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VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation."

Carlos Frum, PDG D6440

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Presidential Message

January 2018



Ian H.S. Riseley
President 2017-18

In Rotary, our diversity is our strength. This idea dates back to the earliest years of our organization, when the classification system was first proposed. The idea behind it was simple: that a club with members who had a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities would be capable of better service than one without.

In the years since, the idea of diversity in Rotary has come to be defined more broadly. We have discovered that a club that truly represents its community is far better able to serve that community effectively. Looking ahead, it is clear how essential diversity will remain in Rotary: not only to strong service today, but to a strong organization in the future.

One of the most pressing aspects of diversity to address in our membership is the age of our members. When you look around at almost any Rotary event, it becomes immediately obvious that the age range in the room does not promise a sustainable future for our organization. Our membership is near a record high, and we are bringing in new members all the time – yet only a small minority of those members are young enough to have decades of Rotary service ahead of them. To ensure a strong and capable Rotary leadership tomorrow, we need to bring in young and capable members today.

We also cannot discuss diversity in Rotary without addressing the issue of gender. It is difficult to imagine that just three decades ago, women could not join Rotary. Although we have come a long way since then, the legacy of that misguided policy is still with us. Far too many people continue to think of Rotary as an organization only for men, and that idea has had a detrimental effect on both our public image and our membership growth. Today, women make up just over 21 percent of Rotary's membership. While this is certainly a great improvement, we have a long way to go to meet what should be the goal of every club: a gender balance that matches the balance of our world, with as many women in Rotary as men.

Whatever brought each of us to Rotary, we stay because we find value in Rotary membership and believe that our service has value to the world. By building clubs that reflect that world in all its diversity, we will build even more enduring value in *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

ERRATA

In issue no. 23 – Page 1, last paragraph, 1st sentence should read as follows:

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Tolaram Group in Nigeria for their assistance and hospitality during our stay in Lagos with special thanks to Tolaram Group CEO and Director Mr Sajen Aswani and Director and Singapore's Honorary Consul to Lagos, **Mr Haresh Aswani**.



Photo Album of the SweetGiving Christmas Fellowship on 23.12.17

The Club through the Community Service Committee organised a Christmas celebration for 80 beneficiaries from the Rotary Family Service Centre, Society for the Aged of Sick, St. Vincent Home and Aidha Ltd on Saturday, 23 December 2017 held at the Regent Hotel.

The **SweetGiving Christmas Party** for the needy was donated by a wonderful and generous couple, Mr Freddie Tan Poh Leng and Miss Guo Jiaxin Joyce, to celebrate the holiday and joy of Christmas with the needy in Singapore.



Wonderful atmosphere... with everyone enjoying the sumptuous dinner!



From left: Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider, VSC Dir/PN Deepak Nagrani, PP Alan Tan, PE Mark Wang, Rtns Dr Suresh Mahtani, Andreas Duerst & Shamin Vaswani



Photo Album of the SweetGiving Christmas Fellowship on 23.12.17...contd



VSC Dir/PN Deepak & Bianca Nagrani



CSC Director See Mee Lee



Membership Director Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah (right) with Rtn Andreas Duerst



PE Mark Wang handing out presents

Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 10 January 2018

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Bertrand De Mil opened the meeting with his New Year greetings, and invited President Keith to take the Chair.

President Keith welcomed Guest Speaker, Mr En Lee from LGT Impact. He extended special welcome to Dr Sapna Piya, who together with her brother Dr Madan Piya, are the main organisers of our Club's Multiple Nepal Projects, as well as her husband, President Bhoo Arun Malla from Rotary Club of Kathmandu Metro. President Keith also acknowledged the presence of PDG Roberto Pagdanganan from sister club, Rotary Club of Manila.

WELCOME

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Deblina Chatterjee:

Guests:

Dr Sapna Piya Malla
Ms Anushka Malla
Ms Shivangi Malla
Mr Ray Heng
Mr Suresh Krishnan
Mr Jayesh Parekh

Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan – Manila
President Bhoo Arun Malla – Kathmandu Metro
PN Ines Lozano – Key Biscayne Miami
Jennifer McCaughey – Victoria, BC
Jan Rostkowski – White Rock Peace Arch
Former Member, Rtn Sverker Moeller



Rtn Deblina Chatterjee

TOAST & EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS

Toastmaster, PP Perlita Tiro invited PDG Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan from sister club, Manila to address the Club. PDG Obet advised that on 1 June 2019, his club would be celebrating its centennial. He invited members to this celebration, details of which would be circulated at a later date. PDG Obet added that it was a celebration for all Rotary Clubs in Asia.

Photo: (from right to left – President Keith, PDG Obet & PP Perlita)



From left to right: Pres Keith presents Club banners to PN Ines Lozano, PDG Obet, Rtn Jennifer McCaughey & Pres Bhoo Arun Malla



Last Week

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS FROM ROTARY CLUB OF KATHMANDU METRO

President Keith called upon his fellow President Bhoo Arun Malla to address the Club. President Bhoo warmly thanked President Keith and PP Dr Shahul Hameed for the welcome, and added he has been a Rotarian since 2002. He noted that since the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, he has seen how much Rotary has done to bring smiles to the people. He highlighted some of the Rotary projects being undertaken in areas of water, sanitation, bio-gas and supply of wheelchairs which has enhanced Rotary's image in the country.



