

District Governor's Address...

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney–Ng

District Governor's Introduction:

Assistant Governor (AG) Mansoor Hassanbhai was pleased to introduce his fellow Rotary Club President classmate, **District Governor (DG) Edward Sung Burongoh**.

DG Edward was born in Seria, Brunei, on August 7th 1948, where his father was working then for the Shell Company. In 1960, before Malaysia was formed, the whole family moved back to Tuaran, their hometown in Sabah.

DG Edward worked for 2 years with the State Agricultural Department as the founder editor of the "Pelita Petani" newsletter for farmers. He left for further studies at the MARA Institute of Technology in Shah Alam, Selangor, where he obtained Best Student Award for 3 consecutive years and a Diploma (Advanced) in Public Relations. His good grades enabled him to obtain a Public Service Department Scholarship and enter the Masters programme in the School of Public Communications, Boston University, where he obtained his Master of Science in Public Relations in 1976.

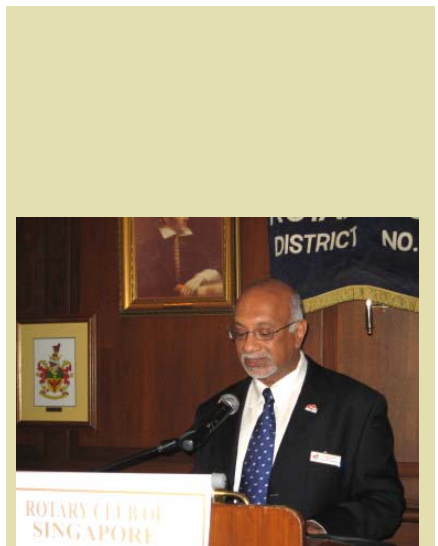
After lecturing at MARA Institute of Technology for 3 years, he joined

the Sabah Foundation and its Group of Companies as its Public Relations Manager. He was with the Foundation as its Group Manager, Public Relations, and Consultant, until his retirement in 2003. He also served as the Public Relations Director to the Chief Minister in 1998.

DG Edward is a member of the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu since 1983, and was its President in 1997/98. He has served as Public Relations Chair in the District since 1999. He was also a regular facilitator in the PETS sessions. He is a life member of the Institute of Public Relations Malaysia, and was the founder Chairman of its branch in Kota Kinabalu. He is also the Hon. Secretary General of the Sabah Judo Association, holding a 2nd Dan black belt.

He is happily married to Mariana Augustine Buji. They have 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys.

AG Mansoor added that he found DG Edward to be a very encouraging person who shares vital information about Rotary.



AG Mansoor introducing DG Edward to the Club

District Governor's Address...continued



District Governor Edward speaks...

At the outset of his talk, DG Edward stated that he enjoyed the dialogue, members' comments and even the disagreements mentioned at the Club Assembly held yesterday at The Pines. He added that it was difficult to address the Club again since he had already spoken at the Club Assembly.

Nevertheless, DG Edward highlighted and explained the significance of why members should donate to The Rotary Foundation, through unrestricted giving instead of to specific projects.

DG Edward took the opportunity to inform members of the work of the PACOS Trust, a community based voluntary organisation, to help raise the quality of life of indigenous communities. He advised that one of its projects was a student hostel for children in Sabah and Sarawak. He added that at the forthcoming District Conference, the first talk would be given by a PACOS representative in order for more

Rotary Clubs to be aware of its activities and programmes. DG Edward thanked members for their hospitality and hoped to see members at the District Conference.

Comments from the Floor:

Following were some of the comments and queries put forward to DG Edward:

* **Rtn. P. Balachandran** suggested that projects requiring assistance should be placed on the District's website.

* **IPP Peter Tan** added that should other clubs in Sarawak and Sabah should contact our Club regarding their projects, and if we could be of assistance. He added that the Club would generally get involved in person, such as in missions where members would participate.

* **PP C.K. Ang** agreed that Club members were "very hands on"!

* **PP Keith Callinan** noted the differences in the District

Conferences held in Australia and our District, whereby excellent speakers were available to advise how Rotary could help in a different perspective. DG Edward advised that half of the Conference contents, were bound by R.I., for Rotary topics.

