



NEWSLETTER

WORKING TOGETHER

RCL ATTENDS MALAYSIAN NATURE SOCIETY DINNER



Vice president Joe

In the absence of the president, the vice president of the club usually takes his place to fulfill presidential duties. This role falls on none other than Rotarian Joe Barr

A retired engineer Joe who specialised in building bridges has been living in Langkawi since 2012 under the MM2H scheme. He spends part of the year in his home country UK

Joe is married to Pauline who has helped us in our projects. Thank you to you both!



For a small island like Langkawi working together between NGOs is important. It fosters goodwill and more can be achieved especially if there is a common goal. Members of RCL were invited to a dinner hosted by The Malaysian Nature Society Langkawi headed by Mr Eric Senaya to celebrate the success of the Society's "Paddle for Nature" event.

The dinner was held at the Satu Malaysia restaurant in Dataran Lang on March 5 2015 and was attended by 6 members of the club. Seated on the VIP table from left: Tan Sri Khalid Ramli the CEO of LADA, Mr Ahmad Ramli the man who paddled around Malaysia taking pictures of the coastline, Mr Eric Senaya the president of MNS and Mrs Hery deHaan, president of RCL.

Mr Senaya was kind enough to provide a slot for president Hery to announce the club's impending fundraising event which is a golf tournament at the Els Club Teluk Datai. The outcome: 3 flights which in golf language means 12 golfers from LADA. Thank You Tan Sri.

MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH IN ROTARY

Projects should address one of the six areas of focus: water and sanitation, education and literacy, maternal and child health, conflict resolution/prevention, economic and community development, disease prevention. Many projects upon execution will overlap 2, 3 or even more areas of focus.

The Rotary calendar also has themes throughout the year and for the month of March it

is literacy. Clubs can donate books, hold essay and spelling competitions and have debates on current issues at national level.

For RCL we are still sending a club member on a monthly basis to our adopted school on Tuba Island to support the underperforming students in improving their spoken English. This is an ongoing project and will be reviewed at the end of the Rotary year.

WHY DO CLUBS EXCHANGE BANNERS?



There are over 2 million Rotarians worldwide. When a Rotarian travels he can attend any Rotary meeting in the country that he is visiting. Since fellowship and fostering goodwill is at the heart of Rotary all visitors to any club should be made to feel welcomed. Our club has since its inception received many visitors. The fact that our island is a popular tourist destination also helps. We have had visitors from places like Chicago and Ireland to more “local” ones like Bangladesh. It is also a tradition for the visiting club member to exchange his or her club banner with the club president. This tradition is

deeply embedded in all Rotary Clubs and symbolises goodwill, friendship, recognition, identity and pride in one’s club.

Pictured on the left is Mr Driscoll from the Rotary Club of Bookham from the town of Woking, England. Mr Driscoll an ex policeman has been president twice and held other offices. He talked about his club’s activities and fundraising efforts and the concept of the shelter box. He expressed appreciation of the island and RCLS efforts at fund raising and our launching of the reuseable bags on the island.

RCL PREPARES FOR FUNDRAISING EVENT



There is a flurry of activities in our Whatsapp and emails are flying back and forth. Bookings are coming in left right and centre and our treasurer Sunil is keeping an eye on who’s paid and who hasn’t. Other Rotarians are going all out to garner prizes and sponsorships from various businesses , hotels and government organisations.

Hole sponsorships are going for RM2500 and so far we have 3. E- Idaman the waste management company sponsors hole number 5 and intends to put a 20 litre wheelie bin at their hole to raise awareness of disposing waste responsibly. Amen to that. Westin hotel proposes to offer champagne to golfers and display their bed at their sponsored hole. Did I say bed? Yes bed.