



NEWSLETTER

REUSE REDUCE RECYCLE

RCL takes initiative to keep Langkawi clean

RI PRESIDENT VISTS DISTRICT 3300



RI President Gary Huang and ann Corina did us the honour by visiting KL this month. A grand banquet was held to welcome him at the Convention Centre Sunway Lagoon Resort.

700 Rotarians and guests enjoyed the 8 course Chinese dinner and the jazz band that entertained them. President Gary gave a heartfelt speech about goodwill, fellowship and humanitarian work.

Afterwards he presented all those who had contributed to the Rotary Foundation with PHF certificates. President Hery and Ken represented RCL at the banquet.

The launching of Pantai Tengah Green Community (PTGC) an initiative to encourage hotels and businesses to go green provided a platform for RCL to launch our reuseable bags. This event took place this month and was hosted by Holiday Villa Hotel in Pantai Tengah. RCL has worked closely with Mr Anthony Wong who initiated PTGC.

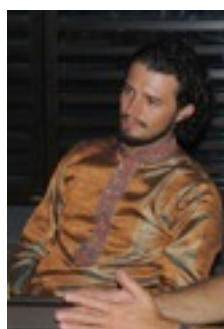
The event was attended by hoteliers, businesses, members of our club, dignitaries at local and ministerial level and members of the press.

The launching of the PTGC is a three day event involving 14 activities one of which is the launching of our reuseable bags. More about the project on page 2.



RCL BIDS FAREWELL TO VOLUNTEER

After months of volunteering for Rotary club of Langkawi , Mr Jackson Perrett a 22 year old student from Australia finally bid farewell to members of RCL. Jackson worked closely with Rotarian Julie visiting Tuba school on a monthly basis. His role was to support Julie in improving the



level of English of the students. Jackson sang songs, played games and sometimes taught English. Rotarian Julie sponsored a farewell dinner for him at Soprano's restaurant. The event was attended by Rotarians and Jackson's parents. RCL president Hery presented him with a certificate of appreciation and some gifts from the club. After more than 6 months in Malaysia, Jackson is ready to resume his studies in environmental science.



A BOOK READING AND DISCUSSION FROM A PUBLISHED AUTHOR

This month's talk was a book discussion and reading by author Judyth Gregory-Smith who wrote: Myanmar a memoir of loss and recovery.

70 year old Judyth has travelled widely around South East Asia and in particular Myanmar. She is essentially a travel writer and has wrote for travel magazines of well established airlines.

The book talks about how following her husband's death she travelled extensively around Myanmar getting to know the local people, their culture and way of life.

She met a taxi driver who became her guide and interpreter and soon a friendship blossomed. Throughout the years of travelling in and out of Myanmar, Judyth became involved in helping a small group of seamstresses and have brought back their work to sell to friends

and relatives in Malaysia, Australia and Singapore and returning the profits. She has also helped her taxi driver friend continue his education in university.

Judyth lives in Malaysia but also travels to Australia to visit one of her children.

The talk was well attended by Rotarians and friends. Many purchased Judyth's books and the handiwork produced by the Burmese seamstresses. Myanmar - a memoir of loss and recovery was for sale for RM70.00 .

Rtn Sachie sponsored Judyth's meal and Montano took her to the airport the next day. Thank you Sachie, Mon and of course Judyth.



Above: Rtn David purchasing a book

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REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE - JUST SAY'NO 'TO PLASTIC

Taking a risk by purchasing 10000 bags from a supplier we approached the three main supermarkets and persuaded them to purchase these bags from us at cost. The idea is that their customers can use these bags when they go shopping thus reducing the use of plastic bags on the island. We also provided posters to create an awareness for their customers. At the same time local businesses who are keen supporters of the Pantai Tengah Green Community initiated by Mr Anthony Wong, owner of Frangipani Hotel also purchased these bags from us to give to their hotel guests and customers.

With Mr Wong's connection the club managed to get a written endorsement of our project from the Town Council. To top it all Mr Wong's launching of his PTGC campaign provided a platform for RCL to officially launch our reuseable bags in the presence of dignitaries at both local and ministerial levels and much press coverage.

Our bags can be purchased at cost in multiples of 100 for RM150. Please contact Sunil 012 470 6154.



TUBA STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THEIR ENVIRONMENT

Following the launching of the reuseable bags , we organised a day camp for 30 Tuba school students at UKM research facility in Pantai Kok. The camp was to raise awareness of the importance of preserving the environment. The facilitators were lecturers from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia comprising a marine biologist and a geologist. The day camp included a side visit to the seven wells waterfall where the students learned about rock formation and how waterfalls are formed. There was also an art session where the students had to produce a poster with the art materials provided. Rotarians Julie, Joe and ann Pauline, Dr Gerard and Mirinda were at hand to see to it that things ran smoothly. Their art pieces were brought back and will be judged. Julie and Joe have jointly donated a total of RM100.00 as prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



Dr Sharina a marine biologist from UKM showing them exhibits at the gallery



Group photo at the Seven Wells Waterfall where the students enjoyed the scenery and where they also learned about rock formation, flora and fauna.



Dr Goh showing students how to test the pH of water.

Calendar

December 1st

Talk by Vuthy Thang
Frangipani Hotel

December 5-7

District Conference KL

December 8th

Meeting

December 15th

General Assembly (not minuted)

December 22nd and 29th

Meeting

To make a presentation please contact Sachie:

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Notice

DUE TO A SUDDEN BEREAVEMENT

PRESIDENT HERY HAS TO BE IN ENGLAND FOR A PERIOD OF 40 DAYS. SHE WILL RETURN ON THE 5TH JANUARY 2015.

ROTARY MEETINGS WILL CARRY ON AND WILL BE CHAIRED BY VP SURESH, SUNIL OR GUDRUN.

PRESIDENT ELECT PREETHI AND SARGENT AT ARMS KIRAN HAVE GIVEN NOTICE TO RESIGN FROM ROTARY WITH EFFECT FROM THE END OF DECEMBER. WE ARE SORRY TO SEE YOU LEAVE AND WISH YOU WELL.