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Your Rotary Calling

By: Honorary Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang

I know – when you talk about a “Calling”, our minds zero in to the religious aspect of the word. Which is, of course, correct. But, we know too, there are other kinds and types of “calling”.

In the context of this piece, I have often been drawn to some self-searching questions about myself and Rotary. A sort of self-examination: why am I in Rotary? What is really my role in Rotary? How have I done in Rotary? An exercise in some soul-searching. It is good to do this once in a while – not just about Rotary.



HM PP Raymon Huang

In the religious context, a “calling” has a deeper and more profound connotation and meaning. Again, I know this for sure. Two of my three sons are Pastors in charge of their churches. In Rotary, the implications can be just as profound, if in a different setting. Indeed, with our principal banners blaring lofty slogans like “Service Above Self”, imageries of selflessness and sacrifice are evoked.

However, we have to ask ourselves simple questions like “What attracted us to Rotary?” Now that we are in it, we have to ask ourselves, “How am I doing in Rotary?” Simple questions indeed. But the correct or truthful answers can often be not so forthcoming. In a sense, being a Rotarian is a “calling”. Likewise in the professions, the businesses, the civil service, politics.

I can only relate my own experience. Because of the childhood hardships, I vowed and wanted “to do some good” should my parents or I did well after all the years of slogging. So as far back as 1947/48, when I was still studying at Raffles Institution, I volunteered my services at the Chinese (Metropolitan) YMCA. I was with them for some 20 years. In 1962 the late Dr Ee Peng Liang, RCS Past President and also known as “Mr Charity”, invited me to join Rotary. I could not, because of my deep involvement at the CMYMCA. Had I accepted it, I would have been a Rotarian for some 55 years now. I joined Rotary (RCS) in 1971. I am grateful to my Rotarian colleagues for their welcoming arms. Over the years, I sometimes look back in wonder how I also managed to serve on the Executive Committees and Boards of some 18 to 20 Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWO).

How about you? And you? It would be nice to hear your story too.



In Focus

My eldest son, Rev. Melvin Huang, is Pastor-in-Charge of the Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church. He preaches good sermons. One of them also related how he wrestled, at first, about his “calling” to serve in the Ministry of God. He also wrote a little poem on the matter, based on the well-known hymn “Here I am, Lord.” The Refrain of this hymn says:

*“Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.”*

As he wrestled with his inner feelings about his worthiness to serve in God’s Ministry, he composed these soul-searching lines some 30 years ago:

*“Is it me Lord? Cannot be, Lord.
Are you sure, Lord? It’s not her, Lord?
I’ll try to go next time you ask me to.
Just this once Lord. Please give me a chance, Lord.
So how now, Lord? Hear my vow, Lord.”*

But he did go. He responded to God’s Calling, and has been His Servant for some 35 years now.

And so did many of us – you and I – respond to the Rotary Call “to do good” in the world. And many of us have been in the thick of that Calling for a long time now. Us old-timers laud and encourage the younger Rotarians to “explore” the Calling deeper and respond to it harder. It is so heartening that many of our Club’s newer intakes have done this, and more. Kudos to them. Those of us who can, should always be in the front-line. Those who cannot, can be in the support lines behind – like in the armed forces. This way, together, we put into practice and actualize our aspirations to “Serve Humanity”. And we would have answered our Rotary Calling. As George Moore said, “After all there is but one race – humanity.”

As we clink glasses to “Cheers!” and “Kampais!”, and as we join in the multitude of merry-makers this festive season, let us not forget our Rotary Calling.

Merry Christmas, All! And A Happy New Year, Everyone!



Rotaract Club of Singapore In Action –

Youth Service Committee Update

Report by Rtn Connie Ho

We were joined by 12 Rotaractors of the Rotaract Club of Singapore (RACSG) at this week's lunch meeting (6.12.17), who brought so much buzz and fun to our meeting. The team was on the ground early and conducted a pre-lunch health screening for fellow Rotarians and followed by a First Aid Demonstration by Rotaractor Isaac Tan. Another highlight is the 'real-time' Christmas Cookies Sales organized by the Rotaractors to raise fund for the Sapulot Project. It is a lively and heart-warming gathering with Rotarians and Rotaractors under one roof for a good cause. A big thumbs up and thank you to our Partner In Healthcare – our Rotaractors from RACSG!



