

ROTARY CLUB OF BANDAR SUNWAY

President's Report

1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Kajang Juvenile Prison Medical Camp (14 July 2013)

The Club conducted a medical camp for the juvenile inmates of the Kajang Prison. The inmates had medical issues related to scabies, skin infection and other minor ailments. The Club also provided packed food and carbonated drinks for the juveniles.

2. Kitchen Bundle (28 July 2013) –Monthly **New**

The Club launched a new project called Kitchen Bundle in which the Club provided groceries to 35 single mothers for a period of 12 months. The value of the project is RM45,000 and is financed through a Rotary Malaysia Foundation Grant and donations in cash and kind. The launch of the project saw good publicity in the media – there were 5 articles in 5 different printed media and two interviews on local television stations.

3. Motivational Talk by Nadeera (4 September 2013) **New**

The Club arranged for a motivational talk by Nadeera to the Interactors at the Sunway Hotel. Nadeera was born with a rare disease that is commonly known as brittle bone disease. Nadeera has always wanted to be a motivational speaker and the Club helped her realise her dream by giving her a platform to speak. The Interactors benefitted from her inaugural motivational talk. Her talk is available on Rotary Showcase as well as YouTube. The event was also published in the press.

4. National I-Quiz Challenge Trophy (21 September 2014)

The Club, for the first time, organised an inter-district general knowledge quiz for Interactors. Participation from Clubs in District 3310 and 3300 made the IQuiz a Malaysian event. The IQuiz saw the participation of more than 650 Interactors sponsored by more than 20 Rotary Clubs. Winners of the I-Quiz were awarded full scholarships to pursue a diploma programme of their choice at the Sunway University.

5. Fruit Tree Planting (28 September 2013)

50 fruit trees were planted at the Pure Life Society for the benefit of the children of the orphanage. 20 years ago, this was the first project of the Club and on our 20th anniversary, the Club was pleased to be able to see the fruits of their labour from 20 years ago and to be able to contribute to the children once again.

6. Groceries for Orphanage (Rumah Shalom) – Ongoing monthly

The Club provides monthly groceries for a children's orphanage.

7. Shelter 5 (30 November 2013)

The Club conducted a medical camp for 123 ladies who are victims of human trafficking .

8. Cancer Screening (23 November 2013) New

The Club worked with the National Cancer Society of Malaysia and provided free cancer screening for women that the Club had identified.

9. “Empower” -Women’s Skills Training Programme (17 November 2013) New

The Club provided training equipment and training classes to train single mothers in skills such as bridal make up, tailoring and computing. The Club received USD18,000 from RI from a matching grant to implement this project.

10. Desa Mentari Medical Camp (16 February 2014)

This is an annual project where the Club provides medical consultation and medical tests for the residents of the low cost flats in the Desa Mentari area. More than 100 residents participated in the medical camp.

11. “Words for Thought” - Literacy Project (8 & 29 March 2014) New

The Club started a Literacy project in line with one of the 6 areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation. Books were distributed to Rumah Anbu Illam and Rumah Kasih.

12. Dhanvanthri Leg for Legless Project Sri Lanka (20 – 24 March 2014) New

Our Club was the lead Club in providing 50 prosthetic limbs to the victims of the war in Sri Lanka. Most of the recipients had lost their legs due to shell blast or landmines. Due to the success of the project, it will be elevated to a District project from the next Rotary year.

13. Scolio – Curing the Curve (14 April 2014) New

Our Club signed an MOU with Pantai Hospital Ampang to provide free surgery for teenagers suffering from Scoliosis. The project was launched with 2 live interviews on TV. The project will continue until September 2014.

14. “Kitchen of Love” -Rumah St Jude Kitchen Upgrade (10 May 2014) New

The Club applied and received funds from a District grant to refurbish the kitchen of Rumah St Jude which houses abandoned people. The Club through the generous contributions of donors also helped pay the rent and utilities for the home.

15. Rumah Kasih Cupcake Project (24 May 2014) New

The Club provided baking equipment and held a session to teach the young girls how to make cakes and cupcakes. The Club also sponsored badminton nets, stands and rackets for the children to learn to play the game and to encourage healthier lifestyle.

16. Leg for Legless Project (31 May 2014)

The Club’s signature project was improved this year with a new technology for prosthetics that are provided to worthy recipients . The Club assisted 9 amputees with free artificial limbs this year.

17. MS Walk (1 June 2014) New

The Club worked with the Multiple Sclerosis Society to organise a Walkathon to create awareness of Multiple Sclerosis. More than 400 people comprising Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, families and members of the MS Society took part.

18. Vocational Training for the Disabled (15 June 2014) New

The Club sponsored a training programme by Genashtim, to teach a blind lady how to use the computer and thereafter give her the opportunity to be employed. Vasanthi was a recipient of our artificial limb in 2012 and subsequently lost her eye sight due to diabetes.

