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Born To Be Great

By: Honorary Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang



HM PP Raymon

The late Minister Mentor (MM) Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's Prime Minister from 1959 to 1990, and the founding father of this vibrant island. He could have led a life of comparative ease after a brilliant stint at Cambridge University, England, where he top-topped his cohorts in Law. But he chose otherwise. He had a thriving and successful law practice, together with his wife. At the fork of this happy road, he chose to go left, on a rock-strewn road potholed with trouble. Simply because his passionate and unwavering gaze was at an independent Singapore, divested from colonial rule. This path entailed a great deal of self-sacrifice and personal dangers and risks. In this mission his own law practice took a back seat.

All this he did, not for personal fame or glory, but for Singapore. So dedicated and determined was he in his task, that he was both admired and disliked by many. He really stood tall! His manner was brusque, often offending. He was never bothered about what other people thought of him. The most important thing for him – the result at the end of the road – an independent SG.

And indeed – he and his team transformed a rather backward little island – “The Little Red Dot” – with no natural resources into a First World State.

All this did not pass by the notice of Rotary International. So on March 6 2009, Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew was honoured by Rotary International (R I) with a really rare Rotary Award: “The Rotary International Award of Honour”, in recognition of “his long and visionary leadership in Singapore and the international community”.

R I has presented this award to a very select and elite group of recipients. You can count the number on your fingers. And MM Lee Kuan Yew was one of them.

The then R I President, Lee Dong Kurn of South Korea, read the Citation, which read “... a small token of the great respect that you have earned for your many achievements,” and “transforming the country (Singapore) into a modern, vibrant, safe and prosperous country, raising Singaporean' quality of life to First World standards”. At the same time, praising “Singapore's unrivalled healthcare system”. And – handing MM Lee's “grasp of global politics that made you a great statesman”. R I President Lee told the 600 attending the rare ceremony, “Your achievements, global outlook and vision complement the Mission and Objectives of Rotary International.”

What a Citation! What a Compliment! All correct and well deserved. Among the elite few recipients of the rare R I Award were UN Secretary Ban Ki-Moon and former U S President Bill Clinton. As well as Kofi Annan, Russia's Mikhail Gorbachev, and Nelson Mandela. Indeed an elite and select group.

In his Acceptance Speech, MM Lee said, among other things, “When I am praised on occasions like this, such as for honorary degrees, I try to keep my sense of proportion”, adding “A Chinese proverb says that after I have left the scene, the biographers, historians, and editors will track my career and pronounce their verdict.” This drew loud laughter and applause from the audience. He continued by saying that Rotary International had been helping the



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disadvantaged in society for a long time and credited it with “offering help beyond what the state can give... the benefits are greater... and state-funded welfarism, administered by officials in an impersonal manner, is often taken for granted... and then become regarded as an entitlement.” Then “the welfare state mentality sets in.” MM Lee urged Rotary to continue to do good work. Well said, as always!

Rotary International today has more than 12,000 Clubs around the world, with about 800 Rotarians in Singapore, mainly business and professional leaders. SG Rotarians’ contribution and efforts to help improve the lives of the needy, the disadvantaged and the deprived are well-known and on record. “Serving Humanity” and helping to “Make a Difference” and doing “good in the world”. We hope we have inspired others – indeed to “Be The Inspiration” to many.

MM Lee Kuan Yew was, in his own unique way, he embodied these Rotary values and sentiments. We are proud too that he was for many years an Honorary Member of our Club.

MM Lee was indeed born to be great! He was born to be king. The Lion City King!



