



# ROTARY CLUB OF PENANG, MALAYSIA

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## Details of Club Weekly Meetings

Traders Hotel  
(Formerly known as Shangri-La Hotel)

Every Wednesday at 12:30pm  
(except for 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)  
Every Third Wednesday at 7.30pm

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## A Message from the President

### Wishing You and Yours a Happy New Year.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Sue-ann and I wish all of you and your families a Happy New Year with good health and a better year all-round. The year 2009 was a difficult year for most of us due to the global financial crisis and I guess that many of us are glad to say good-bye to 2009 and welcome 2010 in the hope that things will be better.

Having come from the edge of a precipice in 2008, matters could have got much worse in 2009 but fortunately timely, well managed and co-coordinated stimulus financial packages helped to avert much worse conditions. We all learnt much valuable lessons, most important of which were that the wisdom of Adam Smith and Keynesian theories and teachings still hold true. And, while the free market and great innovation brought great changes, these trends did not necessarily lead to a more efficient and productive economies but also made way to excessive risk taking, excessively short-sighted behaviour and distorted innovation.

Recovery is on the way. How long this will take, or whether it will lose steam will depend very much on how well the powers that be have learnt from the lessons that have emerged from 2008 and 2009. And, while many of us would like to believe that the global financial system has escaped collapse and is on the mend, we need to be aware that this could be a misconception if we allow actions and events to run freely as in the past. If 2010 is to be a watershed year then changes must take place; new ways of doing things need to be found to avoid the mistakes of the naughty years.

These lessons equally apply to Rotary in general and our Club in particular. We must also learn from the mistakes of yester years. Many of us have taken Rotary for granted and tend to forget that Rotary was founded for better fellowship and the promotion of ideals of service. We joined Rotary for these reasons, yet we find that many of us are content to be able to merely satisfy our minimum make up requirement or to do things only for our self aggrandizement. We ignore our obligations to our Club, pay scant attention to the plight of our on-going projects and are happy to leave this in the hands of a few dedicated Rotarians.

We are now at the half-way mark of our current Rotary year and have still time to put things right. Our Rotary Heritage House Project has to take off on a proper footing, our Membership Development Program has still not quite taken off, here we need to focus on getting quality not merely numbers. Our Interectors need greater attention and encouragement and our International and Foundation programs need to be launched. We need to find ways to come out of this crisis of inertia less we recede into a state of indifferent hibernation.

Let us learn from the financial crisis that we cannot allow things to run freely and must take timely action to avert a crisis. In 2010, as we celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, bring new life into this Club by accepting the changes that have taken place and find new ways of doing things. The stimulus package that we need for this club must come from all of us in a renewal of our spirit of fellowship and service to each other. Let us wipe out differences and enmity which is the cancer to good fellowship and bring in greater friendship and laughter. Let us come out boldly to help the poor and bring sunshine to the less fortunate.



And on this note, let us sincerely wish you and your loved ones abundant blessings, good health and every success in all your endeavours in 2010.

A Happy New Year!

Sue-ann and Gerard.

### This Week's Programme

## **THIS WEEK'S MEETING**

**Wednesday, 6 January**

**12:30 pm**

**Luncheon**

### Meeting details:-

Venue: Traders Hotel, Magazine Road, Georgetown, Penang.

Time: 12:30 pm

### RI President New Year Message

My fellow Rotarians:

January is the month the Romans associated with their two-headed god Janus: one head looking backward to the year that has just passed, and the other looking forward to the year ahead.

In Rotary, January is the halfway point of our year of service, and it is also a time for us all to look at both the past and the future. It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations. It is a time to look honestly at our progress and our challenges and to consider the steps we will need to take to complete our planned service successfully.

I am sure there is much you can be proud of achieving in the last six months. In my travels, I have already seen how much Rotarians can accomplish when they are determined to do so. You have



helped bring safe, pure water to those who lacked it, provided food and shelter to those who needed it, and assisted in the educations of those who could not read or write. You have promoted the ideal of service within a context of fellowship, friendship, and high ethical standards.

