

The Malaysian Apexian

Citizenship. Service. Fellowship




The Association Emblem

1. The rising sun represents the rising generation of youth
2. The base of the triangle represents the ideal of citizenship
3. The sides of the triangle represents the ideals of fellowship and service

The emblem was originally designed in 1931 by Edward Laird, one of the three founding members of Apex.


Apex Invocation




For Good Food



For Good Fellowship



And the privilege to serve



We give thanks



Ideals of Apex
A full and detailed explanation of ideals

Service projects EXPOSED!!



A pictorial exposure on some of Apex Malaysia projects

ETF memoir



Apex Education Trust fund brief history

Tune in for more.....

Greetings from the Editor's Desk!

Who incidentally is your National Vice President and National Action & Expansion Director

Hola guys!!! First and foremost I would like to wish all Apexians a a very happy 2019 !!! May this new year bring all of us much happiness (fellowship), prosperity (new members), joy (service) and wealth (eerrrr....I don't think that needs any explanation).

It has been almost six years since we had The Malaysian Apexian and since there has been much interest from members on this publication, the national board under the steady leadership of Apexian Sritharan has made it a priority to not just rekindle but to actually publish this much missed magazine. (n/b- publishing here means digital publishing, not printed)

As much as I enjoyed publishing this magazine, I did encounter a little bit of difficulties in gathering information and photographs. I hope that more enthusiasm and cooperation will be exhibited by members in the future as there would be another publication before the National Convention.



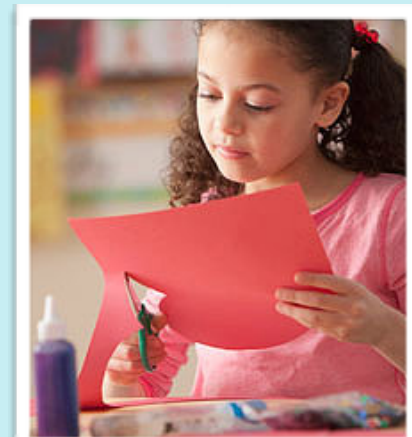
I was informed that The Malaysian Apexian was one of the most anticipated material among Apexians in the past as it was the only other communication tool apart from Dinner Notices. It was THE only magazine that compiles all photographs and activities of Apex Club in Malaysia, interesting articles and information within the organisation.

While I was of the impression that Facebook, Twitter and other forms of social media would be able to replace The Malaysian Apexian, the majority opined the contrary. After preparing this e-magazine, I think I would have to concur

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Apex club was formed at Geelong in 1931 when three architects attempted to join the Rotary Club of Geelong. As Rotary has a rule restricting one profession to each club, three architects- Ewan Lairdd, Langham Proud and John Buchan went on to form The Young Businessmen's Club of Geelong. After clubs were formed at Ballarat and Camperdown, The Association of Apex Clubs were formed, and the three clubs branded as "Apex".

Also, until the early 1990s, Apex only allowed male members, but the 2006 National Convention decided to merge the gender specific clubs and boards that had formed into one and for all to accept members of both genders to their clubs



with them that reading The Malaysian Apexian gives a completely different feel altogether in disseminating information among members of the Association. It feels more personal and fun (although it was painstakingly long to prepare). That apart, I was happy that I was introduced to a new software on my MacBook which I used to publish this from scratch.

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There are a few people that I would like to specifically thank and if not for their contribution, assistance and guide, the Malaysian Apexian would not have materialise.

My first appreciation goes to NP Sri whose relentless encouragement and support gave me the enthusiasm finish this project in a short span of time.

I would like to also thank AG Suresh Sivaram, Lifer Ganeson of Apex Club of Klang and NIRD Lifer Lily Kaur for agreeing and contributing an article each without any hesitation upon my request.

Apart from those named above, I would like to express gratitude to my National Board members, Lifer Thavanesan, PNP Stephanie and Global Secretary PNP AS Naidu for their guidance.



NP Sri introducing his Board of Directors in the Konvensyen Harapan 2018

It is also imperative that I do not miss out all club Presidents that took effort to contribute pictures and captions of their service projects carried out during the first half of this 2018/2019 Apex Year.

