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Presidential message

August 2018

A well-known saying goes, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." That doesn't mean people should ignore the needs outside their own homes; instead, they should pay attention to the needs within.



*Barry Rassin
President 2018-19*

It can be tempting, when our priority is service, to focus only on the things that look like service: the projects, the planning, the work that yields a visible benefit to those who need it. But to do that work effectively, we need to keep our own house in order. In Rotary, that means conducting ourselves in accordance with the principles of Rotary, treating others with respect, and following The Four-Way Test. It means maximizing our impact by planning carefully and stewarding our resources wisely. And it means looking after the long-term health of our organization by ensuring that our membership is strong, engaged, and healthy.

Our membership has hovered around the same 1.2 million mark for 20 years. We aren't growing, and our membership is getting older. We have too many clubs that don't have the knowledge or motivation to have an impact: clubs that don't know what we're doing on a global level, clubs that don't know about our programs or our Foundation, that don't even know how to get involved. And with a membership that is still mostly male, we clearly aren't doing enough to become the organization of choice for women who are seeking to serve.

We are a membership organization first. If we want to achieve the goals we've set for ourselves, we need to put membership first. All of us have a responsibility to take membership seriously, not only by inviting prospective members, but also by making sure new members are welcomed into clubs that offer them something of value. If you see someone walk into a meeting and hesitate, be sure that person has a place to sit and is part of the conversation. If you're enthusiastic about a Rotary program, make sure your club knows about it and knows how to get involved. If you see a need in your community, talk about it at this week's meeting. If we want to be part of an organization that's strong, that's active, that's having an impact – start at home, and *Be the Inspiration* in Rotary.



Help the Children 2018 - An Invitation



PLEASE JOIN US
DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
COMMITTEE (DISC)
PROJECT VISIT

*Friday 12th-Sunday
14th October 2018*

Surabaya, Malang & Batu
East Java, Indonesia

Visits to Schools and Distribution of School-
going Supplies and Visit to Bhakti Luhur
Orphanage
Plus Great Fellowship!

Limited to 1st 80 participants only



DISTRICT 3420



DISTRICT 3310

“HELP THE CHILDREN 2018”

RC MALANG CENTRAL

RC SINGAPORE

RC MARINA CITY

RC BATU

RC TAIPEI

RC KUCHING CENTRAL

IN COLLABORATION WITH



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Last Week

Last Week – Report on the 1st Evening Meeting – 1 August 2018

OPENING REMARKS



Prior to the opening of the evening meeting, members were treated to the sweet and melodious tunes from young flutist, Sophie, who was accompanied by Ms Larisa Tupitsyna.

Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) called the meeting to order and President Mark Wang took the Chair. He warmly welcomed PDG Dr Philbert Chin, Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani as well as Guest Speaker Mr Adrian Guttridge.

President Mark advised that he, together with PP Philip Leong, Directors Drs Hoh Sek Tien, Chan Siew Luen and Rtn Uttam Kripalani, attended earlier in the evening, the Hwa Chong Institution Interact

Club's installation. He added that former member, PP C K Ang was at this installation to see his grandson, Interactor Aaron Ang take office as President of the Interact Club.

WELCOME

Rtn Adnan Ansari warmly welcomed Guests of members, including his wife, Zinia, as well as Visiting Rotarian:

Guests

Speaker, Mr Adrian Guttridge
Mrs Zinia Ansari
Mrs Hannelore Hess
Mrs Kawita Vaswani
Ms Emily Kwok
Dr & Mrs Ganesh Ramalingam
Mr Amit Bagi
Mr Brian Chong
Mr Saurabh Doshi
Mr Michael Jenkins

Visiting Rotarian PP Erich Schneider – Queenstown



Rtn Adnan

TOAST

Toastmaster Rtn Jessica Lim called on members to join her in a toast to the Rotary Club of Queenstown, presented by visiting Rtn PP Erich Schneider and the usual toast to Rotary International.



From right: President Mark & Rtn Jessica



Last Week

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PRESIDENT MARK!

Members celebrated President Mark's birthday which falls on 2 August. Vice President Rajkumar led members in singing the "birthday song" as President Mark cut his birthday cake.



VP Raj (left) with President Mark

INTRODUCTION OF A NEW MEMBER

President Mark called upon IPP Keith Harrison who introduced the Club's new member, Rtn Michelle Pearce (spouse of Rtn Stuart), whom he inducted at his last weekly meeting held on 27 June 2018. IPP Keith recounted that the induction was held over the phone when Rtn Michelle was in China.

IPP Keith invited Rtn Michelle to address the Club. Rtn Michelle advised that she was a Rotarian wife and wanted to be part of Rotary and decided to join the Club. She looked forward to the year and to being a blessing to the Club and the Community.



From left: President Mark, Rtns Stuart & Michelle Pearce & IPP Keith

HELP THE CHILDREN 2018 – AN INVITATION

PP Dr Shahul Hameed highlighted the coming Help The Children visit which is a District International Service Committee project visit from 12 to 14 October 2018. The visit will include distribution of school supplies to 1,500 children as well as a visit to the Bhakti Luhur Orphanage. PP Shahul stated that the visit would be limited to 80 participants.



