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MID-TERM REPORT BY HON-SEC PP DENNIS CARROLL

The new RI years started as is our tradition with the 21st Anniversary and Installation Dinner on the very day that we had a change of president on 30th June. This was held at SGCC in a casual and relaxed environment with a Peranakan theme for the ladies. Two new members were inducted that same evening (WS Koh and Stephen Tan).



These ladies dressed in Peranakan attire sure look casual and relaxed

PP Rolv Stokkmo left the club in July due to a career move to USA and in September Rtn. Kelly Anne Frendo from the Rotary Club of Gibraltar transferred to our club.

The Club enjoyed the usual high standard of fellowship and the move to the new wing at SGCC added to the already high quality of the meetings. Attendance has been hovering around 60% for the reporting period.



The usual enjoyable fellowship dinner at the latter part of meeting.

Weekly meetings enjoyed numerous talks of very high standards with various subjects ranging from liver transplant to Poverty in Sri Lanka, SCDF Rescue Missions, Web-page Design, Film Animation etc.

In October the Club organised a collection for the victims of Typhoon Ketsana which struck the main island of Luzon in the Philippines in September. A total of SGD 2,700 was donated.

In August the TLT Bursary fund handed out a total of 30 bursaries to needy students at 12 different colleges and schools.

22nd Installation of PeiCai Interact Club BOD took place in August and the 3rd Installation of ACS(International) Interact Club earlier that same month.



At the 22nd Installation of PeiCai Interact Club

At the end of December, Rtn Rev Dr John Barrett left the club due to his return to UK.

FAREWELL TO MEMBER REV DR JOHN BARRETT

On 9 December '09 our Club held a Farewell Dinner for John and Sally at the new Yum Cha Garden Restaurant at the Serangoon Gardens Country Club. The 40 members and spouses present enjoyed a sumptuous Chinese Dinner.

Our Club's farewell gift to John was a special bottle of Macallan whisky. Inscribed on the bottle which displays our Club's logo and the recipient's name are the words, *"In Appreciation of your Contributions as member of the Rotary Club of Changi – January 2005 to December 2009"*



Rtn John & spouse Sally were presented the Farewell Gift by President Patrick



The Farewell Gift

John expressed his great appreciation for this very unusual gift. He promised not to consume the content but to keep it in its entirety as a memento for a long time. He also commented that he enjoyed being a Changi Rotarian. When he was initially a visiting Rotarian, he had not hesitated to accept the invitation to join RC Changi because of its fairly informal, easy-going and enjoyable atmosphere.



Rtn John expressing his appreciations to the Club

On the morning of 12 December '09, a few of our members sent John and Sally off at Changi Airport Terminal 3.



At Changi Terminal 3

Contribution to Malacca's Calvary Boys Home Building Fund

PP Andrew Tan

Rotary Club of Kota Laksamana Malacca recently informed us that the Calvary Care Home was raising RM 200,000 to build a new home for the abandoned boys. The owner of the house presently providing the accommodation has sold the house. Our Club's response was to make a donation of Rm 2,000 towards this charitable cause.

We had previously given assistance to this home for destitute children when, on 20th December 2008, we undertook a Joint Community Service Project with RC Kota Laksamana Malacca to provide monetary and material assistance to 2 charitable organizations there – the Calvary Care Home as well as the Timor Leste Home.

On 20th December 2009, PP Andrew Tan and spouse Debbie made a trip to Malacca and met representatives of RC Kota Laksamana Malacca, PP Michelle, her spouse Guna and Rtn Melody at an interesting dinner at Auntie Fatso Restaurant where the Building Fund Donation was handed over.



Guna and Rtn Melody at the dinner

ROTARY CLUB OF CHANGI AGM

Report by Rtn Sue Bastone

Our AGM, held on 23rd December 2009 was attended by 21 members. Congratulations to the following Members who were elected unanimously into the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2009/2010**

President	Koo Mong Ing
President-Elect	Teo Cheng Kwee
Vice-President	PP Jack Tan Hian Yong
Hon Secretary	Conrad Chew
Hon Treasurer	PP Wong Kwai Wah
Sergeant at Arms	PP Andrew Tan

Directors:-

Vocational Service	Koh WS
International Service	PP Jack Tan Why Kuang
Community Service	Steven Tan
New Generations	Katherine Chang
Club Service	PP Dr Gong Ing San

Incumbent CLP Standing Committee Chairs:- (3rd & Final of their 3-year term)

Club Administration	- PP Dennis Carroll
Club Membership	- PP Anthony Tan
Club Public Relations	- PP James Tow
Club Service Projects	- PP Boh Tuang Sim
Club Rotary Foundation	- PP Dr Gong Ing San

The Auditor appointed was PP Wong Khen Jee with PP Anthony Tan as the alternate. Co-opted Committee Members will be decided by the new Board of Directors later.

After some spirited discussion the minutes of the last annual general meeting were approved after a correction made by Dr Gong.

There was a short acceptance speech by PE Koo Mong Ing, stating how honoured he was to be nominated and looked forward to working together with the new board and hoped he would have the support of all members.



PE Koo gave a short acceptance speech



President Patrick, a man of few words, giving his speech straight to the point.

President Patrick Lim summed up the first 6 months of his Presidency which has included attending 2 Interact Installations, a large number of bursaries presented to students within Singapore, support for our sister club, RC Down Town Manila, and a 2,000Ringgit donation to a Boy's Home Fund in Malaysia. We also gained 2 new members and had one transferring member. We have two new PHFs, with President Patrick set to also become one.

