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Last week

Club happenings on November 11th

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Opening Remarks:

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee started the meeting with a warm welcome to our Guest Speaker, Mr. Per Dahlen and to previous member, Manfred Wolff. He was also pleased to welcome back Rtn. Adam Moledina.

Welcome of Guests:

Rtn. Perlita Tiro was called upon by President Lip Kee to welcome guests of members and Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Mr. H.K. Arora, Mr. Karl J. Gombrii, Mr. Michael Haughey, Mr. C.K. Lee, Mr. Manfred Wolff

Visiting Rotarians:

PP Jay Keskar – Poona Midtown, India

President John McIlroy – Lisburn, Ireland

Mary Bode – Columbus, USA

Michael Tiemann – Paschim, Germany

Toast:

Rtn. Keith Harrison invited members to join him in raising a toast to President John McIlroy's club - the Rotary Club of Lisburn, in northern Ireland coupled with the traditional toast to Rotary International.

News from Sister Clubs:

President Lip Kee who recently visited our sister clubs the Philippines advised that the Club's

matching grant project, the "SMS" project was approved by The Rotary Foundation. He added that the Rizal West club confirmed the receipt of S\$10,000 from our Club to aid the flood victims. President Lip Kee advised that further funds would be sent shortly to the Rotary Club of Makati as well.

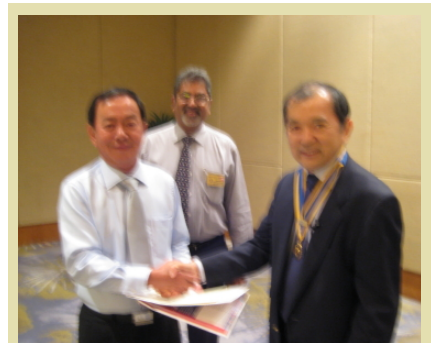
New Member:

President Lip Kee was pleased to induct a new member, Rtn. Chan Chong Beng ("C.B."), who was introduced to the Club by his proposer, Rtn. Suresh Keerthi. Rtn. Suresh was pleased to have Rtn. C.B., who was the winner of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2007, to join the Club. He added that Rtn. C.B. was also a firm supporter of the Yellow Ribbon project and his company employed several ex-convicts, one of whom is a manager.

President Lip Kee recommended that Rtn. C.B. join the Service to New Generations Committee.

Assisi Home Visit:

Rtn. Gary Goh reminded members of the Community Service Committee visit to the Assisi Home at Mount Alvernia Hospital on Saturday, November 14th from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. He added that all members were invited to participate in this visit to show the Club's morale support to the Home's patients and their love ones. **RC**



Pres. Lip Kee welcoming Rtn. C.B. to the Club as Rtn. Suresh looks on



Perlita Tiro



Keith Harrison



Gary Goh

Guest corner...

“Vast untapped potential of Renewable Energy in Southeast Asia”

Speaker: Mr. Per Dahlen

Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Speaker's Introduction:

Rtn. Noshir Mistri introduced the Guest Speaker, **Mr. Per Dahlen** who is a Partner in Portelet Asia Pte. Ltd. - the same group of companies as our member, Rtn. Christian Luetkehaus.

Mr. Dahlen is an international serial entrepreneur with an outstanding track record of business achievements, now fully dedicated to the fast growing Cleantech market. Prior to his return to Singapore, Mr. Dahlen successfully created two software and internet related companies in Barcelona, Spain.

In the 1990's Mr. Dahlen gained international experience with Philips Electronics, managing the new business group for recordable disc technologies and several multi-million projects in Europe, US and in Asia.

With a background as Innovation Engineer complemented with an MBA from IESE, Spain, Mr. Dahlen is an extremely passionate business creator and has to date been involved in more than 250 different new business projects throughout his career.

Speaker:

Mr. Dahlen noted in his presentation the many changes in the coming decades with the powerful drivers such as global warming and increasing energy demands which would shape the future of the world. He stated that the coming revolution would be in Biofuels and gave knowledgeable insights to this tremendous potential. Mr. Dahlen spoke on the bio-energy opportunities versus land requirements and added that most NGOs agreed that bio-energy was ideal for rural advancement.

Mr. Dahlen noted the need for government involvement in renewable energy in order to succeed and cited the examples in countries such as Brazil and the Philippines. To conclude, Mr. Dahlen stated that renewable energy had great potential and there was no reason for pessimism.

