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Indian Rotary Club offers 15 free surgeries

KOLKATA: The Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar in Rotary International (RI) District 3291 has offered RI District 3310 fifteen free surgery operations every year under their "Save Little Hearts", which is a heart surgery project for children with congenital heart disease.

Rotary International District 3310 Governor, Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa said this was a positive outcome of the delegation of senior Rotary Club leaders and Rotary Zone from the Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan and Rotary Club of Likas Bay.

He led the delegation together with his wife, District First Lady Pih Kalimah.

Zainie said the "Save Little Hearts" project is one of the major humanitarian programmes funded by Rotary India Humankind Foundation (RIHF) and Rotary Clubs in India to help children who are below the poverty line and cannot afford this expensive surgery.

According to RI Director Shikhar Mehta, more than 500 surgeries have been successfully performed and RIFH aims to do 2,000 surgeries per year.

"An important agenda for our trip to Kolkata is to explore the possibility of collaborating for medical expertise between RI District 3291 and our district 3310 in the area of humanitarian projects such as prevention of Avoidable Blindness Outreach (ABO) programme and the heart surgery project. So our mission has not been in vain. I am also glad that the Rotary Beghata Eye Hospital is willing to collaborate with Rotary Clubs in our district for future ABO projects," said Zainie.

The Brunei-Sabah delegation also visited the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City (District 3291) which is the partner of Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan for the Project Green Magic, fruit trees in the planting of 10,000 under the Rotary Foundation Matching Grant funding.

The visiting Rotarians also learned that Project Green Magic, initiated by Rotary Clubs in India, aims to plant one million fruit trees over the next few years.

This fruit tree planting exercise will not only be able to combat the adverse effects of global warming but will also help to create livelihoods for rural communities in India, thereby empowering them towards financial independence.

To mark the launching of a Matching Grant project between Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City and Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan, a symbol, in planting of fruit trees was carried out together with RI Director Shikhar and several senior Rotarians from Kolkata at the Park Circus Maidan.

Past President of the Rotary Club of Likas Bay, Philip Chong, who was in the very meaningful long-term humanitarian project.

"Rotarians of the world have amply demonstrated Rotary's Motto - 'Service Above Self' - and focused on the six areas of focus, namely Peace and Conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development in doing good to the world," he said.

According to him, Rotary Clubs in District 3310 would endeavour to organise the heart surgery project and Avoidable Blindness Outreach (ABO) programme in collaboration with the Rotary Clubs in India.

The nine-member Brunei-Sabah delegation in Kolkata, India, in the centre is Rotary International District 3310 Governor, Zainie.



Wang with Mustang Youth X

International artistes to perform at KK Jazz Festival

KOTA KINABALU: The sixth KK Jazz Festival will bring together a musical melting pot of talents from around the world at the Covered Tennis Court, Sutera Harbour, Marina, Golf & Country Club here tomorrow and Saturday.

One of the striking differences about the festival is its line up of artistes, who include international names and highly talented local bands and singers.

Among the artistes who will be performing are Raisa (Indonesia), Rio Sidik (Ball, Indonesia), Johnny Rodgers Band (United States of America) and Roger Wang (Malaysia), Winnie Ho (Malaysia), Juwita Suwito (Malaysia) and The Asif & Rene Jazz Band (Malaysia).

Acknowledging the immense talent of the people from the Land Below the Wind, KKJF serves as a stage in showcasing local artistes.

Local celebrity DJ Rica and Ms Cheryl will also be hosting the evenings as an emcee. Rica is currently the host Radio DJ for Malaysia's number one English radio station, Hitz FM Kota Kinabalu and Cheryl is the weekend announcer on Hitz FM Kota Kinabalu for the Borneo English Top 10.

The jazz extravaganza is jointly organized by the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu (RCKK) and the Society of Performing Arts Kota Kinabalu Sabah (SPAKS).

As it is a fund-raising event, the money from ticket sales is used to fund deserving community projects run by the Rotary Club of Kota



Juwita Suwito

Raisa

Rio Sidik



Johnny Rodgers Band

Kinabalu such as the clean water project, literacy program in rural areas of Sabah and environment protection program.

With the collaboration of AirAsia under AirAsiaRedix, tickets are now on sale at www.airasiaredix.com at RM100 for two-night pass and RM70 per-night pass.

Tickets are also available for purchase at various outlets in Kota Kinabalu - Party Play Lifestyle Cafe, Playground, The Chocolate Factory, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, BB Cafe, Firefly, Hotel Sixty3, Jarrod & Rawlins, Texas Grill Restaurant & Bar.

