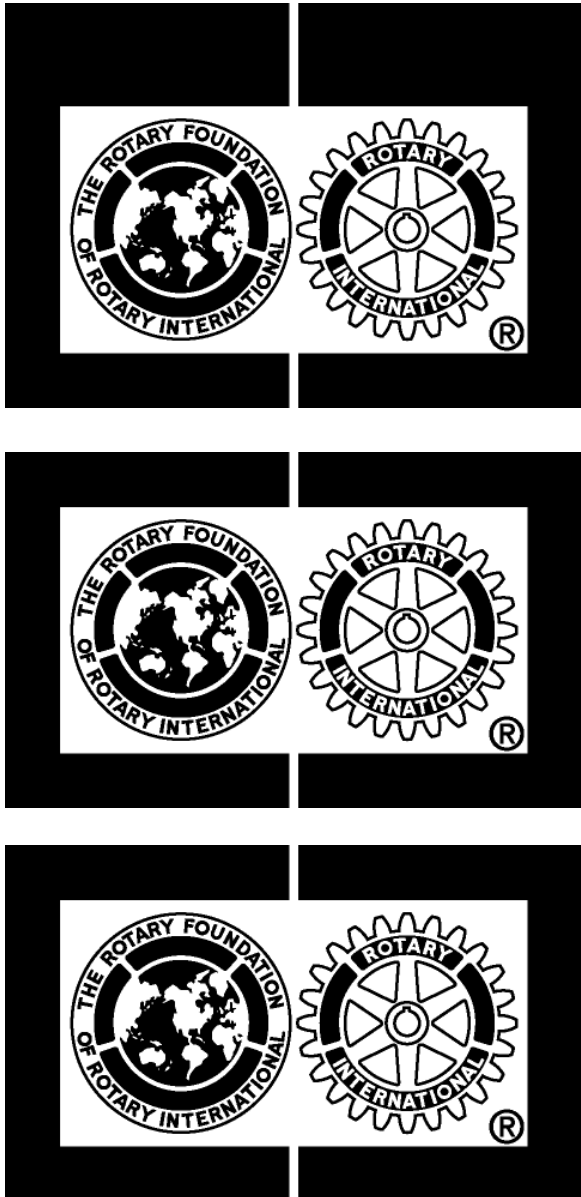




# Rotary Crossroads

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# In Focus

## Our two great strengths are Rotary clubs and the Foundation

*-By John Kenny, President, Rotary International*

My fellow Rotarians:

The playwright George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire; you will what you imagine; and at last you create what you will."

There is no shortage in this world of people able to imagine a better future. But in Rotary, we do not just imagine that future -- we will it, and we work to create it. This we do through our two great strengths: our Rotary clubs and our Rotary Foundation.

Over the years, I have been privileged to witness firsthand the fruits of the outstanding work carried out by Rotarians all over the world, supported by the programs of our Foundation. One thing that impresses me is how these programs focus not on short-term satisfaction or reward for the giver. The best Rotary programs and projects focus on building for the future – and making lives better for generations.

Two decades ago, we Rotarians made a promise: to make life better for the entire world, forever, by eliminating polio. It has always been an ambitious goal, but it has always been a realistic one. And now, thanks to our Rotary Foundation, we are closer than ever to reaching it.

It is my hope that with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#), there will soon come a time when we will be able to say that we have made polio a thing of the past. For if we fail now, we will fail all those who have gone before us, and every child to whom we made a promise. If we fail, we risk our own good name, and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us.

We will not fail. We can and we must succeed.

I know that each one of you recognizes that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* – and that the future of our Foundation is as well. **RC**



**In his November message, RI President John Kenny talks about the power of imagination and creating a better future through The Rotary Foundation.**

***"In Rotary, we do not just imagine the future – we will it, and we work to create it."***

**- R.I. President John Kenny**

# Last week

## Club happenings on November 4<sup>th</sup>

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

### Opening Remarks:

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee welcomed members to the first meeting in November, designated by Rotary International as Rotary Foundation Month. He warmly welcomed PDG Kenneth Chew and PDG Mani Seneviratne from Australia.