As this publication would be released right before the Mid-Term meeting in Taiping organised by Apex Club of Penang, I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best and also congratulate them in advance for a successful meet.

Apart from thanking everyone I think that it is only fair that I apologise for all shortcomings in this publication. I assure you a more improved version for the next publication with more reading materials and information.

Thank you, adios amigos!!!!

Yours in Apex,

Ravin Karunanidhi

National Vice President
National Action & Expansion Director
The Malaysian Apexian Editor



National President's Message

I am indeed happy to write this message in conjunction with the relaunch of our publication of “The Malaysian Apexian”. The credit of course goes to our NVP/NAAED Ravin Karunandhi. I also thank clubs and individuals who have assisted Ravin in one way or another to bring out this publication.

I am told, that the idea of publishing The Malaysian Apexian goes back to the mid/late-seventies, soon after autonomy. To ease the burden on the NAAED, the then National Board formed an Editorial/Business Committee consisting of senior Apexians to oversee all aspects of publishing a magazine including sourcing

for funds, etc. They succeeded at a time when ICT was unheard of. Yes, there was no internet; YouTube and Google were oddities and Wikipedia was neologism (unheard word). But succeeded they did.

Now with the ease of communication via social media, etc. I hope more clubs and members will contribute write-ups of club activities along with photographs and graphics. Our Association will also love to see our Life Governors, Life Members and senior members come on board by contributing articles or sharing their experiences via The Malaysian Apexian.

I also call upon all Apexians to commit themselves to this year's theme of “Lets Rise Up Together to Rebuild Apex”. Collectively and individually we can and must rebuild Apex to greater heights.

In line with the above theme, I would strongly encourage individual members and clubs to jointly have Apex Awareness Programs in their respective communities to promote Apex and to attract young members into the Apex fraternity. This would be one way for us to rebuild Apex. Thus, one such program is the Dialysis Machine Fund Raising Project. No doubt the noble cause is to cater for kidney patients in the outskirts but at the same time, it is an opportunity to expose Apex to the public. The haemodialysis machine will be placed at St John's Ambulance Malaysia's Kuala Selangor Dialysis Centre where there is a need to cater for the rising number of patients who cannot afford treatment in urban areas.

As per our third Apex Ideal “To provide a means of forming enduring friendships, rendering altruistic service and building better communities”, I hope the Malaysian Apexian will start a spark in you to initiate and participate actively in social and service projects.

Let's Rise Up Together to Rebuild Apex

Thank you.

Yours in Apex,

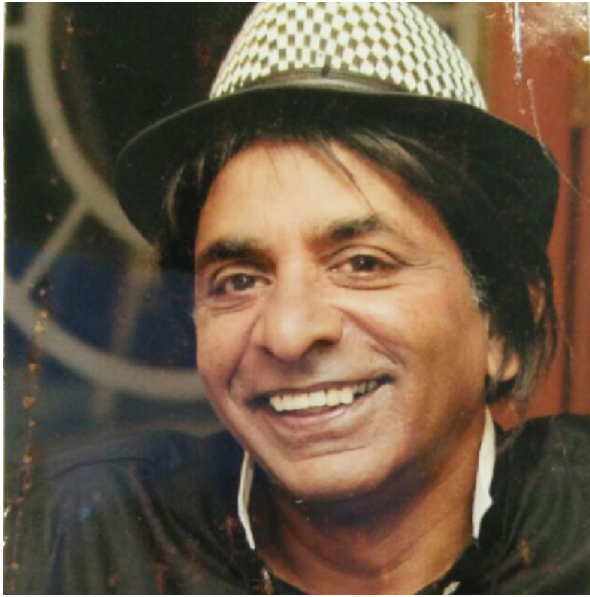
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National President (2018/2019)

