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"What Rotary will be one hundred years hence, no one living can imagine. There is nothing impossible to Rotary now."

Paul P Harris, 1945



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TRF – World No. 1!

By: Honorary Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang

Traditionally, for many a long year, Rotary International had always designated last month, February, as “World Understanding Month”, and February 23 – Rotary’s founding day, as “World Understanding and Peace Day”.



HM PP Raymon Huang

This Rotary Year – I suppose to be more specific and in a more direct response to a much troubled world – February has been designated “Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month. That is not just quite a mouthful, but an area which is so deep and big in practice, that I am in no position to write anything really meaningful on the subject. As it is, even an international organization like the United Nations has been trying and trying to prevent conflict and resolve peace on earth – with, I am afraid, little success. We know the threat of terrorism worldwide is growing, looming larger with each passing day, needing precious funds to be diverted to pay for the enhanced and heightened security measures to be put in place – instead of being used to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and help the needy.

As I indicated earlier, the subject of “Conflict Prevention and Peace Resolution” is too big a chunk for me to chew.

So it is perhaps better to dwell on something we know about, but about which there is so much more to know about. Even among senior Rotarians, we still have to learn so much more about Rotary.

Take The Rotary Foundation – TRF. Yes we do know quite a lot about it already – thanks to PP Dr Shahul Hameed’s clarifications and explanations. But TRF’s SOPs are complicated and intricate. I’ve always maintained that TRF has more than one SOP – with one “S” = Standard; and the other “S” = Special!

TRF is today acknowledged as “The No. 1 Foundation In The World” – not so much for its size as for its total impact in “Making A Difference”. The august charity world body, “Charity Navigator” gave TRF a 5-star rating, the highest possible. Today, it stands at US\$1.5B. RCS gives an average of US\$120 – 150K to the Annual Fund.

Many, or most, of us would already know the many times retold story about the humble beginnings of TRF – that famous princely sum of US\$26.50 that started it all. And it was “left over” money – from an R I Convention.

Let me retrace the journey:

1917: President Arch Klump said at the Atlanta Convention, “it seems proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world.” As expected, the response was “polite and favourable”. But materialization: slow!

1918: The “Rotary Endowment Fund”, as it was then called, received its first contribution of US\$26.50, actually the balance of the Kansas City Convention accounts.



In Focus

1924: After six years (!) the Fund totalled US\$700.

1928: Ten years after its formation, “The Rotary Foundation” was formally established at the Minneapolis Convention.

1932: The Foundation fund reached US\$50,000.

1937: A US\$2M goal was set, but WWII cut it short.

1947: Memorial gifts poured in to honour Rotary’s founder, Paul Harris, upon his death.

1954: TRF reached its first US\$500K in contributions in a single year.

1965: US\$1 M received in contributions.

Today: TRF received annual gifts of between US\$65 – 100M.

A really marvellous journey; an amazing one, considering its walking-pace beginnings.

But TRF would not exist if Rotary had not been founded. President Keith, in his background information shared with members, mentioned “Room 711”. Do we all know the significance of that Room – No. 711?

Most of us would instinctively and “automatically” relate the number “711” to the “Seven Eleven” convenience store. But the number “711” is very fundamental to Rotary. It was Rotary’s birthplace. Yes, indeed, Room 711 was where Rotary was born!

That historic room, so significant in Rotary’s history, was the office of Chicago engineer, Gus Loehr, and located at the Unity Building in downtown Chicago, Illinois. It was where Paul Harris met with several friends to discuss his idea of a club for professionals and businessmen. So Rotary started as a businessmen’s club.



Replica of Room 711

Years later, after extensive research and investigation, a group of Chicago Rotarians preserved the room and restored it to its 1905 state, authentically. It was a miniature Rotary museum. A “Paul Harris 711 Club” was formed to accept contributions to fund the preservation. When the Unity Building was demolished in 1989, the museum was dismantled and kept in careful storage. In 1994, Room 711 was recreated in its now permanent home as a Rotary heritage at the R I Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

Hopefully, these pieces of Rotary background information are of general interest, in particular to the younger Rotarians.



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28th Feb 2018

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Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting / 3rd Club Assembly (continuation) – 28 February 2018

OPENING REMARKS

The Meeting was opened by acting Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Robert Craiu who reminded members to switch their mobiles to silent mode before calling on President Keith to the Chair.