### Welcome of Guests:

Duty of welcoming guests of members and Visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn. Robert Kees:

### Guests:

1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rachael, Previous Member Dr. N.N. Ling, Bishop Peringatan Zebua, Ms. Annie Tan, Mrs. Anni Bak, Ms. Hida Idris, Mr. Michael Haughey

### Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Kenneth Chew – Pandan Valley  
PDG Mani Seneviratne – Sunbury, Australia

Peter Bak – Karlslunde, Denmark  
Martina Wehner (Rtn. Rudi Ackermann's sister) – Munchen 100, Germany

### Toast:

Rtn. Robert Craiu called upon PDG Mani Seneviratne who is Chairman of both the Rotary Foundation and World Community Service (WCS) for District 9790. PDG Mani advised that his club was 37 years old and has 40 members. He added that should the Club consider any WCS projects in Australia to contact him.

### Notice of Nominations:

President Lip Kee announced the Nomination for the Board of Directors (2010/2011) from the Nominating Committee as follows:

President Nominee: **Tapan Rao**  
The Board of Directors for 2010/11 were (in alphabetical order):

**Dr. Shahul Hameed**  
**Brigitte Holtschneider**

**S "Mali" Malaiappan**

**Colin Miles**

**David Ong**

**Jimmy Ooi**

**Vijai Parwani**

**Ashi Sarwal**

**Dinesh Sharma**

**Jack Wang**

Members are welcome to present nominations for the positions of the Board of Directors for the forthcoming year and President for the year thereafter. All nominations must be received by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### New Vice President (2009/10):

President Lip Kee advised that Rtn. Jim Pollock had resigned from his post of Vice President for this year. He further advised that Rtn. Jimmy Ooi would be the Club's Vice President for the remaining of the year.

### Presentation on the Betesda Orphanage:

Bishop Peringatan Zebua was invited by President Lip Kee to present a brief update on the Betesda Orphanage. Bishop Zebua thanked the sponsors for the 11 children education and appealed for further support for the other children's education. He invited members to visit the orphanage in Batam scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. President Lip Kee took the opportunity to announce and he would contribute towards the sponsorship of one child.

### News of PP Milton Tan:

President Lip Kee informed members that Rtn. Joseph Chia had advised our Honorary Member, PP Milton Tan was admitted to Alexandra Hospital (Ward 12, Bed 25) and currently in a stable condition. **RC**



Robert Kees



Robert Craiu



PN Tapan Rao



PP Milton Tan

# Guest corner...

## *“Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund”*

### *Speaker: Past District Governor Kenneth Chew*

Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

#### **Speaker's Introduction:**

*President Lip Kee* was pleased to introduce **PDG Kenneth Chew** who was our District Governor in 2000-2001. PDG Kenneth also served as the District Rotary Foundation Chair from 2006 to 2009. He will be the Training Leader for Council on Legislation Seminar to be held this month in Manila. PDG Kenneth is the Chairman of the Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd. and has served Rotary in various capacities at District and International levels.

#### **Speaker:**

PDG Kenneth highlighted the Mission Statement of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), which was “to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty”. He spoke of the two ways of giving to support the TRF’s programmes – the Annual Programs Fund (APF) and the Permanent Fund (PF).

PDG Kenneth advised that APF contributions were spent each year; therefore the funds must be replenished. He added that spending was by way of a 3-year cycle under the Share System and that every club and district was expected to establish contribution goals to support APF. He further advised that earnings from APF investments helped to pay for fund development, general administration expenses and programmes expenses. PDG Kenneth cited the forms of giving towards the APF through

contributions towards Paul Harris Fellows, Foundation Sustaining Members and the EREY initiative.

Whilst APF giving provides the necessary funding to operate TRF’s current programs, PDG Kenneth added that giving to the PF would ensure TRF’s ability to address the world’s greatest need for generations to come. He advised that gifts to the PF were held in perpetuity as part of an endowment, which was professionally managed and a portion of its earnings would be used each year for purposes specified by the Trustees and the respective donors

PDG Kenneth called on members’ continued support for the two Funds, particularly through the EREY initiative.

