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**President Keith
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wish all Members
a Happy & Prosperous
Lunar New Year**

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In Focus

Presidential message

February 2018

One hundred thirteen years ago this month, the four members of Rotary's first club held their first meeting. Although no minutes were kept, it's unlikely anyone talked about service; the club did not begin focusing on the needs of the community for another few years.



*Ian H.S. Risely
President 2017-18*

The meeting was held not in a hotel or a restaurant, but in a member's office; there were, so far as we know, no agendas or announcements, no committee reports, speakers, or nametags. The meeting would have failed today's usual standards for a productive Rotary meeting most resoundingly. It was, of course, the most productive Rotary meeting ever held.

Today, as in 1905, many of us come to Rotary seeking what Paul Harris sought: friendship, connections, a place to feel at home. But today, Rotary gives us so much more than it could ever have given its earliest members in those earliest days. The Rotary of today, more than 1.2 million members strong, lets us feel at home not only in a small group of our peers, but also in our diverse clubs, across our communities, and indeed throughout the world. Today, Rotary connects us all in a way that Paul Harris could never have dreamed on that February evening so long ago. Not only can we go anywhere in the world there is a Rotary club and feel at home, but we can reach out to anywhere in the world there is a Rotary club and make a difference.

In the 113 years since that first meeting, Rotary has become far larger, and more diverse, than those founding members could have conceived. We have gone from an organization that was all white and all male to one that welcomes women and men of every possible background. We have become an organization whose stated purpose is service, reflected in our motto, Service Above Self. And we have become not only an organization that is capable of changing the world, but one that has already done so, through our work to eradicate polio.

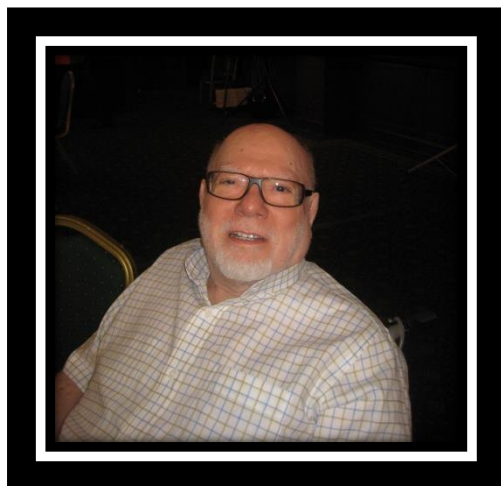
None of us can know what lies ahead for Rotary. It remains for all of us to continue to build on the solid foundations that were laid for us by Paul Harris and his friends: to forge and strengthen the bonds of service and friendship through *Rotary: Making a Difference*.



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A Tribute



In Memory Of
The late Honorary Member (HM) Past President (PP)
Murli M K Chanrai
President: Rotary Year 1993/94

If there was anyone who could truly be described as “generous” in more ways than one, it was certainly Murli – without any doubt. He was, indeed!

The late HM PP Murli was not just “generous” in physical attributes; he had a big, big heart. And a ready smile and an infectious laughter. Always neat-looking, he had that neatly-trimmed white beard that gave him that Ernest Hemmingway look-alike. Because of this, each time I met him I would say, “Mr Hemmingway, I presume!” That would set off a roar of laughter and a generous handshake.

Murli joined Rotary in 1977, became our President in the Rotary Year 1993/94, helming the Club by practical, personal example. As a Rotarian his generosity went way beyond our shores. As a businessman his contribution to society and industry was legendary. His easy style belied his intense dedication. As HM PP Bhagwan Melwani said, “he was always approachable; never turned away anyone.” HM PP Bhagwan repeated a few times the phrase “Gem of a Person” to describe MK as he was known by some of his friends. Executive Secretary Bernie remembers, “he was the very first President I served.” Murli had all the hallmarks of a true-blue Rotarian.

