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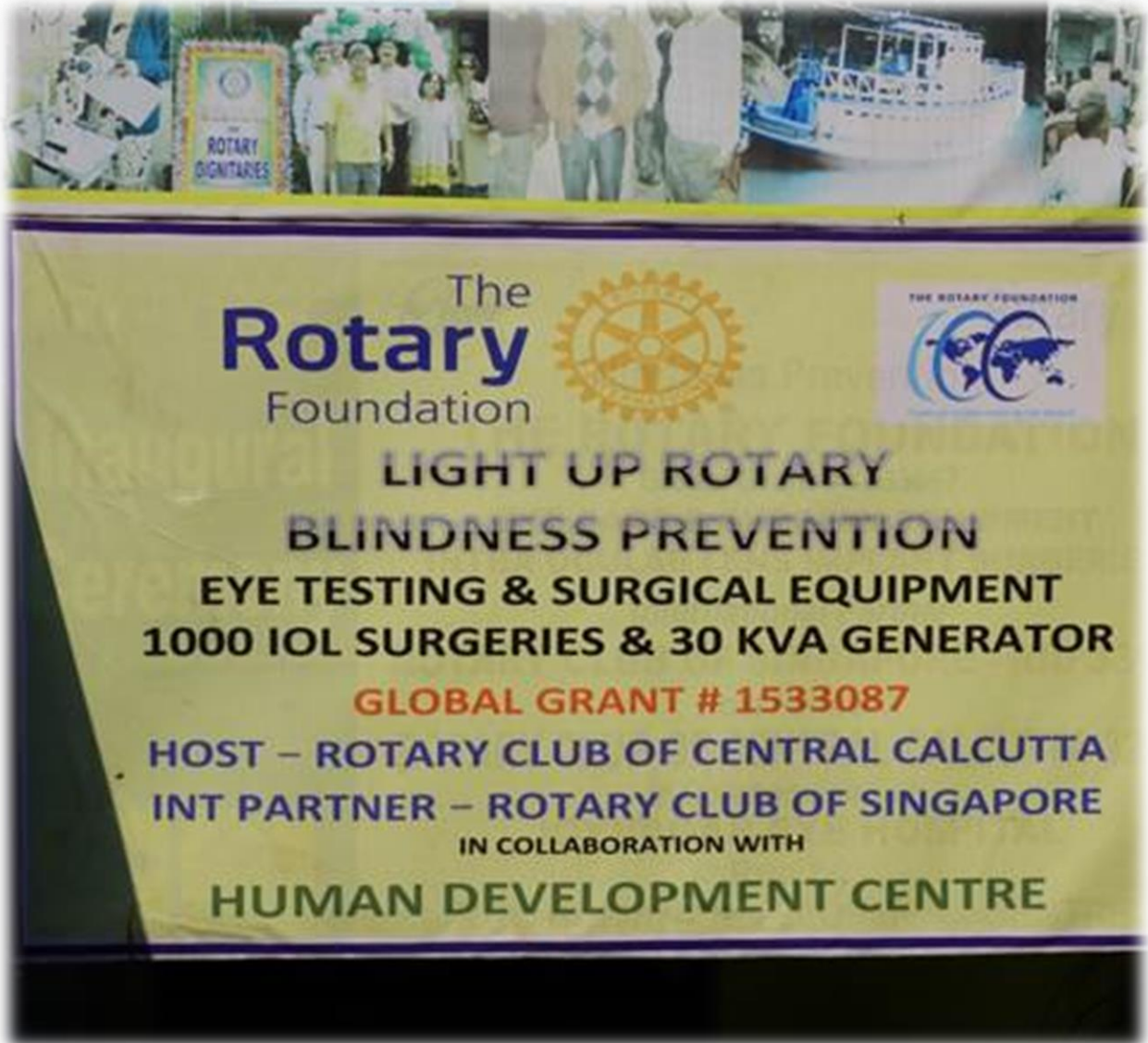
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Trip to India – Gift of Sight and Toilet Projects

From 16 to 23 February 2018

Report by Rtn Suresh Keerthi, with guidance from Rtn PP Tapan Rao

The Rotarians team that visited India comprised of PP Tapan Rao, PP Dr. Shahul Hameed, Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani and spouse Kawita Vaswani, President Keith Harrison, PE Mark Wang, Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund and Rtn Suresh Keerthi.