The late MM Lee receiving the RI Award of Honor from RI President Lee Dong Kurn on 6 March 2009

NOTES:

1. *I write this on the urgings of Rtn Uttam Kripalani and PP Perlita Tiro, who called me the “in-house journalist” of RCS. Happy to oblige.*
2. *Acknowledgement: The Straits Times of March 7 2009.*

Rotary Award of Honour

Basic Facts

- The President gives the RI Award of Honor during the presidential year.
- There are no forms or applications to recommend an honoree.
- Honorees are chosen at the discretion of the President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- A certificate in a special presentation folder and a medal, as well as a letter from the President, accompanies the Award.
- The certificate and the medal are either presented by the President (hand-carried) or presented by a representative of the President (sent to the representative by the fastest mail service.)
- Names are listed on the plaque by the President’s office.



Coming Club Events...

ROTARY DURIAN BUFFET @ EAST COAST

In conjunction with the Rotary Membership month, we will be holding our exciting Durian Buffet at the East Coast. Please join us with family and friends to enjoy great fellowship. See details as follow:

DATE:

19th August 2018 / 3pm

LOCATION:

East Coast Beach (Plt F 50)

LOCATION MAP:



SPECIAL ROTARY PRICE:

Adult \$ 18 per pax

Child \$ 15 per pax

As we are limiting only 30 paxes due to durian season coming to an end, it is highly recommended to reserve early. Looking forward to your participation. More information please email raj@ipcgroup.com.sg or contact Rtn Raj 96967624.



Membership Committee

ROTARY CLUB SINGAPORE FELLOWSHIP EVENT 2018

VENUE:

Boater's Bar
ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, Singapore
#01-01, 11 Cove Drive, Sentosa Cove,
Singapore 098497

TIME:

6:30pm Onwards

DATE:

12th of September 2018

PRICE:

\$5+

**1 WINE (RED/WHITE) OR
BEER PER PERSON**

Venue can host up to only 30 person.
So first come first service. Exciting
sunset view amidst luxury yachts.
Special allocation for Rotary Club



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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 Rotary 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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*Rotary Club of Singapore Warmly Invites you
to Chinese New Year Reunion Dinner*

**Come Join Us For a Fun Filled Evening
to Usher in the Lunar New Year.**



Date & Time

Friday, 1st February 2019 | 6:30 pm

Venue

Crystal Ball Room, Holiday Inn Singapore
Orchard City Centre, 11 Cavenagh Rd, Singapore 229616

Dinner

SGD 88 | No Corkage

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Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 8 August 2018

OPENING REMARKS

The Meeting was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Bertrand De Mil who reminded members to switch off their mobiles. He then invited President Mark Wang to proceed with the Meeting.

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming Guests of members and Visiting Rotarian fell to Rtn Bala Venkatesan:

Guests

Mrs Angeline Low (PDG Danny Low's wife)

Mr Donny Low (PDG Danny's son)

Mr Charles Chan

Dr Ganesh Ramalingam

Visiting Rotarians

Speaker, PDG Danny Low – Mosman, Australia

PP Thomas Adaemmer – Shanghai

President Wesley Sim – Perth (sister club)

Neil Richardson – Gloucester, UK

Mohsin Musa – Agrabad, Bangladesh



Rtn Bala

TOAST

Toastmaster Rtn Jamshid Medora with tongue in cheek, invited members to join him in raising a toast to “a suburb of Singapore” that is Perth! Representing our sister club, Rotary Club of Perth was President Wesley Sim who sent his club's regards and added that RC Perth had even appointed a Singaporean as its President!



From right: President Mark, Rtn Jamshid and President Wesley



From left: President Mark, President Wesley & ISC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen

CONFIRMATION OF SISTER CLUB RELATIONSHIP

Later in the meeting, President invited President Wesley Sim to sign the Sister Club Relationship Agreement which would be valid for a further two years, with the common aim of:

- Fostering friendships between Rotarians and partners of each club;
- Jointly implementing humanitarian, educational, environmental and health projects;
- Hosting individual or groups of Rotarians, and partners, when visiting each club; and
- Maintaining correspondence between both clubs relating to the Four Avenues of Rotary Service.



