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In Focus

June – The Final Lap

By: Honorary Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang



HM PP Raymon Huang

The Rotary Calendar – we know each Rotary Year begins at midnight on July 1 and ends at midnight on June 30 the following year. So this June is indeed the final month of Rotary Year (RY) 2017-18.

It is really a busy-busy month for most clubs in Rotary, when the final touches of the year's programmes and projects have to be made. A lot of things have to be done and dusted. Then there is the Installation and Dinner, when the "changing of the guards" take place, when the Incoming President and his Board take over the reins of the Club. This event alone takes a lot of planning, input and organisation. Because of the increasing number of clubs in most Districts, some clubs are "forced" to hold their Installation Dinners outside of the June month – in July, even August, needing the term of the incumbent President to be "extended".

Then there is the iconic Rotary International (RI) Convention – always held in June and in a "far away land". For us, except the RI Convention that was held in Singapore in 1999 – the very last year of the last millennium. Members are always encouraged to attend these Conventions, notwithstanding the cost and time. This RY, the RI Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada, on 24 – 27 June. By sheer coincidence, it was also the Convention held in Toronto I attended in 1985. Also the SG delegation was small; I met many prominent SG and District 3310 club personalities – like PDG Dr Philbert Chin, PDG John Cheah, PDG Dr N Ganesan, PDG Tan Geok Tian and other stalwarts. The Japanese delegations came by the plane load! The total number of attendees usually is anything between 20 and 40 thousand. These Conventions are real eye-openers – a great Rotary-learning place, a venue where old acquaintances are renewed, and basis where new friends are made, many long-lasting, and Mecca for fresh Rotary information.

Back home to our Club, and our President, and his Board, and members – this final month of June can be both a celebration and trying. Its hectic nature can be exhausting, yet many people thrive on hard work. To me, even more importantly, it is a time for reflection, for some self-examination. Many soul-searching questions will crop up, requiring some difficult and honest answers, sometimes not easy to come by. It is also a good time for serious thought about our continued involvement in the new RY. Believe me; this is all an excellent exercise for us as Rotarians. It helps to improve ourselves as Rotarians.

In all these contacts, I asked President Keith to pen his thoughts, putting them succinctly and to the point. His reflections are reproduced below:

I cannot believe that it was a year ago on 24 June 2017 that I stood up at the installation dinner to take on the chain of office (or President's Jewel). Now a year has flown by and I am told I have to give it back! My wife thinks I look so handsome when I wear it! But I told her, "What to do? Number 84 needs it!"

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In Focus

The service dedication from club members and particularly my Board Members has been absolutely fantastic. You have indeed been MAD, as our District Governor would say, or Making A Difference in so many ways. Over this year we have started a journey of club modernization and thanks to the wonderful cross support between the four service committees, we have completed numerous joint and multi-joint service projects. These have connected Vocation with Youth with Community both in and outside of Singapore. They have involved the wonderfully inspirational Interact and Rotaract clubs under our wing. The projects have benefited the young, the wayward, the elderly, the poor, the sick, those with disabilities and the environment. Thank you all for your tireless support and for really Making A Difference this year.

So a year on I can truly say, "Wow, what a trip what a journey, what fun!" I would not have changed it for the world - this has been the most fulfilling year of service of my life. I have loved every minute of it and can only commend and recommend this once in a lifetime chance to all the Future Presidents reading this article. The Past Presidents all know what I mean. To all members of the Rotary Club I love, thank you for the trust you placed in me, I am truly honoured to have served as your 83rd Club President (2017-18).

Touché! Well done, President Keith!

As we enter the Stadium of Service after the marathon of "Serving Humanity" this past Rotary Year – to the deafening roar of cheering of gratitude from our beneficiaries – we believe as a Club we have done more than well. Every Service Committee has played its expected part fully. And as we turn into the final bend – with the "Finish" tape ahead, we believe we have achieved much and learnt a lot in the process. And as we breast the tape on July 1 2018, we believe we have implemented Rotary's timeless aim of "doing good in the world"! We hope too that we have been "An inspiration to many clubs in the District.

We believe too that all our efforts have "made a difference" in the lives of many individuals and whole communities in need. Fellowship in and enjoyment of Rotary are cardinal points in joining the movement. We believe we have fostered a great deal of both within the membership.

