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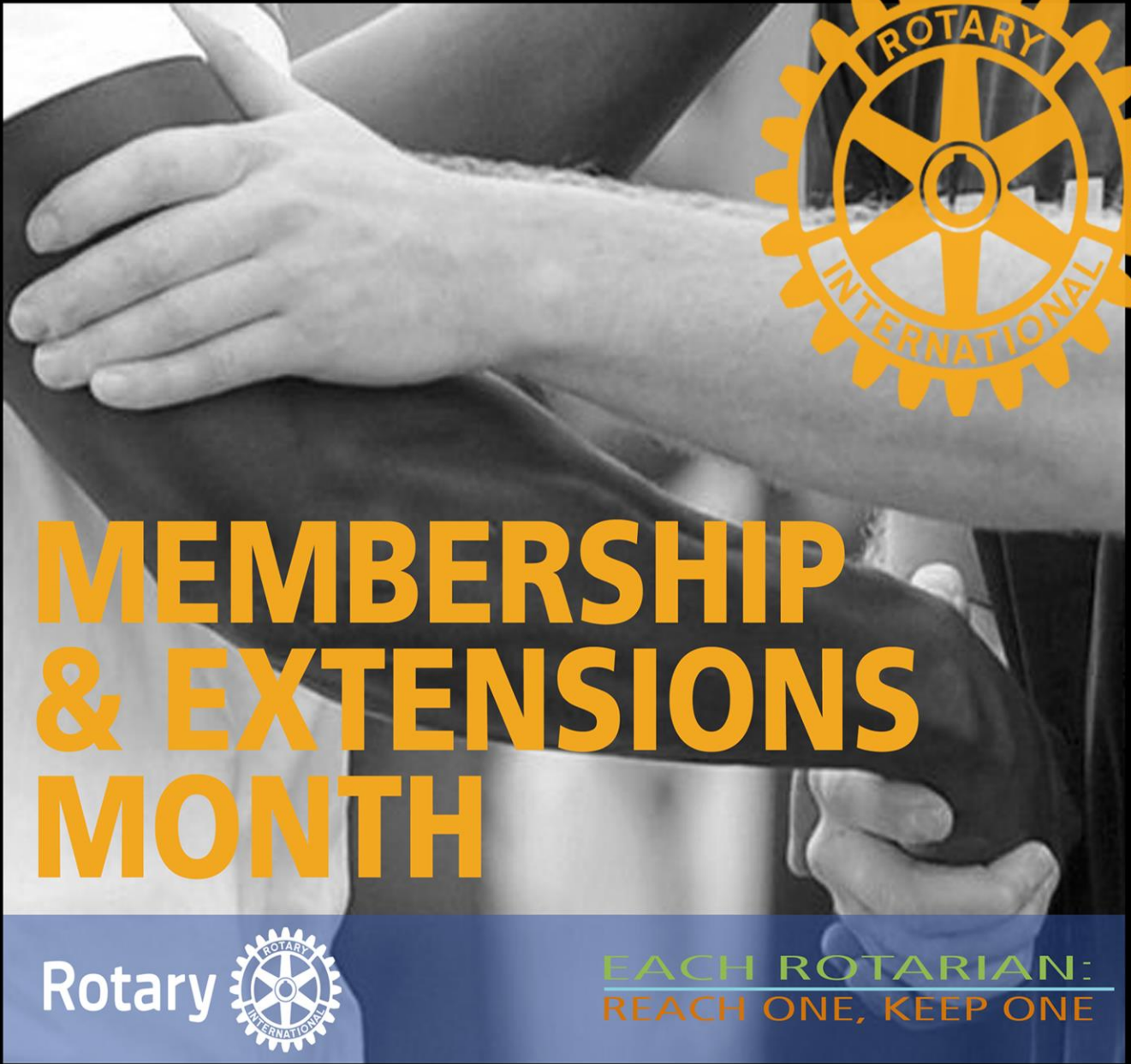
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They Came, They Saw... They Stayed?

By: *Honorary Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang*



HM PP Raymon Huang

We all know the oft-quoted saying, “Membership is the backbone of any organization.” We all know too that a lot of sayings, repeated ad infinitum, becomes trite. Not this one on membership. It is an all-time truth that an organization – yes, any organization – without sufficient membership, in particular good members, would soon wither and pass on. For good membership strength – and good, quality members – is indeed the backbone of an organization. And Rotary is no different. In fact, I would say in Rotary it is even more vital, more necessary than just essential. The obligations and demands for “Service Above Self” and efforts that “Make A Difference” from the membership are greater. The expectations are bigger. Because of the amazing array of programmes and projects that Rotary has worldwide. Just to get them off the ground is an undertaking. To get them implemented is a “huger” undertaking. To get them successfully implemented needs all that selflessness in service from members. Indeed, a good deal of “time, talent, and treasure” is expected from Rotarians.

