

**1998/99 - RI President James L Lacy**

**- RI Theme "Follow Your Rotary Dream"**

**- District Governor Dr Paul C K Lee**

**- Club President Dato' Gen (Rtd) Muslim Ayob**

The year coincided with the District Governor Dr Paul C K Lee from the club assuming the office of Governor of the district. As such many of the club Past Presidents were appointed as District Secretaries and the club also had to organise the District Conference.

The **District Conference** named the "Conference with a Difference" held at the cool mountain resort of Genting Highlands ably chaired by PP Dato' P Y Choong was a resounding success. The presence of the Rt. Hon Mr Bob Hawke, former Prime Minister of Australia who delivered the key-note address, "The Platters" performing at the Governor's Banquet, the participation of 6 other Rotary Clubs namely Cheras, Sentul, Pantai Valley, Bandar Sunway, Damansara and Bukit Bintang as partners, the opening of the House of Friendship in the night truly made the difference. Past RI Vice President Dr Richard Slager and Ann Elaine represented the RI President.

Apart from this district event, the club also attended in large numbers the official visit Intercity Dinner of RI President James Lacy, RI Incoming President Carlo Ravizza and Board Intercity Dinner which coincided with the Incoming Board meetings in Kuala Lumpur as well as the RI Convention in Singapore. The club especially the Interactors participated very actively in the district JE Children's Walkathon to raise money for the children of families affected by the JE virus.

On **District Awards**, the club received recognition for the Club Bulletin, Club Weekly Attendance and the community service project "Gift of Hope" as well as the Presidential Citation Award. PDG K B Lee was given RI highest "Service Above Self" award.

Under **Club Service**, the club had to shift the weekly meeting venue to Shangri-La on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 from Holiday Inn on the Park where the club had been meeting since the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1975 (nearly 22 years) as the venue ceased operation as a hotel. The membership stood at 65 from 60 at the beginning of the Rotary Year.

Under **Vocational Service**, Vocational Awards were given to Malaysian Red Crescent Society, Hospis Malaysia, National Heart Foundation (Sister Ramayee), Pemadam (Hj Musa Mohd Noh) and St John's Ambulance (Mr John Eric Mah). A Vocational Scholarship was awarded to Encik Mohd Fekkeri, a blind ex-navy personnel to procure the "Braille-N-Speak" computer devise to enable him to transcribe lecture notes into Braille at the Specialist Teachers' Training College.

Under **Community Service**, the "Gift of Hope" project entails the provision of workbooks, school uniform, shoes, socks, setting up a computer club, regular medical check-ups and breakfast for the Jalan San Peng Primary Tamil School. With the Rotaractors, Interactors from the 8 Interact Clubs and daughter club, the Rotary Club of Cheras, 200 trees were planted at Bukit Gasing. RM60,000.00 was given out as

secondary school scholarships (benefiting 200 students), university scholarship and grants.

Under **International Service**, a world understanding night called “Rainbow Night” with the South African High Commission and the GSE Team from South Africa was held at the residence of the District Governor. A matching grant project to renovate and improve the community hall, refurbish and repair the flooring, stage and electricity wiring and laying of cement tiles on the earthen paths/walkways in the orang asli settlement in Gombak costing RM31,000 was initiated with RC Brickfields and Pudu as project club and District 3800 as international sponsor. Pudu was the international sponsor for another matching grant project to provide furniture and library books to a pre-university school in India, District 3180 with the Rotary Club of Manipal Hills. Mr Kamal Bahren Basar was selected as one of the team members to visit District 9320 in South Africa.

Under **Service to New Generations**, apart from the annual programme the Rotaractors and Interactors participated very actively in the environmental protection tree planting project and the JE Children’s Walkathon.

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