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**President Mark & the Board of Directors wish  
all members “Happy Deepavali”**

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## November – Autumn Leaves

*By: Honorary Member (HM) Past President (PP) Raymon Huang*



*HM PP Raymon Huang*

For Rotary, November is of course “The Rotary Foundation Month”, or “TRF Month”. The story about TRF’s beginning – with that famous donation of US\$26.50 – is well-known and has been told and retold ad infinitum. What we need to know is its updated position today.

For this, to get it done properly, there is no other person in our Club who can do it best than PP Dr Shahul Hameed, the acknowledged expert on the subject. So I leave this in his good hands.

I prefer to tread on safer ground and relate another story. It may sound strange, but it is true – about a display of autumn leaves I saw one November years ago.

It was in Japan. I was on a romantically old-fashioned steam engine driven train. As it chugged along the hilly slopes up in the “mountains”, with smoke belching from the straining engine, I saw in the distance an unending tapestry of red, orange and yellow: Autumn leaves. The beautiful sight was exhilarating. It evoked strange imaginations and associations in my mind. I thought: if the foliage above is so colourful, what about the ground below – must be really thick with the red, orange and yellow leaves.

And as my mind went a-clicking. I thought of The Rotary Foundation. And I was on a holiday.

What kind of association could autumn leaves have with The Rotary Foundation?

Well, to me, at that moment, the different hues of those autumn leaves were like the people TRF helps – the needy, the hungry, the homeless, the displaced, the unwell, irrespective of race, colour or creed. A mix that gladdens your heart when you are able to be part of that helping hand. This association, on hindsight, was surprising to me. But at the moment, somehow, nature and Rotary seemed to blend.

Now, let me get back to nature per se, with particular reference to SG. We have here in Singapore a beautiful green and “Garden City”. But the greening, to me, is a little lop-sided. We certainly could do with more red, orange and yellow atop our greenery. We are just north of the Equator, in the Tropics, where there are varieties of flowering plants galore, both locally and the region. Perhaps it is the “gardener” in me that generates thoughts I have just related, as well as that “Rotary in me”.

But these are no idle thoughts, or thoughtless suggestions. Both Rotary and plants are a passion to me.

So in this little piece on “Autumn Leaves” I pen, I am glad to be able to relate that love of nature to Rotary, especially in this “The Rotary Foundation Month”.

As the steam-engine train chug-chugged its way up the hill slopes, with its belly belching black smoke, the unending panorama of lovely tapestry of red, yellow and gold in the distance continued on and on. That was what I saw as I looked out the carriage window. It was a sight to remember. The Autumn Leaves.



# Coming Events...

## Inter District Rotary Vocational and Community Visit cum Fellowship Trip to Malaysia



10 November 2018 (Saturday)	11 November 2018 (Sunday)
<b>9:15am:</b> Meet at Newton Hawker Centre Carpark and Board Bus(es)	<b>9:00am:</b> Checkout Hotel and Head to BRDM Rotary Children's Home in Sri Petaling
<b>12:00noon:</b> Fellowship Meeting with RC Muar	<b>9:30am:</b> Meet Children at Rotary Home and tour of Facilities including Proposed GG for Equipment Purchasing and Training
<b>1:00pm:</b> Lunch with RC Muar	<b>11:00am:</b> Leave for Batu Pahat
<b>2:00pm:</b> Visit Proposed GG Project Muar Palliative Care Project and Visit Hospital Muar tPediatric Unit.	<b>1:30pm:</b> Lunch with RC Batu Pahat
<b>4:00pm:</b> Leave for Kuala Lumpur	<b>2:30pm:</b> Tour of RC Batu Pahat Rotary Hemodialysis Centre (completed GG Project)
<b>6:00pm:</b> Check in Hotel	<b>4:00pm:</b> Head for Singapore with 1-2 food and fruits shopping stops
<b>8:00pm :</b> Fellowship Dinner with RC KL Di Raja (Tentative)	<b>7:00pm:</b> Arrive at Newton Hawker Centre Carpark.

Proposed Hotel:  
**The Gardens Hotel at Mid-Valley**  
(\$150 per nite for 2 pax)

**Luxury Transport**  
about \$100 per pax (est) - Toyota Alphard or similar

**Minimum Donation to Muar Pediatric Unit, Children's Home and Dialysis Centre**  
(\$50 per location per Rotarian: Total \$150 per Rotarian).