To achieve all this, Rotary has to grow. This need for growth is continuing. We have to continue looking for new, good, members. We have to form new Clubs. That is growth for Rotary.

So Rotary International has specially set aside the month of August for this purpose, and designate it “**Membership & New Club Development Month**”. It is a recruitment campaign month of sorts. Yes, we do have countless “Months” and “Days” in our lives, particularly in our tiny Red Dot nation of Singapore, which many years ago held the dubious honour of being labelled “A City of Campaigns”! And campaigns come and go. I feel it is different in Rotary as there is more purpose to it. The whole Club – all members – is involved in it. And we walk the talk. Report from the recent R I Convention in Atlanta City, USA, confirmed this – Rotary’s growth, and, as well, the wonderful achievements in “Serving Humanity” as a result.

Recruitment is the first step to growth. But recruitment must be judicious. We have to ensure that new members brought in come, see, and stay. Oh yes, we have had many instances of recruits who came, saw, and left. That is why we have Members to advise new recruited members on the requirements, the obligations, and the expectations of joining the Club.

Recruitment done, the next step is membership retention. The key to this is membership participation and involvement, and, in the process, membership enjoyment of Rotary through the many new friendships made and the fellowship of meetings, functions, and programmes.



In Focus

To be “in and involved” is very essential. No point really in just getting a passenger to jump aboard. An involved member gets Rotary service done. Joining Rotary is a learning experience. As the banner says in many august organisations – “Enter to learn. Depart to Serve”. Rotarians have been doing this since Rotary’s founding in 1905. The call to serve is always there, because the need is always there. “Serving Humanity” and “Making A Difference” are second nature in Rotary. We know the suffering, the hardships, the needless pain and horror endured by countless people in ever so many places because of man’s warring ways. Not to mention the scourge of diseases – Polio, for example. Ever since 1985, Rotary and Rotarians have helped, enormously, to eradicate Polio. And we are almost there – just that little bit to go.

Of course, joining Rotary does not mean all work and work only – and all voluntary. Rotary is meant to be enjoyed too. The more senior Rotarians will tell you how much they have enjoyed Rotary – one of the many good reasons why they are still there, despite the competing attractions of so many other more leisurely memberships.

So let us share our rewarding work in and enjoyment of Rotary with our friends who are similar minded – having that desire to serve society and enjoy doing it – and bring them into the fold. Successfully done, Rotary’s growth and effectiveness are solidly ensured.

Rotary’s extension is assured, with the formation of new Clubs. And with growth and extensions, any organization is bound to flourish. If it is already flourishing, like Rotary, it will bloom further. Our highway of service will be extended. This is always Rotary’s goal.

So in this “**Membership and New Clubs Development Month**”, we are rightly asked “to focus on Rotary’s continuing need for growth, to seek new members and form new clubs.”

New members will experience new experiences. And we know that experience is the child of action; we cannot really learn experience from books. “Life itself is a series of experiences” said Henry Ford. He should know – and well. Of course, indeed, “experience is the best teacher” as a proverb says. A Rotary experience has all that. A new member who comes, who sees, and who stays to participate in and enjoy the Rotary experience is the one we look out for, the one we want, the one who will help Rotary’s growth.

And help Rotary continue “Making A Difference”.

PS: We have been fortunate lately in having had a handful of hard-working, helpful intake of new members who have contributed so much of selfless service to our common cause. It augurs well for our Club and Rotary. Salut all!



R C of Singapore Dinner Meeting Notice – 2.8.17

Dear Rotarians

Singapore has been shortlisted as one of the **final 5 cities** for hosting of the Rotary International Conference for the 3 years of 2023, 2024, 2025. If successful, this will be the largest ever convention in Singapore with expected attendance of 27,000 to 30,000 delegates.

A **Pro-Tem Committee** headed by PDG Chew Ghim Bok is handling this bid and 3 of our Club Members, namely PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, PP Sajjad Akhtar and PP Dr Shahul Hameed are also members of this Committee. The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) are also actively involved in this bid.



A **6-member RI Inspection Team** will be in Singapore 1-4 August 2017. The RI Team members are as follows:

Name	Designation
Mr Francesco Arezzo (Italy)	Rotary International Director-Elect
Mr Mark Maloney (USA)	Chair of 2014 Sydney Convention Committee
Mr Brian Heaton (Australia)	Chief Sergeant-at-Arms of 2016 Seoul Convention
Ms Shannon Watson	Director of Meetings and Events (RI Staff)
Nabeel Hasany	Manager of Operations Services (RI Staff)
Koko Dobbs	Manager of Housing, Registration and Transportation (RI Staff)

One of their requests is to attend a Rotary Club Meeting in Singapore. RC Singapore has kindly agreed to shift its weekly Lunch Meeting to a Dinner Meeting on 2 August 2017. Meeting from 6:30pm, will be at:

The Sky Lounge

Aura Restaurant

1 Saint Andrew's Road 05-03 and 06-02

National Gallery Singapore, 178957

Cost: \$80 per person

The meeting will be opened to all other Rotarians from Clubs in Singapore and the District and we are expecting a large number of Rotarians from the other clubs. Seats are limited and attendance will be strictly by RSVP to the Secretariat at rtyninfo@rotary.org.sg or tel. no. 6737 2504. Please advise should you require vegetarian meals.

