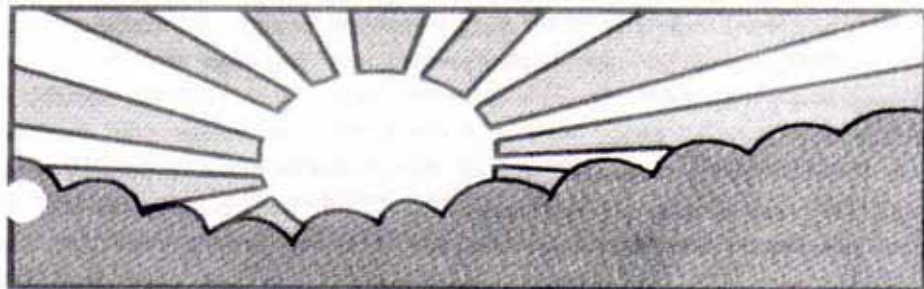

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The Fifth Annual General Meeting

The fifth AGM of Persatuan Daybreak was held on Sunday 24 June 2001 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel of Canning Garden Methodist Church, Ipoh. There were twenty-nine members present as well as four invited guests.

Mr. Siu Tack Chuan, the Chairman welcomed and thanked Mr. V. Muniandy (Asst. Director, Perak Social Welfare Dept.) and all those who were present for taking time off to attend the meeting. He said that the year 2000 was a very busy year. The Top Ten Charity Concert was held on 9 May 2000. After the fundraising project the committee members met regularly with the building contractors to attend to matters regarding the construction of the new building. He thanked Datin Sandra Lee and the Fundraising Committee for their dedicated service. They appealed for donations of building materials from several companies and also obtained attractive discounts on some items. Their efforts helped to reduce considerably the cost of the new building. He thanked all the generous donors who contributed in different ways towards the new building. Mr. Siu reported that the new centre in Pengkalan Pegoh has been running smoothly since January 2001. He thanked all the volunteers, committee members, members of Persatuan Daybreak for their service and support in all our programmes. He was also grateful to members of CGMC and its circuit churches for their participation in our activities.

Datin Sandra Lee, the Deputy Chairman, said that inspite of all the ups and downs that Daybreak faced all these nine years, God has been faithful and graciously provided for us. We have our own building now with its suitable facilities for training the disabled. Our new Manager, Mr. Leo Yee, has wide experience. Two Occupational Therapists would be joining our staff and would implement all our programmes to train the disabled for useful employment. She reported that Mrs. Ellen Yoong along with her visited, in December 1999, the Phoenix Society in Adelaide, Australia which is a non-profit organization for the disabled. Mr. Robert Styling, Manager of Human Resources, Phoenix Society would visit Daybreak Centre on 14 August 2001. He would be sharing with his experience and knowledge on the training programmes for the disabled with CDs and manuals. Datin Sandra Lee concluded that our struggles had seen a breakthrough and something meaningful had resulted in helping the disabled to be gainfully employed.

The following were those elected or appointed during the AGM as office bearers for a period of two years from 2001 to 2003.

CHAIRMAN	:	Mr. Siu Tack Chuan
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	:	Datin Sandra Lee
HON. SECRETARY	:	Mrs. Julie Liew
HON. TREASURER	:	Ms. Low Chin Lan
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:		Mrs. Ellen Yoong
	:	Mr. Ong Tit Hin
	:	Dato' Percy Muttiah
	:	Mrs. Nancy Teoh
	:	Mr. David Thambyrajah
	:	Mr. Wan Sai Fun
HON. AUDITORS	:	Mr. Chew Pete Cheung
	:	Mr. Adrian Tsen
TRUSTEES	:	Dr. Su Too Kiat
	:	Dato' Lee Oi Hian

Our New Training Department

We provide rehabilitation and skill training for people with intellectual and physical disabilities at Daybreak. After the trainees have completed two years at the centre we seek suitable job placement for them. We have been able to get suitable work for 85 of them in open employment while 11 are employees in Persatuan Daybreak.

There are now 39 trainees in our centre and we plan to increase the intake in the near future. An Occupational Therapist, Mr. E. Muthuraman, joined our staff on 1 August 2001 and he is in charge of the Training Department. He is assisted by 2 Training Assistants and

Drivers cum training helpers. We have three vans which provide transport for our trainees and some staff members. The drivers also help out in this department whenever they are free.

*Our
Training
Workshop*



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Packing*

The Training Department has two sections - the Training Workshop and the Sheltered Workshop. The trainees are graded into 4 levels of instructions during the 2 years in the Training Workshop. They progress according to their abilities. The 4 levels of training are :

- i) induction
- ii) handling light task
- iii) handling advanced task
- iv) learning special skills.

Those placed in the Sheltered Workshop have severe disabilities and as a result require longer period of rehabilitation and training. The trainees are introduced to work environment and have to punch cards for beginning and ending of work. They learn to use a mini conveyor belt during their course. This is to simulate a production environment as in factories.

The trainees look forward for Fridays as they enjoy their games and fellowship. They play various games up to 10.30am which is followed by their usual training session. After their lunch in the dining hall they have a period of fellowship. A Social Concerns group from St. Peter's Church conducts this dancing and singing session. Rev. Ng Moon Heng, a talented guitarist, encourages all the trainees to join him in some lively songs.

Out-door
Activity



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DONATIONS : We would be grateful for any donation to us. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Persatuan Daybreak.