Rotarians are able to make changes that will shape the course not only of the months but of the years and decades that lie ahead. This is our privilege. It is also our duty as Rotarians - as caring members of society who are in the fortunate position of being able to help those living in conditions we can barely imagine.

So there is much to be done these next months. Do not waste a moment of that most precious commodity: time.

We are all volunteers serving in a volunteer organization. None of us was compelled to become a Rotarian; each of us chose, and was chosen, to become a member. Every year, every day, each of us chooses to continue the task we have begun, and to continue to put Service Above Self. It is not always the easy path, but I know it is the right one.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the Rotary service you have given, the service you are giving, and the service I know you will continue to give in the future.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

Source: The Rotarian

**Attendance**

Attendance Record – December 2009

Reported by Rtn Robert Huang

	Name	Meetings this month	Attended this month %	02/12	09/12	23/12
1	Aloysius, PP Dr.	3	100	1	1	NA
2	Andrea Gomez, Rtn	3	0	O/L	O/L	NA
3	Chet Singh, President Dato'	3	50	0	1	NA
4	Chuah Ah Bah, PP	3	0	0	0	NA
5	Chuah Eng Huat, Rtn	3	0	0	0	NA
6	Danesh , PP Dr.	3	100	1	1	NA
7	David Gan, Rtn	3	50	0	1	NA
8	David Osman Morris	3	100	1	1	NA
9	Eddy Choong, Rtn Dato'	3	50	0	1	NA
10	Eric Ong, Rtn	3	100	1	1	NA
11	Fong Kheng Phoy, PP Dr. (E)	3	50	0	1	NA
12	Francois Sigrist, Rtn	3	100	1	1	NA



