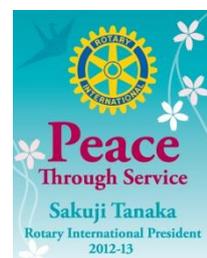




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Best Rotaractor Nomination

Dear District Awards Chair and District Rotaract Chair,

This is a nomination for Rotaractor Shea Speare from the Rotaract Club of Penang for the Best Rotaractor award in this coming District Awards Night RY2012/2013. I am sure everyone in District 3300 knows of this guy with a funny name, if he is not famous for his unique name, people would remember him for his deep coarse voice. However, jokes aside, this young gentleman who is the current president for Rotaract Club of Penang has all the values to win the best rotaractor award.

A little bit of history as to how Shea Speare joined Rotaract; he was in the Rotaract Club of Miri a few years back when he is studying there. Back then, Shea Speare was shy, not very outspoken and definitely passive. However, he knows he wants to be part of a good cause to contribute to the society, hence why he joined Rotaract. Soon, he graduated and came back to Penang to work. With a passion to serve the community and do good, he looked up online to search for any Rotaract organization in the North Zone. I would say its fate that brought Shea Speare and the rotaractors in Rotaract Club of Penang together, he found our contact online and contacted PDRR Leik Hong to ask if he can join our club meetings. He came to get to know our organization without any persuasion from our club members or any of his friends, with just a burning passion to serve the community, he made it to our 2nd club meeting during the term RY2010/2011. This shows that Shea Speare is one that would go the extramile to make sure he achieve his goals.

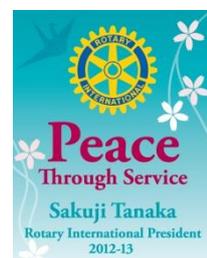
Although not the brightest and outstanding member when he first joined Rotaract Club of Penang 3 years ago, Shea Speare has quickly adapt and improve a whole lot. For example, he started off as the co-organizer for a small scale project called Interact Leadership Training Seminar where we organized leadership games and lead workshops for Interactors so they can lead their own club better. From then on, he organised many projects, the biggest scale one the Love Alive Charity Concert 2 where we raised RM 40,000 for the National Kidney Foundation. If you ask him, he would tell you that Rotaract plays a very crucial part in shaping who he is today.

As a working adult, it is definitely not easy to juggle work and being absolutely committed to a non-profit organization. I have to give it to Shea Speare's sense of responsibility as I observe how he travel from Perlis (where he worked at) to Penang to chair Rotaract meetings in that 2 months of preparation for the charity concert. He is also very driven to push limits when raising fund for the National Kidney Foundation. Although he got rejected by many companies he approached to look for sponsors, he never gave up and seeks for every chance he could. He made calls, he approach his contacts personally and at the end, he was able to pull in the majority worth of sponsors.

Not only does Shea Speare organize projects to serve the community, he also aspire to build people. I once asked him, what does building people mean? He told me that Rotaract has built up his self-esteem, social skills and most importantly shaped him to a



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better person. 3 years ago he would never have imagined that he is able to lead a group of people, work together as one and do well for the society. Today, he has stepped out of his comfort zone to do great things, so he felt that it is only right if he help build people and make them a better version of themselves too. As the president of the club, he always encourages our members to volunteer, participate and contribute within their ability. Contributing within our own ability in this context means if one is able to commit and organize a project, he would encourage him or her to be the organizer; and if one has other commitments such as work or studies, he would not force and encourage them to volunteer to just help out. Of course, Shea Speare would supervise and overlook as the organizer carry out his/her task, providing support and guidance when needed. The members are always happy with their job scope and never felt pressured working together with him.

Shea Speare is also a firm believer of *'if you want something you've never had, then you've got to do something you've never done'*. With the Rotary theme this year, 'Peace through Service', he thought it would be a brilliant idea to bring a few Rotaract Clubs together to organise a project, in the name of promoting peace and good relationships between Rotaract clubs. Hence, Shea Speare initiated the project '**Penta-Project: Peace through Community**' where the first time in District 3300, we have 5 clubs working together to organise a project. Rotaractors from the district were inspired to do more joint projects as well after Shea Speare's sharing session about our project in the last District Awards Assembly in April.

Besides having initiated the Penta-Project, Shea Speare has a vast network with Rotaractors from other districts as well, namely **Rotaract Club of Kuching** from District 3310, **Rotaract Club of Chinatown, Manila** from District 3810, **Rotaract Club of City University of Hong Kong** from District 3450, **Rotaract Club of Tamar Valley** from District 9830 and **Rotaract Club of Taipei Fu-Jong** from District 3480. It is his goal to maintain a holistic relationship with various rotaract club not only within the district but also across other district as well. Hence his idea of the Project Globe-Trecker where we send our mascot to the Rotaract Club of Kuching and Manila, Chinatown and etc, it is a conscious effort to build a solid relationship with international rotaractors. His effort is applaudable as he had made Rotaract Club of Penang well known internationally.

All in all, Shea Speare had been a great person to work with. In this one year as his Vice President, never once did we have an argument over disagreements because he is always rational and understanding enough to think in other's shoes. He believes in sorting out disagreements with proper communication and maturity. I believe that Shea Speare is the best candidate to receive the Best Rotaractor Award. With that I shall end my piece. Thank you ☺

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