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Our New C-in-C

By: Honorary Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang



HM PP Raymon Huang

We just witnessed the SG Trump-Kim Summit. On July 1, we witnessed our very own RCS Summit too, when we witnessed the Changing of the Guards – the handing over of the heavy Chain of Office by President Keith to our new C-in-C, President Mark Wang Yat-Yee. With it go the heavy responsibilities of running a big and vibrant Club.

Welcome a board, President Mark. You have lined up a formidable team – your Board of Directors. You yourself have set an excellent start of example. You have been the most “go-go” PE I can recall. A very good omen. It augers well for the Club. There are so many tasks ahead.

In these contexts, I posed President Mark 6 questions:

- (1) As our 84th President, do you feel you have big shoes to fill? In what way?
- (2) At this early stage - do you feel there is really, really anything daunting ahead?
- (3) Tell us - your own plans to propel our Club ahead even more.
- (4) Membership involvement – fundamental and key issue - how would you mobilize this?
- (5) Being a President actually involves a 3-year very active stint – PE/P/IPP. Share your thoughts on this.
- (6) I know this is a “12-month ahead” question. Any “big bang” special plans?

These are his responses:

(1) Not mere big shoes, but giant shoes. And not a few pairs but many, many giant pairs of shoes from our illustrious past.

I know because I have witnessed with my own eyes the likes of Dr Shahul, Perlita, Alan, Garry, IPP Keith, AND have heard the achievements of recent PPs Jimmy, Tapan, Lip Kee, Peter, Stan, Chin Ngiap, Mohan,... NOT TO MENTION the legends of JK, Sajjad, Philip, Mansoor, and Dr Oliver,... AS WELL AS icons Dr Ivor, Shih Fang, Dr Philbert and yourself. I am simply in awe. Let's hope fear is a big motivator!

(2) I believe RC Singapore is on a roller-coaster ride with Service Projects. The current crop of Service Directors have been simply amazing in leading their teams to a frenzy and crescendo of wonderful projects.

But there is always room for improvement, e.g. in the areas of luncheon meetings, donations, and fellowship events. We should not hide behind our size, as we can do better in the RATE, or percentage, of participation, when compared to the smaller clubs in the District.

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We cannot be all things to all members, but perhaps we can offer something to each member, and thus draw out their participation.

(3) Service-wise, we'll do well to keep up the current pace of service projects. YSC Director Dr Hoh is continuing. ISC Director Dr Rupesh is moving over to CSC, where he'd have a hard time looking better than Mee Lee (pun intended), but has come up with good ideas already. New ISC Director Dr Chan has gotten started with his term early and can count on everyone's support. New VSC Ronil comes from a pedigree of Rotary tradition, and will have PE Deepak's help and guidance. From my own perspective, we may need to plan some projects with an eye towards balancing the variety of service projects.

(4) Continuing Membership Director Raj has been doing a great job. He has beefed up areas of recruitment, new member mentorship, as well as the Almoner initiative headed by PP Peter Tan. Going forward, I hope to see a more streamlined effort in the new member recruitment process, business networking functions and social fellowship.

(5) Being new to the Club itself, I devoted my PE year to poking my nose into everything inside and outside the Club (i.e. the District.) President Keith has acknowledged me as being the most active PE, (and in turn Keith promises to be the most active IPP!) Even with the best intentions of all fellow Rotarians to help, preparing for Presidency has seen me going down many blind alleys, due simply to the complexity of the role. Thus the 3-year active stint is vital to the smooth running of the Club, and I intend to uphold my end of the bargain.

(6) What "Big Bang?" I just hope not to fizzle out along the way!
But seriously, any good plans are bound to change. I expect to be bumping along many curves throughout the year. But at the end, I hope to be able to say with a straight face, that it's been a FUN year!

Well put and well said, President Mark.

This Rotary Year, 2018/19, R I President Barry Rassin's theme song is "BE THE INSPIRATION". I believe we have been that in many ways the past Rotary Year (RY). This song will be sung and heard many times over this new RY. The compass does point that way, even at this early stage. Good luck to you, President Mark and your Team. We do look forward to another great year for our Club – under your Presidency.

