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November 2017

In many ways, The Rotary Foundation is an invisible presence in our clubs. Most of what we do in our clubs and our districts, on a weekly basis, we do without the active involvement of the Foundation. But our Foundation is invisible in our clubs in the same way the foundation of a building is invisible when you're in it: Just because you don't see it doesn't mean it's not holding you up.

The Foundation that enabled Rotary to take on polio is, in many ways, the foundation upon which our Rotary service is built. For 100 years, since it came into existence with a first donation of \$26.50, the Foundation has supported and strengthened our service, enabled our ambitions, and allowed us to be the organization that we are. Because of the Foundation, Rotarians know that if we have the ambition and put in the work, very little is truly beyond us.

It is an incredibly effective model that we have here in Rotary, one that no other organization can match. We are completely local and completely global: We have local skills, connections, and knowledge in over 35,000 clubs, in nearly every country of the world. We have a deserved reputation for transparency, effectiveness, and good business practices, and because we are highly skilled professionals as well as volunteers, we achieve a level of efficiency that very few other organizations can approach.

To put it simply, a dollar given to The Rotary Foundation has a great deal more muscle than a dollar given to most charities. If you want to spend a dollar on Doing Good in the World, you can't do better than to spend it with the Foundation. That is not just me speaking out of pride; it is verifiably true and is reflected in our rankings by independent organizations.

In the Foundation's centennial year, Rotarians surpassed our goal of raising \$300 million. If you were part of that achievement, you have been part of something tremendous. Somewhere in the world, someplace you have probably never been, people you may never meet will lead better lives because of you. Ultimately, it is our Foundation that lets us make good on our core beliefs: that we can make a difference, that we have an obligation to do so, and that working together, as well and as efficiently as we can, is the only way to effect real and lasting change.



Ian H.S. Riseley
President 2017-18



ROTARY - ASME
ENTREPRENEUR OF
THE YEAR AWARD
GALA DINNER

TICKETS @ \$180
(SELLING FAST)

WHEN

Thurs 23rd November '17
6.00 PM till late

DRESS CODE

Evening Gown /
Black Tie

WHERE

The Ritz Carlton -
Millenia Singapore

RESERVATIONS

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Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 8 November 2017

OPENING REMARKS

The Meeting was opened by Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Bertrand De Mil who invited President Keith to commence the meeting.

WELCOME

President Keith welcomed members and the Guest Speaker, Mr Shri J K Sinha and called on Rtn Willi Hess to welcome other Guests and Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Ms A M Guiterrez
Ms Marie Leong
Ms Louise Luthy
Mr Chetan Kumar

Visiting Rotarians:

Steimar Almelid – Bali Seminyak, Indonesia
Naresh Goel – Solon, Ohio, USA
Burkhard & J. Hartman – Weilheim, Germany



Rtn Willi Hess

TOAST



Right to left: Pres Keith, Toastmaster VP Andy Mankiewicz and visiting Rtn Naresh Goel raising a toast to R C of Solon coupled with the toast to Rotary International

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Exchange of banners with R C Weilheim represented by Rtn Burkhard Hartmann



Pres Keith presenting our Club banner to Rtn Naresh

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Last Week

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

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



Rtn Kapil Hinduja

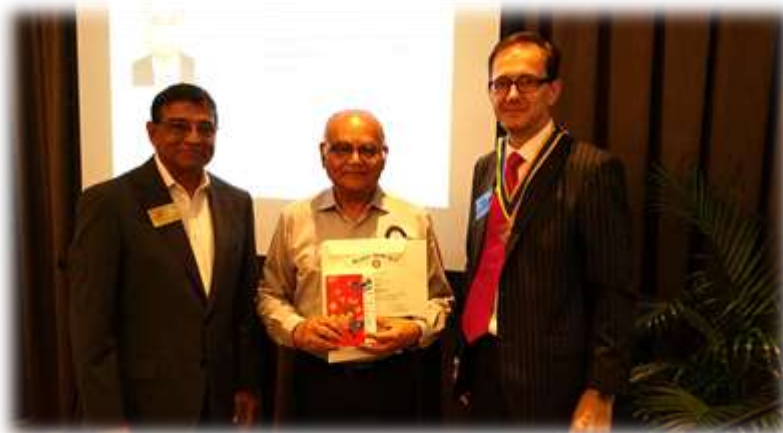
President Keith called on Rtn Kapil Hinduja who introduced the Speaker; Mr Shri J K Sinha who completed his schooling at St Xavier’s School, Patna and then graduated in History (Honours) from St Stephen’s College, Delhi. He did his Master’s in History from the Delhi University. Subsequently, he joined the Indian Police Service in 1967 following in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather. Mr Sinha went on deputation to the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India in 1971 and rose to the rank of Secretary and retired from service in 2005.

At the start of his presentation, Mr Sinha thanked members for the opportunity to present his talk and added that he was most impressed by Rotary and its motto of “Service Above Self”.



Speaker, Mr Shri J K Sinha

Mr Sinha spoke of how he launched Shoshit Seva Sangh with the objective of providing quality education to the poorest of the poor, the musahar community of Bihar. He advised that the word musahars meant rat-eaters, and that this community of people who were mostly landless agricultural labourers, were considered the poorest of the poor.



From left to right: PP Tapan, Mr Sinha & Pres Keith

Mr Sinha described how he established a fully free English medium residential school for the children of the musahar community with all the necessary facilities for imparting quality education to these children and ensures a bright future for them. His vision is that these children will make a huge quantum jump in life and become inspirational role models and catalyst of change in their community. This, he hoped, would change the very profile of this unfortunate community. (A copy of Mr Sinha’s presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

President Keith invited PP Tapan Rao who warmly thanked Mr Sinha for his presentation.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

20 November – Sandra Coffman
21 November – Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

13 November – Keizo & Mayumi Fujitake
14 November – Vaidy & Sumathi Krshnamurthy
21 November – Manish & Nandita Tibrewal

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

This Meeting

15 November 2017

Reception Desk duty: 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"

Next Meeting

22 November 2017

Reception Desk duty: Debasree Chakrabarti, Dr Chan Siew Luen
Sunshine Box: PP J K Ong, Stacy McCarthy

Speaker: Ms Chua Yi Xian, Assistant Manager, Mental Health Services, National Council of Social Services

Topic: To be advised

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 23 November

Time: 7.15pm for dinner followed by meeting at 8.15pm

Venue: YWCA Singapore, Joy & Peace Room, Level 3, Fort Canning Lodge, 6 Fort Canning Road, S179494

Co-Hosts: PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Rtms Jeff Rajeck & Connie Ho

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)

26 Nov – CSC's Vision for All Project at Block 807B Keat Hong Axis RC Centre Choa Chu Kang Avenue 1 #01-530 S682807

December

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January

Vocational Service Month

February

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

March

Water and Sanitation Month

15-18 Mar – DISTAS Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, District Training Assembly at Holiday Villa, Johor Bahru

April

Maternal and Child Health Month

Minority Vocational School Mission Visit



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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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