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Zainie (seated at centre) with speakers and Rotary Club members. Flanking him are Edward Sung (4th right) and Michael. Standing 2nd left is the President of the Rotary Club of Likas Bay, Lu Kim Phin.

Rotary's Vocational Service

KOTA KINABALU: More than 30 Rotary Club leaders from Sabah, Sarawak, Negara Brunei and Singapore have benefited tremendously from the recent inaugural Vocational Service Training Seminar.

It was organised by the Rotary Club of Likas Bay headed by Lu Kim Phin, at the Palace Hotel, here.

Officiating at the event, Rotary International District 3310 Governor, HJ Zainie Abdul Aucasa stressed that Vocational Service is the way Rotary fosters and supports the application of the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations.

"In terms of Vocational Service, Rotary employs the word 'service' in its broadest sense, referring not merely to the merchandise sold or work done in any business or professional transactions, but also the giving of due consideration to the needs of others.

* Vocational Service emphasises

the Objects of Rotary, which are to encourage the high ethical standards in business and profession, and to raise the dignity of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to service society," he said.

Zainie stressed that Vocational Service, being the Second of Rotary's five Avenues of Service, is the responsibility of both the Rotary club and its members.

"The role of the club is to promote and implement projects that help members contribute their vocational talents."

On the role of members, he said it is to conduct themselves, their businesses and their professions in accordance with Rotary principles and to respond to projects that the club has developed.

Clubs are encouraged to set up sub-committees to promote The Four Way Test; The Guide to Daily Living; Responsible Business, Responsible

Rotarians; Career Development; Vocational Training at Work; Vocational Awareness; Vocational Awards; and Rotary Volunteers.

Organising Chairman, Philip Chong from the Rotary Club of Likas Bay said Vocational Service gives Rotarians the opportunity to utilise their professional and business expertise to help needy communities beat poverty and gain a measure of self-respect.

"As business and professional leaders, we Rotarians have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation," he said.

Led by Past District Governor Edward Sung Burongoh, the Vocational Service training seminar was conducted by experienced speakers. They comprised Past President Michael Yee from Singapore (Chairman, District Vocational Service Committee), Past President Alex Eow (Singapore), Past

President Philip Chong & Past President Datuk Dr. Johnson Tee (Kota Kinabalu), Past President Patrick Panai (Kuching), Assistant Governor Dr. Un Chuan Hock (Bintulu) and Rotarian Dr. Ali Qassem. The seminar covered important topics like Rotary's Five Core Values; Introducing Non-Rotarians to the Principles of Vocational Service; Using Your Vocational Service to Help the Community and Meet Local Needs;

Ethics and Vocational Service; How to Implement an Activity to Celebrate Vocational Service Month in October; Understanding the Principles of Vocational Service in Rotary and Mentoring a Young Person in Pursuit of Excellence; Award-Winning Vocational Service Project of RC Bintulu Central; and Using Effective Public Relations to Promote Your Club's Vocational Service Projects.



From the Desk of the District Governor's... Daughter



My name is Ernie Zainie. I do not have the initials Rtn or PP or PE or even DG in front of my name and nor am I a professional writer. But I would like to take this opportunity to share a little bit on my experience of being the daughter of a Rotarian and how Rotary has inspired me.

At first I didn't get it. Why Rotary? What's the big deal about Rotary? I would ask myself.

My father and his fellow Rotarians would spend endless hours in meetings. Of course they were never short of food as Rotarians love their food and they enjoy it best with each other. But with that, a lot of eagerness and excitement will develop as they make all sorts of plans for yet another Rotary Project.

Rotary has always been about family. In his speech, RI President 2011-12 Kaylan Banjeree emphasized the importance of family and that from family is where everything begins. And my father did just that. He started with his own family.

I consider my family to be a true example of a family of Rotary. For as long as I can remember, my father has always kept himself busy with something. And even when he had nothing to do on a Sunday morning, he would bring my mom, my brothers and me on a mini road trip out of town in search of seasonal fruits commonly seen sold by the roadsides and afternoon coffee with my dad's favorite *Kueh Pau*. He is the kind of person who can never sit still. He would always involve us one way or another in the things he was passionate about whether it was travelling, his involvement in Scouts, Archery, preserving the Wetlands or even his work. He will never leave us out. And Rotary was no exception. He influenced us with his passion and drive and I believe we are better people because of this.

Ever since my father's early days as a Rotarian, we have always been involved in Rotary activities. As a family, we have experienced wonderful trips across the country, humanitarian projects both locally and overseas, attending and even organizing assembly's and conferences at the District level or even simple fellowship gatherings with our Rotary friends and their families. Back then we thought it was all just about fun. But as we grew up we realized that there was a lot more to Rotary than having a good time. Slowly we saw the bigger picture.