#### **Vote of Thanks:**

**PP Dr. Oliver Hennedige** warmly thanked PDG Kenneth for a splendid presentation on a very wide topic, which he had managed to present in simple terms. **RC**



**PDG Kenneth Chew**



**President Dr. Yap Lip Kee**



**PP Dr. Oliver Hennedige**

# Club Activities

## 19<sup>th</sup> R.I. District 3310 Conference



**Date:** November 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Venue:** Pulai Springs Resort, Johor Bahru, Malaysia

District Conference Registration forms are available from the Secretariat.

## Visit to the Assisi Home

Community Service Committee (CSC) will be organizing monthly visits to the Assisi Home. The aim of these monthly visits would be to motivate, counsel and encourage fellowship with the patients and their love ones. The visits would also be an opportunity to show Rotarians' morale support and to provide a shoulder for the Home's residents and their families.

**Date & Time:** November 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 from 2.00 to 4.00pm

**Place:** Assisi Home/Mount Alvernia Hospital

**Project Leader:** Rtn. Gary Goh

All are welcome to participate in this meaningful Saturday event.

- contributed by CSC Chairman Rtn. 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.

## Board of Directors Year 2009-2010

### President

Dr. Yap Lip Kee

### Imm. Past President

Paliath Mohandas

### President Elect

P. Balachandran

### Vice Presidents

Dr. Shahul Hameed

### Hon. Secretary

Tapan Rao

### Hon. Treasurer

Nirmal Singh

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Colin Miles

Tan Kwang Kai

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Goh Bock Seng

### Director: Vocational Service

Inderjit Tulsi

### Director: International Service

Claudia Huegel

### Director: Service to New Generation

Ashwani Sarwal

## Bulletin Committee

Uttam Kripalani

Colin Miles

Dr. Albert Wee

# Mark your Diary!



- compiled by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

## Birthday Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Birthday* to celebrants this week:

**November 11** – Alan Tan  
**November 12** – Shoichi Ishizaki

## This week

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Dr. Oliver Hennedige, Suresh Keerthi

**Sunshine Box duty:** PP C.K. Ang, Xavier Sanjiman

**Speaker:** Mr. Per Dahlen, Partner of Portelet Asia Pte Ltd

**Topic:** "Vast untapped potential of Renewable Energy in Southeast Asia"

## Service Committee Meetings

Vocational Service

**Date:** Thursday, November 12th

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Venue:** Pacific Room, American Club, 10 Claymore Hill, S229573

**Hosts:** Brian Jones, Wilson Widjaja, Suresh Hathiramani

## Anniversary Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to all celebrants:

**November 9** – Philip & Myriam Kwan

**November 13** – Keizo & Mayumi Fujitake

**November 14** – Tan Hien Meng & Molly, Kannan & Usha Vijayaraghavan

## Next week

November 18<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Reception Desk duty:** Kannan Krishnan, Atul Merchant

**Sunshine Box duty:** Vicki Chan, Gary Goh

**Speaker:** H.E. Mr. Waldemar Dubaniowski, Ambassador for Poland

**Topic:** "Poland – success story, 20 years after political and economic reunion with Europe"

## Service Committee Meetings

International Service

**Date:** Thursday, November 19th

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Venue:** Modesto's, Elizabeth, 24 Mt Elizabeth, #01-05 The Elizabeth Hotel, (228518)

**Hosts:** IPP Paliath Mohandas, Rtns Robert Craiu, Rewa Mirpuri, Giorgio Rosica, David Tai & Wilson Widjaja

## November

### Rotary Foundation Month

**November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

19<sup>th</sup> R.I. District 3310 Conference at Pulai Springs Resort Johor Bahru

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Visit to the Assisi Home from 2.00 to 4.00pm

## December

### Rotary Family Month

**December 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>**

"Gift of Sight" Cambodia/Pursat Project

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Visit to the Society for the Aged Sick

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

Meetings cancelled in view of the Holiday Season

## 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?

## Quotation

(contributed by Rtn. Uttam Kripalani)

"We are taught that winning and achieving are about getting and keeping, when the truth is that winning is about giving. Winners are go-givers, not go-getters... While it is hard to fathom living a life of giving when everyone else is on the take, there is an ancient law which ensures that if we did, we would never go without."

**Author Unknown**  
**But Very Much Appreciated!**

# Humour!

## Office Kitchen Notes

- contributed by Rtn. Paul Phua