Due to limited space , I suggest you to book early to avoid disappointment

**For registration, please contact Vice President (VP) Rajkumar P Suppiah**








# Coming Events...

Join us for  
**ROTARY DISTRICT 3310  
INTER CLUB BOWLING**

Saturday, 10th November 2018, 6pm to 11pm  
SRC Esplanade Bowl  
\$50/pax (Inclusive of souvenir t-shirt, finger food and game fees)  
4 bowlers per team  
R.S.V.P. to Whai Yih @ 96211603  
By 15th October 2018  
Please provide your T-shirt size



For further details, please contact VP Rajkumar P Suppiah or Rtn Adnan Ansari

## Update on The Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA)

**REMEMBER:** This is the 30th EYA celebration of the gold standards - the standards of entrepreneurship and a legacy for future generations. Gala Dinner at the Ritz Carlton Hotel where the winners will be announced

- Date: **22 November at 7 pm**
- Rotary Club of Singapore will have 2 tables at this event. Cost: \$180 per person
- Rotarians who wish to participate, please advise the Secretariat.



The Officers and Members of the Rotary Club of Manila,  
led by President Jesus "Susing" M. Pineda, Jr. invite you to

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Manila and  
the Rotary Movement in the Philippines and in Asia*

JUNE 21 and 22, 2019

Attire is strictly formal.  
Dark Suit for Men,  
Long Gown for Women

Further details  
about the event will follow

RSVP  
rotaryclubofmanila@gmail.com

Please mark your calendar and advise the Secretariat of your attendance

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# Past Week's Events...



*At the Vocational Visit to the Jewellery Design and Management International School on Saturday, 20 October 2018, which featured a talk on jewellery design and manufacturing as well as a tour of the campus facilities*



*President Mark Wang (7<sup>th</sup> from left) at the Installation of the Global Indian International School Interact Club held on 18 October 2018*



## **WORLD POLIO DAY – 24 October 2018**

*President Mark reported that the World Polio Day meeting was well attended with more than 85 Rotarians from 19 Rotary Clubs in Singapore. The Guest of Honour was District Governor Henry Tan. Past District Governor Michael Yee updated on Rotary's fight against Polio and Guest Speaker Dr William Tan gave an inspiring talk. Substantial pledges were also received during the event.*





# Heartiest Congratulations!



*Members & spouses sharing Rtn Winston & Jolene's wedding joy!*



*Heartiest congratulations and blessings to Rtn Winston Khoo and his lovely wife Jolene!*



*Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Rtn Tina Tang and her husband, Zhang Ming on the birth of their third child on 23 October 2018.*



*Heartiest congratulations as well to Community Service Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal (extreme right) who won in the Adult Category for Individuals of the President's Volunteerism & Philanthropy Awards held on 24 October 2018.*



# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on Wednesday Meeting – 31 October 2018

### OPENING REMARKS

President Mark welcomed members and Guest Speaker Ms Damayanti Shahani to the meeting. He extended a special welcome back to Ambassador Member Rtn Nicholas De Boursac who now resides in Indonesia.

### WELCOME

Duty of welcoming guests and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Nick De Boursac:

#### Guest:

Savitha Govindasamy

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Rezwana Ahmed – Greater Dhaka, Bangladesh

Koichi Kobayashi – Omiya, Japan



*Rtn Nick De Boursac*

### TOAST

President Mark called on new member, Rtn Toshi Kimura who invited members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary Club of Omiya coupled with the toast to Rotary International. Rtn Toshi also invited visiting Rtn. Koichi Kobayashi to say address the Club.



*From right: President Mark, Rtn Toshi Kimura & Rtn Koichi Kobayashi*

### EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*President Mark presents banners to Rtn Rtn Koichi Kobayashi (left) and Rtn Rezwana Ahmed (right)*

# Last Week

## 49<sup>th</sup> APPROVED GLOBAL GRANT – GG 1876494

President Mark announced the Club's 49<sup>th</sup> approved Global Grant No. 1876494 was received. This Global Grant is for early diagnosis of dementia in Yi Lang, Taiwan.

The objective of the Global Grant is to train volunteers and conduct AD-8 questionnaire testing on at least 8,000 seniors living in Yilang County. According to the research, if onset dementia can be delayed by 2 years, the prevalence will be reduced 20%. If onset is delayed by 5 years, the prevalence will be reduced 50%. Those who are tested positive will receive advanced diagnosis and treatment by medical personnel sent to their homes.

## NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

President Mark gave notice to members for nominations for the position of President for Rotary Year 2020/2021. All nominations must be in writing and must be proposed, seconded and receive the consent of the nominee. Nominations to be addressed to him and sent to the Secretariat no later than 12.00 noon on 28 November 2018.

Assuming a candidate emerges, thereafter, the Nominating Committee will announce the nomination for President (RY 2020/2021) at the weekly meeting of 28 November 2018.

Formal adoption of the nomination will be held at the Club's Annual General Meeting at the weekly meeting of Wednesday, 19 December 2018.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

President Mark highlighted some of the upcoming events which the Club would be involved in:

1. **30<sup>th</sup> Pan Borneo Meet 2018** – President Mark advised that 10 members will be attending this Meet to be held from 2 – 4 November.  
  
