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## MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver"

Mahatma Gandhi

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## Community Health Concerns – Rotary's Too!

By: Honorary Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang



HM PP Raymon Huang

Rotary has always shown great concern for the health of the community. It has always had projects big and small to care for those in need – the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless. Not just in terms of food. Clean water problems that plague many a Third World community. And the appalling sanitation issues that often go with them. Both have always been – still are – a major cause for concern. Indeed, they are. As they say, “A man’s wealth is his health.”

Rotary International has thus put a very special emphasis on the matter, designating the month of March as “Water and Sanitation Month”. The reason is pretty obvious. Unclean water – with its many possible consequences of water-borne diseases – is always a big problem in many rural areas in many countries. Sanitation too. I have personally experienced this during my travels – unpleasant and almost impossible to describe. So the continuing battle on dirty drinking water and poor sanitation is essential and much needed. Rotary International has now designated the month of April as “Maternal and Child Health Month”.

R I had, under the umbrella of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), an iconic programme called “The 3-H” Programme, or “Health, Hunger and Humanity” Programme. A really excellent programme it addressed a whole range of world needy issues, of which health was a major consideration and concern.

Launched in 1978, The 3-H Programme became one of Rotary’s most comprehensive humanitarian service programmes. It was designed to undertake large-scale projects beyond the scope or capacity of individual Rotary clubs, or even groups of them. For its first project in 1979, The 3-H Programme began immunizing over 6,000,000 children in the Philippines against Polio. By 1995, there were close to two hundred 3-H projects approved, in some 75 countries, with a grant appropriation of about US\$75 million, helping to improve health, alleviate hunger, and enhance lives. The ultimate goal: advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Funding: supported by voluntary contributions by Rotarians, via TRF. It was destined to be considered as “one of Rotary’s finest service activities” showcasing Rotary’s care and concern. Whatever and wherever. Regrettably, TRF stopped awarding 3-H grants in 2009.

And now about food wastage and pollution. The food wastage statistics, globally, makes for uneasy reading:

Globally: some 1.3 Billion tonnes annually.

In Singapore: About 791,000 tonnes annually.

Sources of wastage: household, supermarkets, food establishments, the food industry, as well as personal disregard.

Appalling wastage indeed; could have fed multitudes of the starving and hungry. Not to mention of the pollution it generates, causing hazards to health. Many a water system, for example, are clogged up and choked by such impurities. Polluted water – its hazardous nature is well-known. But many Third World communities have to endure this. And with it, often, goes poor sanitation. In many such places, Rotary steps in, in a big way.



## In Focus

Vulnerable mothers and children are the focus. As a result of Rotary's intervention they become healthier, stronger, and live longer. The statistics put out are not just disturbing. They are alarming. A quote, "An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of 5 die each year because of malnutrition, polluted waters, poor sanitation – all healthcare issues; all preventable." Africa the continent where these happenings stand out and where Rotary's helping hand really makes help happen and makes a difference.

Nigeria, the Congo, and such places are often where the main efforts are carried out. The continuing unrest in these regions makes humanitarian work more difficult. Yes, despite the apparent backwardness of many of these communities, modern technology come into great play in these efforts – "it allows virtual doctors to come to the aid of many rural people in Nigeria." Yes, virtual doctors! Physical journeys by road often take a great amount of time – very poor road conditions, flooded roads, and impassable long stretches impede many an urgent response needed.

Official sources say, "In Nigeria, there is only one physician for every 2,500 people" and the laborious and arduous land trips add on to this problem. By air? Not just costly, but landing strips are almost non-existent, posing great danger to all concerned. An important solution: "telemedicine" – bringing doctors to patients virtually! Nigeria has teams of physicians trained in telemedicine – thanks to a global grant from TRF. What a marvellous development. A quote, "The need for telemedicine (in Nigeria) cannot be overemphasized. Healthcare is for everyone...for the underprivileged, for the undeserved...not just for the rich." Touché! The same story is unfolding in the Congo.

There are many such compelling stories, with illustrations of Rotary's full involvement. Most are very laudable; some are really outstanding; and a select few, well, "out of this world"!

But the implementation of partnership projects is never smooth sailing. They are always inherent local impediments – taboo beliefs, government regulations, and such. But Rotary presses on. Our Club has gone through all this in our projects to provide clean water and good sanitation in several neighbouring countries. And they all have been successes. Clean water and good sanitation go hand in hand, making for improved living. It is good that modern technology is making things easier here too.

So Rotary's "Maternal and Child Health Month" this April month is well-placed. Of course, this is an on-going thing, but a special emphasis and focus are often needed, because of their importance. Because they do make a difference in improving lives.



### OBITUARY OF MRS HAZEL ELISABETH BOOKER

Both PP Chiang Shih Fang and Rtn Robert Craiu reported the passing away of Hazel Elisabeth Booker, Rotary Ann and spouse of late PP R K Booker. PP Bob Booker PHF, was the President of our Club in 1977-1978. In the obituary page of the Singapore Straits Times dated the 15th of April 2018 it was noted that the family requested for "no flowers" but that if desired, donations in her memory are to be made to the "Society for the Aged Sick". The family apparently recognises our club's, the "Rotary Club of Singapore", special relationship with the Society for the Aged Sick. New members may not know that it was our club that started the "Payoh Lai home" following taking over the management of the "Welfare Rest House" at 27 Jalan Payoh Lai on the 14th of February 1968 that eventually became, today, to be known as the "Society for the Aged Sick" located at 130 Hougang Avenue 1.

*From the desk of the Almoner team.*





**Photo Album of fellowship event with Ms Ruby Cai, who visited Singapore from 7 to 9 April 2018. Ms Cai helped the Club in the Guizhou Minority Vocational School Project for the past 3 years**



*From left: Rtns Drs Claus Dusemund, Hoon Sing Keow, PP Perlita Tiro, Ms Ruby Cai, Mrs Tracey Wang, PE Mark Wang & PP Alan Tan*



*From left: PP Chiang Shih Fang, Ms Ruby Cai, PE Mark, Mrs Grace Taylor & Mrs Chiang*



## Photo Album of the End Polio Walk at East Coast Park – 7.4.18



*From left: Rtn Kimeo Somemiya, Ms Hiroko (Rtn Kimeo's niece), DG Datuk Lee Chuen Wan, PE Mark Wang, Rtn Connie Ho & her friend Elizabeth*



*Our Club's participants at the Walk (not in the photo is PN/VSC Dir Deepak Nagrani)*





## Photo Album of the Rotary Charity Run held in Kuching – 15.4.18



*Club's participants with friends*



*From left: Mrs Kawita Vaswani, Mrs Shirley Tan & PE Mark Wang brisk walking*



*From right: Honorary Member Rtn Mohan & Mrs Kawita Vaswani and PP Dr Shahul Hameed with their medallions*



*PE Mark (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) enjoying his breakfast*





Rotary  
Global  
Swimarathon



2018  
**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

Venue: SPORTS LIFESTYLE CENTRE  
3500A Bukit Merah Central,  
Singapore 159837

Date: Sunday,  
29 April 2018  
9am - 5pm

Money raised will be distributed to help the beneficiaries.

## THE BENEFICIARIES

### For more Information:

Organizer: Rotary Club of Singapore

Telephone: (65) 6737 2504 or (65) 9692 0660

Email: [rcos.swimarathon@gmail.com](mailto:rcos.swimarathon@gmail.com)

Donation: <https://give.asia/campaign/rotary-global-swimarathon-singapore-2018>

Facebook page (for more information):  
<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryGlobalSwimarathonSingapore>  
(or search for Rotary Global Swimarathon)

1. 'End Polio Now' campaign  
(Help to eradicate Polio globally)



2. FOOTBALLPLUS  
(('More than a game'. Value-based mentoring for disadvantaged youths to realise their potential)



### OUR SPECIAL GUEST:

Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye

Member of Parliament (MP) of Tanjong Pagar  
Group Representation Constituency

Director of Industrial Relations Field,  
National Trade Union Congress (NTUC)



Registration: <http://rotary.org.sg/event/swimarathon-2018/>

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# 27TH DISTRICT 3310 CONFERENCE

*Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia*

11-13th May 2018, The Magellan Sutera Resort

**Rotary**  
District 3310



For enquiries, please email to  
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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

### Friday 11th May 2018

7.30 am - 2 pm	Discon Fellowship Golf Tournament @ Sutera Harbor Golf & Country Club
9.00am - 4.30 am	Spouse Program
7.00 pm.	Welcome Dinner

### Saturday , 12th May 2018

8.30 am - 9.30 am	Opening ceremony
9.30 am - 5.00 pm	Conference (Day 1)
10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Spouse Program
7.00 pm	Governor's Banquet

### Sunday 13th May 2018

8.30- 11.30 pm	Conference (Day 2)
11.30am	Closing Ceremony
12.00 pm	Farewell Lunch



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# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 18 April 2018



*Ms Elizabeth Russel with her music instructor Ms Larisa Tupitsyna*

### OPENING REMARKS

President Keith opened the Meeting and warmly welcomed Speaker, Ms Sumitra Aswani, the Executive Director of the Ishk Tolaram Foundation.

He then called on Rtn Dr Irina Francken who introduced the young flutist, Ms Elizabeth Russel who entertained members prior to the start of the meeting with a short recital. Rtn Irina advised that Elizabeth would be competing in a Young Talent competition to be held in Paris on 21 April and was preparing for the Rotary International Children Music Competition in Moscow to be held in September 2018.

### WELCOME

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Manish Tibrewal:

#### Guests:

Speaker, Ms Sumitra Aswani  
Ms Mimu Nanwani  
Ms Sandhya Aswani  
Ms Madhurya Manohar  
Ms Elizabeth Russel  
Mrs Russel  
Ms Larisa Tupitsyna

Ms Aarti Wadhwa  
Ms Shilpa Wadhwa  
Mr Nico Francken  
Mr Varun Gulati  
Mr Rakesh Malhotra  
Mr Mandy Pascual



*Rtn Manish Tibrewal*

#### Visiting Rotarians:

President Jean-Baptiste Mariotte – Luxembourg-Hearts  
Clarisa Harris – Dupont Circle, USA  
Yazaki Hayato – Chino, Japan

### TOAST & BANNER PRESENTATIONS



*From left: President Keith, President Jean-Baptiste Mariotte & Rtn Horst, raising a toast to RC Luxembourg-Hearts coupled with the toast to RI.*



*President Keith exchanges banners with President Jean-Baptiste (left) and Rtn Yazaki Hayato from RC Chino (right)*



# Last Week

## ROTARY CHARITY RUN 2018

President Keith called on PE Mark Wang who presented a special gift received from Rotary Club of Kuching Central to the Club for its Platinum Sponsorship at the Rotary Charity Run 2018 held on 15 April 2018.



## THE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD (EYA) 2018

President Keith announced that the Club's flagship event – The Entrepreneur of the Year Award, formed 30 years ago, would be launched on Friday, 20 April 2018 at Vanda Ballroom, Marina Mandarin Singapore from 2.00-5.00pm. He invited members to attend the event and to inform EYA Co-Chair, PP Alan Tan accordingly. President Keith further invited members to submit their nominations for the Award.

## VISION FOR ALL – CSC PROJECT



**VISION FOR ALL**

President Keith called for members' help at the coming CSC Project to be held on Saturday, 21 April 2018 at APSN Centre for Adults, 11 Jalan Ubi, Block 4, #01-31, Kembangan Chai Chee Community Hub to assist the 80 to 100 beneficiaries with special needs. He advised that partnering the Club were VIRAJ Healthcare Foundation, the executing partner for planning and providing expert doctors and paramedical staff, Zeiss Singapore for provision of diagnostic instruments and lenses for spectacles and Essilor Vision Foundation.

## ROTARY GLOBAL SWIMARATHON – SINGAPORE 2018

PN/VSC Director Deepak Nagrani together with Organising Chair, Rtn Hassan Moosa rallied members for their support for the coming Rotary Global Swimarathon – Singapore 2018 in aid of The Rotary Foundation's End Polio Now programme as well as the Club's Major Project for this year – FootballPlus Singapore.

Rtn Hassan was pleased to advise that Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund has kindly pledged S\$1.00 for every lap achieved at the Swimarathon, regardless of the number of total laps completed. He added that the target for this year was 4,000 laps, and he called on members for their continued support.

**The event will be held on Sunday, 29 April from 9am to 5pm at Sports Lifestyle Centre at Bukit Merah Central.**

## CLUB'S INSTALLATION DINNER

President Keith invited PE Mark Wang to announce details of the Club's installation. PE Mark warmly thanked members for the trust placed in him and noted that the Installation was a flagship event not only in the Club but in the District as well. Details of the Installation Dinner are as follows:

Date & Time: **Sunday, 1 July 2018 at 7.00pm (cocktails will be served from 6.30pm)**

Venue: **Pacific Ballroom, Pan Pacific Singapore, 7 Raffles Boulevard, S 039595**

Guest of Honour: **Ms Indranee Rajah, Senior Minister of State for Law and Finance**

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**Speaker:** **Ms Sumitra Aswani, Executive Director  
Ishk Tolaram Foundation**

**Topic:** ***“An introduction to Ishk Tolaram Foundation”***



*President Keith & Rtn Deblina*

President Keith invited Rtn Deblina Chatterjee to introduce our Guest Speaker, Ms Sumitra Aswani who is a fourth-generation family member of Tolaram Group and currently heads the affiliated Ishk Tolaram Foundation. She is also actively involved with next-generation engagement through the Family Business Network, Business Families Foundation, and NEXUS. Prior to this appointment, she practiced

clinical medicine and healthcare policy with an interest in family and community medicine in Singapore. She graduated with an M.B.B.S from the National University of Singapore and is currently pursuing a Master of Studies in Sustainability Leadership at the University of Cambridge.



*Speaker, Ms Sumitra Aswani*

In her presentation, Ms Aswani shared the story of Ishk Tolaram Foundation which was founded in 2016. She advised that the Foundation is a majority trustee and 25% beneficiary of the 70-year-old family business, Tolaram Group, founded in 1948 in Malang, Indonesia and has since expanded its operations within Africa, Asia, and Europe with a primary focus on fast-moving consumer goods and digital services, employing more than 10,000 people.



*From left: President Keith, Rtn Hassan & Ms Aswani*

Ms Aswani shared that Ishk Tolaram Foundation was started as part of Tolaram Group's commitment to a greater focus on philanthropy and sustainability. She added that their mission was to enable self-sufficiency in vulnerable communities in Indonesia and Nigeria through education, entrepreneurial and vocational training, and healthcare, and to be an advocate for greater social awareness and responsible giving in our family, business, and partners. Ms Aswani's presentation gave members a better understanding of the Foundation's funding, organisational, operational and philosophy structures. (A copy of Ms Aswani's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

President Keith called on Rtn Hassan Moosa who warmly thanked Ms Aswani for her excellent talk which gave a better understanding of the Ishk Tolaram Foundation's responsible giving to the community. Rtn Hassan added that he hoped there would be further cooperation between the Club and Ishk Tolaram Foundation as well.

# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

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

Dinesh Sharma  
Roberto Bencina  
Peter Koh

## This Meeting

**25 April 2018**

**Reception Desk duty:** Joseph Chia  
**Sunshine Box:** Suresh Keerthi,  
Ronald Wong

**Speaker:** Honorary Member, His  
Excellency Mr Scott Wightman,  
British High Commissioner

**Topic:** Britain and The World

## Next Meeting

**2 May 2018**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Chiang  
Shih Fang, Robert Craiu

**Sunshine Box:** PP Alan Tan, Noshir  
Mistri

**Speaker:** Ms Sarah Martin, CEO,  
Arts House Ltd

**Topic:** To be advised

## Anniversary Celebrants

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

Director Dr Rupesh & Kajal Agrawal  
Sanjeev & Seema Shah

## Community Service Meeting

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

**Date:** Thursday, 19 April

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** To be advised

**Hosts:** To be advised

## Coming Rotary Events

### April

#### **Maternal and Child Health Month**

**22-23 Apr** – Overseas Eye Surgical  
Camp in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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

### May

#### **Youth Service Month**

**11-13 May** – District Rotaract's "Run in  
Blue" at Admiralty Park, 31 Riverside  
Rd

**11-13 May** – District Conference  
**27-28 May** – RC Osaka Semba's 30<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary celebrations

**31 May** – 4<sup>th</sup> & Final Club Assembly for  
RY 2017-18

### June

#### **Rotary Fellowship Month**

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

### July

**1 July** – Installation Dinner at Pan  
Pacific Singapore

## Youth Service Meeting

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

**Date:** Thursday, 26 April

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Moghul Mahal Restaurant,  
2 Tessensohn Road #03-01 Khalsa  
Association, S 217648

**Host:** Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani, Dir  
See Mee Lee & PP Alan Tan

## Who's Who Directory 2018-2019

Members are reminded to submit  
their updated information &  
photographs to the Secretariat





## *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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