Pres Bhoo presents to Pres Keith his Club's scarf with his good wishes as his wife, Dr Sapna Piya Malla looks on

In keeping with his club's custom, President Bhoo presented a scarf to President Keith, and members were treated to boxes of sweet traditional pastries.

COMING ROTARY EVENTS

Members were reminded of the following Club and District events:

EVENT	DETAILS
Philippine Medical & Dental Mission	From 16 to 22 January 2018 – to be conducted in Manila (Taguig) and Cauayan, with a visit to Zambales.
2017-18 District Rotary Foundation Seminar	On 20 January 2018 – from 12.00-5.30 pm at NUS Suntec City Guild House, Tower 5 Suntec City Level 2. Registration Fee: \$38 net (inclusive of lunch and coffee break). Host Club: Rotary Club of Garden City
Charming CNY Spirit	On 27 January 2018 (1.00-4.00pm) – CSC Director Rtn See Mee Lee invited members' participation to an outing to Chinatown with wheelchair-bound residents from Society for the Aged Sick. Corporate Sponsors and volunteers are sought. Cost is \$50.00 per person. Please contact Rtn Mee Lee for registration.
All For Vision	On 28 January 2018 (8.30am-1.00pm) – Rtn Mee Lee further advised of the next All for Vision Project in Tampines (exact site to be confirmed). This eye-screening project is held with Partners – VIRAJ Healthcare Foundation and Zeiss Singapore.
India Eye Mission	From 16 to 23 February 2018 – PP Tapan Rao briefed members on the coming Mission to Kolkata and Bhubaneswar, with visits to the WASH Project, inauguration of 2 eye hospitals and a special wing at the Purulia hospital. For more details, contact PP Tapan Rao at email tkr@mindtrac.com



Speaker: Mr En Lee, Partner, Head Asia Pacific, LGT Impact

Topic: *“Doing good better through Impact Investing and Venture Philanthropy”*



Rtn Horst Hagemann

President Keith called upon Rtn Horst Hagemann to introduce the Speaker, Mr En Lee leads the Asia team at LGT Impact and manages the regional investment portfolio in agriculture, education, healthcare, renewable energy and ICT. Previously, Mr Lee was an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs working with investment funds. He serves on the Boards of several award-winning social enterprises; he is a member of LGT's Sustainability Board, SIIA Sustainable Finance Initiative, China Green Finance Committee and Asia Investor Group on Climate Change.



Guest Speaker, Mr En Lee

He is also Entrepreneur-In-Residence at INSEAD, an Adviser to B Corporation (Singapore) and is active in various leadership networks. He holds a LL.B (First Class Honours) degree, was awarded the CAIA designation, and graduated from the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School.



YSC Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien presents the Club's mementos to Mr Lee

Mr Lee gave an insightful presentation on how impact investing and venture philanthropy have generated positive social and environmental outcomes alongside financial returns. He explained various innovative approaches to deliver positive impact, and shared actual case studies from LGT's portfolio, and provided an overview of the investment process and impact assessment. To end off his presentation, Mr Lee showed a short video on the M-KOPA Solar product which has helped low-income consumers in Africa. (A copy of Mr Lee's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

President Keith invited Youth Service Director, Dr Hoh Sek Tien to extend the Club's vote of thanks to Mr Lee. Rtn Sek Tien warmly thanked Mr Lee for his presentation and shared with members his 16 year old son's query on his purpose in life, and he added that not many parents would answer that it was to serve humanity! But, Rtn Sek Tien added that as Rotarians, adopting the Guide to Daily Living would go a long way towards an altruistic purpose in life.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Deepu Joseph

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Anant & Nidhi Jain

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 18 January
Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Spoon Room, Singapore Island Country Club, Sime Road, off the junction of Lornie / Adam Roads

Hosts: PPs Mansoor Hassanbhai, Dr Winston Oh, Jasbir Koh & Dr Alexander Ressos

This Meeting

17 January 2018

Reception Desk duty: Anant Jain, Deepu Joseph

Sunshine Box: PP Peter Tan, Mamta Shahani

Speaker: PDG Dr Philbert Chin

Topic: *What makes Rotary unique*

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 25 January

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Moghul Mahal Restaurant, 2 Tessensohn Rd #03-01 Khalsa Association, S 217646

Hosts: Suresh Keerthi, Keizo Fujitake, Dr Chan Siew Luen and Ntoudi Mouyelo

Next Meeting

24 January 2018

Reception Desk duty: Connie Ho, Suresh Keerthi

Sunshine Box: VP James Lee, Shamin Vaswani

Speaker: Prof Dr Kua Ee Heok, National University of Singapore

Topic: Dementia : What you always wanted to know but were too afraid to ask. The Age Well Everyday (AWE) program for dementia prevention.

Coming Rotary Events

January

Vocational Service Month

16-22 Jan – Philippine Medical & Dental Mission

31 Jan – Club Assembly at Singapore Cricket Club (Gilmore) at 6.30pm

February

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

16-23 Feb – India Eye Mission

23 Feb – World Understanding & Peace Day

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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