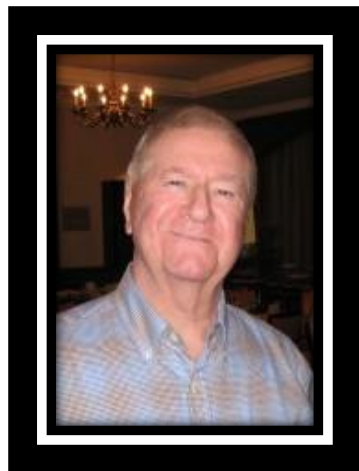
Once more, welcome aboard as our new C-in-C, and congratulations! To First Lady Tracey too.



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting / 1st Club Assembly (continued) – 11 July 2018

OPENING REMARKS



*The late Rtn Michael King
(18.3.37 – 7.7.18)*

Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) Rtn Deblina Chatterjee opened the meeting and invited President Mark Wang to take the Chair.

Sadly, President Mark advised members of the passing away of Rtn Michael King in Toronto on Saturday, 7 July 2018. Rtn Michael first joined Rotary in Barbados in 1975, and continued with his Rotary membership in Nairobi and London. Upon his relocation to Singapore, Rtn Michael joined the Rotary Club of Singapore West from 1980 to 1986. In December 1991, Rtn Michael was proposed to our Club by PDG Dr Philbert Chin.

President Mark called on members to stand and join him in observing a minute of silence in remembrance of our member and friend.

Subsequently after the meeting, PP Peter Tan, Chairman of the Almoner Team, advised that he sent a condolence letter to Mrs Gilberte King, on behalf of President Mark and members.

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Jessica Lim:

Guests

Ms Candy Ong

Arun Pai

Visiting Rotarians

PP Sailen Bhowmick & Suchitra Ghose – Ballygunge South, India

Pawan Lakhotia – Durgapur Central, India

Michelle Li – Shanghai

Ingolf Maximowitz – Hochstadt a.d. Aisch, Germany



Rtn Jessica

TOAST

Toastmaster, International Service Director Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen invited PP Sailen Bhowmick from the Rotary Club of Ballygunge South to say a few words about his club. PP Sailen highlighted some of his club's projects in water treatment facilities for correctional homes, hospitals and schools, as well as projects with their RCC and Rotaract Clubs.

Rtn Siew Luen invited members to raise a toast to the Ballygunge South club coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



*From left: PP Sailen, Rtn Siew Luen &
President Mark*



Last Week

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS

President Mark exchanged banners with the following visiting Rotarians:



From left: PP Sailen Bhowmick, Rtn Michelle Li (RC Shanghai), Rtn Ingolf Maximowitz (RC Hochstadt) & Rtn Pawan Lakhotia (RC Durgapur)

FIRST WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

President Mark noted that it had been an eventful first week into the Rotary Year with a number of events which have taken place, such as the following:

- ❖ 1st ISC Project of the year – Mega Retina Surgery Camp from 8 to 11 July;
- ❖ 1st CSC meeting held on 5 July which was attended by 23 Rotarians with 2 spouses and 7 guests. 90 minutes of brainstorming on 4 projects (3 potential Global Grants) were held;
- ❖ Sister Club Installations – RC Kuching Central and RC Makati



IPP Keith Harrison (left) represented the Club at the RC Makati's Installation and handed to President Mark the club's gifts

UPCOMING INSTALLATION DATES OF INTERACT/ROTARACT CLUBS

Members were encouraged to attend the following Interact/ Rotaract Clubs' Installations:

School	Date	Time	Venue
ACS (Independent)	19 Jul	1630-1830hrs	Centre for Performing Arts 1
Victoria Junior College	19 Jul	1730-1900hrs	Lecture Theatre 5
Catholic Junior College	25 Jul	1700-1900hrs	Lecture Theatre 2
Bt Gombak EAGLES	4 Aug	1030-1230hrs	Hillview CC [Multi-Purpose Hall-(MPH)]
Rotaract Club of Temasek	4 Aug	1030-1230hrs	Hillview CC (MPH)



