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# In Focus

## Philippine Medical-Dental Mission

16-22 January 2018

Close to three years after the last similar mission, RC Singapore conducted a successful mission in the Philippines jointly with sister clubs RC Rizal West in Manila, at the city of Taguig, and RC Cauayan up North in Isabela in Cauayan and neighbouring towns.



PP Perlita Tiro

Starting with a full day dental and optical mission in Manila on 17 January, some 200 patients (75 for dental and 128 for optical) were treated at Sitio Imelda, an impoverished barangay in Taguig. PP Dr Oliver Henedige led a team of four dentists from Singapore and the Philippines, treating patients of all ages. RCRW had a team of five optometrists and assistants to handle the optical mission.



At centre are PP Dr Oliver & spouse Irene & PP Perlita from RC Singapore, flanked by PP Jules Nidea, President Sheila Ablay, PP Perlita, CP Vic Lacambacal and PP Adsie Rivera from RC Rizal West.



The morning crowd at the Opening Session, Sitio Imelda



Rtn Heia Natalia  
RCRW Coordinator

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*PP Dr Oliver in action*



*BP checking & administering anaesthesia prior to extraction*



*Irene provides nanny service while mother goes for extraction*



*The Dental Team with PP Perlita, Pres Sheila of RCRW and Irene Hennedige*



*Optical examination and fitting of spectacles*

The Women's Healthcare team led by PP Dr Yap Lip Kee arrived in the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> January. The one-hour flight to Cauayan scheduled on 18<sup>th</sup> January was cancelled due to inclement weather. The team ended up taking a 12-hour van ride of 400 km from the Manila airport to the North, after heavy traffic jams within Metro Manila and bottlenecks at city areas to the North. Our faithful partners from RC Cauayan took vigil to track our vehicle as we arrived at the meeting place destination at 5 am on the 19<sup>th</sup>.





*Fellowship at the RC Rizal West Meeting at the Elks Club, during which PDG Jimmy Cura (seated at far right) recounted the history and development of RC Singapore and RC RW close relations dating since 1996.*

PP Lip Kee and team were promptly whisked to the Isabela United Doctors Medical Center in Cauayan ready for his lecture at 9 am, while PP Oliver's team went their way to Barangay Baculod at the Northern Region to start the first day of the Dental Mission. PP Lip Kee gave a lecture on latest developments in laparoscopy, hysteroscopy and colposcopy then proceeded to supervise the surgeries conducted by the local gynaecologists.



*PP Dr Lip Kee and his team at the Isabela United Doctors Medical Centre*

The following day on the 20<sup>th</sup>, more surgeries were carried out under PP Lip Kee's supervision while PP Oliver and team went to another location, Barangay San Manuel for another round of dental treatment. A total of 26 patients were screened by PP Lip Kee, and subsequently supervised the procedures for 23. PP Oliver and a large local team of dentists (total of 17 for two days) worked on about 400 patients over the two days. City Mayors hosted the lunches for the dental team and Rotarians over the two days. Like in 2015 when we were there last, Mayor Mike Dy was present throughout the mission at Bgy San Manuel. He presented Tokens of Appreciation to RC Cauayan President Danilo Alivia and RC Singapore President Keith Harrison (received by First Lady Rachel) after the lunch on the 20<sup>th</sup>.





*Rotarians and spouses fr RC Cauayan & RC Singapore and the PP Lip Kee and his team of doctors and nurses*



*1st Day Dental Mission in Brgy Baculod*



On the 21<sup>st</sup> we travelled back to Manila on time and with no hiccups, after a festive brunch hosted by PP Raymond Tan's mother Mrs Nena Tan at her home, where most of us were house guests. Some proceeded home to Manila (Dentist Khristine Oronea, sponsored by PP Oliver, and Nurses Ynah Fernandez & Susan de Jesus, sponsored by P Keith) or back to Singapore (Rtn Deepti Lalchandani and Dentist Imelda Estavillo sponsored by PP Oliver) while PP Oliver, Irene and PP Perlita joined P Keith and Rachel to San Narciso, Zambales, to visit our prospective Global Grant project in Zambawood. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Rotary Club of Singapore, three Rotary Clubs in Manila and Zambawood Foundation for the future funding of training of special needs adults.