National Association of Apex Clubs of Malaysia

How I got to know Apex

by Lifer T Ganeson



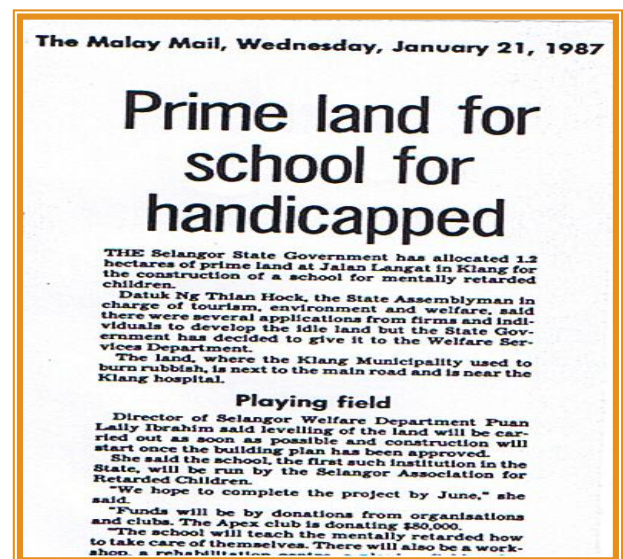
Way back in 1976, during my sales career as a door-to-door salesman selling vacuum cleaners, I bumped into a teacher in a school, who spoke to me about improving myself, as he was not too impressed with me. so i was invited to attend a dinner at Royal Klang Club on one Friday, and there I saw a group of elderly people involved in a public speaking contest.



I could not believe the way they spoke as many of them were teachers. That was my first experience at Apex meeting.

Approximately a week later I was invited to witness Apes sponsoring a baby, Ruth Chan, for a heart correction surgery in Australia and I was part of the entourage sending the child with their parents at Subang International Airport. I was extremely amazed when I was told that the entire expenses was sponsored by Apex.

On the third occasion, I had the chance to meet



Construction of the school grabbed national headlines

3 more new members who had been introduced to Apex. Here, my recruiter spoke about:

1. Building our self confidence
2. Reaching out to the needy
3. Improving our skills in every aspect of our daily routine

All 3 of us were inducted into Apex Klang and thereafter, whatever my recruiter spoke was happening.

No long later in 1982, I was elected to head this club as President, and this further enhanced my leadership qualities and commitment to selling. I was fortunate to have a bunch of guys much older to me who were in the corporate industry. This gave me confidence to converse at all levels



Hosted Miss World 1987 in one of our fund raising activities



without fear and this helped me very much personally in my professional career.

To add further, that was the period (1983-1987) that we were starting many outstanding service projects. To mention a few:

1.3 volunteers sailed on a lorry tube from KL to Port Klang raising \$20,000.00 for our pet project – Our Klang Special School. This was featured in various electronic and print media.

2. We hosted Miss World (Miss Iceland), Runners-up Miss Sweden and Miss Ireland together with the reigning Miss Malaysia, Sheila Shanker for a fund raising dinner in Klang Club. We raised \$17,000.00 and this too attracted maximum media coverage and gave us a great publicity.

3. We had 3 volunteer cyclists who cycled from Penang to Klang stopping in every major town along the way for donations. The entire Apex fraternity was involved in this and we collected \$15,000.00

With all these on going fund raising activities and the involvements we experienced, has put many of us above all norms, and the public too were very impressed with Apex and its members.

This has in many ways made many Apexians successful in their career, in the business, in their family lives and many of us have also been elected to hold the highest office in Apex Malaysia.



Volunteer cyclists who cycled from Penang to Klang

Under an NGO umbrella like Apex, we too got to know many new friends within and outside Malaysia such as Australians, Indians, Bangladeshis, Singaporeans, Sri Lankans, Pilipino, and Fijians.

We could not have done it without Apex, and Syabas to the new Apexians, as we hope that you too will experience just like us – the old ones.



APEX EDUCATION TRUST FUND

In 1963, the then existing few clubs decided on assisting poor and deserving upper secondary pupils with non-repayable cash stipends. With the generous support of Western Australian Apex Clubs, this then developed into the so called Student Bursary Fund.

