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our District
Governor Nominee!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT JUNE JONET

Welcome to the beginning of the Rotary year 2008-2009! We kicked off the year with a roaring fun-filled installation on 13th June 2008.

PP Clifford Dochterman said “ Leadership in Rotary is loaned for a year. No day can be wasted, if the mission of Rotary is to be achieved.” Taking cue from this, the Board of Directors, met as early as March 2008 to discuss on potential projects. Rotary Philatelic stamps, Hosting of 3 Rotary scholars, Water/Child Mortality project in Cambodia, Rotary - Miss Singapore Universe fund raiser, Financial assistance & Scholarships and many more.

Rotary club of Marina City has always done good service projects - be it little or large, effort based or monetary. But I believe, we need to be more strategic and take on a more holistic approach if we aim to grow the club further.

Being a small/medium sized club, we should think creatively, and work in partnership (within Rotary & outside) as opposed to being insular. There are many grants out there, & we should take the opportunity to bring our projects to a higher level.

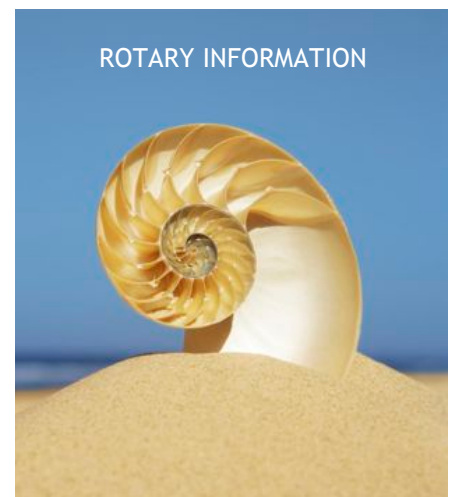
We also need to educate ourselves on Rotary Information. Members are strongly encouraged to attend seminars. For those who are busy, we are inviting speakers to our club (ie, PDG Fong Hoe Beng on Rotary Foundation).

There are also other aspects of Rotary - membership, PR, club admin, New Gens, fellowship. If we pool in our talents & resources, and dare to think out of the box, we can create a meaningful and effective year ahead.

-President June jonet



Installation 13 June 2008



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BEST WISHES

July Birthdays:

Sunny Bay (2 July), Yong Teck Yu (9 July), Lye Wah (25 July)

July Anniversaries:

WaiMun (6 July), WengFai (8 July), Roberto (13 July),

August Birthdays:

Lawrence Cheng (4 Aug), Wilfred James (21 Aug), WaiMun (23 Aug), Rajesh (24 Aug)

Aug Anniversaries:

Heinrich (13 Aug), WengFai (8 July), Roberto (13 July),



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Joint installation** of Dunman Interact, Saints Interact and Rotaract club of Marina city
Fri, Jul 18, Dunman School Hall.
- **Rotary Leadership Institute Seminar**
26 July at RFSC
- CLP & Strategy Seminar, 23 August
- Dunman Enviro-life Symposium, 23 Aug
- Membership Seminar, 24 August
- Lunch Speakers on
Weight Mgt, Adventures off the Beaten track, Singapore Sports School & Youth Olympic Games and more
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars
- PR Grant Meetings
- Vocational Svc committee Meeting
- **16 August: Installations**
 - Serangoon Gardens-Orchard
 - Pontian Club

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CLUB DIRECTORS

- President: Junejonet
- IPP: Manfred Korger
- Vice President Heinrich Grafe
- Secretary: Lee Sheau Pin
- Treasurer: Barry Lee
- Club Admin: Heinrich Grafe
- Membership: Sunny Bay
- Public Relations: Lee Lye Wah
- Service Project: Dr K A Abraham
- Rotary Foundation: Gladys Pang
- International: Derrick Wong
- Vocational Service: Hector Charles

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL WITH

PAST PRESIDENT
DR K A ABRAHAM,

District Governor
Nominee of District
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Another strong pillar in Dr Abraham's life is his family. He met his wife, Geetha, in Kerala. Dr Abraham's parents had retired and had decided to return to Kerala. On one of his frequent visits to Kerala to see them, Dr Abraham was introduced to Geetha, a graduate in English literature, and they soon got married. They have two grown-up children. The elder, Ashvin, with a degree in finance and IT, has been sent by his company to work in Vancouver, Canada. The younger, Alka, is a medical doctor. She specialises in preventive medicine and now works in New York.

By PP Leong Cheng Chit

Sitting at his desk during a quieter moment in his clinic, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) consultant, Dr K A Abraham, has good reasons to be proud of his accomplishments.

Dr Abraham's father came from Cochin, Kerala and taught at Victoria School. The family lived in the government quarters in Haig Road, and he has happy memories of his childhood days playing with other kids in the neighbourhood. He still keeps in touch with them and has sponsored one of them to join a Rotary Club. After finishing primary school, he was persuaded by his father to enrol in Victoria School. "He probably wanted to keep an eye on me," Dr Abraham said.