*The wonderful team of Rotaractors with members
after the weekly meeting on 6 December 2017*

Rotaract Club of Singapore In Action ...contd



The yummy cookies on sale



From right: VP Andy Mankiewicz & Director See Mee Lee having their blood pressure checked



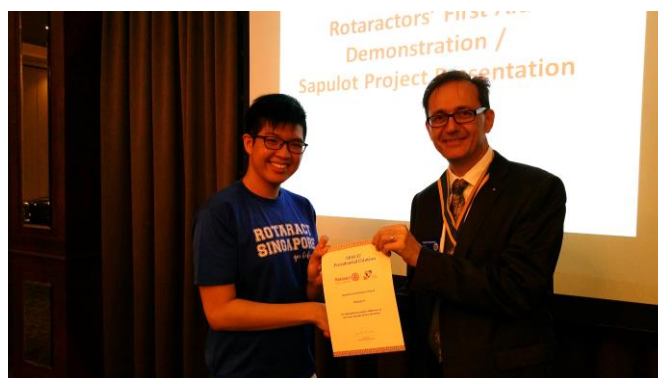
YSC Dir Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien introducing the Rotaractors



Rotr Eugene Seah calling on members' support for their Sapulut Project



Rotr Isaac Tan presenting a health talk on treatment of burns



RACSG President Eng Kok Wee receives from Pres Keith the RI Presidential Citation (RY 2016-17)

Philippine Medical & Dental Mission

16 – 22 January 2018

Following are the programme details of the Philippine Medical /Dental Mission in Manila (Taguig) and Cauayan, made by PP Perlita Tiro at the weekly meeting on 6 December 2017:

PROGRAMME:

16/1/18: Travel to Manila

17/1/18:

- PP Dr Yap Lip Kee conducts Lecture series (to International & local doctors) on hysteroscopy & laparoscopy, with operative demonstrations. Participates in screening program
- PP Dr Oliver Henedige conducts mission w dentists from Singapore & the Philippines
- Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal sets framework for tele-consultation for eyecare

18/1/18: Travel to Cauayan

18/1/18: PP Lip Kee evaluates cases for surgery by Philippine team

19/1/18

- PP Dr Lip Kee conducts Lecture (to International & local doctors) on hysteroscopy & laparoscopy. Supervises surgeries of local doctors
- PP Oliver conducts mission with dentists from Singapore & the Philippines
- Director Dr Rupesh sets framework for tele-consultation for eye care

20/1/18

- PP Dr Lip Kee continues supervision of surgeries of local doctors
- PP Dr Oliver conducts mission with dentists from Singapore & the Philippines
- Visit to Water Project of RC Cauayan

FLIGHTS / COSTS

16/1/18: Travel to Manila PR 502

18/1/18: Travel to Cauayan 5J 196

21/1/18: Travel to Manila 5J 197

Return to Singapore PR 509

or Drive to Zambales

22/1/18 Drive to Manila

Return to Singapore PR509

AIRFARES: Return on 21/1 S\$ 375

Return on 22/1 S\$ 260

Cauayan/back S\$ 137

MANILA HOTELS: S\$100-150/day

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Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 6 December 2017

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Bertrand De Mil invited President Keith to chair the Meeting. President Keith was pleased to note the great support and attendance of members at the Meeting. He warmly welcomed Guest Speaker, PDG Dr David Harilela from Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile as well as a team of Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Singapore who were present to conduct health screening for members and to raise funds for their Sapulot Project.

WELCOME

The welcome of Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians was performed by Vice President Andy Mankiewicz:

Guests:

Mr Keerti Praveena,
Mr Muhammad Afif,
Mr Kawsalya Kanris,
Mr Yogashree Thanabal
& Ms Rachael Subnatlan (R C Klang)
Ms Elizabeth Su
Mr Ravi Sonnad

Visiting Rotarians:

Speaker, PDG Dr David Harilela – Kowloon Golden Mile
Sunny Bay – Marina City
Ngai Siew Lai – Klang
Anna Grassotti – Stockholm Strand
CP Josie Evans & Estelle Reyes – Makati Rufino
Masaru Shoji – Osaka North
Manish Mehta – Ann Arbor North



VP Andy Mankiewicz

TOAST & EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS



Toastmaster, Rtn Jeff Rajeck invited Rtn Anna Grossotti to address the Club. Rtn Anna's club, Rotary Club of Stockholm Strand has 79 members and was formed 24 years ago.

Rtn Jeff called on members to join him in a toast to Rotary Club of Stockholm Strand coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

Photo: (from right to left – President Keith, Rtns Anna & Jeff)



Pres Keith hands a Club banner to CP Rtn Josie Evans (right) and Rtn Masaru Shoji (left)

Last Week

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

President Keith advised that nominations for the position of President for Rotary Year 2019/2020 closed on 29 November 2017. He added that the Nominating Committee received one nomination and resolved to recommend the nomination to the Board. The Board agreed with the Nominating Committee's nomination and now declare that the only candidate currently for the abovementioned post is **Director Rtn Deepak Nagrani**.

President Keith further advised should there be any other member who would like to be nominated, nominations could be submitted in writing, proposed, seconded and with the consent of the nominee, to be forwarded to him by 15 December.

Formal adoption of the nomination will take place at the Club's Annual General Meeting at the weekly meeting on Wednesday, 20 December 2017.

SUPPORT OUR FOOTBALLPLUS BOYS!