To handle this Student Bursary Fund, the then District 5 created a District Bursary Chairman's portfolio tasked with co-ordinating both fund raising activities and the disbursement of such funds among the clubs. Over time, members felt that besides cash handouts, other forms of education related assistance such as school books, uniforms/sports gear, food vouchers and etc. could also be considered. Thus the fund evolved into Apex Education Fund. From the very start, rules and procedures were introduced to ensure the scheme was properly administered to benefit the targeted group.

The idea of forming a central Apex Education Fund was mooted sometime in 1973, when our association of clubs was under a Regional Body. Several ideas were put forth on how to raise the then targeted sum of M\$ 100,000.00, which was subsequently revised to M\$ 500,000.00.

By 1974, through some fund raising activities and from direct donations by local and Australian clubs, our association managed to bring in nearly M\$ 45,000.00.

When autonomy came about in 1975, the association felt that funding should be sourced locally and not be dependent on Australia. Local clubs were encouraged to raise their own funds and continue with their assistance. It was also decided then to have a national-level central fund which could invest wisely and the returns disbursed to clubs for their bursary scheme. Soon after, rules for the operation of the Apex Education Trust Fund were prepared and submitted to the Registrar of Societies. Application for tax exemption for all direct donations was approved on 5 July 1980.

Around 1983, Lifer Governor A. Gnanarajah (now Dato') was chosen to head a committee to raise funds for the Education Trust Fund. A National Lottery Draw was soon organised, which after deductions for expenses, managed to bring in RM 185,300.00. For better management of funds, the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (M) Trustees Bhd. was appointed as Trustees. This went on until 1990, when their services were terminated and all funds entrusted with them were transferred back to the Education Trust Fund.

Soon after the lottery draw, a trustee committee comprising of an elected chairman and the top two serving officials (Nat. President and Nat. Vice President) from the National Board was put in place. The chairman who is empowered to appoint a number of individual members to assist in the running of the Trust Fund soon appointed (LM) V. Thillainathan as Secretary and (LG) Clement Fernandez as Treasurer. Clement resigned from his post in 1991 when he migrated to Australia. He was replaced by me, then a Life Member.

It was in the Apex year 1986/87, that the Trust Fund for the first time approved a sum of RM 12,800.00 for disbursement to 13 Apex Clubs. This disbursement of funds to complement clubs in the bursary activities continues to this day.

At the last National Convention in August 2018, LG Dato' A. Gnanarajah relinquished his post as the chairman of ETF and announced the dissolution of the existing ETF Committee.

PNP Edward Mai Mang Lee (Penang) was then unanimously elected to head the Apex ETF and he subsequently announced the appointment of T.Thanabalasingam (Malacca Central) as the ETF Secretary and A. Sannasi Naido (KL) as the ETF Treasurer.

As at 31 December 2018, our Education Trust Fund has a balance of RM816,800.00. I am very confident that the new chairman and his committee will soon breach our target of 1 Million Ringgit.

Apex Governor Suresh Sivaram

APEX AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONVENTION 2018

Apex Australia held their National Convention 2018 on 5th and 6th October, 2018 at a suburb called Wagga Wagga, NSW, Australia. The venue was the Mercure Hotel. I had the honor of attending this Convention representing Apex Malaysia as NIRD.

After being picked up from Sydney airport by Life Member Roy Woods and Carol Woods from Apex Club of Chinchilla and a quick tour of Sydney and lunch at the famous Bondi beach we drove to Wagga Wagga which took us 4 hours with a stopover at Bowral for the night.



The Convention was well represented by most of the Clubs in Australia. It started with a Regional Communicator Training session followed by a Members Training session. There was a welcome dinner and fellowship which included the National Public Speaking competition.

The following morning, there was the official opening ceremony by Apex Global Chairman, Eshwar Elango followed by the business session and National Awards Ceremony. Meantime, all non-delegates were taken on a tour of Wagga Wagga with a stopover at a pie shop, a butcher's shop and ended off with a visit to a brewery for a taste of their local craft beers.



Later at night there was the Gala Dinner and the NP's change over. Some very prominent awards like Apexian of the Year, Best Club Trophy, Young Apexian of the Year were handed out during the Dinner.