Following six years at medical college in Singapore, Dr Abraham graduated with a MBBS in 1969 and practised as a medical officer in a government hospital. Being young and fired with ambition, he went overseas to the University of Edinburgh in 1974 for training as an ENT specialist and returned in 1978 with a FRCS specialist qualification.

Promotions rapidly followed after a, government sponsored, stint in US, for advanced training in 1982. Dr Abraham became Deputy Head of ENT Department at the Singapore General Hospital and then Head of ENT Department in Tan Tock Seng Hospital. He was then only 38 years old and was one of the youngest persons to hold that position. In 1984, he left government service to set up his private practice.

Dr Abraham could recall several highlights in his practice. Among his notable patients were members of royalties, musicians and even famous actors from India and Hong Kong. But one patient he remembered vividly was a 2-year old kid who had a staple stuck in her airway and was gasping. The food her mother had bought for her was packaged in paper and stapled. One of the staples was lodged in the food the boy ate. It was a delicate operation but Dr Abraham managed to get the staple out. Stapling has now been banned in food packaging.

Dr Abraham's life would not be complete without its third pillar of community service. He is Vice President of Navajeevan Centre, a half-way house for ex-drug and alcohol addicts, and EXCO member of SANA. But the heart of his community service inclination is Rotary. Encouraged by the late PDG M G John, he joined Rotary Club of Marina City in 1984 as a Chartered Member, and became the club's 6th President in the Rotary year 1990/1991.

"I knew nothing about Rotary when I first joined," said Dr Abraham. But true to his training as a surgeon, hands-on was his approach to learning, and he was an active member from the start. When he became Club President he implemented two community service projects, which involved the participation of the members.

The first project was painting Mother Theresa's Charity Home. Although it was a difficult project, members participated enthusiastically. The project was finally finished with the help of two professional painters sponsored by a construction company.

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The other project was to clean the beach in East Coast together with students. A novelty of this project was the supply of 700 rubbish pickers. A polytechnic student had invented the picker, and the club managed to get a company to sponsor the manufacturing of the parts. The catch was that the club members had to assemble the pickers. Again this stretched the manpower resources of the club, and the assembly was completed only in time with the help of the inmates of a Drug Rehabilitation centre.

Besides being active in his own club, Dr Abraham also has served in many capacities at the Rotary International District 3310 level. Among other things, he was District Scholarship Chairman, GSE Chairman, Assistant Governor in 1998/1999, Membership Development Committee Advisor, and facilitator at PETS.

Come Rotary Year 2010/2011, not only can Rotarians in the District 3310 look up to him as a leader, but also discover and perhaps join him in his other talents, such as golfing, and singing Oldies and Bollywood songs.

With his wealth of experience in Rotary and other accomplishments in life, the question which has often popped up to Dr Abraham was: "Will you stand for election as District Governor?" After declining for the last few years, he has finally said 'yes', and will be District Governor for Rotary International District 3310 for year 2010/2011.

So what are the objectives he has defined for the District? Among them are membership development and joint projects among clubs. "I want to stress on getting quality members and retaining existing members," said Dr Abraham.

JOKES & LAUGH STUFFS



LIGHTS ROTARY ACTION!

13 June 2008
RCMC Installation



Presidents 2008/2009
PengSum (Pandan Valley), Chew PH
(Garden City), Jack Tan (Changi),
Susan Wong (eclub), Richard Cheung
(Victoria), Edward Lam (Jurong
Town), Vijay (JB Centennial)



Dusit Club



Board of Directors 2008-2009



PP Loh, Pontian Club
Won a GPS unit ... in case
you are lost in Singapore



Stomping up the floor & warming up to a fun night

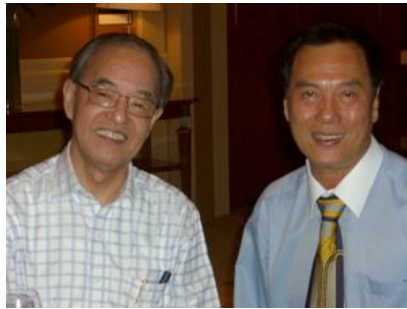
Ready. Set. Go.
Car-racing, Fun-racing, Fund-raising



I won! I can go to London now!



Mr Grafe & Mr Bay, are you tired
after horse riding?



With ex-interactors



Woo... the dice loves me...

