



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Rotary crossroads

e-bulletin published by Rotary Club of Singapore

Proud of our Heritage, Committed to our Future

Chartered 6th June 1930

12 March 2018

Volume 54 Issue No. 32

Lifetime Achievement Award Winner for Best Bulletin in District 3310



1 IN FOCUS

RC Singapore plays a
Regional Role in Service
to Mankind –
By PP Dr Shahul
Hameed

6 LAST WEEK

Report on Wed, 7 Mar
2018 Meeting

9 MARK YOUR DIARY

What's ahead? Don't miss
the forthcoming events and
Birthday / Anniversary
celebrants and more...

RC Singapore plays a Regional Role in Service to Mankind

By: PP Dr Shahul Hameed

On 24th February 2018, PP Dr. Shahul Hameed represented RC Singapore and RI District 3310, as he delivered the keynote lecture at Rotary International District 3490 Taiwan, Taipei, at their annual Rotary Grants Seminar for incoming Rotary Club Presidents for Rotary Year 2018/2019.



The Seminar was held in Taipei and was attended by 280 Rotarians including almost all of the 95 Presidents-Elect, incoming Club Rotary Foundation Chairs, as well as current and incoming District Officials of District 3490. His presentation, entitled “Rotary Global Grants: What are they”, was held in the morning, while in the afternoon, attendees were divided into 4 groups with 4 different and challenging Foundation topics. Both Dr. Shahul, and District 3490’s District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) Chairman, PDG E.N.T., acted as resource persons for the focus group sessions.

D 3490 Taiwan itself will have access to approximately USD\$1,800,000 in District Designated Fund from the next 3 Rotary Years 2018-21 and with 100% matching from World Fund, a total of at least USD\$3,600,000 will be available for humanitarian projects all over the world.

In Focus



The invitation for Dr Shahul to speak this Seminar is a continuation of a wide range collaboration between D 3490 and RC Singapore. It begun fortuitously in June 2017 when Dr Shahul, as Cadre Member of The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) Cadre of Technical Advisers, was sent to D 3490 to conduct an Interim Project Visit for an ongoing USD\$100,000 Mobile Dental Clinic Global Grant Project.



In Focus

The visit, a project audit equivalent, was concluded successfully. During and after the visit, Dr. Shahul, in his capacity as Cadre Member, shared the best practices in Global Grant Management as well as took the opportunity to present RC Singapore's wide range of Global Grants within all the 6 areas of focus, with the District Leaders.



In Focus

Subsequently, in preparation for international projects for Rotary Year 2018/2019, D 3490's Incoming District Governor (IDG) Li-Shin, led a team of District Officers to West Bengal, India, twice, once in October 2017 and a second time in January 2018. Through the efforts of RC Singapore, especially PP Tapan Rao, Rtn Suresh Keerthi, Hon Member Mohan Vaswani and PP Dr. Shahul Hameed, District 3490 has agreed in principle to

- (i) co-fund the construction and cost of equipment for a village school with RC Calcutta Metro South in D3291
- (ii) to co-fund the building and cost of cataract surgeries for the Joynagar Rotary Eye Hospital with RC Central Calcutta



In Focus

President Keith Harrison led a team from RC Singapore to visit our Rotary Eye Hospitals and Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) projects 16-23 February 2018 and during that visit RC Singapore met with District and Club Officers of both RC Calcutta Metro South as well as RC Central Calcutta and reaffirmed our Club's continued support in bringing Taiwan D 3490 to India for these mega projects.



At the side meeting of the Grants Seminar in Taipei, PP Dr Shahul held negotiations on behalf of the India Clubs and at the conclusion, D3490 finalised its commitments to the India Projects to the tune of USD\$500,000 in cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) through the Global Grants scheme. D 3490 as well as the India Clubs has requested participation the RC Singapore to ensure the successful completion of the Projects. Taiwan D3490 District Officers also paid a visit to our Club and attended our recent Club Assembly proceedings in January 2018, as guests of the Club.

The launch for the India projects have been set for 15-16 December 2018. A group of 120 Rotarians from D3490 will visit Kolkata for the official inauguration of these 2 mega projects. The delegation will transit in Singapore with an overnight stay and has expressed a desire for a fellowship meeting with RC Singapore and D3310 Rotarians on 19 December 2018. We hope as many Rotarians from our Club and D3310 will be able to set aside this date for the event.