President Keith called on members' support for the FootballPlus boys who are third in the Under 13 Championship League. He advised that the match will be held on:

Date & Time: 10 December 2017 from 11.45am to 1.30pm

Venue: Centaurs Pitch (Opposite Giant @Turf City Bukit Timah)



FootballPlus Boys with VP James Lee

CSC Project – Goodie Goodie Goodie for Christmas

Community Service Director See Mee Lee reminded members of the coming project and called for volunteers for packing of goodie bags on 9 December for distribution on 10 December 2017. She added that the Bukit Gombak EAGLES Interactors would also be distributing goodie bags to the needy. Rtn Mee Lee also advised that President Keith would be Santa at the event on 10 December at the Gift of Love Home.

COMING ROTARY EVENTS

EVENT	DETAILS
Community Service Project – “Goodie Goodie Goodie for Christmas”	9 & 10 December at Gift of Love Home, 35 Boon Lay Avenue, S649962. Volunteers needed for packing of goodie bags for 120 children from low income families on 9 December at 9am. Distribution on Sunday, 10 December from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Service Committee Meetings & Annual Christmas Fellowship	Friday, 22 December at 7.00pm onwards at 11 Ewart Park, S279744 hosted by Hon Member Rtn Mohan & Kawita Vaswani.
Rotary GG Inspection & Fellowship Trip to Central Vietnam	From 12 to 15 January 2018 - For more details contact PP Dr Shahul Hameed at email drshahul14@gmail.com
Philippine Medical & Dental Mission	From 16 to 22 January 2018. Details are featured on Page 7 of the bulletin. To register and for further details, please contact PP Perlita at rtnperlita@gmail.com or Rtn Deepti at deepti.lalchandani@gmail.com .



Last Week

Speaker: Past District Governor (Dist 3450) Dr David Harilela

Topic: ***“THE ONE Humanitarian Award and the Rotary Global Rewards Program”***



Rtn Atul Merchant

Prior to calling upon Rtn Atul Merchant to introduce the Speaker PDG Dr David Harilela, President Keith noted the strong connection the Club has with PDG David's family through the support of his late uncle, Dr Hari Harilela with the Club's Book of Humour.

Rtn Atul noted that PDG David hails from a prominent family in Hong Kong. In 2011, PDG David founded the International Humanitarian Award – THE ONE, a project by RI District 3450. Rtn Atul cited PDG David's involvement in the Rotary movement which saw him serving as District Governor in 2011/2012 and becoming a member of the Arch Klumph Society (Trustees Circle) and was bestowed by Rotary International with its highest award, the "Service Above Self Award".



Guest Speaker, PDG Dr David Harilela



From right to left: Pres Keith, PDG David & Rtn Uttam Kripalani

PDG David advised that the Award "THE ONE" is an annual humanitarian award that honours, empowers and rewards the unsung heroes who embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". He added that the Award winner receives US\$100,000 whilst the two finalists receive US\$50,000 each to further their charitable causes. He advised that Rotary Clubs which nominate the recipient of the Award would also receive US\$5,000 for the Club's charitable project. PDG David spoke of the impact of the Award which has changed over 300,000 lives. He introduced the Award's past winners and their work and called on members to recognize and find local heroes in order to start to make a true dent into global poverty and pain.

PDG David also spoke on Rotary's Global Reward Program which offers discounts to Rotarians on products and services for travel, entertainment, and merchandise. He noted that the Programme was a "Win-Win-Win" situation as Rotarians would enjoy the programme's benefits; The Rotary Foundation would receive net proceeds and vendors gain new business opportunities. He encouraged members to register at www.rotary.org/globalrewards. (A copy of PDG David's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

In his vote of thanks to PDG David, Rtn Uttam Kripalani noted that some Rotarians in their positive ways make very definite and endearing contributions to Rotary. He added that one of the many who have shown dedication and total involvement with the Rotary movement is PDG David. Rtn Uttam warmly thanked PDG David for sharing "The One" humanitarian project, as well as the Rotary Global Rewards programme.



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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

13 December – Hon Member PP Bhagwan Melwani
14 December – PP Mansoor Hassanbhai & IPP Garry Taylor
16 December – Sanjeev Kumar Shah
19 December – Haider Nawaz

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

15 December – PP Sajjad & Ruby Akhtar
18 December – Hon Member Adam & Roshan Moledina, Paul & Janet Phua
19 December – Ivan & Sharon Lew

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: Honorary Member Rtn Mohan & Kawita Vaswani

This Meeting

13 December 2017

Reception Desk duty: Robert Craiu

Sunshine Box: Deblina Chatterjee

Speaker: Ms Corinna Lim, Executive Director, AWARE

Topic: Violence Against Women

Next Meeting

20 December 2017

Reception Desk duty: PP Mansoor Hassanbhai, Anindya Dutta

Sunshine Box: PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas, Dir See Mee Lee

Speaker: Rev. Ivan Tan Pastor, The Living Hope Methodist Church

Topic: Nurturing Leaders

Coming Rotary Events

November

Rotary Foundation Month

December

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

22 Dec – Annual Christmas Fellowship

January

Vocational Service Month

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

16-22 Jan – Philippine Medical & Dental Mission

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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