YOUTH SERVICE

1. ILTS – Interact Leadership Training Seminar

The Club organised an ILTS programme for the Club's 5 sponsored Interact Clubs. Training was organised for 75 incoming Board members of the Clubs and there was a session given by renowned clinical psychiatrist Rtn Paul Jambunathan.

2. Inauguration Ceremony of Rotaract Club New

The Club sponsored and chartered the Rotaract Club of Taylors College Subang on 15 July 2013. A Charter Ceremony was organised on 28 August 2013 with the presence of the District Rotaract Chairman. The Club also assisted with the Classroom Experience project of the new Rotaract Club.

The Club is sponsoring the set-up of 2 new Rotaract Clubs – Segi College and Sunway University

3. Charter of Interact Club New

The following Interact Clubs have been chartered this year

- a. Interact Club of SMK SS17 (17 September 2013)
- b. Interact Club of Maz International School (17 September 2013)
- c. Interact Club of SMK Bandar Sunway (17 September 2013)
- d. Interact Club of SMK Seafield (17 September 2013)
- e. Interact Club of SMK Subang Utama (19 September 2013)
- f. Interact Club of Sunway International School (1 June 2014)

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

1. Vocational Service Awards for Excellence in Journalism (2 October 2013) New

The Club honoured women journalists who have highlighted issues of concern to women. A total of 29 members of the media attended the meeting on 2 October 2013 to receive the awards that were given to 6 winners. The Club prepared a video on the awards in honour of the winners. There was extensive media publicity. The event was highlighted in 4 different newspapers and one interview on a TV talk show. Details are available at Rotary Showcase.

2. Vocational Visit (6 March 2014)

The Club organised a Vocational Visit to the brewery of Guinness Anchor Berhad on 6 March 2014.

CLUB SERVICE

1. The Club has introduced various activities for members to encourage participation :
 - a. Fireside (3 August 2013)
 - b. Fellowship trip to the island of Langkawi (15 September 2013)
 - c. Hosting joint and intercity meetings –RC Langkawi, RC Petaling Jaya, RC Bernam Valley, RC Bukit Komanwel, RC Bandar Utama, RC Sentul, RC Pantai Valley, RC Cheras, RC Titiwangsa, RC Greater KL, RC Melawati, RC Mont Kiara, RC Central Damansara & Rc Subang (14 Clubs)
 - d. Birthday celebrations at meetings
 - e. Festival celebration – Christmas(18 December 2013) and Deepavali (5 November 2013) and Chinese New Year (5 February 2014)
 - f. The Club has a weekly bulletin that contains Club, District and RI news
 - g. The Club has a website that has a public area as well as a newly launched members only section. The website sends automatic reminders to members about upcoming activities and lists Rotarians and family's birthday and anniversaries
 - h. Speakers – The Club has prominent speakers organised for every meeting e.g President of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Orthopaedic surgeon talking on Scoliosis, etc
 - i. The Club has held 4 assemblies – 31 July 2013, 4 September 2013, 22 January 2014 and 28 May 2014.
 - j. The Club has welcomed the DG and the AG for their respective official visits

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- a. The Club has signed a new sister club agreement with the Rotary Club of Capital City, Sri Lanka New

- b. The Club worked with 3 other clubs in the District to do a 'Leg for Legless' project in Sri Lanka. The project was a success that is will be part of the District Project for the next rotary year. **New**

MEMBERSHIP

1. The Club has a new mentoring programme for members
2. Every member of the Club is in one or more Club Committees
3. The Club started with 39 members and reached the milestone of **50** members by welcoming 7 new members (Rtn Dorothy, Rtn Asvika, Rtn Angelo, Rtn Kennedy, Rtn Puveendra, Rtn Sanjiv & Rtn Pushpa) and transfer/re-joining of 4 Rotarians to the Club (PP Susan, Rtn Sharon, Rtn Viro, Rtn Rajendran)

PUBLIC IMAGE

The Club has had a record breaking number of PR initiatives. The following has appeared **17** times in the printed media and **4** times on TV as follows :-