Last Week

UPCOMING INSTALLATION DATES OF SISTER CLUBS 2018-19

July 2018

- RC Chinatown Manila : 17 July
- RC Surabaya : 19 July

August 2018

- RC Cauayan : 4 Aug
- RC Bandar Seri Begawan : 11 Aug
- RC KL Di Raja : 25 August

September 2018

- RC Rizal West: 1 September

Members attending please email
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1ST CLUB ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS...Continuation

Next, President Mark proceeded with the continuation of the 1st Club Assembly, and invited the following Board Members to present their reports:

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Hon Treasurer Horst Hagemann highlighted the following:

- ❖ **Total Support by Members** – Rtn Horst advised that he would work closely with the Committee Directors and their Hon Treasurers. He noted that previous Hon Treasurer Rtn Reinhard Klemmer had circulated the Club's draft 2016-17 statements and he gave a brief summary of the Club's funds.
- ❖ **Balanced Budget** – Rtn Horst advised that about 10% of members have not settled their outstanding dues and that he would follow up on this matter. He advised that invoices for the current year would be sent shortly and he called on members to settle their dues by the 1st quarter. He added that the goal was to have a balanced budget.
- ❖ **Increase Revenue Generation** – Rtn Horst advised that he would look at increasing revenue generation by means of getting more members.
- ❖ **Increase Accounting Efficiency** - This issue would also be looked into and Rtn Horst advised that any outstanding items would be followed up as soon as possible.



Hon Treasurer Rtn Horst



VOCATIONAL SERVICE (VSC) REPORT

Vocational Service Director Ronil Sujan took the opportunity to introduce himself; advising that he has been a VSC member for 8 years and a son of a Rotarian. He further introduced his Executive Committee as follows:

- Rtn Ronil Sujan (Chair)
- Rtn Dr Irina Francken (Alt Chair)
- Rtn Vivek Chhabra (Treasurer)
- Rtn Joseph Chia (Vocational Visits)
- Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow/Andreas Duerst (Secretariat)
- Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund (Hosting and PR)
- PP Alan Tan (EYA)
- PE Deepak Nagrani
- Rtn Bala Venkatesan – Junior Engineer; Artisan of Year
- VP Hassan Moosa – Swimarathon
- Rtn Suresh Keerthi – Friends of VSC
- PP Peter Tan – Senior Mentor
- PDG Dr Philbert Chin – Mentor, Guide to Daily Living
- VP Rajkumar P Suppiah - Membership



Director Ronil

Noting that “*Vocational Service as the very essence of Rotary*”, Rtn Ronil highlighted the Committee’s priorities for the coming year including the pursuit of core projects, such as The Entrepreneur of the Year Award which will be celebrating its 30th year; Artisan of the Year; Junior Engineers Project; Guide to Daily Living; Vocational Visits, Vocational Month activities and the Global Swimarathon.

Rtn Ronil added that new initiatives would be added and that the Committee would work on the Club’s Major Project with the Community Service Committee as well as build on VSC’s eco-system and forge further strategic partnerships and collaborations. He further advised the Committee’s fellowship plans for the year.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (ISC) REPORT

International Service Director Dr Chan Siew Luen introduced his Committee’s office bearers:

- Chair Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen
- Alternate chair Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal
- Secretary Rtn Anindya Dutta
- Treasurer Rtn Deepu Joseph
- Public relations Rtn Pia Bruce
- Hosting duties PP Chiang Shih Fang
- Global grants PP Dr Shahul Hameed

Rtn Siew Luen briefed members on the Club’s Global Grant (GG) projects in Indonesia, India and Vietnam. He also listed the various projects in the pipeline for the Committee in India involving community health centre, education and retina surgery as well as in Nepal for a livelihood coffee project. Also in the pipeline were medical missions to Mongolia and Malawi.



