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Presidential Message



Ian H.S. Riseley
RI President 2017-18

August 2017

When someone asks you, "What is Rotary?" what do you say? I think we've all had the experience of being asked that deceptively simple question and finding ourselves suddenly at a loss for words. Even the most articulate among us have a hard time capturing the essence of our organization in just a few sentences.

As an organization, Rotary has always had a difficult time conveying the scope of our work: not just what we do, but how we do it, and the value of what we contribute to the world.

As an accountant, I like numbers. They work in every language, and often they communicate complex information much more effectively than words. That is why, in this Rotary year, I am asking each club to provide Rotary headquarters with two numbers: the amount of money, both in cash and in kind, spent on humanitarian service; and the number of hours of work performed in Rotary's name.

If we want these numbers to be useful, they have to be accurate. That means beginning now to accurately track the hours and the money that our clubs spend on their service.

The simplest way for clubs to provide this information at the end of the year will be by entering it every month on Rotary Club Central – a tool that has been completely rebuilt and relaunched to be significantly more useful, and user-friendly, than it has been in the past. If for some reason (for example, limited internet access) your club is not able to connect to Rotary Club Central, please be in touch with your district governor, who will ensure that your information can be submitted through other means.

I cannot emphasize strongly enough that the goal of this effort is not getting the largest and most impressive numbers. There is not going to be any competition, recognition, or public use whatsoever of the numbers reported by any individual club. The goal is accurate and reliable numbers that we can present confidently in our public image work, in our membership materials, and to our partners – numbers backed by specific data, on the club level, that answer not only the question, "What is Rotary?" but the question, "What does Rotary do?"

I strongly believe that with these numbers, we will be better able to demonstrate the value of *Rotary: Making a Difference* – which in time will enable us to make more of a difference, for more people, in more ways, than ever.



Photo Album of Sister Club – RC Bandar Seri Begawan's Installation on 19 August 2017...



PE Mark Wang (3rd from right) and Rtn Horst Hagemann (standing, 4th from right) enjoying the great fellowship with members of sister club, RC Bandar Seri Begawan



From right: 1st Lady Rachel, President Keith, PE Mark & Rtn Horst



The dapper PE Mark Wang



Loving couple – President Keith & Rachel Harrison

Photo Album of 2017 Assistant Governors & District Chairs Training Seminar...



The participants pose with DG Lee and training team.



PDG Philbert Chin elucidates Rotary Values, Vision & Mission



PP Perlita Tiro receives her Certificate of Attendance from DG Datuk Lee Chuen Wan as the training team members look on.



VP James Lee receives his Certificate of Attendance from DG Datuk Lee Chuen Wan as the training team members look on.

Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 23 August 2017

OPENING REMARKS

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Robert Craiu called the meeting to order and invited President Keith Harrison to the Chair. President Keith thanked Rtn Robert for standing in as Sergeant-at-Arms and warmly welcomed not one but two Speakers, Mr Chris Pardey and Mr Andrew Koscharsky from iSwitch.

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians fell to PE Mark Wang who apologized for his attire (sans the RI theme tie), as he just returned from the vocational visit to the Changi Airport Terminal 4:

Guests:

Speakers, Mr Chris Pardey
And Mr Andrew Koscharsky
Ms Sylvia Chung
Ms Suchitra Ghose
Former member, Mr Frankie Goh
Mr Morten Lockbgaard

Visiting Rotarians:

President Sainen Bhowmick – Tollygunge, India
Chih-ku Chen – Taipei
Bernhard Frauendorfer – Freiburg Sense, Switzerland
Eicke Weber – Freiburg, Germany
Deyan Bojkovski - Ukraine



PE Mark Wang

TOAST

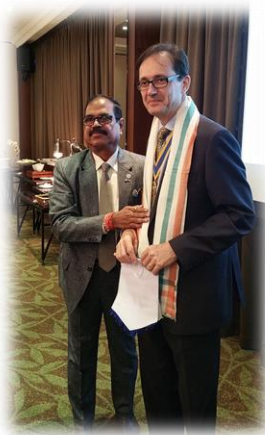
Toastmaster Rtn Willi Hess noted that there were visiting Rotarians from two towns with the same name but from different countries – Germany and Switzerland! He called on Rtn Bernhard Frauendorfer to say a few words about his club, Freiburg Sense, which has 49 members and was formed 25 years ago. Rtn Bernhard advised that the club has only male members and he became a member 5 years ago. He added that the club is located in a rural community and has undertaken projects in areas of social work and for youths.



From left: Rtn Willi, visiting Rtn Bernhard & Pres Keith

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS

Right: President Keith receives a scarf and flag from fellow President Sainen Bhowmick from R C Tollygunge



Left: President Keith hands a club banner to Rtn Bernhard from R C Freiburg Sense



Last Week

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

President Keith reported on the enjoyable weekend spent in Brunei attending sister club, Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan's installation dinner on 19 August together with PE Mark Wang and Rtn Horst Hagemann (photos featured on page 2).

