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Last week

Club happenings on September 2nd

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Opening Remarks:

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee warmly welcomed the Guest Speaker, Mr. Tony Leow from the National Library Board. He also extended a special welcome to our members, Rtns. Vikrant Kanyal and Sverker Moeller who have been away from the Club.

Welcome of Guests:

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn. Moshood Olaniyan:

Guests:

Mrs. Brian Carr, Ms. Amy Gay, Mr. Reinhard Klemner, Mr. Xavier Sanjimon

Visiting Rotarians:

Brian Carr – Sorrento, Australia

Toast:

Rtn. Suresh Keerthi called upon visiting Rtn. Brian Carr to say a few words about his club. Rtn. Brian advised this his club had few working members and that most of the members were retirees. Nevertheless, he added the club was active and held fund-raising events such as art shows, auctions and golf tournaments for their projects. Rtn. Suresh called upon

members to join him in raising a toast to the Rotary Club of Sorrento coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

Token of Appreciation from Siem Reap Club:

President Lip Kee was pleased to display the banner and gift received from the Rotary Club of Siem Reap which was presented at the Service to New Generations Committee Meeting held on August 27th 2009.

Membership Development Seminars:

President Lip Kee informed members of the District's Membership Development Seminars which would be held on Saturday, September 5th 2009. He advised that there were two sessions as follows:

Morning session from 8:00 to 10:00am, which would be hosted by RC Bugis Junction at Hotel Inter-Continental Singapore.

Whilst the afternoon session would be held from 12:00 to 2:45pm, hosted by RC Garden City at Holiday Inn Atrium Singapore.

Cost would be S\$30 per person for lunch buffet including tea/coffee.

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Moshood Olaniyan



Suresh Keerthi

Guest corner...

“MOLLY – the Mobile Bus Library”

Speaker: Mr. Tony Leow

Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Speaker's Introduction:

Rtn. Jeff Rajeck introduced the Guest Speaker **Mr. Tony Leow** who first joined National Library Board (NLB) in 2001 when he was in the Business Development Division providing library consultancy services to library clients, local and international. Currently, he is Assistant Director in the Partnerships & Development Division, forging MOU collaborations with partner organizations in enhancing the library's research collection and in raising funds for library programs and activities. Before that, Mr. Leow was in the corporate world, working in U.S. and U.K. MNCs dealing with library information management systems and e-resources in the Asia Pacific region. Mr. Leow received his tertiary education in the U.S, and has spent 10 years working as librarian in colleges and universities in Puerto Rico, Texas, Indiana, and Massachusetts.

Speaker:

Mr. Leow informed members that “MOLLY” was a prototype project using an old bus donated by SBS Transit, which was retrofitted with book shelves, IT equipments (e.g. borrowing station, electronic book drop), to serve as a full fledged library on wheels.

He advised that MOLLY was well stocked with 3000 specially selected books so that NLB's library service could be delivered to special needs children in special needs schools throughout the island; children who would, otherwise, not be able to go to our libraries on their own.

Mr. Leow highlighted the social impact and significance of this

project. He also gave a cost breakdown of this service. He added that \$121,000 was still required and that NLB was seeking like-minded persons to assist in this project.

Vote of Thanks:

In his vote of thanks to Mr. Leow, **Rtn. Brian Jones** recounted the conversation between Sir Edmund Hillary and Urkien Sherpa, which highlighted the importance of learning. Rtn. Brian warmly thanked Mr. Leow for his presentation, which served as a timely reminder to Rotarians, that learning was a right for everyone and there was still a need of continued support. **RC**



Speaker, Mr. Tony Leow



Jeff Rajeck



Brian Jones

Club Activities

EYA 2009 Presentation Ceremony

Members are requested to support The Entrepreneur of the Year – A Rotary ASME Award. Details of the EYA 2009 Presentation ceremony are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, September 16th 2009

Time: 6.30pm till late

Venue: Grand Ballroom, The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore, 7 Raffles Avenue, Singapore 039799

Guest-of-Honour: Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence

Attire: Black Tie (Tuxedo)

Tickets: \$144.00 each

For tickets and further information, please contact Rtn Suresh Keerthi via email: ragask@singnet.com.sg or mobile: 97992390.

- contributed by Rtn. Suresh Keerthi



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Wear your ethnic or national dress and stand to win the best-dressed competition.

Come celebrate an evening of fun and fellowship towards unity in diversity!

Rotary Diwali Fellowship Nite

On: Friday, October 2, 2009

At: Holiday Inn Park View Singapore
11 Cavenagh Rd, S229616
Crystal Ballroom (Level 2)

Kick off at 7 pm.

- Selected mouth-watering North Indian dishes
- Free flow of wine, soft drinks
- Bring your own liquor at no corkage
- Free Mehendi painting for ladies' delicate hands (on Oct. 1st at a central location)
- Rangoli-making competition
- Games, dances, competitions.
- Plenty of Surprises!

All at \$100 per head. Book your tables now.

- contributed by Rtn. Perlita Tiro

Mark your Diary!



- compiled by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Birthday Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Birthday* to celebrants:

September 8 – Philip Kwan

September 9 – PP J M Jumabhoy & Joseph Chia

September 12 – Dr Thomas Perkmann

This week

September 9th 2009

Reception Desk duty: Tapan Rao, Dinesh Sharma

Sunshine Box duty: Jimmy Ooi, Vijai Parwani

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Ward, SEAMEO Regional Language Centre

Topic: "Language and the Economy"

Service Committee Meetings

Vocational Service

Date: Thursday, Sept. 10th

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Restoran Tepak Sireh, 73 Sultan's Gate, S198497

Hosts: Akbar Kader, Zahidi Abd Rahman

Anniversary Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to all celebrants:

September 8 – Joseph & Maria Chia

Next week

September 16th 2009

Reception Desk duty: PPs Manik Shahani, Peter Tan

Sunshine Box duty: Paul Phua, Dr. Melvin Tan

Speaker: Tuan Haji Abdul Aziz Bin Hassan

Topic: "Significance of Ramadan and Eid in Islam"

Service Committee Meetings

International Service

Date: Thursday, Sept. 17th

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Meeting Room (Poolside) Waterside, 3 Tanjong Rhu Road, S436881

Host: Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao

September

New Generations Month

September 16th

EYA Presentation Ceremony

October

Vocational Month

October 2nd

Divali Nite

October 20th

2nd Club Assembly

October 21st

District Governor's Official Visit

November

Rotary Foundation Month

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?

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.

Open a book!

(contributed by Rtn. Perlita Tiro)

"TV. If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six.

Open your child's imagination.

Open a book."

~ Author Unknown

