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## Rotary Flag Day – 28 October 2017

*By: Rtn Connie Ho*

We had a very successful flag day on 28 October 2017 where more than 120 Interactors and 10 Rotarians from our Club helped raised funds for the Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd.

Special mention must be made of VP James Lee who worked tirelessly to organize the Interactors and lead our Bukit Gombak Eagles Interactors to count the money at the Foundation secretariat. Kudos to the Bukit Gombak Eagles Interactors who insisted on staying on till 10pm to ensure that every bag is counted and every cent banked in.

Special thanks to PP Lip Kee, Co-Chair of Organising committee and to YSC Chair Dr Hoh who rallied the Interactors. Not forgetting our volunteers who played key roles in the event – PP Jimmy, Rotarians Ronald, Mee Lee, Deblina, Connie, satellite club members, Jean and Fredrick and last but not least, our Interactors from Bukit Gombak Eagles, Global Indian International School (Queenstown and East Coast), Hwa Chong Institution, Catholic Junior College, Raffles Institution, Tanjong Katong Girls Secondary School.

Everyone contributed – Rotarians and Interactors alike!"



*Wonderful team of Bukit Gombak Eagles Interactors*



## Photo Album of the Rotary Flag Day – 28.10.17



*YSC Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien (2<sup>nd</sup> from right),  
Satellite member Rtn Jean Khoo (3<sup>rd</sup> from right)  
with Hwa Chong Interactors*



*VP James Lee (4<sup>th</sup> from left) helping at the Registration Desk*



*Rtn Ronald Wong with GIIS Interactor*



*PP Dr Yap Lip Kee assisting with coin deposits*



*Rotarians with the large contingent from Global Indian  
International School (GIIS) Interact Clubs*



*The supportive Interactors from Catholic Junior College*

# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 1 November 2017

### OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Bertrand De Mil called the meeting to order and invited President Keith to take the Chair. President Keith warmly welcomed the Speaker, Ms Elaine Woon from Orbis International, who is also a Rotarian.

### WELCOME

President Keith called on Rtn Peter Koh to extend the welcome to Guests and Visiting Rotarians, however Rtn Peter noted that there were no guests at the meeting only the following visiting Rotarians:

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Speaker, Rtn Elaine Woon – Singapore Heartlands  
David & Sarah Amery – Narrandera, Australia  
Nilesh Kapse – Bangalore, India  
Deyan Bojrovski – Donersk, Ukraine



*Rtn Peter Koh*

### TOAST

Toastmaster PP Tapan Rao called on members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary Club of Bangalore, represented at the meeting by Rtn Nilesh Kapse. PP Tapan noted the Club's association with the Bangalore club for many years, adding that it had sponsored the doctors for the Club's first eye camp.

Rtn Nilesh was pleased to advise that under the TEACH umbrella of the RI, his club managed to make 107 schools Happy at huge cost of US\$600,000.00 – 70% of which was raised for the occasion by the club. He advised that the project was a literacy programme which also provided clean water and sanitation to the schools.



*L to R: Pres Keith, Rtn Nilesh Kapse & PP Tapan*

### EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*Pres Keith presenting our Club banners to Speaker Rtn Elaine Woon (left) and Rtn David Amery (right)*



*Exchange of banners with Rtn Nilesh*



## ROTARY FLAG DAY – 28 OCTOBER 2017

PP Dr Yap Lip Kee who is the Co-Chair of the Rotary Flag Day Organising Committee presented a brief summary report of the Rotary Flag Day event. He thanked members who participated in the Flag Day as well as Rotaractors and Interactors from the Bukit Gombak Eagles Interact Club who stayed back after the event for the counting of the funds received.

PP Lip Kee noted that about \$15,000 was received in cash with \$5,000 through internet donations. He added that the total coin donations would be known at a later date. PP Lip Kee advised that the target for the collections was \$30,000 for beneficiary, Rotary Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore (FRCS).



PP Dr Yap Lip Kee

## 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT MANDARIN CONFERENCE

PE Mark Wang advised that he represented the Club and attended the first District Mandarin Conference which was held in Johor Bahru during 27 to 29 October 2017. He explained the rationale for the District to hold such a Conference for Mandarin speaking Rotarians.

The photo on the right, shows PE Mark with the Conference's Guest of Honour, Past Rotary International President Gary Huang from Taipei.



## ROTARY FOUNDATION CHARITY GOLF – 8 NOVEMBER 2017

Taking the opportunity, PE Mark gave members a PowerPoint presentation of the coming Rotary Foundation Charity Golf to raise funds for the Foundation of Rotary Clubs (S) Ltd., to be held at the prestigious Serapong Course at the Sentosa Golf Club on 8 November 2017. PE Mark noted that as the Foundation is an Institute of Public Character (IPC), all donations would qualify for 250% tax exemption in Singapore. He advised that the Club would be participating and has confirmed two flights for this Charity Golf event.

For more information and to register for the Charity Golf, please contact PE Mark Wang at email: [markyywang@alum.mit.edu](mailto:markyywang@alum.mit.edu) or mobile 9679 9522.