Discussion was also held as to the admittance of a lawyer, Mr Toh Weng Cheong as Honorary Member and also the proposed golf game on 14th May.

The meeting concluded at 9 pm



The AGM held at the SGCC Function Room

she was dyslexic while doing her postgraduate studies in Australia. Her concern for students who were under-achieving and experiencing reading difficulties led her to her PhD research. She was clinically trained in Australia and has extensive experience working with youth in schools as well as in the prison ministry.

In her talk, Dr Ang defined what is Irlen Syndrome, how the child is affected academically and psychologically and also how we can assist parents and professionals to identify and help children with Irlen Syndrome.

Having grown up with learning difficulties herself, she greatly sympathizes with struggling students. This was one of the main reasons behind her decision to write her book "Achieve Your Breakthrough in Learning Difficulties" to educate professionals and parents about learning difficulties in children.



After her interesting talk, Dr Doris Ang presented our Club with 20 copies of this book. Our members who took copies of the book placed donations into the sunshine box.

Events to Catch

January
06th **Outlook For 2010**
 (Wed) *By Helen Ong (an outstanding Metaphysics Consultant)*

13th **Outlook for 2010 (Tiger Year)**
 (Wed) *Master Pang*

20th **Lasik Surgery**
 (Wed) *by Julian Teng*
Note: This will be a 'Spouses Night'

27th **Exotic Plants**
 (Wed) *by our member, Rtn Thomas Sih*

January Birthdays
09th *Andrew Tan*
19th *Jack Tan Hian Yong*
26th *Kelly Anne Frendo*

January Anniversary
18th *Marcus Lee & Karina*



PP Thomas Tan presented Dr Ang with a memento after thanking her for the very informative talk

CHALLENGES FOR ASIA IN WATER MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY – a talk given by Mr Wilson Chan on 16th December 2009
 PP Dennis Carroll

UNDERSTANDING LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

At our meeting on 2nd December 2009, Dr Doris Ang, a member of Rotary E-club 3310, shared with us her knowledge on Dyslexia and Irlen Syndrome.

Dr Ang is a Clinical Director of Irlen Dyslexic Clinic; a multi-disciplinary clinic for the evaluation and treatment of children with learning difficulties. Her interest in dyslexia began when she discovered that

Mr Chan (picture) is an expert in water and its management with many years of both national and international experience.



It's always disturbing to be told that our planet has more water than land, 99% of it is unsuitable or unavailable for human consumption or activities.

With increasing population and affluence the pressure on these limited resource will increase and if

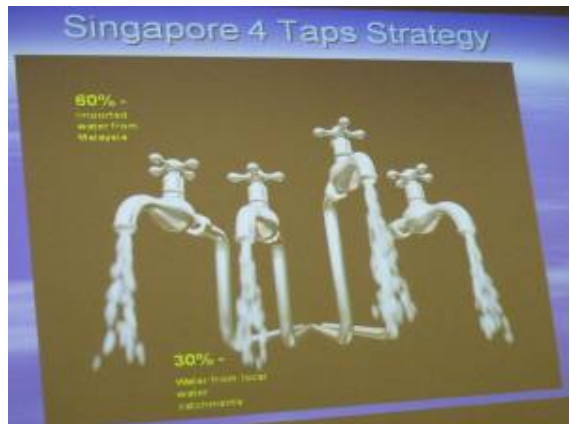
left unchecked will cause tension and possible conflict both nationally and internationally to many nations.

The challenge for the world community is to find ways to impact on the harnessing of this most precious resource without which humankind cannot survive as we now it.

Asia in particular has significant problems. Its large population, pollution, poor infrastructure, financial limitations etc are making difficult the solutions of the increasing issues. As an example, India has doubled its exploitation of ground water in recent years with a huge impact on the environment and communities.

Pollution is increasing at a rapid rate due to both industrial and domestic waste. The need for effective national policies is vital for the future. Enforcement must be an essential component in the success of any legislation. In some countries that cannot be taken for granted.

Singapore is increasingly seen as a role model for good water management. The excellent infrastructure and management has allowed the water loss via this infrastructure to be as low as 5% as compared to as much as 50% in some Asean countries. Today, Singapore's needs are met by 60% imported, 30% local catchment, 5% treatment, 5% desalination. Future needs will require new and improved technologies. One of these will be the full treatment of effluent water.



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The talk ended with a lively Q&A session and a final reminder from Mr Chan that **THE COST OF INVESTING IN WATER MANAGEMENT WILL BE FAR LESS THAN NOT INVESTING IN IT.**

A sobering thought for us all. We so often take for granted that when turn on our taps, the precious liquid will come out in the quality and quantity we deserve.



NEW YEAR'S EVE FELLOWSHIP DINNER AT SERANGOON GARDENS COUNTRY CLUB

Our meeting on 30th December '09 was replaced by a New Year Countdown Dinner with members of Serangoon Gardens Country Club at the clubhouse. The guest of honour that night was Singapore's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr George Yeo.



Photo taken with Mr George Yeo (8th from the left) when he visited our 'VIP 2' table



Our last Fellowship Dinner together in 2009.



4 of the spouses present – Debbie, Irene, Kim & Christine

MONTHLY THEMES TO END OF RY 09-10

January '10

Rotary Awareness Month

February '10

World Understanding Month

March '10

Literacy Month

April '10

Magazine Month

May '10

(Preparation of our club's 22nd Anniversary Celebration)

June '10

Rotary Fellowship Month

RC Changi's 23rd Installation and 22nd Anniversary Celebration on 30th June.

