



NEWSLETTER

RIVER CLEAN UP - A SUCCESS!

OVER 1200 volunteers turn up to clear rubbish



After months of meticulous planning the Rotary Club of Langkawi finally executed our event of the year which was to clear the areas surrounding the Kilim Karst River of rubbish. The Kilim River jetty was shut to tourists for half a day on Saturday 15th March 2014.

We had the cooperation of the Tourist Boats Association who took over 1200 volunteers in 77 boats to various zones of the river. With hooks, nets and gloves, volunteers picked, dug out, fished out and carried rubbish of all description from the mangrove areas, beaches and the river itself. The rubbish were brought back in large bin bags to land where it was disposed of to its final destination by rubbish trucks managed Environment Idaman.

The overwhelming response from various organisations for example, the Police Academy, Friends of Langkawi Geopark, the tourism academy, Mara Science College, staff from LADA, Lafarge, BMW and Frangipani Hotel, Langkawi Tennis Association and children from secondary schools on the island was an indication that there is an awareness of the importance to keep the island clean and free of rubbish. We cleared over a ton of rubbish ranging from plastic bottles to oil drums.

The event was sponsored by local businesses and individuals living on the island and supported by the local authorities namely the traffic and marine police who made sure the event went safely. LADA provided breakfast and lunch for the volunteers. Tan Sri Khalid Ramli, the CEO of LADA very kindly graced the event by his presence. The volunteers also had T-shirts and certificates of participation.

Above photo by FLAG

RCL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED US IN FEBRUARY



We now have two new additions to our club bringing the membership to 21. In Rotary this is considered a healthy number for a young club.

Julie Ferguson is a Canadian registered nurse and an English teacher. She is married to her French Canadian husband Marcel Menard who is a health and safety environmental engineer.



Julie and Marcel have been working and living in the United Arab Emirates for 14 years before Julie decided to retire on the beautiful island of Langkawi. Marcel however still works in the Middle East doing a month long stint in both countries. We welcome them with open arms and we are sure they can make a positive contribution to the Rotary club of Langkawi.

We welcome members to join our club. We meet every Monday night at 7 pm at the Frangipani Hotel , Pantai Tengah for a meal. The meeting starts promptly at 8 pm at the Coco Jam ballroom and should be an hour long. You can come to our meeting three times before you decide to join us. As a formality , you need to be invited to be a member and be approved by the membership committee headed by Gerard.

For further details please email Gerard at:

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To attend our club meetings please drop us a message on Facebook.

Above: Julie
Below: Marcel

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

IT SHOULD ALL START WITH EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION



David Bradley the service project manager from RCL teaching local school children on how important it is to preserve the Geopark status of the river. That status was given by UNESCO a few years ago. He also taught them how they can help to improve their environment.

The event started at 7.30 am with registration and then breakfast . A supervisor was appointed to 'look after' 32 volunteers. There were 8 volunteers to a boat and the supervisor could go on one of the boats. The first boats that went were the ones who had to go the furthest end of the river. There was also a press boat and a VIP boat. After picking up the rubbish and filling them in the black bags, the boats came back to land. Some boats went out twice to pick up more rubbish. The day ended at about 12.30pm when all the volunteers came back and were treated to a packed lunch, drinks and fruits sponsored by LADA. Tan Sri Khalid gave a speech on how important it is for us keep our island and the surrounding areas clean.



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The above photos are a courtesy from FLAG

Calendar

April 7th

Assistant Governor's visit
Frangipani Hotel

April 14h

Meeting
Frangipani Hotel

April 21st

Meeting
Frangipani Hotel

April 28th

Meeting
Frangipani Hotel

To make a presentation please contact our secretary Sachie:
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Notice

AG'S VISIT

THE INCOMING ASSISTANT GOVERNOR FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015 MR BH LEE WILL BE VISITING OUR CLUB INFORMALLY ON THE 7TH APRIL 2014.

BH LEE , A SENIOR ROTARIAN WILL BE ASSISTING THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR WHEN SHE TAKES OFFICE IN JULY 2014. HE IS ALSO A MENTOR TO 4 INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENTS, PE HERY BEING ONE OF THEM AND IS THE ASSITANT GOVERNOR FOR GROUP ONE : LANGKAWI, ALOR STAR, KULIM , SUNGAI PETANI.