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MERDEKA! MERDEKA! MERDEKA!

A very "Happy Independence Day" to all. On the 30th of August every year the housing estate where I live, Jalan Carey, has a "Malam Ambang Merdeka".

This is one celebration where the residents, young and old get together, sing patriotic songs like the Negaraku, wave the Malaysian flag, and generally party away till midnight. Then we cut a cake in the shape of the Jalur Gemilang. It is a good feeling. A truly Satu Malaysia event.

I am proud to be Malaysian.

This week we are part of a joint meeting with the Group 8 Rotary clubs. There will be 13 of us from our club attending this meeting at the Sri Damansara Club.

Have a good week.

Shanti Yanasakaran
President



Our speaker last week - Geoff Andrew: Speak for Success

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TODAY'S PROGRAMME

MEETING ON 26 AUGUST 2010

GROUP 8 INTERCITY MEETING
HOSTED BY THE
ROTARY CLUB OF
DAMANSARA WEST
@ SRI DAMANSARA CLUB

CLUB DIARY

- 2 Sep District TRF Seminar, Penang
- 8 Sep Board Meeting
Host - Peggy
Venue - Chow's Residence
- 10-11 Sep Hari Raya Puasa
- 16 Sep Malaysia Day
- 19 Sep District Chairs Meeting
- 23 Sep Weekly Meeting
Official Visit by AG Dato' Jimmy Lim
- Committee Meetings:
Community Service & FOC
- 30 Sep Weekly Meeting
Fellowship Night & Cocktails

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 8 Sep Yukako (James' Ann)

Wedding Anniveraries

- 12 Sep David & Jasmine

Mr Geoff Andrews is a Toastmaster and has been one for the last 20 years. He said that as a movement, the Toastmaster Clubs in Malaysia have overtaken the United States in terms of growth. Last few years, Malaysians too have come close to winning the award for the Best Toastmaster Speaker in the world. In fact, last year, a Malaysian came in second, beating 250,000 other speakers from around the world.

The speaker's topic was about success in public speaking. Public speaking, a subject feared by many and has been touted as the second most fearful experience, the first being death.

The speaker said he was inspired by Sir Winston Churchill (who spoke mainly through the radio), Martin Luther King (who initiated the civil rights movement in America), Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela. Not all of them were powerful speakers, especially Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa who were soft spoken but they could get their message across. Martin Luther King so inspired the blacks that now we have Barrack Obama as the President of the United States.

What he had to say was that to be a successful public speaker it cannot be overemphasized that one must prepare, prepare and prepare. One must also have knowledge of the audience, whether it be a small one or a large one.

The tone of your voice also matters. One must not speak in a dull and monotonous tone but rather in

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varying tones. This is termed “vocal variety”. When the talk is finished one must also know how to handle the Q & A. A lot of speakers are caught off guard during this session as they think that their talk is finished.

After all that’s being said and done, one study found that 40% of the audience found the talk “boring”, another 48% found it put them to sleep and only 7% found it stimulating. How disheartening!!

Peggy

Chris Ng from the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya came to the meeting and Christie.

The speaker for the evening was Geoff Andrew who spoke on the subject area Speak for Success. Geoff came to speak earlier this year on Dare to Dream so it was good to see him back. He brought a copy of the Toastmasters magazine and presented it to President Shanti. The magazine featured a write up of his last visit to the Rotary Club of Kelana Jaya.

Key points to remember from the presentation is prepare, prepare and prepare! And practice makes perfect !

Chris Ng enjoyed the chicken wings and I reminded him of an old wives tale when he change table for a second helping that people who do that are likely to change spouses!



Tina

Editor’s Note

The write up on last week’s meeting was prepared by Peggy and Tina, and photos were by Tina. Many thanks. Would you like to do this next week as well?



Club Administration	Membership	Public Relations	Vocational Service	Community Service	Free Outpatient Clinic
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MIAMI ROTARIANS BELONG IN A ZOO!



When Rotarians decided to start a new club in Miami, the location they chose was zoo-logical. The Rotary Club of Miami Metrozoo, chartered in October, meets at the city’s zoo, in the Zoological Society of Florida building.

The club will be at the center of the action, predicts charter president William B. Tuttle, when the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department builds an entertainment complex, water park, and hotel next to the Miami Metrozoo. A south campus of the University of Miami and a military museum are also slated for the area.

“This is going to be a tourist destination,” Tuttle says. “It will be great for businesspeople to come here and network.”

The location is also pretty handy for Tuttle, the zoo’s exhibits and graphics coordinator – the club meets steps from his office. “It’s the most convenient club I’ve ever been in,” he says.

Another member, Conrad Schmitt, is the facility’s curator of mammals, and the club’s first noncharter member, Jeri Phillips, grew up in the neighborhood.

“I’ve been on these grounds since I was six or seven,” she says. “I’m thrilled to be at the zoo.”

One of the club’s first speakers was Ron Magill, Miami Metrozoo communications director, who is well known for his appearances on programs such as *Good Morning America* and the *Late Show with David Letterman*. In May, members organized a softball tournament and family festival to raise money to buy Shelter Boxes for Haiti and to promote the zoo’s conservation programs. The Rotarians also sponsor an Interact club.

For Carol Nobles, the challenges of starting the new club were part of the appeal. “I like to be on the ground floor of an organization,” she says. “I like to look back and see where I’ve been.”

Photo: Members of the newly chartered Rotary Club of Miami Metrozoo meet at the zoo and support its residents -- in this case, a 9-foot-long Burmese python weighing in at 100 pounds. Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Miami Metrozoo

CANCELLATIONS OF WEEKLY MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

9 SEPTEMBER - EVE OF HARI RAYA PUASA

16 SEPTEMBER - MALAYSIA DAY (subject to board approval)

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON
23 SEPTEMBER.

SELAMAT HARI RAYA!
&
HAPPY MALAYSIA DAY!

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THE 4-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?