Outside of Rotary, his contributions to society and charity were even bigger. He held many important and top positions, apart from being Chairman of the giant industrial group, the Kewalram Chanrai Group. It was his own outfit. He was President of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce, which he helmed from 1982 to 1996, during which time he pioneered and spearheaded Singapore investment forays in India. He was one of the first persons to see and seize the opportunity, leading to the formation of the very first integrated InfoTech Park with Singapore involvement.

In 2013 he was fittingly given “The Outstanding Member of the South East Asia Diaspora” Award by President Dr Tony Tan.

Murli’s generous funding of charitable projects providing free medical care, medical research, scholarships and bursaries is on record. He leaves a lasting legacy.

By: HM PP Raymon Huang



Snapshots of Honorary Member PP Murli Chanrai's Rotary Life...



Enjoying fellowship after the VSC meeting on 13.2.04



Welcoming a visiting Rotarian to the Club on 23.6.10



Conferred Honorary Membership on 25.6.14



Judging the Rangoli competition at the Club's Diwali dinner on 2.10.09



HM PP Murli (seated centre) with his Rotary Family

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**Registration closes:
28th Feb 2018**

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Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 7 February 2018

OPENING REMARKS

International Service Director Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal called the Meeting to order, and sent President Keith's apologies for missing the meeting due to business commitments.

Rtn Rupesh warmly welcomed Guest Speaker, Professor Dr Utz Claassen to the Meeting.

WELCOME

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Jeff Rajeck:

Guests:

Speaker, Prof. Dr Utz Claassen &
Mr Tan Bien Kiat
Dr Nandakumar
Dr Rohindra
Dr Thomas Unger
Mr George Wong
Michael Lee

Visiting Rotarians:

PE Rene Zorn – Frederikssund, Denmark
Brenda Lee – Taipei Nanya, Taiwan
Eric Hauff – Centennial Colorado, USA



Rtn Jeff Rajeck

TOAST

Toastmaster, Rtn Joseph Chia invited President Elect Rene Zorn from Rotary Club of Frederikssund to address the Club. PE Rene advised that he was in Singapore visiting his two sons. We learnt that the Frederikssund club has 30 members and was about 70 years old.

Rtn Joseph called on members to join him in a toast to Rotary Club of Frederikssund coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



From left: Rtn Joseph, Dir Dr Rupesh & PE Rene

EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS



Dir Dr Rupesh exchanged banners with PE Rene



Dir Dr Rupesh hands a banner to Rtn Brenda Lee from RC Taipei Nanya



Banner exchange with Rtn Eric Hauff (RC Centennial Colorado) who was celebrating his birthday on 7.2.18

INDIA EYE MISSION – 16 TO 23 FEBRUARY 2018

Director Dr Rupesh invited Project Leader, PP Tapan Rao to inform members on the coming project visit to India scheduled from 16 – 23 February.

PP Tapan advised that the delegation would be visiting the WASH (Water and Sanitation in Schools) project in Kolkata as well as visits to the Jayanagar and Hooghly Hospitals. He added that members would also be briefed on the coming celebrations of Rotary's 100 years in India.



*PP Tapan addressing the Club as ISC
Dir Dr Rupesh looks on*

PHILIPPINE MEDICAL & DENTAL MISSION

PP Perlita Tiro gave a report on the recently concluded Philippines Medical & Dental Mission held from 16 to 22 January 2018. She highlighted the various aspects of the Mission which included women's health, optical and dental care to the needy in Taguig and Cauayan City. A report on the Mission will be published in a coming issue of the bulletin.



PP Perlita Tiro

WORLD UNDERSTANDING & PEACE DAY 2018

Director Dr Rupesh reminded members to register for the coming event. Details as follows:

Date & Time: Friday 23 February 2018 at 7.00pm

Venue: Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium, 317 Outram Road, Singapore 169075

Guest of Honour: His Excellency Mr Scott Wightman, British High Commission to Singapore

Tickets: S\$85.00 per person

DISTRICT 3310 END POLIO WALK & FAMILY DAY 2018

Members were also reminded of the District's End Polio 3Km Walk and Family Day, as follows:

Date & Time: Saturday 7 April 2018 at 9.00 – 11.30am

Venue: East Coast Park Area C to D (Flag-off – at the field in front of McDonald's Marine Cove)

Guest of Honour: District Governor Datuk Lee Chuen Wan

Participating Fees: S\$50.00 per participant

- S\$40 to be contributed to Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund via My Rotary
- S\$10 payment to Rotary Club of Tanjong Pagar for T-shirt plus event hosting

Members were requested to submit their orders for T-shirts on/before 8 February for collection on 17 March 2018 during the DISTAS.

