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In Focus

Rotary Diwali Nite

By: Membership Director Rtn Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah

On 24th October, Rotary Club of Singapore celebrated the Festival of Lights in a grand and fun way at Mogul Mahal restaurant. An amazing night filled with fun, laughter, friends and great food. The party was attended by both Rotarians and Prospectors. Despite, it being a working day, participants came to the venue as early as 7pm. What's a party without selfies and groupies? A fun photo-booth was put where participants enjoyed getting 'clicked and shot' and a mehendi artist was available for the ladies to get henna designs on their hands. Mr. K.P. Sadhu, the master of ceremony, stole the show with his great sense of humor and jokes. Everyone was filled with joy and happiness. Not to forget the finger-licking good food consisting of North Indian cuisine of varieties of chats and pudina chicken as the starters. Rotary members also brought some good wines and whiskey to enjoy a great fellowship time together. Like all good things, this Diwali part of Rotary Club of Singapore came to an end with drawing the attention of participants towards Rotary's fight to end polio. All participants appreciated Rotarian Raj, the Membership Director, in making this festival extra special for them. President Keith in his speech also thanked Rotarian Raj for the exemplary arrangement and coordination. "Rotary is not only about meetings but great fun and excitement too", said Rotarian Raj and he promised more such events in future.



Rotarians mingling during the pre-party



The sumptuous food spread by Mogul Mahal Restaurant



Rtns Debasree, Joseph, Raj, Willi & Bala (left to right) having a shot taken at the photo booth



Pres Keith with lovely ladies – Rtns Astha, Debasree, Dir Mee Lee & Mrs Lily Patel (left to right)



Rotary Diwali Nite...contd



Rotarians and friends taking part in a dance activity on the centre stage



MC K.P. Sandhu (middle) leads the show with fun activities



Cake cutting and group photo in support of End Polio Day



Rotarians unleash their talent



Rotarians enjoy the finale when the floor was opened to everybody



Diwali Queen Debasree & King Suresh



ROTARY - ASME
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THE YEAR AWARD
GALA DINNER

TICKETS @ \$180
(SELLING FAST)

WHEN

Thurs 23rd November '17
6.00 PM till late

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Black Tie

WHERE

The Ritz Carlton -
Millenia Singapore

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Bukit Gombak Project Sunshine

BiG deals

WHERE: Blk 807B Keat Hong Axis Colours RC Centre.
Choa Chu Kang Avenue 1 #01-530 S (682807)

Date: 26 November 2017

Time: 9am to 5pm

Host: Ms Low Yen Ling

Mayor of South West District
Senior Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of Education and Ministry of Trade & Industry
Adviser to Bukit Gombak GROs
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Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 15 November 2017

OPENING REMARKS

The Meeting was opened by Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Deepu Joseph who invited President Keith to take the Chair. President Keith warmly welcomed the Guest Speaker, Mr Lim Chew Hwee and members to the Meeting.

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Jasbir Koh:

Guests:

Ms Claudia Turner
Mr Lindsay Cooper
Mr T J Khoo
Mr Navin Surana

Visiting Rotarians:

PP Svein Dolven – Oslo, Norway
Nancy Chin-Wagner – Boulder, USA
Nobuyuki Matsunaru – Tokyo Jyosai, Japan



Rtn Jasbir Koh

TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Right to left: Pres Keith, PP Svein Dolven & Toastmaster Rtn Robert Craiu raising a toast to R C Oslo & Rotary International



Pres Keith hands the Club banner to PP Svein



Exchange of banners with R C Boulder represented by Rtn Nancy Chin-Wagner



Guest Mr Navin Surana requested a banner for his previous club, R C Sathorn in Thailand



PE Mark Wang presents to Pres Keith R C Shanghai's new club banner



Last Week

NEW MEMBER'S INDUCTION

President Keith had the pleasant duty of inducting a new member, and called on PDG Dr Philbert Chin to introduce his candidate, Rtn Rajeshlal "Raj" Vaswani.

In his introduction, PDG Philbert noted that there were four sets of two-generations of Rotarians including himself, as his father was a member of the Club. Then, there was Rtn Robert Craiu who was inducted as the youngest Rotarian then, followed by Rtns Jamshid & Xerxes and now Hon Member Rtn Mohan & Raj Vaswani.



Left to right: Pres Keith, Rtn Raj Vaswani, PDG Dr Philbert Chin & HM Rtn Mohan Vaswani

Rtn Raj is a Director of Tolaram Group, Tolaram Family Office Wealth Co. and IshK Tolaram Foundation. His classification is "Food Products : Management". President Keith requested Rtn Raj to attend the four service committee meetings before deciding on the committee he wished to join. Details of Rtn Raj will be circulated to members shortly.