* **Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri** requested DG Edward to spread the information that the Book of Humour could be used as a means to raise funds for WCS projects, and that he would be pleased to share details with any of the clubs in the District. DG Edward suggested that the books be introduced at the coming District Conference.

* **Rtn. Perlita Tiro** highlighted that the Club's Major Projects were projects in Singapore whilst projects overseas was under the purview of ISC. Secondly, she noted that buildings could not be funded by Rotary Foundation and funds could not be used for such purposes. DG Edward advised that funds would be raised for buildings but clubs could use Matching Grants to provide equipment for the buildings. **RC**

Vote of Thanks:

President Mohan warmly thanked DG Edward for his interesting address and noted that members learnt new information through the healthy exchange of ideas, not only at the meeting but also at the Club Assembly. President Mohan added that the Club being the oldest in the District, obviously had various views and important opinions to be shared with DG Edward. He thanked DG Edward for his explanation of The Rotary Foundation funding. **RC**

Club Activities

RI District 3310 Conference



Date : November 14th – 16th 2008

Venue : The Empire Hotel & Country Club, Brunei Darussalam

Registration fees (by October 1st) – Rotarian S\$228.00 - Spouse S\$198
Registration forms are available from the Secretariat.

- Contributed by President Paliath Mohandas

ISC Mission to Hoi An, Vietnam

Date : November 15th – 20th 2008

Programme : In keeping with R.I. theme and emphasis on children welfare, the mission will seek to help the less fortunate children in Vietnam. ISC plans to raise about S\$15,000 and donations of any amounts will be most appreciated.

Fund-raising Fellowship will be held on **Friday, November 7th** starting with 6.30pm cocktails at Royal Selangor Showroom (hosted by Rtn Yong Poh Shin) followed by dinner 7.30pm at Pyramisa Restaurant, Blk. 3B, The Foundry, River Valley Road, Clarke Quay #01-06.

For more details, please contact **Director Goh Bock Seng**, at email bockseng@singnet.com.sg.

- Contributed by Director Goh Bock Seng

The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the precept of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

First : Have I spent some time in self-examination?

Second: Have I spent quality time with my family?

Third : Have I given my best to my work?

Fourth : Have I given some time to someone near and far?

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

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- compiled by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Birthday Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Birthday* to celebrants:

November 4 - Moshood Olaniyan

November 8 - Kunal "Bony" Sharma

This week

November 5th 2008

Reception Desk duty: Paul Phua, Faith Vincent

Sunshine Box duty: VP Noshir Mistri, Bony Sharma

Speaker: PDGs Gerald Minjoot and Dr. Ivor Thevathasan

Topic: "PolioPlus and The Rotary Foundation"

Service Committee

Meetings

Vocational Service

Date: Thursday, Nov. 13th

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: 8 Yarrow Gardens, off Siglap Road (near Siglap Centre) S445013

Hosts: PP J.K. Ong, PE Dr. Yap Lip Kee

Anniversary Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to all celebrants:

November 7 – Akbar & Varsha Kader

November 9 – Philip & Myriam Kwan

Next week

November 12th 2008

Reception Desk duty: PP C.K. Ang, Philip Mason

Sunshine Box duty: Tapan Rao, Director Danilo Medic

Speaker: Mr. Chris Tay

Topic: "Car Wise"

Service Committee

Meetings

International Service

Date: Thursday, Nov. 20th

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Moghul Mahal Restaurant, 177A River Valley Road, Novotel Hotel, S179031

Hosts: AG Mansoor Hassanbhai, PP Dr. Winston Oh, Ghani Mahtani, Dr. Tim Philippi

November

Rotary Foundation Month

November 7th

ISC Fund-raising Fellowship for Mission to Hoi An, Vietnam

November 14th – 16th RI District 3310 Conference

November 15th – 20th

ISC Mission to Hoi An, Vietnam

December

Rotary Family Month

December 12th - 16th

Cambodia/Pusat Eye Camp

December 24th & 31st –

Meetings cancelled in view of the Holiday Season

January

Rotary Awareness Month

January 15th

3rd Club Assembly

The Four-way Test

Of the Things we think, say or do:

- ❖ Is it the truth?
- ❖ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ❖ Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- ❖ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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75th Yearbook



To place your order for the Club's 75th Yearbook, email to Community Service Committee Director, Rtn. Indi Tulsi at tulsisin@pacific.net.sg