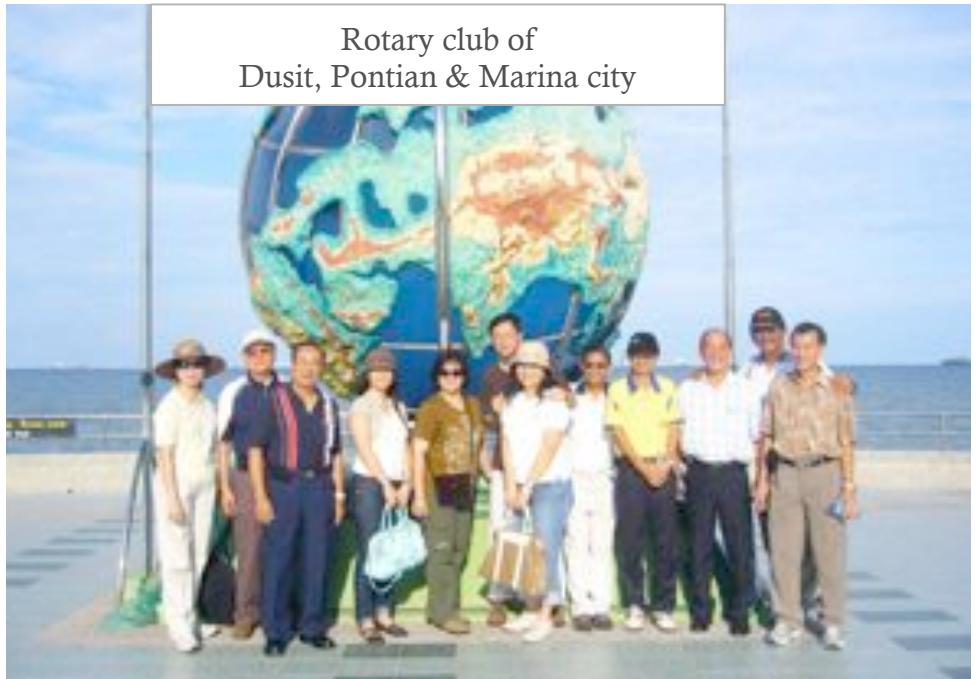


Hmm... is Neil overtaking the race?

LIGHTS ROTARY ACTION!

14 June 2008
Sister clubs
fellowship in
Pontian

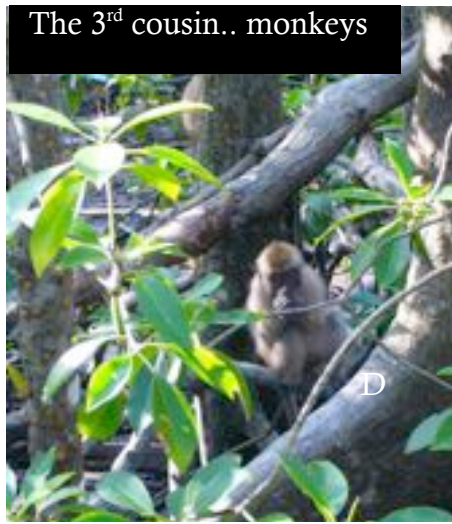
Rotary club of
Dusit, Pontian & Marina city



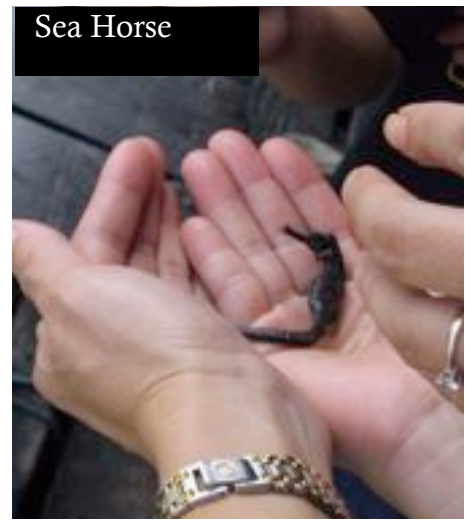
Durians!



The 3rd cousin.. monkeys



Sea Horse



Harban sharing knowledge of
the mangroves in Tanjong Piai



<http://www.rcmarinacity.org/photos/0614-pontian>

LIGHTS ROTARY ACTION!

CATARACT PROJECT

22 June 08, Bangkok
TRF/International

Matching grant project for a mobile cataract unit for
Banphaeo Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand



DAILY GUIDE PADS

Vocational Service
Project

The notepads are made up of the 4 questions to the Guide to Daily living. When put together, it forms the theme for this year "Make Dreams Real"

The notepads will be distributed at the District Conference to increase awareness in the district.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR IN SINGAPORE

1 & 2 July 2008
Projects Discussion



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)

The Rotary Foundation is structured as a not-for-profit corporation under US tax laws. Through Foundation grants and programs, Rotarians can realize Rotary's humanitarian mission throughout the world, including its number-one goal of eradicating polio.



What We learnt

There are 3 types of contributions to TRF:

* Annual Programss Fund
- made up of Major Donations, Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) & Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) contributions.