President Keith advised there was no speaker for the meeting; instead the Service Committee Directors would present their reports which they were unable to do so at the Club Assembly held on 31 January 2018. He added that if time permits, there would be a short session on ClubRunner for members' information.



Robert Craiu

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell once again to Rtn Robert Craiu:

Guests:

Ms Angeline Kuang
Dr Daisy Rani Rasaily
Mr Yve-Pascal Percener
Mr Deb Dutta
Mr Toshiya Kimura

Visiting Rotarians:

IPP Jonathan Stephens – Usk, Wales
Niranjan Paul Vincent – Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

TOAST



From left: Pres Keith, IPP Jonathan & PP Peter

PP Keith called upon Toastmaster, PP Peter Tan who invited IPP Jonathan Stephens to address the Club. IPP Jonathan advised that his club, Rotary Club of Usk was located in a small town with a population of 3,000 people in Southeast Wales. IPP Jonathan added that he was visiting his son who is living in Singapore and just returned from helping during the Immunization Day for EndPolio programme in India; and would be returning to Wales next week in time for his club's 35th charter anniversary.

PP Peter called on members to join him in a toast to the Rotary Club of Usk coupled with the usual toast to Rotary International.

EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS



Left: Exchange of banners with IPP Jonathan



Left: Pres Keith presents a Club banner to visiting Rtn Niranjan Paul Vincent from RC Ras Al Khaimah in UAE



INDIA MISSION – 16 TO 23 FEBRUARY 2018

President Keith called on members to congratulate PP Tapan Rao who was conferred Honorary Membership by partner club, Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Royal at its meeting on 19 February 2018. President Keith advised that this Honorary Membership was bestowed to PP Tapan for his contributions in the development of Rotary Eye Hospitals in Bhubaneswar, India.

President Keith invited Rtn Claus Dusemund who participated in the India Mission to give his views of the visit. Rtn Claus advised that although he participated only in the first part of the trip, he was very impressed with the Mission's sanitation projects for the schools.



PP Tapan (2nd from left) being conferred Honorary Membership

President Keith added that the Mission was led by PP Tapan Rao and Rtn Suresh Keerthi, and included Rtn Claus, Hon Member Rtn Mohan & Kawita Vaswani, PP Dr Shahul Hameed, PE Mark Wang and himself.

PP DR SHAHUL HAMEED AT THE GRANTS SEMINAR IN TAIPEI

President Keith informed members that PP Dr Shahul Hameed represented our Club and the District as keynote speaker at the Grants Management Training Seminar in District 3490 Taipei. The Seminar held on 24 February 2018, saw 280 participants comprising incoming President Elects, District and Club Officers.

Photo: PP Shahul (right) receiving mementos of appreciation.



WORLD UNDERSTANDING & PEACE DAY 2018

President Keith highlighted the successfully held World Understanding and Peace Day dinner held on Friday, 23 February at the Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium, 317 Outram Road, Singapore 169075.

He added that the Guest of Honour, the Club's Honorary Member, His Excellency Mr Scott Wightman who is the British High Commissioner to Singapore, gave an insightful speech covering sensitive areas.



At the VIP Table

3rd Club Assembly (continuation) Proceedings

Prior to starting the Club Assembly, President Keith informed members of two Club activities – “Kopi with Friends” and the Football Plus Global Grant celebrations which would take place on Saturday, 3 March 2018.

Vocational Service Committee (VSC) Report - President Keith called on PN/VSC Director Deepak Nagrani to present the VSC report. PN Deepak reported on the continuity of VSC's core projects and achievements as follows:

- 56 members in VSC.
- The Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) has completed 29 years.
- 2 Vocational Visits were completed – to Gardens by the Bay and Changi Airport Terminal 4. Another vocational visit will be made on 10 March 2018 to the Singapore Heart Foundation.
- Vocational Month saw 4 exceptional speakers addressing the Club – Mr Lim Kiat from Singapore Heart Foundation, Mr En Lee from LGT Impact, our very own PDG Dr Philbert Chin and Dr Kua Ee Heok from NUS.
- Articles were published on the Guide to Daily Living and the Four-Way Test Message. Another Guide to Daily Living project would be undertaken during the year.
- 2 Friends of VSC night fellowships were held to meet with EYA winners and participants of the Artisan of the Year Award. A further two such fellowships will be held during the year.
- A new partnership with Singapore Polytechnic was established for the Junior Engineer project.
- The Committee has raised \$9,999 for VSC projects.
- Swimarathon is scheduled for 29 April 2018 for beneficiaries EndPolio and the Club's Major Project.
- Clean Hands Project – a collaborative project with Community Service Committee to get Hygiene Certified for about 20 Rotarians/family members who attended a 1-day course, and then went on to assist at the APSN kitchen.