President Keith added that the weekend was not just about having fun in Brunei; as Community Service Committee (CSC) together with International Service Committee (ISC) Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal organized a successful eye screening programme. He called on Rtn Rupesh to brief members on the event. Rtn Rupesh advised that about 80 elderly residents were screened at Bethesda Cathedral at Chai Chee with 2 patients having very high pressure sent immediately to hospital for further treatment. He added that a number of members, such as PPs Mansoor Hassanbhai, Peter Tan, CSC Director See Mee Lee and Rtn Uttam Kripalani assisted at the eye screening as well.



ISC Dir Dr Rupesh Agrawal

INDUCTION OF THE FIRST NEW MEMBER FOR RY 2017-18

President Keith advised that Rtn Kapil Hinduja would be the first member, he will be inducting to the Club. ISC Director Rtn Dr Rupesh introduced Rtn Kapil, on behalf of his proposer PP Tapan Rao who was unable to attend the meeting.

Rtn Kapil is Chief of Staff – Global Payroll & Organizational Transformation with Hewlett Packard Enterprise and his classification is “Global IT Services”. President Keith recommended Rtn Kapil to join the International and/or Youth Service Committees, but suggested that he attends the committee meetings in order to make a decision.



From left: Pres Keith, Rtn Kapil Hinduja & ISC Dir Dr Rupesh

Upon his induction, President Keith invited Rtn Kapil to address the Club. Rtn Kapil advised that he was keen to join Rotary in order to give back to society. He spoke briefly of his 1,500Km walk to raise funds for children in India, which garnered \$12,000 for medical expenses for 12 needy children and currently was mentoring some engineering students.

ROTARACT / INTERACT INSTALLATION INVITATIONS

President Keith called on members' support for the following Rotaract / Interact installations:

Rotaract Club of Singapore

Date & Time: **25 August from 7.00 pm**

Venue: **At LT36, Level 3, MD6 Centre for Translational Medicine, NUS**

Guest of Honour: **YSC Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien**

Bukit Gombak Eagles Interact Club

Date & Time: **27 August from 7.00 to 9.00pm**

Venue: **At Hillview Community Club, Level 2**



Last Week

Speaker: Mr Chris Pardey & Mr Andrew Koscharsky

Topic: “iSwitch Concept”

President Keith called on VP Andy Mankiewicz to introduce the Speaker, Mr Chris Pardey who he added would introduce his colleague Mr Andrew Koscharsky. Mr Pardey brings more than 30 years of commodity experience to the RCMA Group. He was global head of trading for agricultural products, coal and freight with Barclays Capital. He moved to Singapore in 2005 took on the role of the RCMA Group CEO in 2010.

Speaker, Mr Andrew Koscharsky is the General Manager, Wholesale and Trading has worked in the Asian energy markets across Power, Gas, Coal and Retail for 15 years. For 10 years, he worked at Origin Energy in Sydney, initially as a Spot Trader, managing the nomination of gas on the East Coast markets and dispatch of power stations. He then became a Derivatives Trader, building a long-term portfolio while hedging Origin’s four million retail customer accounts. Mr Koscharsky was formerly a Director of a Credit Union and holds degrees in Psychology and Commerce.

Mr Koscharsky introduced iSwitch as an electricity retailer licensed by the Energy Market Authority (“EMA”) to serve the market with a goal to empower consumer choice with more options to better manage energy costs. He highlighted iSwitch plan which offers a different level of flexibility but all designed to help consumers achieve cost savings while enjoying the same, reliable electricity supply from Singapore’s national power grid (known as SP Power Grid). Mr Koscharsky introduced iSwitch’s retail offerings which he added would result in cheaper prices and more choice. He noted that Energy Retailers were now providing broader offerings. He added that iSwitch provides efficiency services, mobile phone Apps, solar consultancy; carbon offset credits and energy audits for their consumers. Nevertheless, Mr Koscharsky added that the electricity market was still tied directly to oil markets.



VP Andy Mankiewicz



(R to L): Pres Keith, Mr Andrew Koscharsky, Mr Chris Pardey, Rtn Uttam

(A copy of the presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

In his vote of thanks on behalf of the Club, Rtn Uttam Kripalani advised that it was a pleasure for the Club to have not one speaker but two speakers at the meeting. He thanked Mr Pardey and Mr Koscharsky for a fascinating presentation and added that he was looking forward to seeing how electricity prices could be controlled with organisations such as iSwitch in the markets.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

30 August – Anindya Dutta
31 August – PP Chiang Shih Fang

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

1 September – Steven & Katherine Nichols

Community Service Meeting

Community Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 7 September

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: To be advised

Hosts: To be advised

This Meeting

30 August 2017

Reception Desk duty: PP Mansoor Hassanbhai & Hena Hoda

Sunshine Box: PP Alan Tan, Mamta Shahani

Speaker: Ms Mallika Kripalani, Founder of The Conscious Zone

Topic: "Mindfulness @Work and beyond"

Next Meeting

6 September 2017

Reception Desk duty: PP Dr Oliver Henedige & Anant Jain

Sunshine Box: PP Peter Tan & Dir See Mee Lee

Speaker: Hon Member PP Raymon Huang

Topic: "A Rotary PP Fellowship like no other"

Vocational Service Meeting

Vocational Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 14 September

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Myra's @Fort Canning,
5 Cox Terrace #B1-05/06/07
Fort Canning Arts Centre,
S179620

Hosts: Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund,
Dir Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah

Coming Rotary Events

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

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

November

Rotary Foundation Month

December

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month





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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