Director Siew Luen



1ST CLUB ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS...Continuation

Rtn Siew Luen gave an overview of the Committee's general directions as follows:

- All international projects to be global grant by default
- New projects to start as Community needs assessment (mandatory for GG)
- Plan for inter-service collaboration projects
- Explore collaboration with Global Clinic (local NGO) to extend beyond India
- Explore additional source of fundraising through crowdfunding

YOUTH SERVICE (YSC) REPORT

To start off his report, Youth Service Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien showed some photos of the Club's Interactors who were present at the recent Installation Dinner. He then introduced his Committee's Key Executives:

- Chair: Dr Hoh Sek Tien
- Vice Chair & Hosting Chair: Adnan Ansari
- Secretary: Jessica Lim
- Treasurer: Ronald Wong
- Public Relations: Jean Khoo

Rtn Sek Tien spoke on the Committee's efforts with the Club sponsored Interact and Rotaract Clubs as well as the Interact Coordination Committee (ICC), a platform for cross-school collaboration and information sharing. He highlighted the very successful ICC projects such as the Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger and the Grey Can Still Play projects.



Director Sek Tien

Rtn Sek Tien also elaborated on his priorities for YSC for the year with emphasis on Rotary values; Skills and spirit; Camaraderie and *Guide to Daily Living*. He highlighted the Key Events planned and called for members' participation and support particularly for the Interact Leadership Training Camp which would be held from 27 to 29 July 2018 at the MDIS Campus, 501 Stirling Road, Singapore 148951.

To end his report, Rtn Sek Tien acknowledged the great YSC team members, but added that more members were needed in the Committee and called for more support.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

Before closing the meeting, President Mark reminded members that for the months of July and August – it was Open House at all Service Committees and all members were invited to attend all Service Committee evening meetings, however, please do register for planning purposes.

He further reminded members of the Weekly Meeting in the Evening to be held on the first Wednesday of each month starting on Wednesday, August 1 - Fellowship begins at 7pm, Dinner at 730pm, and the Meeting will begin at 8pm and end at 9pm.

President Mark advised that PP Peter Tan, as Chair of the Almoner Team would send the Club's condolences to Mrs King on behalf of the Club. He also added that PP Peter would chair the Club's Major Project Task Force and he was looking forward to his guidance.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrant next week:

IPP Keith Harrison

This Meeting

18 July 2018

Reception Desk duty: Joseph Chia
Sunshine Box: Adnan Ansari, Jayant Gadgil

Speaker: Dr Lo Swee Won,
Singapore Management University
Topic: Introduction to Blockchain
and its Use Cases

Next Meeting

25 July 2018

Reception Desk duty: PP Chiang
Shih Fang, Deblina Chatterjee
Sunshine Box: Uttam Kripalani, Siva Gopal

Speaker: Ms Aziza Ali

Topic: Malay Cuisine

Anniversary Celebrants

There are no Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week.

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 26 July

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: To be advised

Hosts: Jessica Lim, Adnan Ansari,
YSC Dir Dr Hoh Sek Tien

Coming Rotary Events

July

27-29 July – Interact Leadership Training Camp

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

1 August – Luncheon meeting cancelled in lieu of evening meeting

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

18 September – 2nd Club Assembly

19 September – DG Henry Tan's Official Visit

October

Economic and Community Development Month

12-14 October – Help the Children Project in Malang and Batu, Indonesia

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 19 July

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Spoon Room, Singapore Island Country Club, Sime Road, junction of Lornie/Adam Roads

Hosts: ISC Dir Dr Chan Siew Luen, Dr Rupesh Agrawal & Pia Bruce



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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?

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018/2019

President	Mark Wang
Immediate Past President	Keith Harrison
President Elect	Deepak Nagrani
Vice President (Public Relations)	Hassan Moosa
Vice President (Membership)	Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah
Hon. Secretary (Administration)	Connie Ho
Hon. Treasurer (Finance)	Horst Hagemann
<i>Directors</i>	
Chair, Community Service	Dr Rupesh Agrawal
Chair, Vocational Service	Ronil Sujan
Chair, International Service	Dr Chan Siew Luen
Chair, New Generations Service	Dr Hoh Sek Tien
Director (Club Rotary Foundation)	Manish Tibrewal

