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August 4th

Eleven members and 1 guest attended the meeting held on the 4th of August 2010. The guest was Rtn Roger Bastone from the Rotary Club of Kingston in Tasmania, Australia. He is the husband of Rtn Sue Bastone of our club. In our President's welcoming remarks we were reminded fellow Rotarians of some upcoming functions.

These included the housewarming party at Rtn Wong Khen Jee's new home to be held on August 7th, the Interact installation at Pecai School on August 14th and the visit to our club by DG Dr Abraham on the 25th of August. We also heard of the successful visit of some of our members to the 4th Interact Installation at the Chinese Anglo School on July 31st. They now have 50 members, 20 of whom are from Vietnam and the theme of their installation was "Shelter" to demonstrate their love for their fellow human beings.

Our address this evening was by PP Anthony Tan who talked to us about the Insurance Industry. He covered many interesting aspects of the industry, such as Industry trends and the outcomes from the recent flooding in Singapore. We did learn some valuable tips about what you can and cannot claim for. PP Anthony also gave us some advice on what sorts of policies we should have to cover our properties. He made the observation that many insurance companies in Asia are not as well regulated as Singapore, in fact many are technically insolvent.

In conclusion we were warned to be very careful in lending your car as we would be sued, not the driver in the case of an accident. The meeting concluded with an excellent dinner.

Dates to put in your calendar !!!

18th September 5.30pm

Board of Directors meeting at Yum Cha Serangoon Country Club followed by 7.00pm Fellowship dinner with spouses

29th September 10am-12noon

*Vocational visit to see solid surface metal casting at the factory of Koh Wee Son followed by luncheon organised by PP Jack Tan This will include our Rotary meeting **Please therefore take note that there will be no meeting on Wednesday 29th Sept , 7.30 PM meeting.** Please reply, your confirmation by 22nd Sept 2010. For details, please see this e-mail originating from Rotarian Koh Wee Son.*

3rd-5th December

Rotary International District Conference Bangkok

August 11th

PP John Ng attended our meeting to introduce Sharon McQueen who is the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. John is the host counselor. Sharon has obtained some part time work as a teacher assistant at the Australian International School.

Some facts about Australia that intending visitors should know.

When driving around Australia, make sure that you circum-navigate the continent anti-clockwise, as it's about 900 metres shorter going this way than clockwise.

The common refrigerator's system of cooling was invented in Australia, in the 1850's, by James Harrison. By 1857 his machine was making up to 3 tonnes of ice a day!

There are nearly 22,000,000 people in Australia, of which 80% odd live in cities next to the sea. Australia has possibly the lowest population density of any country in the world, ie, 2 people per square km. Japan has 327 people/2km

August 14th



Group photo of all present at the 23rd Installation of the Peicai Interact Club.



President Koo, PE Teo Cheng Kwee, PP Andrew Tan, VP Jack Tan, Marcus Lee, Stephan Tan and Peicai school Principal Mr Mohd Razali having light refreshments after the Installation (missing from the photograph is PP Dr Gong who also attended)



The committee of the Peicai Interact club including the new President Hong Mingi

Peicai Secondary School held its 23rd Installation on 14 August. The theme of the Installation was "Universe" and the 3 speeches by the school Principal, Mr Razali, the President of Changi Rotary Club, Mr Koo and the incoming Interact president Mr Hong Mingi were very well received

by all the guests which included interactors from other clubs as well as teacher advisors, Ms Daphne Lim and Ms Rachel Tan and other staff members from Peicai School.

August 18th

We had 2 visitors this evening Rtn Nikhil Halgeri from the Rotary Club of Pune, Katraj in India who was unfortunately unable to stay after the conclusion of the meeting and have a fellowship dinner with us due to work commitments.



