



NEWSLETTER

RCL receives donation



Impossible we can do immediately, miracles take a bit longer. It all started with Ken's (Foundation Chair) interest in all martial arts that we attended the Muay Thai competition held in May. We wanted to buy their T-shirts and contacted the organiser Mr Adrian Wong. We chatted about Rotary, our involvement with the local community and our clean up project. Two days later Adrian informed us

that the International Federation of Muay Thai Association would like to donate RM5000 to support our causes. We were asked to arrange lunch for the children of As - Salam complements of IMFA and on that same afternoon the cheque was presented to us.

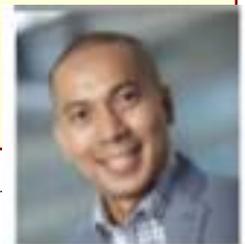
It was a big cheque (literally) given by big hands and we accepted it with big hearts. Thank you IFMA!

Talk on Data Protection

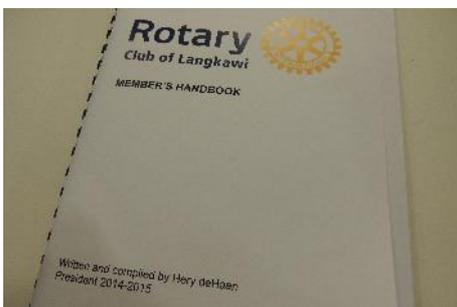
The club is hosting a talk on Data Protection at the Coco Jam ballroom, Frangipani Hotel on Monday 23rd June 2013 at 8pm. There will be a small charge of RM50 and all proceeds will go towards our project fund.

The speaker is Mr Noris Ismail who is an executive director/ head of data protection of the Academy Advisory Board of Malaysia. He is also the author of "Understanding Personal Data Protection Law"

This is a current hot topic which is confusing and controversial. A must attend for all individuals and businesses. Call Preethi at 012 4033958 to reserve your seats.



RCL MEMBER'S HANDBOOK



Everything you wanted to know about Rotary but was afraid to ask is here: In preparation for the presidency Hery wrote and compiled a member's handbook. It outlines basic information about the club and about Rotary at district and international level. More importantly there is a calendar which informs the readers of the year's projects. Some dates though are not yet confirmed. Many hours have been spent to produce this book. PE Hery requests that you do her justice by reading it. If you haven't got yours yet please phone Hery at 014 7456338 to request your copy. She would like to give it to you personally.

VISITORS APPRECIATE FUTURE PROJECTS



RCL was graced by not one but two visitors in one day. Rotarian Prescott from Chicago Illinois is a fourth generation Rotarian. He came here for a wedding and found out that there is a Rotary club in Langkawi. Prescott had a meal with us and was impressed that we sit down to dinner with a wonderful sunset every Monday evening. He acknowledged the amount of work that went into the handbook and thought that it was a brilliant idea. He is pictured here receiving a banner from vice president Suresh. A concern was voiced that with the changing of club president every year the issue of consistency and continuity may be in question. Prescott stated that the yearly changing of president is healthy for a club. It gives others the opportunity to exercise their leadership with his or her own brand of personality. Besides there are always past presidents, board of directors and assistant governors to put him or her on right track.

Rotarian Paul who exchanged banners with VP Suresh had a lovely sense of humour. We love his accent. His club managed to persuade the city's policy makers to charge a levy to supermarkets to encourage them to switch from using plastic to reuseable bags. It was difficult but they managed to pull it off. Paul was impressed with our future projects and wished us well. We were all welcomed to visit their clubs should we find ourselves in their neck of the woods.

Above: Prescott from Chicago

Below: Paul from Dublin.

WINNERS RECEIVE CASH PRIZES



Although the response was not what we expected, there were clear winners from the follow on event from the great mangrove clean up project held in March. RCL had a best picture and best essay competition opened to young people. Alif, a 16 year old student from MRSM Langkawi (the best in the country) submitted a candid photo of himself and his classmates picking up litter from the beach. Kelly an American girl, also 16 wrote an inspiring essay of the event. Both participated in the event and stated what an eye opener it was for both of them. We are pleased that by their very participation and that of other school children we have planted the idea of preserving our beloved geopark. This is just the beginning of our awareness campaign. Both children are pictured here receiving cash prizes from president Bas on 12th May.

VISITS TO ADOPTED SCHOOL IN TUBA CONTINUE

Ever since we adopted SMK Langkawi in Tuba Island we have been visiting the school once a month as per their request. Our regular is Rotarian Julie who has been going there interacting with the children since April. The idea is to expose them to English speaking “outsiders” adding a breath of fresh air to their curriculum. Some critics have questioned if these monthly 2 hour visits would make a difference to the lives of these kids. Our response is that it is a start to something more involved but the progress has to be gradual. These visits are low key and constructive as they provide exposure and stimulation to what is otherwise an isolated community. In the words of the young people, they feel that it’s ‘fun’ and that we’re ‘cool’. The work thus far has been exciting and different. RCL have plans for the school in the coming year.



8 Form 4 students enjoyed a game of scrabble. They were competitive and learned a few English words. The scrabble set was then donated to the school.



Volunteer Jackson had the rest of the class which comprised mainly boys. They played the board game of pictionary. The boys were boisterous as boys could be but Jackson had them under control.

Each player had to draw a picture taken from a stack of cards. If your team members could get guess what you were trying to draw, you could throw the dice and move up the board. The winner is the team who reaches “FINISH” first. Sounds easy doesn’t it? Well try drawing the word “organisation”

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Calendar

June 9th

Meeting
Frangipani Hotel

June 16th

Meeting at Frangipani Hotel

June 20th

Handing over of presidency

June 23rd

Talk

June 30th

Assembly

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Club Administrator

DUE TO IMMINENT TRAVEL AND FAMILY COMMITMENT, ROTARIAN PREETHI IS UNABLE TO TAKE UP THE POST OF CLUB ADMINISTRATOR.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE UP THE POST FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2014-2015. THERE IS A HANDBOOK FOR THIS POST SO THERE IS VERY LITTLE GUESSWORK ON WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

IF YOU WANT TO ADD VALUE TO YOUR CLUB PLEASE COME FORWARD AND COUNT YOURSELF IN. YOUR LIFE WILL BE BLESSED. CALL PE HERY

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