We salute President Keith, his Board and other Officers for a marathon well-run. We salute many of the younger and newer members who always went that extra proverbial mile to lend a helping hand. That the Club has done a splendid job is without question. The haul of Trophies and Awards is vibrant testimony to this fact.

We wish Incoming President Mark Wang and his Board – and First Lady Tracey – similar success stories as they helm our Club this next RY 2018-19. We are sure they will keep the flag flying high – very high.

Congratulations all!



Visit to Sister Club Rotary Club of Osaka Semba

By: PP Peter Tan

16 Rotarians and spouses led by PE Mark Wang visited our Sister Club, the Rotary Club (RC) of Osaka Semba between 26 and 28 May to participate in RC of Osaka Semba's 30th anniversary celebration.

We were also honoured to have in our delegation Honorary Member Mohan Vaswani and Spouse Kawita.

RC of Osaka Semba has been our Sister Club for over 20 years.

In addition to the sumptuous dinner at Nikko Hotel, the celebration included a dinner show "Takarazuka Review" performed by the daughter of one of the Rotarians in the club and her 3 other lady friends. Takarazuka Review is a traditional Broadway style production performed only by all female theatre troupe.

The night before the celebration, our delegation was treated to a welcome dinner at the St Regis Hotel Osaka.



Delegation with President of RC Osaka Semba at 30th Anniversary dinner

Visit to Sister Club Rotary Club of Osaka Semba...contd



HM Mohan and spouse Kawita and PP Stan and spouse Dolores at the celebration



PE Mark presented a pewter plate to the President RC of Osaka Semba



Delegation with VP of RC of Osaka Semba



Delegation with members and spouses of RC of Osaka Semba

Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 13 June 2018

OPENING REMARKS

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Stuart Pearce opened the meeting and invited President Keith to take the Chair. President Keith noted that prior to the start of the Meeting, members had a chance to view the videos of multiple projects undertaken by the Community Service Committee during the year. He noted that it was very close to the final run of the Rotary year, however he was still keeping busy!

President Keith welcomed the Speaker, none other than our member, Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund.

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming guests of members fell to Rtn Jayant Gadgil:

Guests:

Ms Isabel Lee

Mr Arun Pai

Mr Sergei



Rtn Jayant Gadgil

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



As there were no visiting Rotarians, Toastmaster Rtn Dinesh Sharma (left) called on members to join him in a toast to Rotary International.

NEW MEMBER'S INDUCTION

President Keith called on PP Perlita Tiro to introduce her candidate, Rtn Armando Concepcion Pascual. PP Perlita advised that Rtn Armando Pascual, or Mandy for short, has been in the IT and Telco sectors throughout his career, spanning both operations and sales, locally and regionally. For the last eight years, Rtn Mandy has been with Hewlett Packard. He started as Country General Manager for the printing and imaging group in the Philippines for a couple of years, then became Director of Enterprise Sales for South East Asia, Hong Kong and Taiwan for three years. He moved base to Singapore three years ago to be Director for Business Operations, Strategy and Planning for Asia Pacific and Japan. PP Perlita further added that Rtn Mandy was a member of our sister Club Rotary Club of Makati for four years till 2014. He left at that time due to extensive travelling. Now that he has settled in Singapore for the last three years, while still on a regional or even global role, he feels that he will have more time to spend on Rotary projects. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and a Masters in Business Economics. Mandy is married with one daughter who is graduating from Management Engineering next year.



From left: PP Perlita, Rtn Mandy Pascual & President Keith

President Keith inducted Rtn Mandy to the Club and reminded him that among his Rotary duties and obligations – he needs to download the ClubRunner application and to start using it! Rtn Mandy's classification is "Information Technology – Solutions" and he was recommended to join the International Service Committee.

Upon his induction, Rtn Mandy warmly thanked President Keith and PP Perlita for the honour and pleasure of becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Singapore. He further thanked PP Tapan Rao for the very informative Rotary Information session which he conducted. Rtn Mandy added that he was excited to be part of the Club's activities and was very interested in the service to the community particularly after speaking with incoming Community Service Director Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal. President Keith added that Rtn Mandy was most welcome to join both committees – International and Community!

CLUB'S INSTALLATION DINNER

President Keith invited PE Mark Wang to make the announcement for the Club's Installation Dinner. PE Mark noted that the Guest of Honour, Ms Indranee Rajah, was also the Guest of Honour at PP Peter Tan's installation, eleven years ago!