President Koo Mong Ing with visiting Rotarian Nikhil Halgeri

Our other guest was PP John Ng, a charter member of the Changai Club. In our Presidents welcoming remarks we were again reminded of the visit on August 25th by our DG Dr Abraham. This is to be a spouses evening and all members are asked to make an effort to attend. Our attention was drawn to the worsening flood situation in Pakistan. PP Boh Tuang Sim proposed that club members should contribute to a good cause for people affected by the flood. Rtn Sue Bastone suggested that each member contribute \$100 and therefore raise \$3,000. This was passed unanimously. We were also reminded of the RI conference in Bangkok in December and of the need to register early.

Our President then gave a short wrap up of the installation of the new Interact committee at Peicai School on 14th August. This interact club was first formed in 1988-1989 and having PP John Ng with us was very helpful as Rotarians discussed the formation of the club. Our club was represented at the installation by Pres. Koo, PE Teo, PP Dr Gong, PP Anthony Tan, VP Jack Tan, Marcus Lee and Steven Tan.

Our guest this evening was introduced by PP Thomas Tan who was originally sponsored by PP John Ng. PP John Ng spoke about the Group Study Exchange and the changes in the structure which has resulted in him being elected as the Chair of the group exchange for two years (formally one year). He explained the various rules that govern selection of candidates and the leader and reminded us of the uniqueness of our District 3310 which covers 3 countries, Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei.

The next Group study exchange from district 3310 will be to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA (district 7390) in April 2011. PP John appealed for host families for 5 days when the team from district 7390 comes to Singapore in May 2012 and also reminded Rotarians that team leaders were wanted for the next Group Study Exchange and the closing date for applications was 15th November 2010. A vote of thanks was given by PP Dr Gong.



P Koo Mong Ing with PP Dr Gong and PP John Ng

August 25th

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

On August 25, 2010 our DG Dr. K A Abraham paid a visit to our Club. Our Rotarians and their spouses turned out in numbers to welcome the DG and his lovely wife and District First Lady Geetha. To support the event our Interact Clubs from Peicai and ACS International Schools were also present. In fact these 2 Clubs took turns to highlight the projects undertaken by them and their future plans using multimedia presentation. Amongst the many interesting and meaningful activities were Peicai's 'Disability Simulation' enactment in their school to "Help develop awareness and empathy among able-bodied students for the disabled", and ACS International's trip to visit a primitive settlement in Malacca to offer them cheer and charity.

The DG is aware that we are an active club – a club which consistently carries out various community projects as well as various programs under different avenues of service year after year. So he encourages us to continue to be active. He said it is good to reflect on the question "Why Am I A Rotarian?" When you start asking such a question, you start examining what the Rotary movement has achieved through the years. He pointed out that even though you may be just 1 person to the world but to the 1 person you might just be the world. With this positive attitude we can make a difference to Rotary.

Dr. Abraham then proceeded to unveil to us what the goals of District 3310 are. These goals include setting goals of membership growth e.g. all clubs to try to have a minimum membership of 20 in 2 year's time. Clubs will have to improve recruitment drive and retention of members and one way to do this is to implement the 5 in 1 recruitment plan. The District also wants clubs to put in place a leadership succession plan. To encourage the active running of clubs, all clubs are to adopt the CLP in 2 years time. Attention will also be given to nurturing "weaker" clubs.

Another area the District aims to promote is public image and awareness of Rotary. To help accomplish this, the District and its clubs are to publicize their action-oriented service projects and to stress vocational service ideals. Clubs are urged to establish and cultivate contacts and good relationship with the media people.

It was an evening filled with good fellowship and sumptuous food. Indeed it was like an extended family reunion dinner with the presence of our members and numerous spouses, our Interactors and the DG with his wife.



Members of the Changi Rotary Club with DG Dr K A Abraham on the occasion of the DGs visit to our club



DG DR K A Abraham, his spouse DFL Geetha with our President Koo Mong Ing and his spouse Ai Lei



*Dr K A Abraham addressing the Changi Rotary Club
Changi Rotarians enjoying their dinner (below)*



The Changi Rotary Anns enjoying their dinner



PP Thomas Tan with several of the Interactors and the teacher-advisers.



District Governor Dr A K Abraham addressing the Changi Rotary Club.