Last Week

PRESENTATION OF BANNERS



From left: President Mark presented the Club banners to visiting Rtn Neil Richardson, PDG Danny Low & Rtn Mohsin Musa

SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

President Mark gave a brief summary of the past week's events such as the installations of Hwa Chong Institution Interact Club, installations of the Rotary Clubs of Batu Pahat and Kulai as well as his visit to Rotary's Dialysis Centre in Batu Pahat.



President Mark with Rotary Dialysis Centre's staff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (RY 2018-19)

President Mark advised that submission for nominations for the Nominating Committee closed on 31 July 2018, and the following members were elected to serve in the Nominating Committee:

PP Philip Leong

PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas

PP Tapan Rao

PP Dr Shahul Hameed

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS!

President Mark was pleased to announce that PP Dr Shahul Hameed was recently bestowed with the Ministry of Education (MOE) Service to Education Award for his distinguished service in his capacity as Board Member of the Victoria Junior College.



PP Shahul



Last Week

Speaker: Past District Governor (PDG) Danny Low

Topic: *“Ultra Filtration System to supply clean & safe drinking water”*



PP Perlita

President Mark invited PP Perlita Tiro to introduce the Speaker, PDG Danny Low who was originally from Malaysia. PDG Danny has been a Rotarian for the past 25 years, since joining the Rotary Club of Mosman, in North Sydney, Australia. He became Club President in four years and served as District Governor for Rotary District 9680 in 2003/2004. His outstanding track record in International Service includes numerous projects in Vietnam, Myanmar, China, Lebanon, Nigeria, and the Philippines. After all his services to Vietnam for years, PDG Danny became the Rotary Extension Representative in 2014-2015 to secure approval to start Rotary in Vietnam from the Government.



Speaker PDG Danny Low

PDG Danny is recipient of the Rotary Service Above Self Award from Rotary International (2011), Order of Australia Medal for his services and contributions to Rotary International (2016) and Friendship Order Medal from the President of Vietnam for his charitable work over 25 years in Vietnam (2017). In 2017, he became Representative for Disaster Aid Australia for providing safe and clean water using Sky Hydrants in Myanmar and Vietnam.



From left: President Mark, PDG Danny & ISC Dir Siew Luen

PDG Danny started his talk with a short video on the Sky Hydrants, which can be viewed at the following web link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78NzvR5aTSE>

PDG Danny explained how the Sky Hydrant sustainable drinking water solutions worked without the need for power or chemicals as well as its operating functions which were simple and manual, with virtually no consumables. He also spoke on Disaster Aid Australia's partnership with the Rotary Club of Thimphu and the Ministry of Education in Bhutan to supply 120 schools with safe water. PDG Danny gladly answered questions raised by members.

President Mark called on International Service Director Dr Chan Siew Luen who added that it was serendipitous to have PDG Danny speak to the Club, as the night before, he had a meeting together with PP Dr Yap Lip Kee and Youth Service Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien with members from the Rotaract Club of Singapore City who were working on a project analysis and ideas for water filtration in Cambodia with a view of a Global Grant application for such a project.



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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

See Mee Lee
Dr Tim Philippi
Keizo Fujitake
Dr Irina Francken
Andy Mankiewicz
Bertrand De Mil
Siva Kumar Gopal

This Meeting

15 August 2018

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

Speaker: Ms Pey Herng Yap, Equity Analyst, Director, LGT Bank (Singapore) Ltd

Topic: How to navigate the current environment

Next Meeting

22 August 2018

**Meeting Cancelled
in view of public holiday
– Hari Raya Haji**

Anniversary Celebrants

There are no Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week.

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 23 August

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Moghul Mahal Restaurant,
2 Tessensohn Road, #03-01,
S217646

Hosts: PE Deepak Nagrani, PP Dr Shahul Hameed, Rtn See Mee Lee

Coming Rotary Events

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

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

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 16 August

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Moghul Mahal Restaurant,
2 Tessensohn Road, #03-01,
S217646

Hosts: Hon Treasurer Horst Hagemann, Rtns Bertrand De Mil, Matei Iurascu



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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