Vote of Thanks:

Rtn. Suresh Hathiramani warmly thanked Mr. Dahlen for an eye-opening talk that highlighted the various opportunities for renewable energy in Southeast Asia, which should be explored. **RC**



Speaker, Mr. Per Dahlen (left) receives the Club's mementos from Rtn. Suresh Hathiramani



Noshir Mistri

Club Activities

Rotary Golf Fellowship and PP Raymon Huang Challenge Trophy

The Patrick Hernon Charity Golf will be on Nov 24 2009 at Sembawang Country Club. Details of the tournament are as follows:

Date: Nov 24 2009

Registration and lunch: 11:30 am

Tee off time: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$100 for member
\$ 190 for non-member

Cost includes green fee, buggy, prizes, lunch and dinner
Non-golfers welcome: \$ 100 only.

Please RSVP Wilson Widjaja (HP 963-58-963), Joseph Chia (HP 985-17-280)
to confirm your participation by Nov 19 2009.

Gift of Sight Mission

Date: December 5th to 8th 2009

Programme: The Club will be conducting the annual Gift of Sight Medical and Humanitarian Mission to Cambodia.

Members are most welcome to participate in this meaningful Mission. For more information, please contact Director Rtn. Colin Miles at email colin@i-pop.net



Visit to the Assisi Home

Community Service Committee (CSC) will be organizing a visit to the Society for the Aged Sick.

Date : Saturday, December 19th 2009
Place : Society for the Aged Sick, 130 Hougang Avenue 1, S538900

Please mark December 19th on your calendar and bring Christmas cheer to the elderly residents of the home.



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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Mark your Diary!



- compiled by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Birthday Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Birthday* to celebrants this week:

November 16 – Kannan Vijayaraghavan

November 19 – N "Subbu" Subramanian

This week

November 18th 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

Anniversary Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to all celebrants:

November 19 – Brian & Dena Jones

Next week

November 25th 2009

Reception Desk duty: PP Dr. Winston Oh, Haider Nawaz

Sunshine Box duty: Keizo Fujitake, Suresh Hathiramani

Speaker: Dr. Quek Swee Chong

Topic: "Cervical Cancer – How aid can be directed to stop this woman killer"

Spouses are most welcome!

Service Committee Meetings

Service to New Generations

Date: Monday, November 23rd

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Moghul Mahal Restaurant, 177A River Valley Road, Novotel Hotel, 6th floor, S179031

Host: Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao

November

Rotary Foundation Month

December

Rotary Family Month

December 5th to 8th

"Gift of Sight" Cambodia/Pursat Project

December 19th

Christmas Visit to the Society for the Aged Sick

December 23rd & 30th

Meetings cancelled in view of the Holiday Season

The Four-way Test

Of the Things we think, say or do:

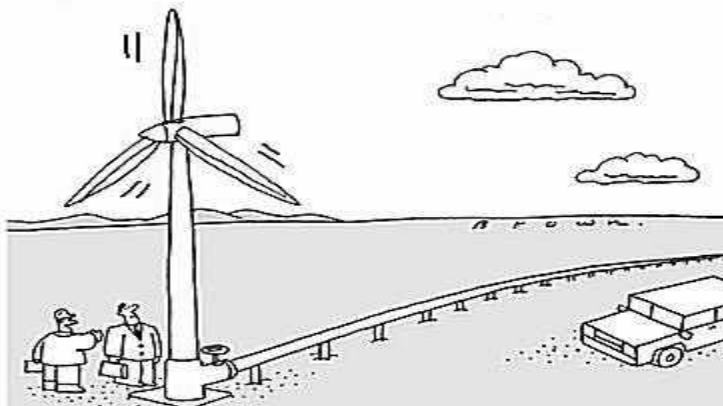
- ❖ Is it the truth?
- ❖ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ❖ Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- ❖ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Quotation

(contributed by Rtn. Uttam Kripalani)

"If we just worry about the big picture, we are powerless. So my secret is to start right away doing whatever little work I can do. I try to give joy to one person in the morning, and remove the suffering of one person in the afternoon. If you and your friends do not despise the small work, a million people will remove a lot of suffering." – Sister Chan Kwong, Vietnamese Nun and Peace Activist

Humour!



"This is our most successful project. When we dug the footing for the wind turbine, we struck oil."