PP Shahul advised that at the last visit to the Bhakti Luhur Orphanage a painting was presented for Singapore's President, which was subsequently autographed by President Halimah Yacob. PP Shahul further advised that this painting would be auctioned at the next evening meeting (5 September) and the proceeds would be shared with the Bhakti Luhur Orphanage and the President's Charity i.e. Club HEAL.



PP Shahul

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

President Mark informed members he was recently advised that Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider's mother passed away in Germany on 23 July 2018. He added that Rtn Brigitte was currently away, and he conveyed the Club's deepest condolences.

ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR

Present at the meeting was previous Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Mr Michael Jenkins, who was invited to speak briefly of his scholarship experience in Nagoya, Japan. He spoke of the warm hospitality of his 3 host families. Mr Jenkins noted that if not for Rotary, he would not have the life, he now enjoys!

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Last Week

Speaker: Mr Adrian Guttridge

Topic: “Crypto-Currency Just a Fad?”



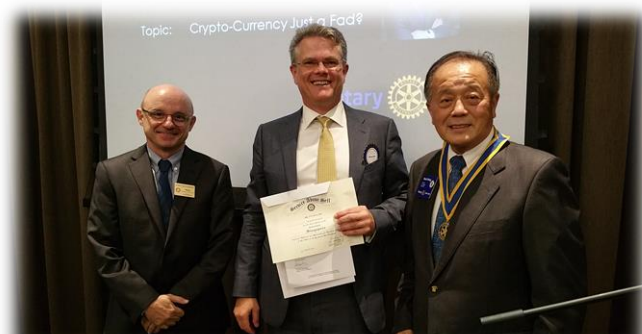
Rtn Mandy

President Mark called upon a new member, Rtn Armando “Mandy” Pascual to introduce the Guest Speaker, Mr Adrian Guttridge who is the CEO of Blockchain Warehouse. Mr Guttridge had over 35 years’ experience in IT and Operations, with the last 20 years focused mainly on Banking and Insurance. He has been on the board of a number of companies and joint ventures in ITO and BPO. He is currently the CEO of a new Singapore-based company Blockchain Warehouse, which supports companies through their Initial Coin Offering (ICO) / Token Generation Event, as well as providing blockchain development capability to clients. He is also Lead Blockchain Advisor to aXpire, a new start-up providing software to hedge funds to improve the efficiency of their middle and back-

offices, underpinned by blockchain.



Speaker Mr Adrian Guttridge



From left: Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind, Mr Guttridge & President Mark

In his presentation, Mr Guttridge explained what Crypto-Currency, Blockchain and Exchanges were pertaining to and why members should be interested in this topic. He advised that there were over 2000 ICOs last year with Singapore having the third largest number of ICOs. Interestingly, Mr Guttridge added that in July 2018, Blackrock announced they were looking at blockchain and crypto. Mr Guttridge also spoke on private equity versus ICOs as well as ICO considerations and risks. (A copy of Mr Guttridge’s presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

At the end of his talk, Mr Guttridge answered the many questions posed to him by members. President Mark called on Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind who warmly thanked Mr Guttridge for his talk on a very important topic.

CLOSING REMARKS

Prior to closing the year’s first evening meeting, President Mark advised that evening meetings were being held to reach members who cannot attend the weekly lunch meetings. He added that the next evening meeting would be held on Wednesday, 5 September and the speaker is none other than member, Rtn Peter Koh, and that the painting auction would be held as well.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

Stacy McCarthy
Hon Member PP Dr Patrick Chin
Subhash Pritmani
Bala Venkatesan

This Meeting

8 August 2018

Reception Desk duty: IPP Keith Harrison, Bertrand De Mil
Sunshine Box: Connie Ho, PE Deepak Nagrani

Speaker: PDG Danny Low, Disaster Aid Australia Rep. RI District 9685
Topic: Ultra Filtration System to supply clean & safe drinking water

Next Meeting

15 August 2018

Reception Desk duty: Deepu Joseph, Suresh Keerthi
Sunshine Box: PPs Mansoor Hassanbhai & J K Ong

Speaker: Mr Daniel Liebau, Founder, Lightbulb Capital (S) Pte Ltd
Topic: AI in Finance

Anniversary Celebrants

There are no Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week.

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 16 August
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: To be advised
Hosts: Hon Treasurer Horst Hagemann, Rtms Bertrand De Mil, Matei Iurascu

Vocational Service Meeting

Vocational Service Committee (VSC) Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 9 August will be postponed in view of the National Day public holiday.

Details of the next VSC Meeting will be circulated when confirmed.

Coming Rotary Events

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

11 August – RC Bandar Seri Begawan's Installation
19 August – Bt Gombak Eagles Interact Club & Rotaract Club of Temasek installations at Hillview CC
22 August – Weekly Meeting Cancelled
25 August – RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja's Installation
31 August – Rotaract Club of Singapore Installation at NUS

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

1 September - RC Rizal West's Installation
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



BE THE INSPIRATION





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.

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