PE Mark also highlighted the Sister Club Fellowship dinner which would be held on Saturday, 30 June from 6.30pm at the Senior Police Officers' Mess.

PE Mark called on members to attend both the Installation Dinner as well as the Sister Club Fellowship.

ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

invitation to
**INSTALLATION OF 84th PRESIDENT
MARK WANG AND HIS BOARD**
Guest of Honour:
Ms Indranee Rajah,
(Minister, Prime Minister's Office & Second Minister for
Finance & Education & Law)
Date : 1 July 2018 (Sunday)
Time : 7pm (cocktail@630pm)
**Venue : Pan Pacific Hotel -
Pacific Ballroom**
Cost : \$150
Dress code : Black Tie
**Sister club event is on the 30 June
2018 (Sat).**



Speaker: Rotarian Dr Claus Dusemund

Topic: *“Innovation in Rechargeable Energy Storage”*

President Keith called on PP Peter Tan to introduce Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund, whom he added did not need an introduction, nevertheless, he advised that Rtn Claus was born in 1964 in Germany. Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund studied chemistry. After finishing his PhD thesis in the field in electrochemistry, he spent a year in a research project in Kyushu. Later on he worked for SIEMENS in MERCK, for which he was sent to Singapore in 1999. In 2003, he started his own company: Dusemund Pte Ltd, which offers products from selected European companies in Asia, he also provides consultancy and training services in the field of semiconductor, flat panel display and photo-voltaic industry manufacturing especial for wet chemical processes and purity materials. Since beginning of 2015, he is a proud member of our Club.

Rtn Claus noted that in recent years, low cost renewable electrical energy technology has become available in large scale. The production capacities have been increasing exponentially, especially by harvesting solar and wind power. The biggest challenges are the fluctuations in power output due to weather and seasons. A smart combination with existing traditional power plants like oil, coal, nuclear and large scale energy storage systems is required.



Speaker Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund

Rtn Claus added that we are used to small battery powered electrical devices, like mobile phones, laptops and other gadgets, where the rechargeable batteries became more and more powerful and smaller. In very near future, many cars and trucks will be moved by electrical motors to reduce the pollution in cities and the CO2 release to the atmosphere. A number of countries like e.g. China and Norway implemented incentives to purchase such cars; and big traditional car manufacturers like e.g. BYD and new manufactures like TESLA already offer these cars for the

mass market. He noted that others will follow soon. The battery technology comes from the electrical gadget market, but big technological innovations will have to be made to increase the range of such car and reduce the costs. Alternatively, hydrogen based fuel cells will provide the electricity for the cars.

Rtn Claus's presentation highlighted the new innovations in the rechargeable energy storage system, which will be available for us in the near future. (A copy of Rtn Claus's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)



From left: PP Tapan, Rtn Claus & President Keith

and added that it had certainly charged the energy in the room!

President Keith called on PP Tapan Rao who warmly thanked Rtn Claus for his presentation,

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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrant this week:

Bharat Mandloi

This Meeting

20 June 2018

Reception Desk duty: Peter Koh, Kannan Krishnan

Sunshine Box: Pia Bruce, Connie Ho

Speaker: Mr Pranav Joshi, Mentor and Guide to "Rubaroo" organisation

Topic: The Menace of Child Sexual Abuse in India

Next Meeting

27 June 2018

Evening Meeting @ 6.30pm at Raffles Room, The Tanglin Club

Reception Desk duty: Alex Lega, Bharat Mandloi

Sunshine Box: Stacy McCarthy, Adnan Ansari

Programme: President Keith will chair the last weekly meeting for Rotary Year

Anniversary Celebrants

There are no Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week.

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting for the month of June is cancelled.

Coming Rotary Events

June

Rotary Fellowship Month

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

30 June – Sister Club Fellowship at Senior Police Officers' Mess

July

1 July – Installation Dinner at Pan Pacific Singapore

4 July – 1st Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2018-2019 to be chaired by President Mark Wang

11 July – Continuation of 1st Club Assembly

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting is cancelled in view of the Sister Club Fellowship which will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, 30 June

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Senior Police Officers' Mess, 153 Mt Pleasant Road, S296153

Non-ISC members are requested to pay \$60.00 per person



President Keith and the Board of Directors wish all Muslim members "Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri"



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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