We arrived on 16th night and were received by PP Vinod and PP Bhuban from Rotary Club (RC) Belur at the airport and moved into HHI hotel.

ON 17th February, the following day, we set out to visit the girl school at Daulatpur/Singur where RC Belur has built toilets for girls under WASH project. After interaction with the school principal, teachers and students and their performance.

On 18th February, we visited the Rotary Community Corps Hospitals, under RC Kolkata Central at Joynagar. Here we had done a Global Grant (GG) for 2500 Cataract surgeries. Now we are joining with Taiwan RC District 3490 to build a new hospital at the location close to existing location. The Taiwan team had recently visited them, and they were also planning funding the Building of the hospital besides equipping it. Then we visited the Dakshini Bharat Hospital, which needs to be upgraded to the Specialty Eye hospital and Rotary Club of Singapore (RCS) is planning to participate in the GG for Upgrading.

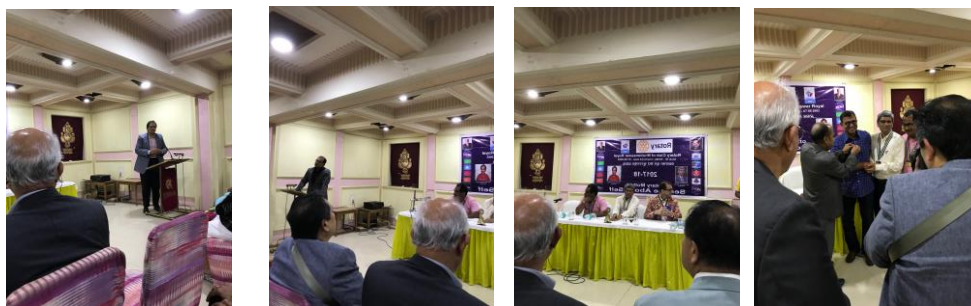
In the evening we attended the RC Belur weekly meeting and were felicitated. PP Dr. Shahul made a presentation on how Global Grant can be accessed for projects and even for local projects like in Singapore. It was also pointed out that the toilets provided by the club to school, should be standardized, with a pan, from a single supplier.

On 19th February, we flew to Bhubaneswar, and were received by DGN Mishra and his team. We were taken straight to the RC Bhubaneswar Royal Rotary Joint Eye Hospital supported by RCS. They had recruited the Doctor of ECOS Eye hospital as the CEO and worked on combined activities. They have achieved a surgery level of 4500. They have also partly paid operations up to 50% to fund the hospital operations. We also visited the Utkalmani Community which has built a Weekly Screening Centre by the villagers. They intend to complete a mini hospital and would like the support of Rotary Clubs to build a small operation setup also. We also had an extensive Press and Local TV coverage.



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The good news is that PP Tapan was recognized as the Honorary member of the RC Bhubaneswar Royal club for all the support he had diligently extended to them, over the years.



The following day we visited the Kejriwal foundation of Institutes which comprises for a high school, engineering college etc. The point of interest was the School for disabled kids under the Kejriwal family foundation. Some Rotarians were gifted with paintings drawn by the Down syndrome and mentally handicapped children, which will be auctioned in the Club to raise funds for our projects.

We had the opportunity to also visit the Kalinga Institute of Social sciences in Bhubaneswar, set up by Prof. Achyuta Sanata. As a large social enterprise over 5 years. The main focus is to provide free education and home to the Tribal People in Odisha from KG to PhD programs. It houses about 25,000 kids, who have residential accommodation, sport facilities, food prepared locally in campus and well usage of Biogas for cooking and solar system for heating. The institute is self-funded and raises revenue from its Engineering and Medical colleges open to public. It has produced kids who have excelled in world sports events like U14 World rugby cup in South Africa to Olympics Archery Gold Medalist. It has also had two mentions in Guinness's world records. Their teams have excelled in many local and national sports events also. They were looking for Franchise partners to run such similar institutes for the under privileged, overseas. Hon. Rtn Vaswani showed interested to explore the possibility of such facilities under the Tolaram Foundation in Malang.