The long Rotary meetings turned into decisions and decisions turned into actions and actions turned into results. The result: A change in yet another person's life. Rotarians would go through great lengths to get this result over and over again and make a difference. Some Rotarians would do things that others think are crazy – and Rotarians are famous for being crazy – but crazy in a good way of course. But we must admit, we all have to be a little bit crazy to do something out of the ordinary, don't you think?

A true Rotarian will wake up early on a Sunday morning while others like me would rather stay tucked in bed. They convoy ride to a rural village that most have never heard about. Along the way they would stop for a tasty (which usually means unhealthy) breakfast. They come to deliver good news to the *Kampung* people and bring smiles that last for miles on the faces of the receivers of fresh, clean water, medical care, and literacy kits for children... just to name a few goodies that Rotarians bring along. On the way back from a hard day's work of changing someone's life, they succumb to the simple satisfactions in life and reward themselves with a plate of '*pisang goreng*' and '*kopi O*' on the roadside somewhere and if lucky, a great bowl of '*sup tulang*'. They have a good laugh and the fellowship continues to strengthen. But they know their work is not yet done. There are still many lives they can change. And together they do this one step at a time.

During my trip to Chicago in 2008, I visited the Rotary International World Headquarters office in Evanston Illinois. The friendly woman at the reception desk asked me where I was from and I proudly said 'I am from District 3310'. I said it like a true Rotarian. My conversation with the lovely lady hit on from there and I found myself sharing with her my experiences as a member of the family of Rotary. It was at that point when I realized how much Rotary had influenced me. I felt proud to be standing in a place where Rotary had begun and to witness for myself the office of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary. I am sure a lot of historic and life changing decisions took place there and since then Rotary has come such a long way. Many of us are familiar with the



boundless Rotary work done within District 3310. But Rotary is International and Rotary work is done all over the world. I made sure I did not leave without signing the guest book. After all, how many from our District have been able to do so?

My father has come a long way as a Rotarian and now he is the District Governor. During his term, our family has enjoyed yet another chapter in my father's Rotary journey. Day by day we learn more about our family of Rotary across the District. These days my parents are travelling a lot and every time they come home from yet another club visit, we are enlightened by stories of inspiring events and the wonderful people they meet along the way. My mom, especially, has grown to be fond of all the lovely people she has met. I hear her stories and feel like I already know them too and look forward to meeting them personally. It's things like these that reassure us once again that there are so many good people in Rotary and this restores our belief that there are actually good people everywhere.

I come from a different generation from most of the Rotarians I know, many of whom I address as uncle or aunty (many who refuse to answer when I do so). Despite the generation gap, I have found myself to have great fellowship with a Rotarian (or even a spouse of a Rotarian) just as great as fellowship with my peers. There is always something to learn and admire from every Rotarian I meet. After all, friendship has no boundaries. And in Rotary, neither does goodwill.

"Be the change you want to see in the world" a quote made famous by Mahatma Gandhi. Rotary is all about making change possible. And making sure change happens. Rotarians all have the brains, but their act of kindness comes from their hearts. I believe Rotarians would have made Mahatma Gandhi proud.

I reminisce my years growing up in London where you could always find a TESCO's just around the corner. TESCO's was not just a supermarket with great microwave dinners and delicious mini doughnuts or frozen cheesecake. But TESCO's has a slogan that I will never forget till this day, that we can all live by which is "Every Little Helps." A small act of kindness can go a very long way. A few positive words can mean a lot to someone going through a bad day. A simple thing like a smile can be the best thing they have seen in a long time. And a small contribution can mount up to a big donation that can save a life. It's the little things that count and one doesn't have to be a Rotarian to help. But there's no doubt Rotarians do it at their very best. We should feel blessed that we have the capacity to make a difference no matter how small the gesture because every little does help.

Eventually time will run out for each one of us. But the one thing that would matter are the footsteps we leave behind while we are around. There are over a million Rotarians across the world leaving their footsteps for the generations to come. Through Rotary I have been educated about what really matters in life and that this world is never short of inspirations. It is just a matter of how we see the things that are right in front of us.

If you are a Rotarian and reading this – give yourself a pat on the back. Or what people of my generation would call a 'high five!' Something you have done has made you deserve it. And if you are not a Rotarian and reading this - look around you... a Rotarian may be nearby. They may look like just any other person, talk and walk just like any other person – but they are far from just ordinary. And be sure to expect that change is just around the corner.

Louis Armstrong sang of 'What a Wonderful World' we are living in. He did not sing of mansions and fancy cars, I-Pads or a million dollars. He sang of the simplest things in life like the beauty of nature... friendships... a newborn child... and saying 'I Love You'.

