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# New District 3310 Vocational Service Leadership Awards



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# In Focus

## New District 3310 Vocational Service Leadership Awards

- By DG Datuk Mohd Latip Sarrugi at the District Conference, November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2009, Pulau Spring Resort, Johor

I am pleased to announce a new **District 3310 Vocational Service Leadership Awards** (for Clubs) with immediate effect.

In line with the much higher profile District 3310 is pursuing, this Award aims to recognize Clubs that promote, celebrate, and advance District 3310's dedication to this Avenue of Service. The purpose is to recognize Rotary's Ideal of Service which is based on (a) Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, (b) The recognition of the worthiness to society of all useful occupations, and (c) The contribution of one's vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

Clubs are encouraged to embrace the Avenue of Vocational Service as "Rotary's Identity". What makes Rotary unique is its classification system.

The award seeks to recognize the Club that incorporates discussions of vocational service and ethical behaviour into all leadership

development events. This is particularly relevant in the Club that sponsors Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), or similar youth programs including Rotaract and Interact activities.

Developing leadership skills is a tremendous asset to Rotary youth and young adult program participants. The Club that sponsors such a program and includes sessions or program content to help participants secure jobs, prepare for interviews, and effectively present themselves to prospective employers will be given special consideration.

The Club may organize a forum which can be a workshop, conference, discussion group, symposium, public gathering, Internet "chat center", interclub "fireside", or other format.

**Nominators: District Vocational Service Committee, Club Presidents**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**RC**



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- DG Datuk Mohd Latip Sarrugi

# Last week

## Club happenings on November 18<sup>th</sup>

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

### Opening Remarks:

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee extended a warm welcome to our Guest Speaker, His Excellency Mr. Waldemar Dubaniowski, the Ambassador of Poland to the meeting.

### Welcome of Guests:

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to new member, Rtn. Xavier Sanjiman:

### Guests:

1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rachael, Mrs. Shobha Melwani, Ms. Prevathi d/o Haran, Mr. Haran

### Visiting Rotarians:

Jennifer Neidhardt – Fulda-Paulustor, Germany  
Mrs. Sharma – Bombay Central, India

### Toast:

Rtn. Phillip Overmyer called on members to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Fulda-Paulustor in Germany, represented at the meeting by Rtn. Jennifer Neidhardt, coupled with the traditional toast to Rotary International.

### 19<sup>th</sup> RI District 3310

### Conference:

President Lip Kee showed some photos taken at the recently concluded District Conference held from November 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Pulai Springs Resort in Johor. He advised that the Conference was also attended by PDGs Drs. Philbert Chin, Ivor Thevathasan, PE P Balachandran, Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao and Rtn. David Tai.

### Moti Melwani Scholarship Award:

Community Service Chairman, Rtn. Goh Bock Seng informed members that the Moti Melwani Scholarship Award was established in memory of our late member, Moti Melwani, who was a leading entrepreneur with a kind heart particularly towards the needy. He thanked PP Bhagwan Melwani for spearheading this award committee and thanked Mrs. Shobha Melwani for gracing the occasion. Rtn. Bock Seng invited Mrs. Melwani to present the \$1,000 cheque to the scholarship award recipient, Ms. Prevathi d/o Haran.

### "Gift of Sight" Mission 2009:

Director Rtn. Colin Miles informed members of the coming mission to Cambodia from December 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2009. He added that the main driver of the mission would be the "Gift of Sight" which would be conducted at the hospital built by the Club in Pursat, Cambodia. Rtn. Colin advised that Indian doctors would be performing about 200 cataract operations. He encouraged members to participate in the mission to see the joy of those patients who are able to see once again.