22<sup>nd</sup> was no longer part of the Mission, but PP Dr Yap Lip Kee organised a dinner meeting with members of the various sister clubs of RC Singapore in Manila, namely, RC Manila, RC Makati, RC Chinatown Manila and RC Rizal West. Some 26 Rotarians and spouses attended. Hosted by PP Lip Kee at Shangri-la the Forte, he explored the feasibility of conducting a Lecture Workshop on Latest Developments in Women's



Healthcare next year. Thanks to Rtn Heia Natalia and PDG Jimmy Cura for your assistance in organising this meeting.



2<sup>nd</sup> day Dental, Mayor Mike Dy hands Awards to Pres Danny Alivia of RC Cauayan & Pres Keith (Rachel receives on his behalf)



Signing of MOU with Zambawood Foundation

Meeting on Prospective VTT on Women's Healthcare in the Philippines

Another week of solid work of Rotary *Making a Difference* in service to humanity, while strengthening bonds of friendship among fellow Rotarians.





# Do you know any artisans?



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# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 14 February 2018

### OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Bertrand De Mil called the meeting to order and invited President Keith to take the Chair.

President Keith thanked International Service Director Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal for chairing the last meeting during his absence.

President Keith welcomed Guest Speaker, Mr John Philip Louis as well as the large delegation of visiting Rotarians from District 1680, France.



*Bertrand De Mil*

### COLLECTIVE WELCOME

Welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Alexandre Lega :

#### Guests:

1<sup>st</sup> Lady, Mrs Rachel Harrison  
Speaker, Mr John Philip Louis &  
Mr Justin Ho  
Dr Daisy Rani Rasaily  
Mr O L Ameer Ajured

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Previous member, PP Jan Rosemeyer – Bangkok  
Nadine Braghammer – eClub 2000 – Switzerland  
A Sanjeevi & Sheela Sanjeevi – Chennai Upscale  
Jeremy Berman – Damansara Heights  
Following Rotarians are from Rotary Clubs of Colmar,  
Deuz Brisach, Guebwiller, Alsace Franche Comte  
& Selestat Centre Alsace (District 1680):  
PDG Denis Hitter, PDG Michele Schultz, Presidents  
Virginie Muhr & Jean-Marie Golly, Elizabeth Ritter,  
Christiane Traband, Christiane Militzer, Christian  
LeNetour, Christiane & Roger Meister, Arnold Michel,  
Astrid Kisehler, Fredrique Keller, Christian Danguel,  
Rene Coathalem, Oberle, L. Nittelhauser



*Alex Lega*

### TOAST



*From right: Rtn Alex, Pres Keith, PDG Denis Hitter  
& PDG Michele Schultz*

Toastmaster, Rtn Alex Lega invited District 1680 PDGs Denis Hitter and Michele Schultz to address the Club.

PDG Denis expressed his delegation's pleasure in being able to share the lunch and attend the meeting. He advised that there were 2400 Rotarians in his District which has 60 clubs.

PDG Denis presented to President Keith a special bottle of white wine from their region and once again thanked the Club for the warm welcome.



## EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS



*Pres Keith (left) with visiting Rotarians who received the Club's banners*

## INDIA EYE MISSION – 16 TO 23 FEBRUARY 2018

President Keith advised that he would be participating with about 8 members in the Club's India Eye Mission from 16 – 23 February.

On the subject of India, President Keith called on Rtn Dr Irina Francken who highlighted the Club's other projects there, such as providing aid to sex traffic victims through the Piyali Learning Centre. She added that in 2010 the Club provided a bus to the Centre through a matching grant and she hoped that delegation whilst in India would be able to visit the Centre.



*Dr Irina Francken*

## WORLD UNDERSTANDING & PEACE DAY 2018

President Keith reminded members to register by ClubRunner for the Dinner which would be held on **Friday, 23 February at the Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium, 317 Outram Road, Singapore 169075.**

He advised that the Guest of Honour is none other than Honorary Member, His Excellency Mr Scott Wightman who is the British High Commissioner to Singapore.

The Club has committed to two tables for this event and President Keith called on members' support.

# Last Week

**Speaker:**           **Mr John Philip Louis, President, HOPE worldwide Singapore**

**Topic:**               **“Hospitals in Cambodia”**



*Rtn Irina introducing Speaker Mr Louis*

Mr Louis started the Central Christian Church of Singapore in 1988, and together with his wife Karen, provides counselling in the secular community for youth and family issues regardless of race, colour and religion. In addition to his pastoral and community work, he is also president of HOPE *worldwide* (Singapore), and is a trained family life educator and marriage counsellor. He has a Master's Degree in Counselling from Monash University.