DECEMBER'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS & CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

President Keith announced that all Committee meetings for the month of December will be held prior to the Club's Christmas Fellowship, which will again be hosted by Honorary Member Rtn Mohan and Kawita Vaswani as follows:

Date & Time: **Friday, 22 December at 7.00pm (for meeting)**

Venue: **11 Ewart Park, Singapore 279744**

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS – December 2017

Community Service Director Rtn See Mee Lee informed members of the two forthcoming CSC projects – "Vision For All" scheduled for Sunday, 26 November (see page 4 for details). In the spirit of Christmas, Rtn Mee Lee highlighted the committee's "Goodie Goodie Goodie for Christmas" and called for members' support for the following:

Packing-Day

Date of packing: **9 December 2017 (Saturday) at 9am**

Venue : **Gift of Love Home (35 Boon Lay Ave, Singapore 649962)**

Beneficiaries : 120 Children from low income families around Gift of Love Home

HELP NEEDED from members:

Sponsor of **S\$10/- per goodie-bag** for each child.

Volunteers to Pack on 9 December 2017 (9am)

Distribution day: 10 December 2017 (10:30am to 12:30pm) at Gift of Love Home

President Keith will be in town as Santa Claus!!



CSC Dir See Mee Lee

PROJECT FOR ANGKOR HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN (AHC)

President Keith invited guest, Dr Claudia Turner who is the CEO of AHC in Cambodia to say a few words about their project to improve the healthcare of Cambodian children. He added that AHC would be presenting a project to the International Service Committee for consideration.



Last Week

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

Topic: “Singapore: Challenges and Opportunities”

President Keith called on Rtn Horst Hagemann to introduce the Speaker, Mr Lim Chew Hwee. Rtn Horst added that Mr Lim is a colleague and was previously Head of Asian Equity Strategy for ABN AMRO, which was bought over by LGT Bank. Mr Lim has over 20 years' experience in financial services. He graduated from the National University of Singapore and is a CFA charter holder.

Mr Lim added that he was pleased to be back to speak to the Club again. He noted that Singapore whilst a small country, its challenges actually reflected what was happening globally.

Mr Lim noted the restructuring of the Singapore economy has continued apace for several years now. The task to raise productivity, create quality jobs and keep the country relevant in a rapidly changing world is more urgent now than ever. This is especially so when the country is buffeted by external forces that are beyond our control (such as Brexit, Trump and an increasingly assertive China) and internal trend of a rapidly ageing population. Mr Lim touched on the demography of an ageing world with an increasing number of people aged 65 years or more from 2015-2050 and with rising life expectancy. Singapore, Mr Lim noted was facing the same challenges with its working-age population soon starting to shrink and leading to a large number of elderly people. He spoke of economic challenges with the slowing down of the manufacturing sector as well as productivity challenges and the lack of creation of jobs.



Rtn Horst with Speaker, Mr Lim Chew Hwee



From right to left: Pres Keith, Mr Lim & Rtn Willi

Mr Lim also spoke on the opportunities for the future with the Belt and Road Initiative with six economic corridors spanning Asia, Europe and Africa. He noted the potential growth in ASEAN as well. He added that there were other opportunities for Singapore with it being ranked as one of the world's smartest cities. Mr Lim further noted that Singapore could see potential growth in its economy through artificial intelligence.

President Keith called on Rtn Willi Hess who warmly thanked Mr Lim an insightful speech.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

27 November – Shamin Vaswani
28 November – Robert Schlesinger

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

23 November – PDG Dr Ivor & Maureen Thevathasan
24 November – Dir Deepak & Bianca Nagrani, Dr Devakumar & Ika Nair
26 November – Dr MC Tong & Geh Min
27 November – Jayant & Smita Gadgil
28 November – Suresh & Anita Hathiramani

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, Rtns Jeff Rajeck & Connie Ho

This Meeting

22 November 2017

Reception Desk duty: Debasree Chakrabarti, Dr Chan Siew Luen

Sunshine Box: PP J K Ong, Stacy McCarthy

Speaker: Ms Charis Chua, Manager, Mental Health Services, National Council of Social Service

Topic: *Creating Opportunities in Employment for Persons with Mental Health*

Next Meeting

29 November 2017

Reception Desk duty: T K Chew, Vivek Chhabra

Sunshine Box: Dr Suresh Mahtani, Jeff Rajeck

Speaker: Ms Ayesha Siddiqua Shelley, Counsellor (Labour), High Commission for Bangladesh

Topic: *The Challenges of Breast Cancer in Bangladesh and the role of the Blue Sky Charitable Foundation (BSCF).*

Committee Meetings in December

The four Service Committee Meetings will be held prior to the annual Christmas Fellowship as follows:

Date: Friday, 22 December

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: 11 Ewart Park, S.279744

Hosts: Hon Member Rtn Mohan & Kawita Vaswani

Coming Rotary Events

November

Rotary Foundation Month

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

9 & 10 Dec – CSC's Gift of Love Home Project

22 Dec – Annual Christmas Fellowship

January

Vocational Service Month

12-15 Jan – Rotary GG Inspection & Fellowship Trip to Central Vietnam

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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