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (VSC) MEETING & FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP

On behalf of VSC Director Rtn Deepak Nagrani, President Keith informed members of the Committee Meeting and Fireside Chat Fellowship with entrepreneurs and friends of the Committee to take place as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 9 November

**Time:** 7.00 to 10.00pm

**Venue:** Claymore & Draycott Room  
The Tanglin Club  
5 Stevens Road, S 257814

President Keith advised that this meeting was opened to all members, however, to please advise VSC Director Rtn Deepak Nagrani for catering purposes.

## DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

President Keith extended the Club's deepest condolences to Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani, whose father Mr Ramchand (Rocky) Gobindram Mahtani, passed away on 26 October 2017.





**Speaker:** Ms Elaine Woon, Director of Development,  
Orbis International

**Topic:** *“Project Orbis X Rotary Club – what we can do in blindness prevention”*



*PP Philip Leong*

To introduce the Rtn Elaine Woon, President Keith called on PP Philip Leong who noted that the Speaker was a Rotarian with Rotary Club of Singapore Heartlands. Rtn Elaine currently head up the Singapore office for Orbis International and handle Executive Management and Corporate Governance. She is trained in Marketing Communications and Business Development in both the non-profit and business sectors, and experienced in establishing strategically aligned partnerships that create collaborative opportunities and long-term support. Rtn Elaine's career started with business development in the financial services industry and progressed on to marketing communications. Her invaluable experiences brought significant growth to the charitable organisation through several highly sought-after grants from the United Nations and Singapore Committee for UN Women, which were featured through media partners, and built up a steady stream of regular income.



*Speaker, Rtn Elaine Woon*

In her presentation Rtn Elaine noted that although eye health organisations around the world and Orbis have been working very hard to prevent avoidable blindness, and successfully reduced visual impairment from 285 to 253 million in 2015, Lancet Global Health predicts that blindness would triple in 2050 if treatment is not improved by better funding. She noted that 90% of visually impaired people lived in developing nations and 80% of these were treatable.



*Rtn Elaine flanked by Pres Keith and ISC Dir Dr Rupesh Agrawal*

She showed a short video of patients who have benefitted from the surgeries undertaken through Orbis. Rtn Elaine introduced Orbis's Flying Eye Hospital (FEH) and its work as a teacher to train medical staff so as to save and restore vision. She added that the FEH acts as an envoy, since it attracts media so that the message about the importance of eye health and enlistment of help in fighting blindness can be sent out. Lastly, Rtn Elaine noted that the FEH was also an advocate as it opened doors to make the case for investing in the global effort to extend eye care and bring an end to preventable blindness. (A copy of Rtn Elaine's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

President Keith called on International Service Committee (ISC) Director Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal who warmly thanked Rtn Elaine for her excellent presentation on Orbis as an integrated care provider and trainer.

# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

### RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

8 November – Melanie Haupt  
11 November – PP Alan Tan  
12 November – Hon Member Rtn  
Shoichi Ishizaki

## Anniversary Celebrants

### RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

8 November – Ronald & Joyce Wong  
10 November – Jean-Philippe & Valerie Lionnet  
11 November – Roberto Bencina & Nguyen Thi Diem Ngoc  
13 November – Keizo & Mayumi Fujitake

## Vocational Service Meeting

### Vocational Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 9 November

**Time:** 7.00 to 10.00pm

**Venue:** Claymore & Draycott Rooms, The Tanglin Club, 5 Stevens Road, S 257814

#### Evening Schedule:

7.00pm – Registration & Wine Tasting

8.00pm – VSC Meeting followed by Dinner

9.00pm – Fireside Chat & Fellowship

**Co-Hosts:** PPs Peter Tan, Dr Shahul Hameed, Alan Tan, Rtns Asheesh Khaneja & Bharat Mandloi

## This Meeting

**8 November 2017**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Jamshid Medora

**Sunshine Box:** Jessica Lim, Kimio Somemiya

**Speaker:** Mr J K Sinha, Chairman & Founder, Shoshit Seva Sangh

**Topic:** "Helping the helpless – Shoshit Seva Sangh aspires to deliver a silent revolution"

## International Service Meeting

### International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 16 November

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Ante Room, Senior Police Officers' Mess, 153 Mount Pleasant Road, S298391

**Co-Hosts:** Rtns Joseph Chia, Hena Hoda, Deepu Joseph & Anant Jain



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## Next Meeting

**15 November 2017**

**Reception Desk duty:** Astha Aggarwal, Kapil Hinduja

**Sunshine Box:** Pia Bruce, S "Mali" Malaiappan

**Speaker:** Mr Lim Chew Hwee, Investment Strategist, Equities for LGT Bank

**Topic:** "Singapore: Challenges and Opportunities"

## Coming Rotary Events

### November

#### Rotary Foundation Month

**8 Nov** – Rotary Charity Golf at Sentosa Golf Club, Serapong Course

**23 Nov** – Rotary Singapore-ASME The Entrepreneur of the Year award (EYA)

### December

#### Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

### January

#### Vocational Service Month

### February

#### Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

### March

#### Water and Sanitation Month

### April

#### Maternal and Child Health Month Minority Vocational School Mission Visit





## 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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