On 20th February, we drove down to the full-fledged hospital built by RC Cuttack over 25 years ago. It is multi-specialty hospital, run under leadership PP Sushanta Mohanty. It has facilities for Retinopathy, Muscular degeneration, Glaucoma, Cornea replacement etc. The projects they have undertaken with their own Club funds (a) J.P.M. Rotary Eye Hospital, (b) Rotary Charitable Dispensary, (c) Sampatrai Rotary Senior Citizens' Home & (d) Rotary School & Rotary Centre, Cuttack. They were planning to open a Dialysis center. Until now they have not leveraged the Global Grants. RCS proposed the Infiniti Phaco Machines under GG. Their PP Mohanty was keen to work with us for GG as the hospital is self-funded so far and fully matured. They provide free screening in local schools, as a part of the health program, through a Rotary wing called the VidyaJyothi. They have covered screening of over 500,000 kids and over 20% need eye treatment.



In Focus

On 21st February, we returned to HHI Kolkata. We then visited the Hooghly Eye hospital where we have some partnership in GG for Cataract surgeries. In the evening, we had a meeting with the RC of Kolkata Metropolitan, along with PP Jayantha. Then project head presented a proposal for GG participation by our club for the project of the adoption of a village/community and develop a city around it and vocational training, schools, toilets etc. They are also in talks with Taiwan RC for funding and PP Dr. Shahul promised to take up the matter during his visit to Taiwan this month.

Later that night, we were hosted to a dinner at the Calcutta club with PRID Sekhar Mehta and DGN Ajay Agarwal. PE Mark Wang also took the opportunity to invite PRID Sekhar to be the GOH at his installation but however the dates were not convenient for both.

Most of the Rotarians left for Singapore to attend the World Understanding Day event on 23 February.

On 21st February, PP Tapan Rao and Rtn Suresh Keerthi drove down to Puralia from Kolkata with the PP Ajit Sarawgi. We visited the hospital facilities which is the RC Puralia multi-specialty Centre. The dedication and commitment of the members were impressive. Thy service 2 states and 9 districts. They had installed Phaco machines and their Admin Manager Raja conveyed that with the help of Phaco machines the efficiency had improved with shorter time per ops/ lesser experienced doctors and more ops per day. They are planning for more Phaco machines and were also planning to set up Phaco machines at their Lalpur screening centers to convert them to an operational activity. We had supplied them Green Laser, Cameras, Phaco and other Laser machines for their specialty Centre to offer more eye treatments to patients. These had been supplied by RCS under a Global Grant.

Speciality Services include: ECCE for only Medically required cases +SISC with PC/AC IOL implantation (Suture-less) +Phacoemulsifaction + Laser Capsulotomy using YAG LASER equipment is the first of its kind in this region. Other Surgeries & Services include: Trabeculectomy (Glaucoma)+Evisceration +Many other Minor Surgeries including DCT, Pterygium, Chalazion, etc. +Diagnostic Services include Blood Sugar Examination & Medical Fitness Test for the patients who need to undergo surgery.

They are fortunate enough to have Rotarian friends from Rotary Club of Singapore. The Advance Ophthalmology Unit with Diabetic Retinopathy has been set up with the support from Rotary Club of Singapore. They have extended their support to purchase equipment for Diabetic Retinopathy through Global Grant. They need support through RCS and Global Grant of US\$ 40,000 to set up a Nephrology unit for Dialysis.



We returned to Kolkata on 22nd and Rtn Suresh left for Singapore while PP Tapan stayed on for personal work.

In all, it was a very successful and enlightening trip and all the credit must go to PP Tapan Rao who meticulously stitched up the relationship, over years, with the various clubs and providing them with funds and facilities through the Global Grants.



Copy of FootballPlus bulletin featuring the Community Day event organised with the Club on 3 March 2018...