Speaker: Professor Dr Utz Claassen

Topic: *“Syntellix: An international biotech start-up using Singapore as the Asian platform for global success”*



Rtn Horst Hagemann

In his introduction of Speaker, Rtn Horst Hagemann advised that he received a 17-page CV of the Speaker, Prof Dr Utz Claassen, and added that he would not go into the details due to time constraints.

Rtn Horst noted that Prof Claassen is a top manager, management consultant, entrepreneur, investor, scientist, publicist and author with widespread international experience. As the only German manager of his generation, he was responsible for and succeeded in three major, large-scale corporate restructuring and turnaround processes.



Prof Dr Utz Claassen

At the age of 22, he received his “Diplom” (equivalent of a master’s degree) in economics from the University of Hanover, with the best result in the faculty’s history. After that, he became the first German in the almost 800 years of Oxford’s university history to be President of the postgraduates of Magdalen College and President of all postgraduates of the University of Oxford at the same time. A few days after his 31st birthday, he was appointed Executive Vice President Finance of SEAT and thus became the youngest brand vice president in the Volkswagen Group’s history. At the age of 39, he became CEO of one of the largest German utility corporations. Rtn Horst noted that Prof Claassen received numerous awards including the “Most Innovative Entrepreneur International 2016” from the EU Commissioner in April 2016.



From left: Prof. Claassen, Rtn Willi & Dir Dr Rupesh

In his presentation, Prof Claassen advised Syntellix’s innovation in creating an ideal implant in order to improve patient lives with an absorbable magnesium implant. Prof Claassen highlighted various comparisons of this innovative implant to other types of implants and the enormous benefits to patients and society.

To conclude, Prof Claassen graciously answered the queries posed to him by members of the Club.

Director Dr Rupesh invited Rtn Willi Hess who warmly thanked Prof Claassen for his presentation, adding that he had invented another thing - a 48-hour day with the work he does which was tremendous. Rtn Willi noted the impact of

such small screws in terms of savings of costs and lives.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

There are no Birthday celebrants this week.

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Pia Bruce & Mr Jasjit Singh

Hassan & Amrita Moosa

Omkar & Shanti Shrestha

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting scheduled for 15 February is cancelled in view of the Lunar New Year festivities.

This Meeting

14 February 2018

Reception Desk duty: Alex Lega, Bharat Mandloi

Sunshine Box: PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Ronald Wong

Speaker: Mr John Philip Louis, President, HOPE Worldwide (Singapore)

Topic: Hospitals in Cambodia

Next Meeting

21 February 2018

Reception Desk duty: VP Andy Mankiewicz, Jamshid Medora

Sunshine Box: Connie Ho, Kimio Somemiya

Speaker: To be advised

Topic: To be advised

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting cum meet our Interactors & Teacher Advisors will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 22 February

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Metropolitan YMCA, Olive Room 1, 60 Stevens Road, S257854

Hosts: PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas, PP Philip Leong, Rtms Paul Phua & Jessica Lim

Coming Rotary Events

February

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

16-23 Feb – India Eye Mission

23 Feb – World Understanding & Peace Day Dinner at Orchard Hotel

March

Water and Sanitation Month

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

31 Mar – Collective Tree-planting

April

Maternal and Child Health Month

Minority Vocational School Mission Visit
7 Apr – Rotary Walk for The Rotary Foundation

15 Apr – Rotary Charity Run – Kuching

May

Youth Service Month

11-13 May – District Conference

June

Rotary Fellowship Month

24-27 June – R I Convention, Toronto, Canada



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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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