The RI Team also expressed concerns as to how a small country like Singapore, with about 770 Rotarians, can attract a large Rotary Conference. STB and the Pro-Tem Committee feel that it will be appropriate, during the Meeting on 2 August 2017, to showcase our Club's reach in terms of Rotary Projects. As such, PP Dr Shahul Hameed has been asked to do a short 20-minute presentation on "**Singapore: Reaching out to the World with Rotary's Global Grants**"

Best wishes

Keith Harrison

President 2017-18

Rotary Club of Singapore



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 26 July 2017

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Debasree Chakrabarti called the Meeting to order, and invited President Keith to conduct the Meeting.

WELCOME OF GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

President Keith invited Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet to extend the Club's welcome to guests and visiting Rotarians:

Guests

Ms Sylvia Chung

Mr Rohit Bevi

Mr Peter Murray

Dr Hans Schniewind

Mr Venky

Visiting Rotarian:

IPP Dr K R Srinivas – Bangalore Banashankari, India



Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet

TOAST

As there were no visiting Rotarian at the time of the Toast, President Keith called on members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary International.

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS

Subsequently, IPP Dr K R Srinivas from Rotary Club of Bangalore Banashankari joined the Club Meeting, and President Keith presented a Club banner to IPP Srinivas.



Pres Keith (left) with IPP Srinivas

SISTER CLUBS' INSTALLATIONS

President Keith reminded members of the Sister Club installations of Rotary Club of Cauayan on 5 August which he would attend with his wife, Rachel. He requested members who were interested in attending to kindly advise him accordingly.

President Keith advised that a large delegation would be attending Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja's 90th anniversary and installation on 12 August. He added that there would be a sister club fellowship event on Friday, 11 August as well as a visit to the Royal Selangor factory. Members who are interested in attending the event are requested to inform the Secretariat.



INTERACT LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP (ILTC)



President Keith invited Youth Service Director Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien to brief members on the coming ILTC to be held from 28-30 July at the Temasek Polytechnic, Global Connect Village, in partnership with Youth Corps Singapore, National Youth Council.

He highlighted the programme for the Camp, including the Speakers from the Club – VP James Lee, PP Jimmy Ooi and PDG Dr Philbert Chin who would be making presentations on various aspects of Interact and Rotary. Rtn Sek Tien further advised that on the 3rd day of the Camp, the Interact

Coordinating Committee's (ICC) election of a new board would take place.

Rtn Sek Tien called on members to attend the ILTC and show support to the Interactors who look upon Rotarians as their role models.



Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien

CLUB FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – BASIC YOGA & FORBIDDEN CITY MUSICAL



On behalf of Membership Director Rtn Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah, President Keith informed members of the Basic Yoga Fellowship organised solely for members on:

Date & Time: 6 August 2017 from 9am to 10am

Location: Open field opposite Djitsun Mall,
5 Ang Mo Kio Central 2, Singapore 569663

President Keith further reminded members to purchase their tickets for the other Club Fellowship Event - the musical "Forbidden City: Portrait of an Empress" for the show on Thursday, 24 August 2017 at 8pm.

HELP THE CHILDREN 2017 PROJECT- 6 to 8 October 2017

PP Dr Shahul Hameed reminded members of the Help The Children 2017 project which was launched last week. He added that the goal was to raise \$40,000 which would be matched, in order to provide basic school going necessities. PP Shahul called for members support for the project, and advised that pledge forms were available.

The project visit to Malang and Batu, East Java, Indonesia will take place from 6 to 8 October 2017. Project leaders are PP Dr Shahul Hameed, Hon Secretary Rtn Deepti Lalchandani (Delegation Coordinator), ISC Director Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal and Hon Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani.