Last Week

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

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Bertrand De Mil called the meeting to order and advised that President Keith was away. He then invited Vice President James Lee to conduct the meeting.

VP James extended a warm welcome to members as well as to Guest Speaker, Mr Gaurav Kripalani.



VP James Lee chairing the Meeting

WELCOME

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Deepu Joseph:

Guests:

Mrs Laxmi Kripalani
Mrs Sandra Scorgie
Dr Daisy Rani Rasaily
Mr Kaushik
Mr Sivakumar

Visiting Rotarians:

AG Tan Wah Yuan – Pandan Valley
PE Michael Scorgie – Pontefract, UK
PE Kamal Jain – Secunderabad West, India



Rtn Deepu Joseph

TOAST



From left: PE Michael & Rtn Uttam

Toastmaster, Rtn Uttam Kripalani called on members to raise a toast not only to the Rotary Club of Pontefract, UK, but also to visiting President Elect Michael Scorgie who was celebrating his birthday this week. Rtn Uttam invited PE Michael to say a few words about his club located in Yorkshire. PE Michael advised that his club celebrated its 90th anniversary last year. He spoke of its school project in Darjeeling, India as well as other endeavours adapted for the local needs of the community.



EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS



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



Rtn Horst Hagemann exchanged banners with R C Frankfurt-Palmengarten, Germany

“GREY CAN STILL PLAY” – ICC SIGNATURE PROJECT

VP James informed members that as a follow-up from the Interact Leadership Training Camp, the Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC) has organized its signature project called “Grey Can Still Play”; it is a one-day community service event, which brings together seniors and Interactors for a day of fund and meaningful interaction. The event comprises a house cleaning exercise in selected households in the Eunos and MacPherson neighbourhoods, followed by lunch and carnival for the seniors. Details of the event as follows:

Date: Saturday, 17 March 2018
Time: 9.30am to 5.30pm
Venue: Samtas Hall, Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS)
501 Stirling Road, Singapore 148951
Guest of Honour: Ms Ting Pei Ling, Member of Parliament for MacPherson, who will arrive at 1.30pm
stay till 2.30pm

VP James called on members to attend as a show of support for our Interactors.

Speaker: **Mr Gaurav Kripalani, Festival Director
Singapore International Festival of Arts (SIFA)**

Topic: **“2018 SIFA”**



PP Perlita Tiro

VP James invited PP Perlita Tiro to introduce the Guest Speaker, Mr Gaurav Kripalani, son of member, Rtn Uttam, and is no stranger to the Club, having spoken at the weekly meetings a few times.

Prior to his appointment as SIFA's Festival Director, Gaurav was the artistic director of Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT), and produced over 100 plays during his 21-year history with the company. Under Gaurav's artistic direction, SRT was the first Singaporean theatre company on Broadway in 1998. This was for *Golden Child*, which went on to earn three Tony Award nominations.

He has commissioned and produced several original Singaporean plays and musicals, including the highly successful *Forbidden City*. Known for his bold artistic vision, he was one of the first to champion the use of outdoor spaces, and originated productions of Singapore's own Shakespeare in the Park - where local and international actors, producers and set designers come together annually to bring Shakespeare to life. He also recognises the importance of education with SRT being one of the biggest commissioners and producers of children's theatre in Southeast Asia. He continues to be involved with SRT and will remain as director of SRT during his three-year tenure with SIFA.



Speaker, Mr Gaurav Kripalani



From left: VP James, Rtn Mamta & Gaurav

Gaurav highlighted the exciting programme for the festival to be held in Singapore from 26 April to 12 May 2018, featuring 3 opening shows and captivating outdoor productions for the family as well, adding that the Duke Ellington Orchestra would be performing for free at the Singapore Botanic Gardens on 12 May. Gaurav also spoke of the importance of engaging the next generation in the arts and that at the Festival; students were offered front row tickets so that their energy would carry through to the rest of the theatre.