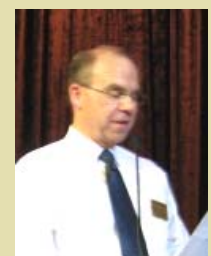
Rtn. Colin further added that the delegation would be making humanitarian visits to orphanages and safe havens for sexually abused children. He called for support for the eye operations advising that each operation cost \$50 and donations in kind. **RC**



Mrs. Shobha Melwani (left) with Ms. Prevathi d/o Haran



Xavier Sanjiman



Phillip Overmyer



Colin Miles

# Guest corner...

## *“Poland – success story, 20 years after political and economic reunion with Europe”*

**Speaker: His Excellency (HE) Mr. Waldemar Dubanowski**

Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

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

PP Alfred Wong was pleased to introduce the Guest Speaker, **HE Mr. Waldemar Dubanowski** who is the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Singapore. Due to its length, PP Alfred stated that he would give the abridged version of Ambassador Dubanowski's academic record. Ambassador Dubanowski's career started in 1993 as Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State Ministry of Industry and Trade. He was appointed and continued in various postings including being a member of the National Council for Radio and Television Broadcasting. Concurrently, Chairman of the Polish Foundation for International Cooperation and Development. From January to December 2005, he was nominated by the President of Poland to the position of Secretary of State and Chief of the President's Cabinet.

### **Speaker:**

Prior to his talk, Ambassador Dubanowski warmly congratulated the German members present at the meeting on the large 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration held in commemoration of the fall of the Berlin Wall. He spoke briefly of this piece of history towards the long road to freedom for central European nations. Ambassador Dubanowski introduced Poland as a leading economy in Central Europe which the European Union in 2004. He was pleased to state that Poland was the only European country with a positive GDP growth in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2009 and only one of six countries in the world to score a positive growth in 2009. Ambassador Dubanowski highlighted the advantages that Poland offered to Asian investors,

being a gateway to united Europe with its strategic geographical position and experienced regional trading partners. He also spoke of the country's excellent labour market with its competitive wages and its young, well-educated workforce.

Other than business achievements, Ambassador Dubanowski also spoke of Poland's cultural and sporting events in the coming years.

### **Vote of Thanks:**

**Rtn. Dr. Albert Wee** heartily thanked Ambassador Dubanowski, whom he referred to as his “tennis mentor”, for his enlightening talk and added that members were now fully knowledgeable of Poland! **RC**



Guest Speaker, HE Mr. Waldemar Dubanowski (left) receives the Club's mementos from Rtn. Dr. Albert Wee



PP Alfred Wong

# Club Activities

## Gift of Sight Mission

**Date:** December 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 27** – Shamin Vaswani

**November 28** – Dr. Manfred Barth & Robert Schlesinger

## This week

**November 25<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Venue:** Moghul Mahal Restaurant, 177A River Valley Road, Novotel Hotel, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, S179031

**Host:** Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao

## Anniversary Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to all celebrants:

**November 23** – PDG Dr. Ivor & Maureen Thevathasan and Deepak & Bianca Nagrani

**November 26** – Dr. M.C. Tong & Geh Min

**November 27** – Jayant & Smita Gadgil and Wolfgang & Hildegard Topp

**November 28** – Suresh & Anita Hathiramani

## Next week

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP J.K. Ong, Dr. Tim Philippi

**Sunshine Box duty:** PP Mansoor Hassanbhai, Uttam Kripalani

**Rotary Youth Social Entrepreneurship Challenge Award Ceremony**

## Service Committee Meetings

### Community Service

**Date:** Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Time:** 5.45 pm

**Venue:** Modesto's, Elizabeth, 24 Mt Elizabeth, #01-05 The Elizabeth Hotel, S228518  
**Host:** Rtn Noshir Mistri

## November

**Rotary Foundation Month**

## 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)

*"It is always better to give too much, pay too much, and love too much, than not enough."*

*"But then, since everything comes back to us, can there ever be too much?"*

- Mike Dooley  
Inspirational Author, Speaker and Friend

**President Lip Kee and the Board of Directors wish all Muslim members "Selamat Hari Raya Haji"**