* Permanent Fund - made up of Bequeths, endowed funds & outright donations

* Polioplus Fund

Your contribution to Annual Programs Fund (via PHF, EREY, major donation) grows as it is invested for 3 years to **generate earnings**.

After the 3year investment, 50% of your Annual Program fund contribution is given back to the district as DDF & DSG (District Designated funds)

Your contribution (PHF, EREY) thus grows manifolds!

Humanitarian

- Disaster Recovery
- Health, Hunger & Humanity grants
- Matching grants
- Vounteeer Service Grants
- District Grants

Educational

- Ambassadorial scholarships
- Group Study Exchange
- University teachers grants
- Rotary Peace & Conflict studies program
- Rotary World Peace Fellowships

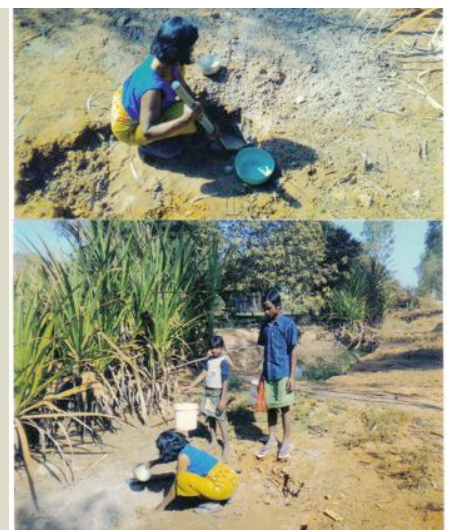
Polioplus

MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION (CAMBODIA)

In early 2007, villagers from Sassadam (Siemreap, Cambodia) were scraping the bottom of muddy puddles for water during dry months.

WHO estimates that nearly two billion people consume contaminated water. This carries a significant risk of developing such water-borne diseases as **cholera**, **dysentery**, polio or typhoid, which kill about 25 million people per year. In Cambodia, 1 out of 7 children die before the age of five. The common denominator: water-borne illness

The matching grant that RCMC is hoping to get will be to tackle Child Mortality by building a Water Resource .



For more information, speak to TRF chairman Gladys Pang, IS chairman Derrick or President Junejonet

SPEAKERS CORNER / CLUB MEETINGS



19 June 2008: Lunch Speaker
Mrs Chitra Subaiah, a planter who is secretary of the kodagu Womens Coffee Awareness Body



26 June 2008: Lunch Speaker
Presentation by Lady Kyra (ex-ambassador) on Mexico Landscape



26 June 2008: IPDG visit
Visit by IPDG Chris Chen to give IPP Manfred the Citation Award



3 July 2008: Lunch Fellowship
Birthday & Anniversary cake



10 July 2008: AGM & Assembly
Club Assembly followed by Sumptuous meal in House of Sundanese. Rotary Scholar Sarah Brown talks about Aceh project



17 July 2008: Lunch Speaker
PDG Fong Hoe Beng gave a talk on Rotary Foundation



18 July 2008
Presentation of SGD\$1000 to Dunman Secondary School Needy Student Fund



18 July 2008
Joint SNG installation - Dunman Interact, Saint Andrews Interact & Rotaract club of Marina City.
More details in the next issue



26 July 2008
Rotary Leadership Institute seminar attended by 5 members. There are 4 RLI sessions held in a Rotary year.

ROTARY INFORMATION

What is Rotary?

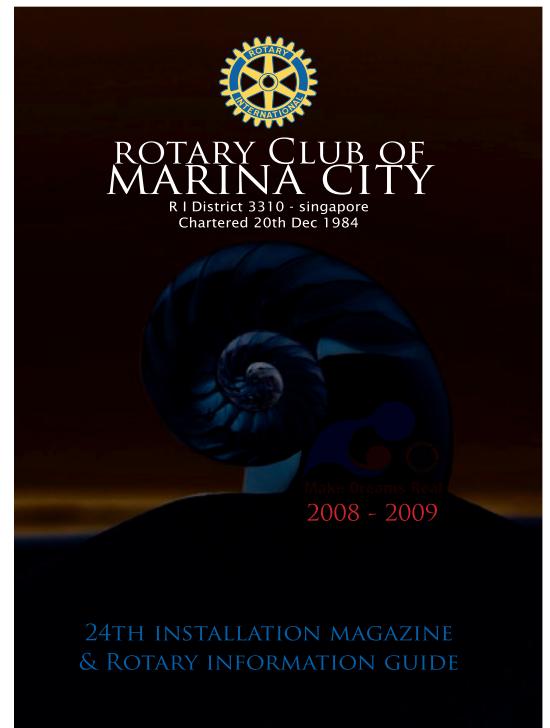
Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as **Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.**

Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

Check out these websites, or ask for a copy of Rotary Information Guide from President June

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