



NEWSLETTER

CHARTER NIGHT

RC Langkawi held a dinner and dance to mark its charter



After months of planning the organising committee pulled out all the stops to deliver a superb dinner and dance at the Resorts World Langkawi, on Friday 21st June 2013. The event was attended by 280 guests who enjoyed an international buffet and later danced the night away to the latest tune spun by our local DJ.

The guest list included Rotarians from other rotary clubs, delegates from local businesses, friends and relatives of club members - some flew all the way from Singapore. The guests of honour were District Governor Mansoor Saat and Lady Emzita, District Officer Zabuddin and Mrs Zabuddin.

President Baskaran Kosthi

Originally from Penang our first ever President of Rotary Club of Langkawi, Dr Baskaran Kosthi showed good leadership by inviting locals and expats with very different set skills to form his board of directors. We have among us, a medical doctor, a hotel manager, an accountant and various people in the business community. It is very much a diverse group and an interesting one too.

Bas is well travelled. He was educated in India, USA and Australia. He lectured briefly in a local university. Currently he runs a spa business in Langkawi. Bas is married with two children.



THE PRESIDENT INSTALLS HIS DIRECTORS

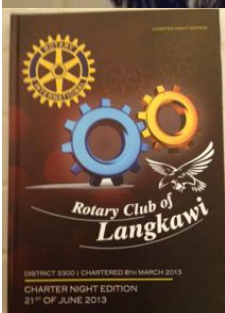
Apart from celebrating our charter guests also saw President Bas' installation by the District Governor and the installation of his board of directors. These are as follows: president elect : Rtn Sunil, president nominee: Rtn Suresh, Sargent at arms: Rtn Andre, club secretary: Rtn Ria, club administrator: Rtn Gudrun, treasurer: Rtn Sunil, assistant treasurer: Rtn Prithi, service project: Rtn David, membership: Rtn Gerard, foundation: Rtn Ken, public image: Rtn Hery.



RC OF LANGKAWI - A BRIEF BACKGROUND



Above: our banner
Left: the souvenir book



It took a couple of failed attempts in the past to form the Rotary Club of Langkawi. Some say 'third time lucky'. It started with a phone call and the rest is history. At first a few people attended club meetings. Then the word spread and before we know it we are now 28 members strong from a diverse group of people - both expatriates and local. We were chartered on 8th March 2013.

We were sponsored by neighbouring clubs from Butterworth and Kampong Baru. During the organisation of the charter night members from these clubs and RC Sg Petani lent a helping hand. Thank you all.

Marking the event was the compiling of the club's souvenir book which was distributed to each guest.

We raised funds by holding a silent auction and a lucky draw. Gifts were donated by our own members and local businesses.

All clubs have banners and it is customary to exchange banners when one club member visits another. Our club banner was designed by Rtn Ken. Even in it's early days since its creation our club banner has found it's way in far off places such as Holland, Florida and Cochin!

Now that charter night is over it's down to business with projects led by the very able David Bradley who has a proven track record.

So watch this space!

With effect from 28th July, the club meets every Sunday at Frangipani Hotel. We have a meal at 7pm. The meeting starts promptly at 8pm.

OUR FUTURE PROJECTS - ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION, UNDER PRIVILEGED ETC

Working closely with other charity groups on the island to help the poor and underprivileged

Distribution of soya rice packets

CIMB fund applied to provide cleaner waterways



Events to raise funds eg Zumba, Christmas bazaar

Distribution of school shoes, dictionaries and skipping ropes

Hosting International Foreign Exchange students



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO BE A MEMBER?

You are welcomed to attend 3 consecutive meetings before you make up your mind.

The person you need to contact is our Director of Membership, Dr Gerard :

Email: gerard82_2000@yahoo.com



Rtn Hery deHaan exchanged banners with the President of RC Singapore May 29th 2013. Members meet every Wednesday at the very posh Tanglin Club at lunchtime. They didn't know that Langkawi has a rotary club.

Calendar of Events

8th March, 2013

The Club was chartered

21st June, 2013

Charter Night

5th July, 2013

Rtns visit Cochin to explore sister club

july 25th 2013 (TBC)

Rtns distribute shoes and dictionaries to local schools

July 31st 2013 (TBC)

Distribution of rice parcels

August 8th 2013

Hari Raya Open House hosted by Rtn Shukri

PRESENTATIONS

JULY 21st Carel Van Heerden
(NB This meeting will be held at Papparich Restaurant for the last time)

JULY 28th Anthony Wong
(Frangipani Hotel)

AUGUST 4th Sheila Allum-
from the Charity Club of
Langkawi

AUGUST 11th Caroline

If you would like to make a contribution to next month's newsletter, please email me: herydehaan@hotmail.com

Rtn Carel exchanged banners with the president of RC Ft Myers Florida USA 1st April 2013



Rtns Ria and Andre exchanged banners at RC Rijswijk-Ypenburg Holland 30th May 2013. Ria also celebrated her birthday. The club made a generous donation to RC Langkawi.



Rtns Hery and Ken attended RC Cochin's installation and exchanged banners with the new president of the club July 5th 2013.