PN/VSC Dir Deepak Nagrani

Community Service Committee (CSC) Report – President Keith invited CSC Director See Mee Lee to report on the CSC activities. Rtn Mee Lee stated that the focus of the Committee was to serve the local community; to have members' family involvement; to embrace the various festive occasions; to have synergies with the other Service Committees and to collaborate with other NGOs and/or Associations.

Rtn Mee Lee highlighted the various projects undertaken thus far:

- Vision for All programme was conducted on 29 July 2017 for 150 persons from low income families in the Sembawang area.
- Better Vision for All screening was done for 80 folks from low income families of Chai Chee area on 19 August 2017.
- In September 2017, there was a hand over of about 70 pairs of spectacles which was a follow up project of the Vision for All programme held on 29 July.
- The first “Kopi Friends” outing was done on 19 September with some residents from the Society for the Aged Sick. An another in November with the Rotaract Club of Singapore



CSC Dir See Mee Lee

3rd Club Assembly (continuation) Proceedings

Community Service Committee Report – cont'd.

- On 24 September, the Zoobilee (Outing to Zoo) was conducted for 23 wheelchair-bound residents from Bukit Gombak and from the Society for the Aged Sick with collaboration with the Interactors from Bukit Gombak EAGLES Interact Club.
- Rtn Mee Lee reported that December saw a slew of CSC activities which included the Goodie Goodie Goodie Project with 240 bags packed for the Christmas Party held on 10 December for residents/families of the Gift of Love Home, which also had the participation of President Keith as Santa Claus.
- Another 70 over pairs of glasses were distributed to the needy at Bukit Gombak Keat Hong Axis.
- Launch of Winter Christmas Pop-up card project which was co-organised with APSN and BlissVow, thanks to Rtn Kenneth Chua.
- A SweetGiving party was held at Regent Hotel on 23 December.
- On 27 January 2018, the CSC with Interactors from Interact Clubs of Anderson Junior College and Catholic Junior College organised a visit to Chinatown for the elderly.
- Rtn Mee Lee also spoke briefly of the collaboration with VSC on the Clean Hands Project and the pineapple tart making at APSN. She further reminded members of the coming “Kopi Friends” visit on 3 March.

Youth Service Committee (YSC) Report – On behalf of YSC Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien, President Keith reported on the following completed activities:

- Bukit Gombak Eagles Interact Zoobilee 24 September 2017
- Rotary Flag Day 28 October 2017
- Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC) meeting 15 November 2017
- Rotaract Club of Singapore conducted a first aid demonstration and health screening was held on 6 December
- Rotary Football Plus Team U12s- 3rd place in the league 10 December
- Hwa Chong, National JC, Yishun JC - Gift of Love Home Christmas Party on 6 December
- Bukit Gombak Eagles Interact Christmas Party 23 December
- Tanjong Katong Girls Secondary School Interact Christmas party at Lee Ah Mooi Home was held on 27 December
- Rotaract Club of Singapore and Hwa Chong Interact Club held a Charming CNY Spirit for Society of the Aged Sick

President Keith also cited the plans for the coming months for YSC activities:

- Interact Coordinating Committee's Signature project will be held on 17 March 2018
- Kuching trip - Bukit Gombak Eagles Interact
- Guide to Daily Living – poster, essay and poem writing competition
- Swimathon 29 April 2018 – with VSC
- Batam Betesda orphanage – with ISC
- Interact Leadership Training Camp (ILTC) 2018 will be held in early June 2018



President Keith Harrison

Last Week

3rd Club Assembly (continuation) Proceedings

International Service Committee (ISC) Report – Lastly, President Keith reported on behalf of ISC Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal on ISC projects, starting with the key plans and strategies of the Committee for continuity, tele-consultation, collaboration, counselling and rehabilitation as well as capacity building.

