



1 Kopites pose for a group photo at Kelab PJ.

2 The entrance to the hall adorned with Liverpool scarves.

Footie fans raise money for charity

Over 200 die-hard Liverpool supporters enjoy memorable members' night

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DESPITE an unusual downpour that delayed the start of KL Kopites third annual members night, fans saw the irony of their predicament that mirrored a line from Liverpool FC's famous *You'll Never Walk Alone* club anthem - *At the end of the storm, there's a golden sky.*

KL Kopites (KLK) is one of two Official Liverpool Supporters Club in Malaysia. With an active membership of more than 300 supporters, KLK provides an avenue for like-minded and passionate LFC supporters to come together to support their favourite team.

With the rain finally stopping after 8pm, some 200 members and guests who attended the event at Kelab PJ were all in good spirits.

KLK president Rathakrishnan Appalanaidu admitted that he was initially worried the weather

would ruin their months of hard work and planning but heaved a sigh of relief once the rain subsided and members started arriving in droves.

"Some even turned up in slippers but that shows how passionate this group of supporters are. Come rain or shine, they will be there no matter what," he said.

Members took the opportunity to immortalise the special night by having their photos taken with various Liverpool memorabilia.

As the night wore on, the mood

got increasingly livelier with popular songs by a two-man band, drinks and more popular Liverpool FC songs being sung together.

The highlight of the night was a charity auction to help raise funds for the National Kidney Foundation where KLK had pledged to donate RM32,000 for a dialyser reprocessor.

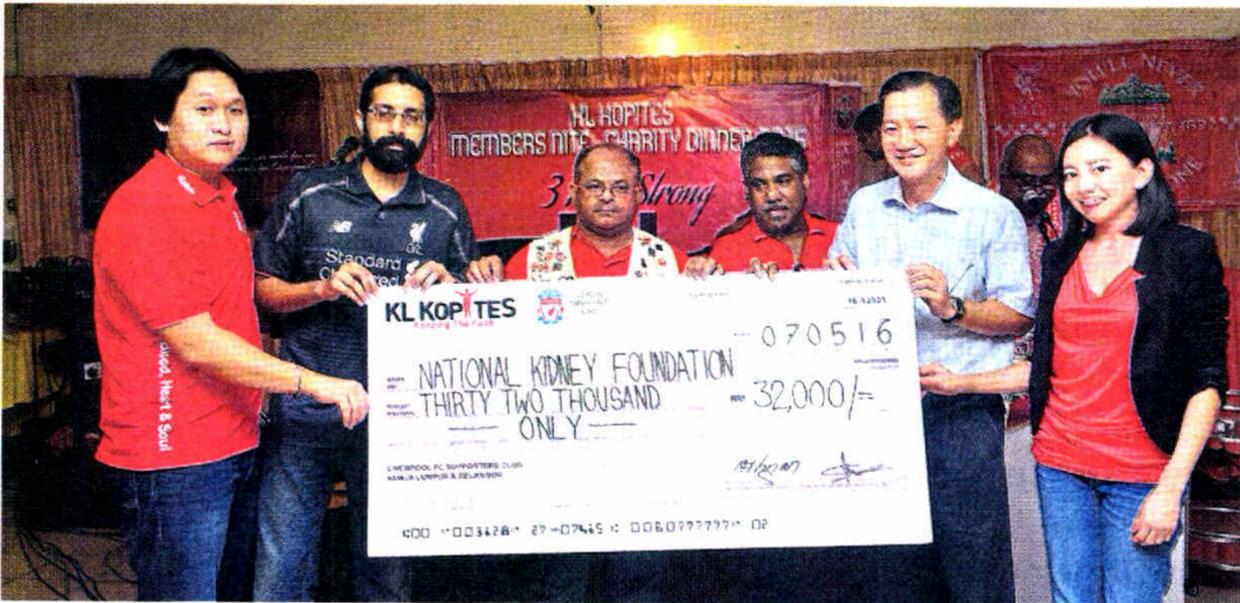
A sum of RM9,050 was raised during the auction with RM6,900 raised through the sale of a LFC jersey that was signed by the entire Liverpool first team. The remainder of the pledge was

donated directly by KLK.

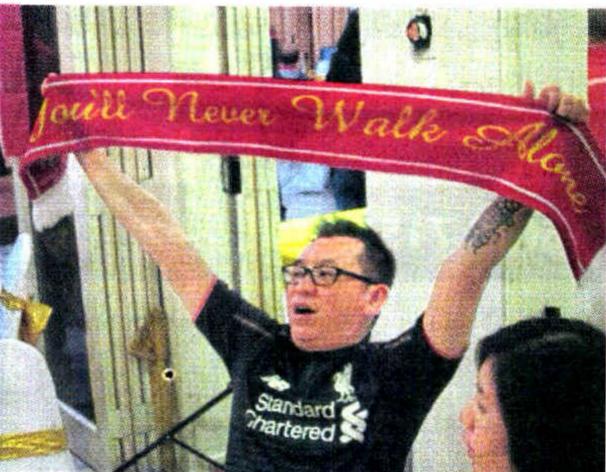
"All of us had a great member's night but it was even more significant this year because of our desire to also contribute to society," Rathakrishnan said.

The festivities continued up to 1am that night. If Liverpool wins the Europa League tomorrow morning (2.45am), fans all over the globe will be having an extended party for weeks to come.

For details on how to become a member of KL Kopites, email to klkopites@gmail.com or visit their KL Kopites Facebook page.



(From left) KL Kopites vice-president Kenzo Lim, secretary S.Satiash, Rathakrishnan, treasurer George Solomon, NKF chief executive officer Chua Hong Wee and NKF donor relations and events executive Stephanie Wee with the mock-cheque of RM32,000 that was donated to NKF during the event.



A fan hitting the high notes as he sings the club's anthem 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.



Club members helping themselves to the scrumptious buffet spread.