PP Dr Shahul Hameed

SINGAPORE'S BID TO HOST THE RI CONVENTION

PP Dr Yap Lip Kee gave members a brief summary of Singapore's bid to host the RI Convention for 2023, 2024 and 2025, although the original bid was for 2020. He added that the last time the RI Convention was held in Singapore in 1999. He advised that RI's Inspection Team would be in Singapore and the Club decided to accommodate the team's visit with a **dinner meeting on Wednesday, 2 August** at:

Sky Lounge, National Gallery Singapore

Drinks & fellowship in Padang Terrace from 18:30 hrs

Meeting 20:00-21:00 hrs



PP Dr Yap Lip Kee

Last Week

Speaker: Rotarian Anindya Dutta

Topic: *"Cricket – A Gentleman's Game"*

President Keith called on Rtn Atul Merchant to introduce the Speaker, none other than our member, Rtn Anindya Dutta, whom he added is a banker for the past 25 years. Rtn Anindya has worked in London, Hong Kong, Mumbai, New Delhi and Kolkata besides Singapore. He has run global teams over the last two decades with people from up to 23 countries in the team.

Rtn Atul noted that cricket was Rtn Anindya's passion. He is an author of the book '**A Gentleman's Game**' which has been at the top of Amazon Bestseller Lists in Australia, India, UK and the US in the past few months. He is also a columnist on websites from Australia, UK, India and Singapore and writes in various cricket journals. His second book - "**Spell-binding Spells**" is due to be released later this year and is going to be the first book on this topic published anywhere.

Rtn Anindya started his informative presentation by explaining the essentials of cricket – a sport watched by over 2.5 billion people across the world, which is second only to Football or Soccer. He gave a brief history and timeline of the sport and interesting snippets of various terms associated with cricket. He highlighted the fact that the first rules of cricket as it exists today were formed 150 years before the first known official football (as we know it today) match was played.

Rtn Anindya's presentation also included two YouTube exhilarating videos of cricket's batting and bowling. He further highlighted the three formats of International cricket as well as the greatest players of this sport.

Rtn Anindya also spoke of his book 'A Gentleman's Game' and how he was making this book work for Rotary by contributing the proceeds of the book to the help ISC's Tele-consultation project to provide medical expertise to those in danger of going blind in poor countries. He advised that every book sold (cost S\$15) helps fund 7 Patient Tele-consultations.

President Keith then called on Rtn Uttam Kripalani, an avid cricket lover, warmly extended the Club's vote of thanks to Rtn Anindya. Rtn Uttam noted that Rtn Anindya's talk was very enlightening and provided a fascinating backdrop of ideas and historical facts of the game. Rtn Uttam added that the game could be totaling confusing to non-lovers of cricket. Tongue in cheek, Rtn Uttam shared a poem on how the game was explained to someone who was new to cricket to lessen the confusion! (Copy of the poem is available from the Secretariat.)



Speaker, Rtn Anindya Dutta



Rtn Atul Merchant



Rtn Uttam Kripalani

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

1 August – PP Dr Winston Oh
2 August – PE Mark Wang & Vijai Parwani
5 August – Dr M C Tong
6 August – Stacy McCarthy

Anniversary Celebrants

There are no Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week

Community Service Meeting

Community Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 3 August

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Mystical Café for All @APSN – Association for Person with Special Needs, 11 Jalan Ubi, Block 4 #01-31 Kembangan-Chai Chee Community Hub, S409074

Host: Rtn Louis Lim

This Meeting

2 August 2017

Dinner Meeting at 6.30pm at:
The Sky Lounge / Aura Restaurant
1 Saint Andrew's Road #05-03 & 06-02, National Gallery Singapore

Reception Desk duty: Joseph Chia, Dr Claus Dusemund

Speaker: PP Dr Shahul Hameed
Topic: Singapore: Reaching out to the World with Rotary's Global Grants

Vocational Service Meeting

Vocational Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 10 August

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Senior Police Officers' Mess, 153 Mount Pleasant Road, S298341.

Hosts: Rtns Joseph Chia, Andreas Duerst, Rajkumar, Deblina Chatterjee & Hassan Moosa

Next Meeting

9 August 2017

Meeting cancelled in view of public holiday – National Day.

Coming Rotary Events

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

2 Aug – Dinner Meeting
2 Aug – Installation Raffles Institution Interact Club

5 Aug – Installation of sister club, R C Cauayan

6 Aug – Yoga Fellowship

12 Aug – Installation of sister club, R C Kuala Lumpur DiRaja & vocational visit to Royal Selangor factory

19 Aug – Better Visions For All – CSC project

24 Aug – Fellowship – “Forbidden City” Musical Concert

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

20 Sep – DG Datuk Lee Chuen Wan's Official Visit

21 Sep – 2nd Club Assembly at Senior Police Officers' Mess

24 Sep – Zoo outing with Seniors from Bukit Gombak rental flats

October

Economic and Community Development Month

6-8 Oct – Launch of Help the Children 2017 Project



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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the Precepts of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

First: *Have I spent some time in self-examination?*

Second: *Have I spent quality time with my family?*

Third: *Have I given my best to my work?*

Fourth: *Have I given some time to someone near and far?*

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

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