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Tan Leong Teck-Rotary Club of Changi Scholarship

This Rotary Year our Club has decided to award scholarships to 7 Peicai Secondary School students. The eligibility criteria would basically be good overall academic results and good conduct. Priority is given to students from the more needy families. The scholarship will be awarded at the end of Secondary One to enable the school to publicise the scholarships to current students of the school. The sum of each scholarship of \$1,000 will be distributed over 3 years; \$300 in the 1st year, \$300 in the 2nd, and \$400 in the final year.



The Peicai Secondary School Principal, Mr Mohamed Razali together with Peicai Interact Club teacher-advisor, Ms Daphne Lim were at our Club meeting on 26 January 2011 to receive a cheque for \$7,000 for this year's batch of scholarships. Mr Razali expressed his appreciation to our Club for the Scholarships which will encourage the Peicai students to achieve good academic results and develop positive behaviour. The scholarship would inculcate reciprocal sense of gratitude and compassion. This collaboration seeks to enhance the long-standing relationship between Rotary Club of Changi and the Peicai Interact Club.

Peicai Secondary School will be arranging an event in their school on 2 July 2011 when the scholarship recipients will be given opportunities to express their appreciations to the Rotarians. The Guest-of-Honour will likely be Minister, Ms Lim Hui Hua.

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Greening of Singapore A talk given by Rotarian Maria Boey on 26th January 2011

Rotarian Maria Boey from RC Victoria started her career as an HBD architect, designing flats in Tampines Town and a mosque in Ang Mo Kio. She has a deep passion for landscape design and later shifted her interests and duties to urban planning and landscape design of housing estates in Singapore. She gave an overview of the greening of Singapore from the 1960s to 1990s, on how the 'Garden City' concept developed.

She shared with us the planning concepts around the building of Tampines new Town which was the first housing precinct with a central focus where residents can gather for rest and recreation.

In the central core there are the children's playground and also fitness stations. It has several neighbour-hood parks, connected by "green connectors" to retain the kampong spirit. Activities in these parks helped to enhance community bonding. Tampines New Town is out-standing and has been recognized as a 'Model Town' by the United Nations Habitat.



Many roof gardens were built in the Geylang redevelopment because of the lack of space and land constraints. In Punggol, many housing estates have "Common Greens" comprising of children's playground and elderly fitness stations. Many roof gardens and vertical planted walls were also built to achieve the "Greening Effect".



The New Year Charity Programme - R C Changi's Major Project For RY 2010 - 2011

Our Club, through Community Service Director Stephen Tan, had accepted the invitation of Chairman of the Rotary Family Service Centre (RFSC), PDG Kenneth Chew, to under-take a project at the RFSC during the forth-coming Lunar New Year. Under this proposal the RFSC at Clementi will identify the needy people there to receive food items.



At our weekly meeting held on 19 January 2011, Director of RFSC Mr Raja Palani was invited to briefly inform us more about this Project. He informed that the Centre has a cliental number of 91,000. The RFSC had written to invite 150 families comprising of various races who were short-listed to receive the New Year food items including snacks, cookies, soft-drinks cooking oil, 5kg rice, vegetables, toufou and also 2 small chickens. Each recipient will be given a trolley and plastic bag(s). Interactors from our sponsored Peicai and ACS International Interact Clubs will be invited to help man 6 stations during the gift distribution on the morning of Saturday 29 January 2011.

Mr Palani advised that that the cost of each gift lot is about \$80 and the total amounts to \$12,000. Although our BOD had targeted to raise \$12,000 to finance this Project, we had, as on 19 Jan 2011, received pledges from our members in excess of \$14,000.



Thank you for your generous donation of \$14 300 and sponsoring the CNY programme on Saturday, 29 January 2011. We are very appreciative of the strong support from the Rotarians. The turnout of the Interactors from ACS (I) and Peicai Secondary School was simply remarkable.



As we successfully fulfil our mission of assisting the needy within our community, we also aim through support from the Rotarians outreach to more low-income families and disadvantaged individuals in our community. It is only due to the patronage of people like you that we have managed to work towards achieving our mission.



*Thank you again for all your contributions to our cause
Sincerely,
S. Palani Rajah*



Elevators On Air

Loo Kum Hong gave us a fascinating talk on Wednesday 12th January 2011, introducing us to the concept of a pneumatic vacuum elevator – a novel idea which does not require any drilling, can operate up to 35 feet (10.5m), and can easily sit on an existing floor. These elevators can be used on yachts or small homes that can accommodate a 3-foot (1m) diameter ring (for a one-person lift), and takes only 1 – 2 days to install.

Currently offered in three different sizes, these pneumatic vacuum elevators are green and environmentally friendly – using no energy to descend and very little to

ascend. These transparent, self-supporting elevators are made of only three main components (using no cables, pulleys or pistons) and are therefore low maintenance. They are safe in power outages, automatically lowering themselves to the ground floor slowly, and can be opened in just over one minute if stuck between floors.

With just over 4,400 of these currently in use around the world, their recent introduction into residential premises in Singapore (as from February 2011), will no doubt be a success due installation, requirements and



low maintenance to their compact size, ease of installation, low maintenance requirements and energy efficiency.

Happy Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year Greetings in the Year of the Rabbit.



February programme 2011

Wednesday 2nd	Lunar New Year Eve - Normal Meeting Replaced by New Year Lunch on 6th February	
Sunday 6th	New Year Lunch at 12:30pm	Beng Thin Hoon Kee Restaurant at
Wednesday 9th	Normal meeting replaced by Loh Hei Dinner on the 11th February	
Friday 11th	Club's Loh Hei Dinner	Yum Cha Garden Restaurant
Wednesday 16th	Meeting cancelled	
Wednesday 23th	Normal Club meeting replaced by World Under- standing Day Dinner	Mandarin Orchard Hotel