Gaurav took the opportunity to highlight some of SRT's activities and was pleased to add that Shakespeare in the Park production of *Julius Caesar* would be offered to members at a 15% discount on 18 May which happens to be his father's birthday!

VP James called on Rtn Mamta Shahani to extend the Club's vote of thanks to Gaurav. In doing so, Rtn Mamta noted that Gaurav played a pivotal role in ensuring that plays and literature was more accessible to the young.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

PN/VSC Director Deepak Nagrani
Michael King

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Bharat & Alka Mandloi
Saeed & Sajda Khan

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 15 March
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Party Room, Moghul Mahal Restaurant, 2 Tessensohn Road #03-01 Khalsa Association, S217646
Hosts: Anindya Dutta, PPs Tapan Rao, Perlita Tiro, IPP Garry Taylor, PE Mark Wang, Dir Rajkumar, Rtns Peter Koh & Kapil Hinduja
Spouses' Programme: Ms Sujata Roy Choudhury, an eminent fashion jewellery designer will be making a presentation on modern fashion and also share designing skills

This Meeting

14 March 2018

Reception Desk duty: PP Tapan Rao, PP Alan Tan

Sunshine Box: Louis Lim, S "Mali" Malaippan

Speaker: HE Mr Ngoun Sokveng, Ambassador of Cambodia & Mr Kann Viseth, Trade Attaché

Topic: Cambodia

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 22 March

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: YWCA Singapore, Fort Canning Lodge, 6 Fort Canning Road, S179494

Hosts: PPs J K Ong, Jimmy Ooi & Rtn Dr Devakumar Nair



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Next Meeting

21 March 2018

Reception Desk duty: PP Perlita Tiro, IPP Garry Taylor

Sunshine Box: PP J K Ong, Mamta Shahani

Speaker: Dr Chua Ai Lin, President, Singapore Heritage Society

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

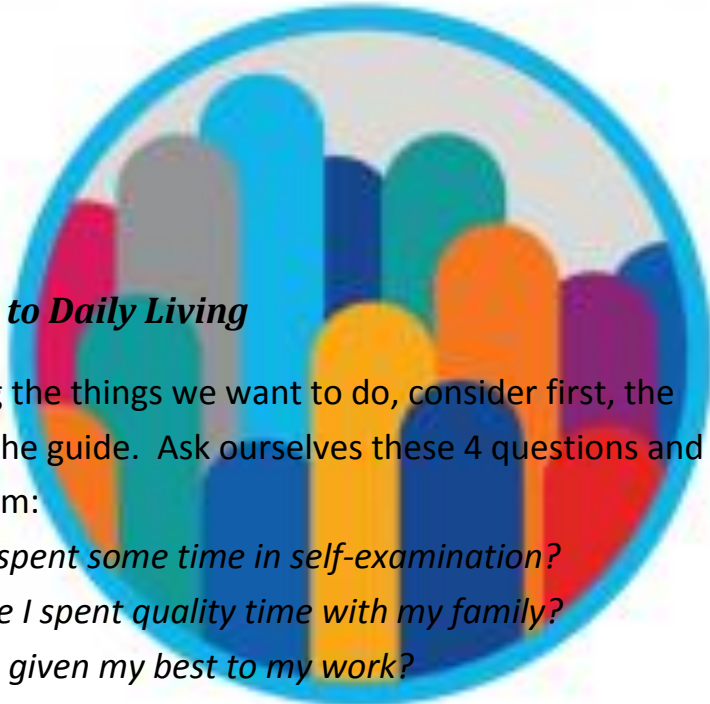
27-28 May – RC Osaka Semba's 30th anniversary celebrations

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?

**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017/2018

President

Keith Harrison

Immediate Past President

Garry Taylor

President Elect

Mark Wang

Vice President (Club Rotary Foundation)

James Lee

Vice President (Public Relations)

Andy Mankiewicz, OBE

Hon. Secretary (Administration)

Deepti Lalchandani

Hon. Treasurer (Finance)

Reinhard Klemmer

Directors

Chair, Community Service

See Mee Lee

Chair, Vocational Service

Deepak Nagrani

Chair, International Service

Dr Rupesh Agrawal

Chair, New Generations Service

Dr Hoh Sek Tien

Director (Membership)

Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah

