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### **International Service Committee Meeting on 19.4.18**

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### In Focus

Photo Album of the International Service Committee Meeting held on 19.4.18 at the Singapore Island Country Club...



From left: PP Chiang Shih Fang, PE Mark Wang, ISC Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal, HM PP Bhagwan Melwani, Rtn Joseph Chia, PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan and guest



From left: ISC Secretary Rtn Anindya Dutta taking the Minutes as ISC Dir Dr Rupesh presents his report



# Photo Album of the International Service Committee Meeting held on 19.4.18 at the Singapore Island Country Club...contd.





From left: PE Mark & President Keith presenting their reports





Members and guests paying close attention to the reports



# 27TH DISTRICT 3310 CONFERENCE



Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

11-13th May 2018, The Magellan Sutera Resort



### 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 – 25 April 2018

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Membership Director Raj called the meeting to order and invited President Keith to proceed with the Meeting. President Keith warmly welcomed the Club's Honorary Member, His Excellency Mr Scott Wightman, the British High Commissioner to Singapore.

After which, President Keith called members' attention to a short video of the Vocational Service Committee's video on its third vocational visit to the Singapore Heart Foundation.

### **WELCOME**

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Jeff Rajeck:

#### Guests

Mrs Suvidha Venkatesan (Rtn Bala's wife) Ms Imelda Ahmad Ms Elizabeth Chu Ms Tanya Venkatraraman Mr Tim Grumley

### **Visiting Rotarians:**

PP Peter Ferriello, Marta Rodriguez, Joel Klein, Tano
Pham Thanh Hung – Spring Valley, USA
PP Barbara & PE Peter Blakey – Liberty New York
PP Jimmy Murphy – Pearl River, NY, USA
PP Felix Okatch – Westlands, Nairobi
President Thirunavukkarasu Someswaran –
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Thu Zaw – Yangon, Myanmar
Vishal Daswani – Golden Mile Kowloon, Hong Kong



Rtn Jeff Rajeck

### **TOAST**



Raising a toast to RI & Rotary Club of Colombo (left to right) President Keith,
President Someswaran & PP Perlita Tiro. PP Perlita advised that the Club
participated in a Global Grant with RC Colombo for a clean water project in
northern Sri Lanka.



President Keith presents a Club Banner to President Someswaran





### **Last Week**

### **EXCHANGE OF BANNERS**



There was a large delegation of visiting Rotarians from 3 different Rotary Clubs in New York, who were returning from their education project in Vietnam. Together with President Keith are PP Mohan (right) and PE Mark (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) displaying the visitors' banners





President Keith exchanged banners with PP Felix Okatch (left) and Rtn Thu Zaw (right) from RC Westlands and Yangon respectively

### **VISION FOR ALL**



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President Keith advised that it was a busy past weekend with two eye camps, one for eye screening of on 21 April at APSN Centre for Adults for 80 to 90 persons with special needs.

After which, President Keith advised that he and Youth Service Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien went to the "Hunger Trials", an Interact project held at Hwa Chong Institution.

President Keith further advised that International Service Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal and his team were in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and conducted over 50 cataract operations there.

Reports on these projects will be published in due course.

### **ROTARY GLOBAL SWIMARATHON – SINGAPORE 2018**

President Keith called on PN/VSC Director Deepak Nagrani and Rtn Hassan Moosa to make their last announcement on the Club's Swimarathon, which would be held on Sunday 29 April at Sports Lifestyle Centre at Bukit Merah Central. Members were informed of the wonderful support from PP Dr Shahul Hameed' son, Mirza and his team of about 75 young swimmers, as well as the "Fabulous Ladies" team with sponsors from Rtn Dr Irina Francken (\$100 for every lady member participant) and Director See Mee Lee (\$2.00 for every lap). Rtn Hassan added that another team of "Millennial Uncles" would be swimming as well, to which PP Alan Tan pledged \$500 should Rtn Hassan swim as well! Not forgetting Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund who pledged \$\$1.00 for every lap achieved at the Swimarathon.



PN Deepak (right) & Rtn Hassan





### **Last Week**

Speaker: Honorary Member, His Excellency (H E) Mr Scott Wightman

CMG, British High Commissioner to Singapore

**Topic:** "Britain and the World"

President Keith called on Rtn Uttam Kripalani to introduce our Speaker, the Club's Honorary Member, His Excellency (H E) Mr Scott Wightman. Rtn Uttam noted that H E Mr Wightman has had the distinction of representing the British Foreign and Commonwealth office in London, Beijing, Paris, Rome and Seoul and now as British High Commissioner to Singapore. He advised that H E Mr Wightman's vast international experience started when he joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1983 and through his involvement in various assignments which have included, resource and finance, personnel policy, global and economic issues, he has reached a position where he is one of the most sought after speakers in Singapore.



Speaker HE Mr Scott Wightman (left) with Rtn Uttam



From left: President Keith, HE Mr Scott Wightman & PP Sajjad

H E Mr Wightman noted his familiarity with Rotary, as his father is a Rotarian since 1969 in Edinburgh.

H E Mr Wightman's talk covered significant developments involving the United Kingdom in the last month — the European Council; attempted murder of Skripals; Asad regime use of chemical weapons in Syria and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in London. His comprehensive talk, taken as a whole highlighted Britain's role in the world.

President Keith invited PP Sajjad Akhtar to extend the Club's vote of thanks to H E Mr Wightman. PP Sajjad quoted "International politics is never about democracy and human rights. It's about the interests of states. Remember that, no matter what you are told in history lessons." – from Egon

Bahr who was a minister in the cabinet of Chancellor Willy Brandt. PP Sajjad noted the special relationship Britain continues to have with Singapore and looked forward to the signing of the FTA.





# Mark Your Diary

### Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Winston Khoo Hena Hoda

### **Anniversary Celebrants**

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Loo Lian Wee & Fei Ying

## Community Service Meeting

Community Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: <u>Tuesday, 1 May instead of</u> <u>Thursday, 3 May</u>

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Club Heal

244 Bukit Batok East Avenue 5

#01-02 S 650244

### This 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:** About the Arts House

### Vocational Service Meeting

Vocational Service Committee Meeting & Fellowship with new Friends of VSC will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 10 May

**Time: 7.00pm** 

Venue: Raffles Room The Tanglin

Club, 5 Stevens Road

Hosts: Rtns Dr Irina Francken, Brigitte Holtschneider, Atul Merchant, Dr Claus Dusemund, Dr Hans Schniewind, Deepti Lalchandani & Sylvia Chung

## Who's Who Directory 2018-2019

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

### **Next Meeting**

### 9 May 2018

**Reception Desk duty**: Dr Claus Dusemund, Anindya Dutta

Sunshine Box: PP Jimmy Ooi,

Moshood Olaniyan

**Speaker**: Ms Yvonne Koh, Board Member, Engineering Good

Topic: To be advised

### **Coming Rotary Events**

### April

Maternal and Child Health Month

### May

### **Youth Service Month**

**5 May –** District Rotaract's "Run in Blue" at Admiralty Park, 31 Riverside

11-13 May – District Conference
18-22 May – GuiZhou Minority
Vocational School Visit
27-28 May – RC Osaka Semba's 30<sup>th</sup>
anniversary celebrations

30 May – Weekly meeting is cancelled in lieu of the Final Club Assembly for RY 2017-18

### June

Rotary Fellowship Month
24-27 June – R I Convention, Toronto,
Canada

### <u>July</u>

1 July – Installation Dinner at Pan Pacific Singapore

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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?



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017/2018**

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