1. 29 July 2013 – Tamil Nesan “Kitchen Bundle Project”
2. 29 July 2013 – Malaysian Nanban “Kitchen Bundle Project”
3. 13 August 2013 – The Star “Helping to put food on the Table” – Kitchen Bundle Project
4. 14 August 2013 – New Starits Times “Needy Single Mums receive food budles” – Kitchen Bundle Project
5. 21 August 2013 – Daily Express “Kian Kok School wins I-Quiz “ – I-Quiz Project
6. 22 August 2013 – See Hua “I-quiz in KK”
7. 22 August 2013 –The Borneo Post - Rotary Club organises I-Quiz contest
8. 10 September 2013 – The Star “Meeting Vjucic inspires Nadeera” – Motivational Talk
9. 10 September 2013 – The Malay Mail” Aid for single mums”
10. 2 October 2013 – Star Online “The Star Journalist wins awards for single mums reporting” – Vocational Awards
11. 4 October 2013 – Star “Job Well Done” – Vocational Awards
12. 4 October 2013 – China Press – Vocational Awards
13. 4 October 2013 – Tamil Nesan – Vocational Awards
14. 4 October 2013 – “New Straits Times “NST Juorno bags Vocational Awards”
15. 3 January 2014 –Malay Mail – “Destitute women get boost with skill training “
16. 9 January 2014 – Star “Pusat latihan Rakyat Kasih celebrates its graduates”
17. 11 June 2014 – FMT News “ Hope for Persons with Multiple Sclerosis”

The Club secured free digital billboard advert for video to be played at the main city transportation hub at KL Sentral. **New**

The Club has refurbished the Bus Stop panel in the Desa Mentari area.

The Club worked together with Restoran Rasamas to give away free refrigerator magnets with Rotary messages. **New**

The Club launched the Scolio project with 2 live TV interviews namely on Bernama TV on 11 April 2014 and on Wheels on 2 (TV2) on 14 April 2014. Kitchen Bundle Interview was aired on TV2 and Astro Vanavil on 4 August 2013 **New**

Project Branding - the Club has designed new logos for branding and image including Kitchen Bundle, IQQuiz, MS Walk, Scolio, Dhanvathri L4 and Vocational Awards for Journalists **New**

DISTRICT PARTICIPATION

- a. The Club hosted the House of Friendship for the District Conference in December 2013
- b. The Club hosted Pre-Pets 2 in February 2014
- c. The Club hosted the TRF Awards Night on 17May 2014 at the Royal Lake Club
- d. 10 members of the Club are in District Committees
- e. The Club has contributed RM12,000 to the District Building Fund
- f. 3 Members became Jamil Rais Fellows this year – AG Mano, PP Dieter and President Sandra
- g. Members of the Club have participated in District Events like the 3 pillar seminar (25 August 2013) , the District Breakfast Fellowship at the Rotary Square (8 September 2013) , the Rotary Leadership Institute (22-24 November 2013) , the District Jogathon (24 November 2013) and The Cycle for Peace Penang (22 February 2014).

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

1. Chartered a new Rotaract Club of Taylors College Subang
2. Chartered a new Interact Club of Maz International School & Sunway International School as well as the existing 4 Interact Clubs – a total of 6 Interact Clubs officially chartered this year.
3. Increase membership by 28 % from 39 members to reach 50 members for the first time in the history of the Club
4. Increase women membership by 150% from 4 to 10 lady Rotarians
5. Retention of members for the year is 100%
6. New sister Club in Sri Lanka – Rotary Club of Capital City
7. Bumper year of PR efforts including 17 newspaper articles, 2 live & 2 recorded interviews on TV, and one month promotion at KL Sentral
8. Appointed 1st polio ambassador for the Club – Deborah Henry Miss Universe Malaysia 2011 and Miss Malaysia World 2007.
9. Introduced 11 new community service projects in this Rotary year
10. Received grants from 3 sources - Rotary International, District 3300 and Yayasan Kelab Kelab Rotary Malaysia.

AWARDS FOR THE YEAR

From Rotary International

1. Rotary International Presidential Citation with Distinction
2. Rotary Club Central Award
3. Rotary Foundation District Service Awards (PP Dato Ram and President Sandra)
4. 100% USD100 per capita Club
5. Presidential Citation – Rotaract Club of Bandar Sunway
6. Presidential Citation – Interact Club of Subang Utama

From District 3300

1. The Governors' Top Rotary Club Award
2. 1st Prize – Best Club Administration Award – “Cementing Bonds Through Fellowship”
3. 1st Prize – Best TRF Project Award – “Empower – Women Skills Training Programme”
4. 1st Prize – Most New Members Award
5. 1st Prize – Best Membership Development Initiatives
6. 1st Prize – Top Induction of New Members
7. 1st Prize – Highest Percentage Membership Retention
8. 1st Prize – Best Long Term Service Project Award – Leg For Legless
9. 2nd Prize – Best Club Website
10. 2nd Prize - Best Printed Club Bulletin
11. 2nd Prize – Best PR Award
12. 2nd Prize – Best Service to New Generations Award – “The IQuiz going National”
13. 3rd Prize – Best Vocational Service Award – “Award to Women Journalists “

And recognitions

1. Top 10 major contribution to the District Building Fund
2. Top contributing Club to Yayasan Kelab Kelab Rotary Malaysia
3. Co-Host Club – District Conference (House of Friendship)