Apex Australia National Board 2018/2019

The next morning there was the usual farewells as all the members started their journey back to their respective homes. We also bid farewell to Wagga Wagga and proceeded on part 2 of our trip – to Melbourne.

Thank you.
Lifer Lily Kaur
NIRD 2018/2019

IDEALS OF APEX

-What does it mean?

To make the ideal of service the basis of all enterprise

- a) To be of service to the community and seek support of community groups to assist Apex in its service activities.
- b) to be of service to disadvantaged groups and individuals
- c) from time to time, to be involved as groups of clubs in larger schemes or projects

To develop by example, a more intelligent and aggressive citizenship

- a) to care and be seen to care for all individuals in society
- b) to be active leaders in the community
- c) to be involved in activities which assist Apexians to grow as individuals
- d) to establish meaningful relations with other organisations so that Apex is aware of the needs of the community
- e) to act in the community over issues and problems affecting the community at local, regional and national levels

To provide a means of forming enduring friendships, rendering altruistic service and building better communities

- a) to assist families in our communities
- b) To provide opportunities, wherever possible, for family involvement generally
- c) to provide through service work, a meaningful process of personal involvement and a sense of achievement

To promote international understanding and friendship

- a) to promote in the community an increased international understanding
- b) to be involved with organisations in order to be better informed of international affairs
- c) to seek and provide opportunities for overseas service, international friendship and overseas travel

A pictorial report of Apex Malaysia thus far....



Apex KL international joint service project with Apex Club of Iloilo-Philippines, Apex Bangladesh, Apex Club of Madras-India, Apex Club of Brisbane City-Australia



Hi-tea at Valley of Hope - Sg Buloh



RM10,000.00 donation for the Dialysis Machine Project initiated by the National Board



Deepavali cookies distribution to Juara Homes by Apex KL



Bedding distribution to Ragavendra Homes, Seremban



Lunch and groceries provided by Apex Seremban for Ragavendra Homes,



Launching of Litan Heart Warmer's fund by Apex Penang



Bursary Presentation worth RM4,500.00 to students of SMK Hamid Khan, Penang



Apex Club of Penang sponsored supplements for Mr Chan Nee Koon who became paralysed recently



Presented tables and chairs worth RM1,000.00 to the Penang Shan



Health Awareness campaign by Apex PJ



Medipulse Health Awareness Campaign
01 December 2018

Public Awareness campaign by Apex PJ



Apex PJ Public Awareness Campaign 10-11 Nov 2018



Setting up of 2nd Booth At Dataran MBPJ, Petaling Jaya



Apex PJ Public Awareness Campaign 10-11 Nov 2018

Blood donation drive





Visit to HCK Orphanage Home

Gathering of young adults, introducing them to Apex and services conducted by Apex PJ



Joint fund-raising initiative by central Apex Clubs

See 4'all On The 22 October 2018, 8PM
 The HGH Convention Centre, Sentul Kuala Lumpur

Apex Klang bursary and service project with Port School in Klang Special School



Apex Klang joint service project with Apex KL in Rumah Kebajikan Sri Sayang



Apex Klang service project in Bidor Orang Asli Village





Apex Sungai Petani Bursary Presentation



Apex Melaka Blood Donation Drive



Apex Malaysia Joint National Club Dinner Meeting in Holiday Villa, Subang



Apex Melaka presenting blankets, pillos and sandals to Pertubuhan Kebajikan Warga Emas & Anak Yatim Nazareth



Apex Melaka Donation of RM4,000.00 in SJK Tamil Merlimau for library upgrade



APEX BSP sponsoring lunch for children



Cleaning up of Pantai Kelanang, Morib



Apex Ipoh hosting lunch for orphanage children



Blood donation drive organised by Apex Kajang

Apex Ipoh gifting groceries to Pertubuhan Jagaan Kanak-Kanak Cacat Setia





Distribution of goodie bags by Apex Damansara in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Klang



Apex Damansara's Philip Presenting Encyclopaedia to SMK Bukit Gading



Distribution of goodie bags by Apex Damansara in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Klang