Rotary goes back to the basics of what is most important and that we should always be compassionate to life, those we share our lives with and all the beautiful things life has to offer.

What a wonderful life it is indeed.

Thank you Rotarians.

JUNE MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club of:	Group No.	State	Total Members as at 1st of June	Total Members at 30th June	Ave. Attendance % this month	No. of Meetings held this month	No. of Meetings cancelled this month
A'Famosa	1	Melaka	13	13	40.40	4	1
Kota Laksamana Malacca*	1	Melaka	10	10	0.00	0	0
Kota Melaka	1	Melaka	25	25	54.67	4	0
Malacca	1	Melaka	24	24	21.20	4	0
Tangkak Ledang	2	Johor	13	13	54.00	5	0
Batu Pahat	2	Johor	21	20	31.25	4	0
Muar	2	Johor	21	21	46.00	5	0
Pontian	2	Johor	14	14	68.00	4	1
Kluang	3	Johor	23	24	83.00	4	0
Mersing*	3	Johor	22	22	72.00	2	0
Segamat*	3	Johor	16	16	52.00	3	1
Kota Tinggi*	3	Johor	16	15	65.00	2	2
Kulai*	4	Johor	21	21	71.80	5	0
Pasir Gudang	4	Johor	20	20	65.00	2	1
Puteri Lagoon	4	Johor	16	16	62.49	4	0
Tebrau*	4	Johor	21	21	60.00	3	1
Johor Bahru	5	Johor	56	56	81.50	4	0
Johor Centennial	5	Johor	13	13	75.00	4	0
Johor Straits View*	5	Johor	14	14	61.00	4	0
Queenstown	6	Singapore	44	45	82.00	4	0
Sentosa*	6	Singapore	63	66	43.60	4	0
Victoria	6	Singapore	10	4	25.00	2	2
Singapore	6	Singapore	149	149	35.17	4	0
Tanglin	6	Singapore	23	23	39.40	4	0
E-Club Singapore	6	Singapore	21	20	50.00	1	0
Jurong Town	7	Singapore	38	37	61.00	4	0
Singapore East	7	Singapore	34	34	57.00	3	1
Singapore North	7	Singapore	32	32	41.00	5	0
Singapore West	7	Singapore	54	56	53.00	5	0
Singapore Centennial*	7						
Changi	8	Singapore	26	26	49.00	4	0
E-Club 3310	8	Singapore	26	25	30.00	N/A	0
Pandan Valley	8	Singapore	48	48	61.20	4	0
Serangoon Garden Orchard*	8	Singapore	15	16	70.00	4	0
Suntec City*	8	Singapore	32	32	48.00	2	0
Bugis Junction	9	Singapore	32	34	48.00	4	0
Bukit Timah*	9	Singapore	18	18	53.00	4	0
Garden City	9	Singapore	35	35	40.91	4	1
Marina City*	9	Singapore	36	38	54.70	4	0
Raffles City	9	Singapore	48	48	38.50	4	0
Shenton	9	Singapore	20	20	45.00	4	0
Bandar Seri Begawan	10	Brunei	20	20	67.00	3	1
Belait*	10	Brunei	10	10	47.00	3	2
Labuan FT	10	Labuan	16	17	49.00	4	0
Miri*	10	Sarawak	10	10	60.00	4	0
Bintulu*	11	Sarawak	29	29	45.69	4	0
Bintulu Central*	11	Sarawak	16	16	60.00	5	0
Sibu	11	Sarawak	29	29	64.00	5	0
Kuching*	12	Sarawak	37	37	55.00		
Kuching Central	12	Sarawak	38	40	64.00	5	0
Kuching South*	12	Sarawak	14	14	50.00	5	0
Kuching Jaya	12	Sarawak	17	16	69.00	5	0
Kota Kinabalu*	13	Sabah	63	63	80.00	4	0
Likas Bay	13	Sabah	44	46	92.31	4	0
Kinabalu Sutera	13	Sabah	15	15	54.60	3	1
Kota Kinabalu South	13	Sabah	34	34	43.90	4	0
Luyang	13	Sabah	20	21	64.00	5	0
Penampang	13	Sabah	15	14	63.70	4	0
Tanjung Aru	13	Sabah	18	19	58.00	1	0
Sandakan	14	Sabah	44	44	33.89	4	0
Sandakan North	14	Sabah	30	31	66.10	4	0
Tawau	14	Sabah	31	32	65.05	4	0
Tawau Tanjung*	14	Sabah	22	22	68.00	3	1

* No attendance figures received for the month.