

Register for the 71st District Assembly - **Be involved!!**

The Rotary theme for RY 2005-2006 is **Service Above Self** and the logo is the Wheel of Rotary.

Incoming RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar decided that the start to the 2nd century of service be marked by a cliché but nevertheless most meaningful theme that have been adopted by Rotary International to date. Our RI president 2005-2006 has no qualms about selecting such a simple theme even if it had been used before. He believes in it.



President Carl wishes to remind us Rotarians of the need to put our full effort in all things that we do under the name of Rotary. Many of us over the years have used this short motto telling us not to be selfish and continue doing service in the name of Rotary. When the theme and logo were revealed, I was overwhelmed by feelings and my inner visions were flooded with what I must do in District 3300. If the leader of our pack can revert to the past to pioneer the future, why can't I as the next governor of District 3300 do so with the same dignity?

This took place in Anaheim, California, where Swan Sim and I attended the mandatory governor's training. It should be noted that Rotary International put so much emphasis on this training that those who fail to complete the course will be prevented to take on the role of governor for the year.

I returned to Malaysia fully re-energized and ready to lead. I have attended the **District Team Building Seminar** held in Ipoh just recently and I can feel the same energy oozing out of those district leaders who will be serving during my governorship. Together with the Chief District Trainer, PDG Dr Arasu, we are in the process of completing the training of our next batch of incoming presidents and district group leaders. After meeting them and hearing them out, I am convinced that we will have an enjoyable Rotary year in 2005-2006.

The first challenge for me is how to encourage the general membership of Rotary to support the organizing host club of the 71st District Assembly, the Rotary Club of Pantai Valley. The Assembly is to be held at the Genting Convention Centre, Genting Highlands, Pahang Darul Makmur, from 12 -15th May 2005. RC Pantai Valley has made it easy for us to either register by means of the hard copy or through the web-site they have set up viz: www.rotarypantavalley.org.my Both options are available by merely clicking on the said website for easy downloading.

The Annual Assembly is, among other things, also the time I will be installed as District Governor for the new Rotary year. I shall also reveal to you my goals and plans there. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event as it is also a valuable learning platform for all Rotarians. That is why it is normally held quite soon after the International Assembly.

My fellow Rotarians, Rotary, as you know, is evolving and changing according to the times and so our District Assembly Modules too change in tandem. Those who have attended a District Assembly before will still stand to gain more Rotary information and knowledge as there will be new things to learn. Yes, learning is a lifelong process, too, in the realm of Rotary. I therefore urge all Rotarians, including our dear senior ones, to register for the Assembly to update yourself and you can then in turn share your knowledge with the others in your Club. I am pretty certain your Club's president will appreciate such assistance as he/she cannot be everywhere at the same time. Besides the whole bunch of interesting things to discuss, share and learn at the Assembly, the newer Rotarians amongst us will surely appreciate and value the experience that only you, the senior Rotarians, can share with them. Indeed, you can do so much by enlightening and guiding them.

PEs would do well to encourage his/her whole Board of Directors - at the very least, the Secretary and the Treasurer - to come support him/her at the Assembly also as PEs have to be in Workshops all the time and therefore, delegation is essential and important.

I would like to end this message with a heartfelt 'Thank You!' to PP Mohamad Abdullah and his untiring Organising Committee members for putting in so much hard work into this event. I am sure the participants will enjoy the Assembly, what with all the attention to details that you all have been putting into this. Syabas!

Stand up and be counted as a Rotarian, my friend!

Ken Khoo
Incoming District Governor.

PS: For registration, please contact PP Mohamad Abdullah of RC Pantai Valley or your Club Presidents for Registration Forms. If you wish to, I can be contacted at kbk1@pc.jaring.my.