President Keith called on Rtn Dr Irina Francken to introduce the Speaker, Mr Louis, who is originally from Malaysia, studied in England and graduated with Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the City University, London in 1985.



*Speaker, Mr John Philip Louis*



*From left: Rtn Siew Luen, Mr Louis & Pres Keith*

Mr Louis thanked members for the invitation to speak at the Club, adding his thanks as well to previous member, Rtn Philip Mason, who is his neighbor in Penang.

Mr Louis's presentation focused on the work of two hospitals located in Cambodia, the Sihanouk Hospital Centre of HOPE, and the Sonia Kill Memorial Hospital. He advised that both hospitals are non-profit as well as teaching hospitals which deliver free, high-quality medical care to the poor and disadvantaged while training the next generation of Cambodian medical professionals. Mr Louis highlighted the range of services including outpatient clinics, inpatient medical and surgical care, programs for HIV/AIDS and TB, and a dedicated women's health center of both hospitals. (A copy of Mr Louis's presentation is available from the

Secretariat.) President Keith invited Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen who warmly thanked Mr Louis for his interesting talk and presented him with the Club's mementos.





# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:**

PP Sajjad Akhtar

Stuart Pearce

## Anniversary Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:**

Sirish & Arpita Kumar

TK Chew & Mary

## 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, Rtns Paul Phua & Jessica Lim

## This Meeting

**21 February 2018**

**Meeting is cancelled in lieu of World Understanding & Peace Day Dinner on 23 February at Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium**  
**Guest of Honour:**  
**H E Mr Scott Wightman, British High Commissioner to Singapore**

## Community Service Meeting

**Community Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:**

**Date:** Thursday, 1 March

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Rainbow Centre, 501 Margaret Drive, S 149306

**Hosts:** PP Peter Tan & Alan Tan



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## Next Meeting

**28 February 2018**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Dr Winston Oh, PN/VSC Dir Deepak Nagrani

**Sunshine Box:** YSC Dir Dr Hoh Sek Tien, Jessica Lim

**Programme:** Continuation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly with Service Committee Reports.

## Coming Rotary Events

### February

**Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**

**16-23 Feb** – India Eye Mission

**23 Feb** – World Understanding & Peace Day Dinner at Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium

### 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

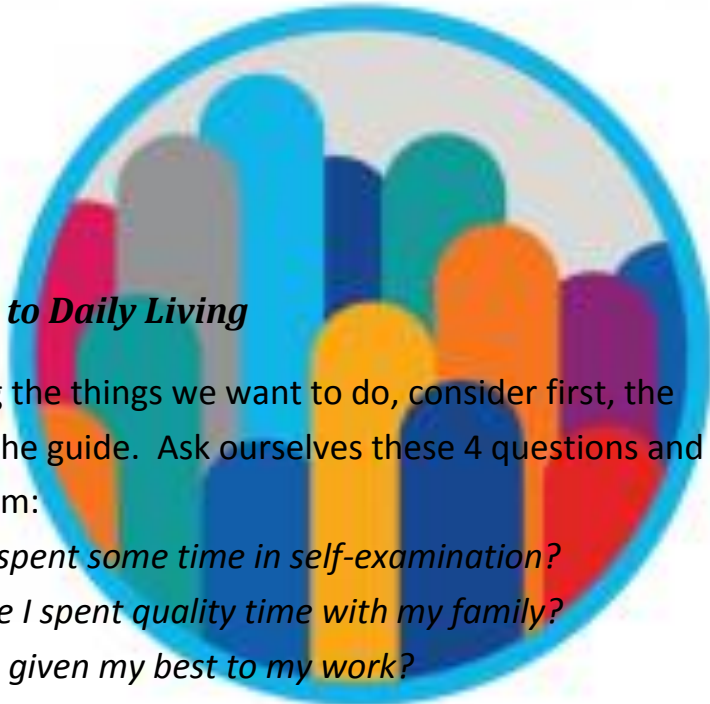
**27-28 May** – RC Osaka Semba's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations

### June

**Rotary Fellowship Month**

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





# 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.

# 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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