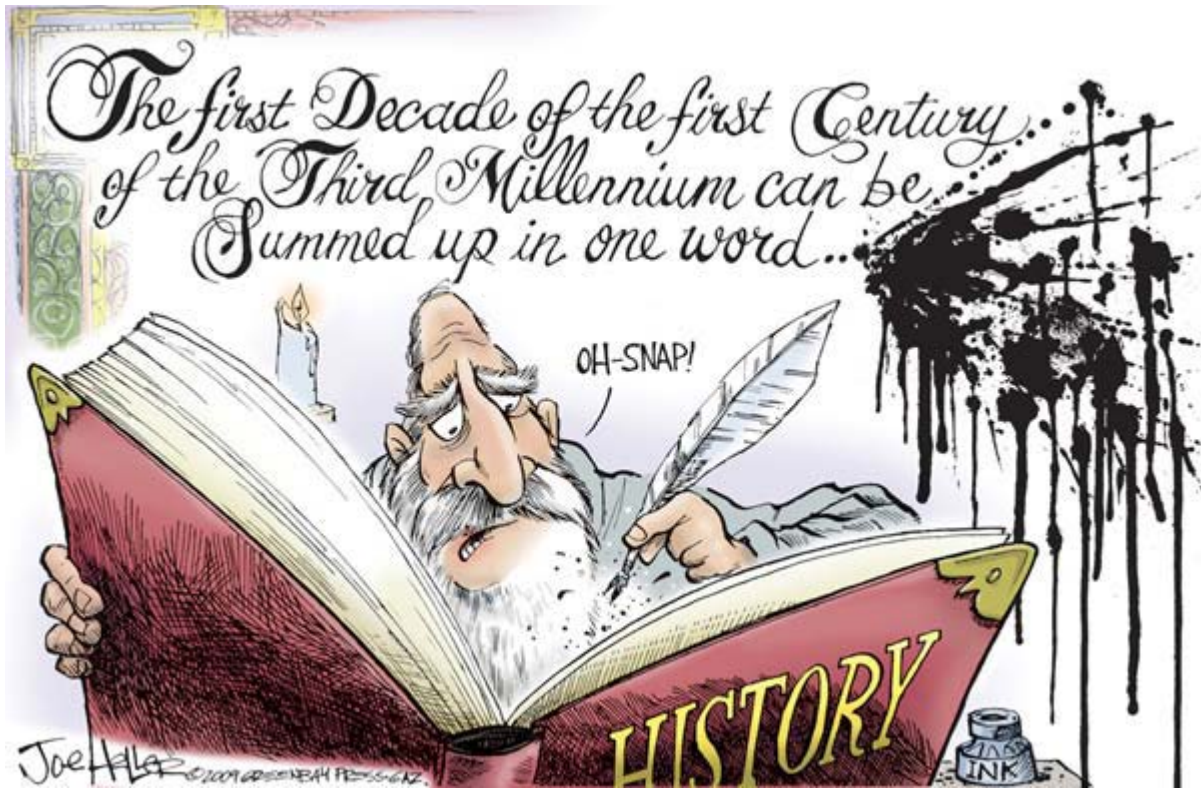
13	Gabor, Rtn Dato' (E)	3	0	0	0	NA
14	Gerard Robless, Rtn	3	50	O/L	1	NA
15	Gill Gurdev Singh, Rtn Dr.	3	100	1	1	NA
16	Hirashima, Rtn	3	100	1	1	NA
17	Ian Ong, PP (E)	3	100	1	1	NA
18	Lam Wu Chong, PP Dato' (E)	3	0	0	0	NA
19	Larry Chinn, Rtn	3	100	1	1	NA
20	Lee Li Fong, PP	3	100	1	1	NA
21	Lee Yow Ching, PP Dato'	3	0	0	0	NA
22	Lim Siew Kee, Rtn Dr.	3	0	0	0	NA
23	Manjit Singh, Rtn	3	100	1	1	NA
24	Manohar, Rtn	3	0	0	0	NA
25	Michael Chen, PP	3	0	0	0	NA
26	Musty, PP Dato' (E)	3	0	0	0	NA
27	Noel Ogle, PP Dato' (E)	3	50	1	0	NA
28	Nutan Shah, PP	3	0	0	0	NA
29	Oo Huei Ying, Rtn	3	0	O/L	O/L	NA
30	Pascal Martin-Daguét, Rtn	3	50	1	0	NA
31	Peter Wyss, PP Dr (E)	3	0	0	0	NA
32	Ramanathan, Rtn Dato'	3	50	0	1	NA
33	Ranjit, Dr.	3	100	1	1	NA
34	Robert Huang, Rtn	3	100	1	1	NA
35	Santokh, PDG Dr. (E)	3	50	0	1	NA
36	Saw Hock Eng, Rtn (E)	3	0	0	0	NA
37	Saw Lip Khai, Rtn	3	0	0	0	NA
38	SK Sundram, Rtn	3	50	1	0	NA
39	Stephen Soon, Rtn	3	50	0	1	NA
40	Takemi Fujikawa, Dr. Rtn	3	100	1	1 m/u	NA
41	Tan Boon Hoe, Rtn	3	100	1	1	NA
42	Tan Gin Soon, PP Dato'	3	100	1	1	NA
43	Teddric Mohr, IPP Dato' (E)	3	0	0	0	NA
44	Tharumarajah, PP	3	0	0	0	NA
45	VeJayan Rajoo, Rtn Dr.	3	50	0	1	NA
46	Vincent Lai, PP	3	100	1	1	NA
47	Walter Ambrose, PP	3	0	0	0	NA
48	William Ng, PDG Dato' (E)	3	100	1	1	NA
49	William Wee, Rtn	3	50	0	1	NA
50	Yohei Kobayashi Dr.	3	100	1	1 m/u	NA

Exempt Attendance member in pink (E)

m/u= Attendance via make-up card    O/L = Officially On Leave



Last Laugh



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