



NEWSLETTER

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT



Sargent at arms KIRAN

Though not a board member, the role of sargent at arms is an important one. This is the person who makes sure that protocols are adhered to and meetings are run with some decorum.

This role is taken by Rtn Kiran. A food technician by qualification, Kiran has been on the island for nearly 20 years. He runs a successful business in carpets and curtains.

Kiran is married to Rotarian Preethi and they have three children.

Congratulations!



Nothing is more important in a District Governor's term than his annual visits to clubs in the district. On the 26th January, Dato Dr Mohinder Singh, our District Governor flew in at midday. He was met at the airport by President Bas and PE Hery. At Frangipani Hotel we were greeted by Secretary Sachie. AG Sakuru, president Arvind and Sunil

were also there. We had lunch and the assembly started at 3.30pm. We are happy to learn that we are 'on track'. We also had a few pointers and suggestions from the DG who has over 30 years of experience behind him. The meeting ended with high tea and everyone left in high spirits. Thank you DG for your wisdom and inspiration.

WELCOME TO THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

At the time of writing this it is Chinese New Year. This lunar new year is the year of the horse.

The Chinese believe that people born during the year of the horse will enjoy good luck and good fortune - almost effortlessly. For others you have to work extra hard to realise your goals. RCL would like to wish all our



chinese friends a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

We are optimistic for the year ahead of us and look forward to all the challenges that come with it. Bring it on!

GONG XI FA CHAI

WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT KEN



Apart from teaching Aikido, Ken's other passion is fine art and photography. In fact that was his qualification. Earlier this year Ken along with 9 other artists were invited to be artists in residence in Bendara Gallery .

For 10 days these artists who came from Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, France and the UK got together to create their craft. The end result is an exhibition of their work at the gallery. The exhibition was attended by Rtns Gerard, Joe and Ann Pauline and PE Hery. Representatives of LADA also attended the event.

The owner of the gallery , Mr Aziz an artist himself has many ideas. We were bouncing off ideas and one of them was to have an art workshop for the children of Tuba school.

A group can be invited to the gallery to work with Rtn Ken on a half day workshop to produce pieces of art with the theme: 'Keep Langkawi Clean'. Their work can then be exhibited in the gallery.

For a school that is cut off from the main island, an event such as this may do wonders to the morale of the children. The theme is also the continuation of our quest to make Langkawi clean and is part of the education programme that should start with the children.

This is all up for discussion of course. A simple project involving children that may be life changing. President Bas welcomes any ideas that any of you may have on this project.

Mr Aziz - a forward thinking and enthusiastic man is keen to have his gallery put to good use.

For contributions of article or events please contact Hery deHaan at herydehaan@hotmail.com or 0147456338 or 04 9551025

THE GREAT MANGROVE CLEAN UP

We Want YOU.

Saturday 15th March 2014 @ at Kilim River jetty

Tentative Programme:

7.30am register , pick up your goodies , local breakfast

8.30am - speech and opening

09.00 - get on boats and collect rubbish

12.00 pm- back on land, lunch

1.30- speech and tidy up

2.00pm - close.

Note: The times are approximate. We welcome volunteers, donations and sponsors.

Please call David for more info: 017 284 4590

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DG'S VISIT

The DG spoke about acquiring a building to generate income so that we are less dependent on 'outside' funds to do projects. He pointed out that having a capital asset retains members. He encouraged us to recruit honorary members - especially people of 'influence' as this will attract other similar calibre of people who will in turn make things possible or at least less difficult. Dato' Mohinder pointed out that we do not have an interact club and said that it is easy to form one as being the only Rotary club on the island, we have no competition. Likewise the joining with a sister club enables us to have bigger projects and executing them becomes easier.

We are also reminded to plan things ahead and have a 5 year or even a 10 year plan and leave a legacy for those who will carry on when we are not around. The directors presented their reports and DG was suitably impressed that for a young club we have come thus far.



President Bas presenting DG with a gift from the club. DG's comment was:
"Datin will be happy"



RCL donated RM1000 towards DG's building fund. The building was acquired by his club as a centre for children with disabilities.



standing LtoR: Ken, Joe, Sunil, Gudrun, David, Gerard, Kiran, Preethi, Kiran, Sachie.
Sitting: Lto R: Sunil, AG-Sakuru, DG, Bas, Hery

Calendar

February 2nd

Fellowship

Meet at Laguna poolside later dinner at Coco's

February 9th

Meeting at Frangipani Hotel

February 16th

Meeting

Frangipani Hotel

February 23rd

Meeting

Frangipani Hotel

To make a presentation please contact our secretary Sachie:

Thank YOU.

Bas & Hery : meet and greet at airport

Sachie: compiling our annual report

Gerard: contribution

Sunil: contribution

David: contribution

Hery: contribution

Sunil: contribution

Preethi: catering. Lunch and high tea was yummy.

Suresh and Kiran: transport

Ken : banner

Thank you the rest for turning up.