The following projects in India were proposed and in the pipeline:

- 20000 IOLS (intra ocular lens surgeries) to be conducted
- Introduce quality systems in Rotary Eye Hospitals
- Developed E Diagnostic Capabilities in Rotary Eye Hospital.
- Eye Screening in 2000 rural schools
- WINS in 200 Schools
- Eye Hospitals were inaugurated during 17- 22 February in Cuttack and Purulia Speciality Centre
- The Optical and Dental Mission was held in 16 – 22 January in Philippines
- Project AASHA will be conducted in Nepal from 9 – 15 March
- The Book of Humour and A Gentleman's Game as fund-raising tools
- The capacity building projects such as the "Help The Children" Global Grant, Specialist centre to manage retinal diseases at Purulia and Hooghly (West Bengal, India), Cambodia Eye Mission with Khmer Sight Foundation
- Community Visit to Vietnam for GG 1746552 was held from 12-15 January 2018.
- Collaboration projects for the vision screening with CSC.



President Keith Harrison

President Keith further highlighted the list of Global Grants undertaken by the Club from 2013 to 2017.

President Keith noted the wonderful efforts of the Service Committee Directors and closed the 3rd Club Assembly proceedings.

(Copies of the Service Directors' presentations are available from the Secretariat.)



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Kannan Krishnan

Colin Miles

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Amit & Seema Chatterjee
PP Stan & Dolores Low
PP Dr Shahul Hameed & Michelle
Deblina Chatterjee & Arindam
Adnan & Zinia Ansari
Sunil & Arati Kalra
PP Dr Yap Lip Kee & Rachael

Vocational Service Meeting

Vocational Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 8 March

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: 10C Dalvey Estate, S259530

Hosts: Mamta Shahani, President
Keith Harrison, Dir Dr Rupesh
Agrawal, Xerxes Medora & Rasik
Ahuja

This Meeting

7 March 2018

Reception Desk duty: Dir Rajkumar
Perumal Suppiah, M M Patel
Sunshine Box: Uttam Kripalani, IPP
Garry Taylor

Speaker: Mr Gaurav Kripalani,
Festival Director of Singapore
International Festival of Arts and
Artistic Director of Singapore
Repertory Theatre (SRT)

Topic: Singapore International
Festival of Arts

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 15 March

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: To be advised

Hosts: Anindya Dutta, IPP Garry
Taylor, PP Perlita Tiro & PE Mark
Wang



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Next Meeting

14 March 2018

Reception Desk duty: PP Tapan
Rao, PP Alan Tan

Sunshine Box: Louis Lim, S "Mali"
Malaippan

Speaker: To be confirmed

Topic: To be confirmed

Coming Rotary Events

March

Water and Sanitation Month

10 Mar – 3rd Vocational Visit to
Singapore Heart Foundation from
10.00am to 12.30pm

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

29 Apr – Swimarathon in aid of
EndPolio and the Major Project

May

Youth Service Month

11-13 May – District Conference

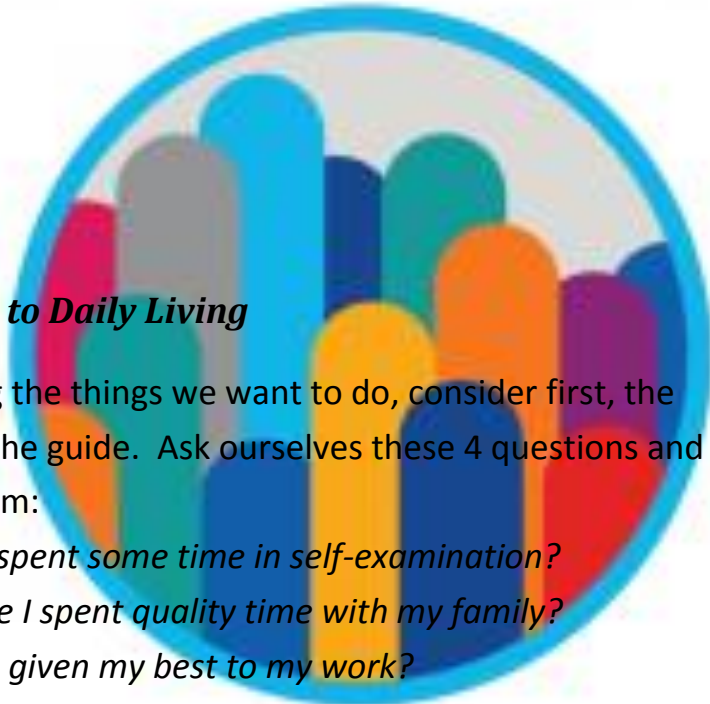
27-28 May – RC Osaka Semba's 30th
anniversary celebrations

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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