FOOTBALL FOUNDATION FUTURE

MARCH 2018

FootballPlus

More Than A Game



MP Ms Tin Pei Ling, with members of the Rotary Club, and players of FootballPlus

The Community Day organised in partnership with the Rotary Club of Singapore on 3rd March 2018 was a rousing success!

Members of the Rotary and Interact Club, coaches, players and family members gathered together on the cool Saturday afternoon to celebrate the success of the "Champions" programme and to have fun together through various activities and competitions.

The "Champions" programme is a value-based football coaching and mentoring programme aimed at helping children develop to their full potential. Players learn about positive values through monthly skill and value emphasise in the academy as well as having mentors spend time with them once every 2 weeks.

FootballPlus is thankful for the support from *Rotary Club of Singapore* over the past few months in enabling more players to benefit from the "Champions" programme. We are honoured to have Ms Tin Pei Ling, who came along to support players and for her words of encouragement to all who were present.

Thank you all for *Making a Difference* to the Community!

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FOOTBALL

We aim to provide the best quality footballing experience in Singapore

2

FOUNDATION

We develop the attitude and character of each player, giving them a firm foundation for their lives on and off the pitch

3

FUTURE

We invest in the lives of players and provide opportunities for growth so as to strengthen them for the future



33% of children

training in FootballPlus receives full sponsorship for their trainings.



47% of children

receive subsidies for their fees



41% of children

either staying with only one parent or non-biological parents



\$433

the mean PCI of the children under our subsidies & sponsorship

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Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 28 March 2018

OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Bertrand De Mil opened the Meeting and invited President Keith to take the Chair. President Keith welcomed members and Speaker Mr Loh Ngiap Tai to the Meeting.

He then called on Rtn Manish Tibrewal to welcome the following guests and visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Speaker, Mr Loh Ngiap Tai
Ms Ho Wen Jin

Visiting Rotarians:

PP Klaus Elbers – Kassel-Hofgeismar,
Key Pousttchi – Potsdam, Germany
President L N Patnaik – Bhubaneswar Confluence, India
Anne MacKinnon – Charing Cross, Scotland
Sheena Lu – Shanghai Hongqiao, China
Shafi Syed – Saratoga, USA
Mohsin Musa – Agrabad, Bangladesh
Corinna Chang – Suntec City



Rtn Manish Tibrewal

TOAST & BANNER PRESENTATIONS



From right: President Keith, Rtn Willi & PP Klaus

Toastmaster Rtn Willi Hess invited PP Klaus Elbers to say a few words about his club, Kassel-Hofgeismar. PP Klaus advised that it was his second visit to the Club. He advised that his club was located in the middle of Germany and was formed in 1973. It currently has 6 lady members and a lady President.

Rtn Willi called on members to join him in a toast to the Rotary Club of Kassel-Hofgeismar coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



From left: President Keith exchanged banners with visiting Rtns Shafi Syed, Sheena Lu, Anne MacKinnon and President Patnaik, who showed a brief video of his club's activities/projects and requested the Club to consider being an international partner for a mobile diagnostic clinic project.



Last Week

MEMBER'S MAKE UP

Members are encouraged to make up and attend other Rotary Club meetings whilst overseas.

Below is a photo sent in by Rtn Horst Hagemann who visited the Rotary Club of Bangkok last week and met with previous member, Rtn Jan Rosemeyer.



Rtns Horst Hagemann (left) and Jan Rosemeyer pointing to our Club's banner

COMING ROTARY EVENTS

Members were reminded of the coming Rotary events:

Rotary Events	Details
District 3310 Singapore End Polio Walk & Family Day	Saturday, 7 April from 9.00 – 11.00am Venue: Field in front of McDonald's at Marine Cove Ticket Price: \$50.00 per participant (Note: \$40 will be donated to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund)
Charity Golf 2018	Thursday, 12 April from 11.30am to 9.30pm Venue: Sentosa Golf Club, New Tanjong Course Organised by: Rotary Club of Singapore West
Rotary Charity Run	Sunday, 15 April 2018 Fund-raising "Gift of Sight" event to enable 1,000 cataract operations for low-income groups in Sarawak's rural areas. Organised by: Rotary Club of Kuching Central
Swimarathon 2018 (3rd year)	Sunday, 29 April from 9.00am to 5.00pm Venue: Sports Lifestyle Centre, Bukit Merah Central Beneficiaries: End Polio Now and Club's Major Project
27th District 3310 Conference	Friday, 11 May to Sunday, 13 May 2018 Venue: The Magellan Sutera Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
Sister Club, RC Osaka Semba's 30th Anniversary Celebrations	Sunday, 27 May to Monday, 28 May 2018 Venue: Nikko Osaka Hotel



Speaker: **Mr Loh Ngiap Tai, Director
FootballPlus Singapore**

Topic: **“Champions” Football Programme**

PN Deepak Nagrani was invited by President Keith to introduce the Speaker, Mr Loh Ngiap Tai who has over 20 years of experience in youth work. PN Deepak noted that Mr Loh has extensive interactions with children and youth through his work with at-risk young people as well as student leaders in Singapore. His experience included the design, development and the execution of programmes aimed at impacting change in young people. In the next phase of development, Mr Loh wants to use his experience and knowledge to train and equip coaches to better serve young people in the community. Mr Loh is also a trainer and lead facilitator of various school programmes working mainly with young people between the ages of 10-16 years old Involved in coaching for the past 18 years.

Mr Loh’s presentation showcased how football is used to impact the lives of young people through Football training and mentoring. He spoke about how the “Champions” programme is impacting the Football, Foundation and Future of its



Speaker, Mr Loh Ngiap Tai



From left: President Keith, Mr Loh & Rtn Stuart

players and looked ahead at the next steps of equipping more coaches and mentors to make a difference in the lives of young people through football. He highlighted how the programme benefitted the children who were mostly from the Circuit Road, MacPherson, Geylang and Beach Road areas who were staying in one-room flats and were from single parent families. (A copy of Mr Loh’s presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

President Keith called on Rtn Stuart Pearce who warmly thanked Mr Loh for his presentation and added that he was looking forward to working with him and the youths in Singapore through sports.

MAJOR PROJECT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018

Following Mr Loh’s presentation, President Keith proposed that the Club adopt this Programme as its Major Project for the Rotary year. This Major Project will assist FootballPlus Singapore with further funding of S\$26,000 (taking the total to approximately S\$85,000) to develop more mentors and coaches for their programme to benefit youths through the discipline and value of sports. President Keith advised that funds for the Major Project would also be raised from the coming Swimathon to be held on 29 April 2018, and that he hoped to raise the necessary funds by end April in order to focus on other projects and activities of our club.

This proposal, previously proposed by the club project committee (a sub-committee of the CSC) and unanimously adopted by the Board, was unanimously adopted by the 16 members present at the meeting.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Dr Irina Francken
Nicholas De Boursac
PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas
Ivan Lew
Asha Aggarwal
Deblina Chatterjee

This Meeting

4 April 2018

Reception Desk duty: PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Bertrand De Mil
Sunshine Box: PP Peter Tan, Deblina Chatterjee

Speaker: Mr Prem Kumar, Director, Singapore After-Care Association

Topic: To be advised

Next Meeting

11 April 2018

Reception Desk duty: Dir Dr Rupesh Agrawal, Astha Aggarwal
Sunshine Box: Shamin Vaswani, Keizo Fujitake

Speaker: Ms Jacqueline Loh, Chief Executive Officer, Aidha

Topic: To be advised

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Hena Hoda & Gautam Hazarika
PP Dr Oliver & Irene Hennedige

Vocational Service Meeting

Vocational Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 12 April

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Function Room (for meeting), St Regis Residence, 33 Tanglin Road, Tower C #16-08 (for dinner)

Host: Rtn Vishal Nanwani

Community Service Meeting

Community Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 5 April

Time: 7.00pm

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

Hosts: PP Philip Leong & VP James Lee

Coming Rotary Events

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 – Swimathon 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

July

1 July – Installation Dinner



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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