Rtn Dr Irina Francken took the opportunity to thank members for their kind donations towards the Yayasan Prima Unggul performers to enable them to perform internationally for the first time at the Pan Borneo Meet.
2. **Free Eye Test** - The Community Service Committee will organise a free eye test for workers at the Jurong Penjuru Dormitory on 4 November.
3. **Vocational and Community Fellowship Trip to Malaysia** – from 10 - 11 November, please refer to page 2 for details.
4. **District 3310 Inter Club Bowling** – on 10 November at SRC Esplanade Bowl.
5. **National White Cane Day** – Club's participation in this event. Details will be furnished shortly.
6. **The Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2018 (EYA)** – Thursday, 22 November at Ritz Carton, Millenia Singapore, Marina Bay, 7 Raffles Avenue, Singapore 039799. Guest of Honour is Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade & Industry.





# Last Week

**Speaker: Ms Damayanti Shahani**

**Founder & Managing Director, Principium Consulting Pte Ltd**

**Topic: “BridgeAble – Accelerating Social Impact”**

President Mark invited Rtn Hena Hoda to introduce the Speaker, Ms Damayanti Shahani. Rtn Hena advised that Ms Shahani is a corporate lawyer and obtained her law degree from the National Law School of India University in Bangalore and her masters in law on the Dean's List from Georgetown University in Washington DC.

Alongside her legal career, she has maintained her passion for community service by participating in and supporting social initiatives. This includes her past voluntary role as the Development Coordinator of the American India Foundation's New York Young Professionals chapter. She has also worked on a voluntary basis with certain other social sector initiatives located in Singapore, India and New York including IIX-the Impact Investment Exchange Asia. In the past, she has lectured on corporate law matters at the National University of Juridical Sciences in India.

Ms Shahani introduced BridgeAble's experience with accelerating philanthropy and volunteerism in today's social service models. She shared the current trends in



*Speaker, Ms Damayanti Shahani*



*From left: President Mark, Ms Shahani & Rtn Uttam Kripalani*

individual and corporate social responsibility. Ms Shahani provided further information on monetary giving, talent and time giving concepts as well as how best to overcome giving barriers. She highlighted examples of BridgeAble's giving projects. At the end of her presentation, Ms Shahani kindly answered questions posed to her by members.

President Mark called on Rtn Uttam Kripalani who was delighted to extend the Club's vote of thanks to Ms Shahani, whom he has known since she was a child living across from his home in Kolkata. He noted that BridgeAble's activities reflected what

many Rotary Clubs were involved with, in many parts of the world. Rtn Uttam added that it was refreshing to get a different and dedicated view point from Ms Shahani as a representative of an organisation which works towards connecting stakeholders, advising social entrepreneurs and development organisations and connecting donors to creditable causes. Rtn Uttam hoped that BridgeAble would work with the Club as well as the Interact Clubs to support some of our projects by opening doors to donors, who want to be involved with community services which the Club has a long history of involvement in the social service sector.



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:**

PP Alan Tan  
Honorary Member, Shoichi Ishizaki  
(celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday)

## This Meeting

**7 November 2018**  
**Meeting cancelled in view of Deepavali holiday festivities**



## Next Meeting

**14 November 2018**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Chiang Shih Fang & Pia Bruce  
**Sunshine Box:** VP Rajkumar P Suppiah & Paul Phua

**Speaker:** Assistant Governor Elsie Chua, Rotary Club of Pandan Valley  
**Topic:** To be advised

## Anniversary Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:**

Ronald & Joyce Wong  
Jean-Philippe & Valerie Lionnet  
Roberto Bencina & Nguyen Thi Diem Ngoc  
Keizo & Mayumi Fujitake  
Vaidy & Sumathi Krishnamurthy

## International Service Meeting

**International Service Committee Meeting will be held on:**

**Date:** Thursday, 15 November

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** To be advised

**Hosts:** PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Robert Craiu, Jasbir Koh

## Coming Rotary Events

October  
*Economic and Community Development Month*  
November

*Rotary Foundation Month*

**2-4 November** – 30<sup>th</sup> Pan Borneo Meet 2018

**10 November** – District 3310 Inter City Bowling at SRC Esplanade Bowl from 6.00 pm to 11.00pm

**10-11 November** – Inter District Rotary Vocational & Community Visit cum Fellowship to Malaysia

**22 November** – The Entrepreneur of the Year Award Presentation at Ritz-Carlton Hotel

December

*Disease Prevention & Treatment Month*

**3 December** – RC Taipei's Charter Celebrations

**14-17 December** – Mission to India

**14-16 December** – District Rotaract Conference at Oasis Bay Resort, Johor

**20 December** – Christmas Fellowship

## Vocational Service Meeting

**Vocational Service Committee Meeting will be held on:**

**Date:** Thursday, 8 November

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** The Tanglin Club, Claymore & Draycott Rooms, 5 Stevens Road

**Hosts:** Rtns Asheesh Khaneja, Bala Venkatesan, Dr Claus Dusemund, Dr Hoon Sing Keow & VP Hassan Moosa



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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.

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