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**President Mark & the Board Directors
wish all Members
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

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Bhagwan Melwani

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In Focus

95th Birthday of Honorary Member, PP Bhagwan Melwani

By: Past President Stan Low



PP Stan Low

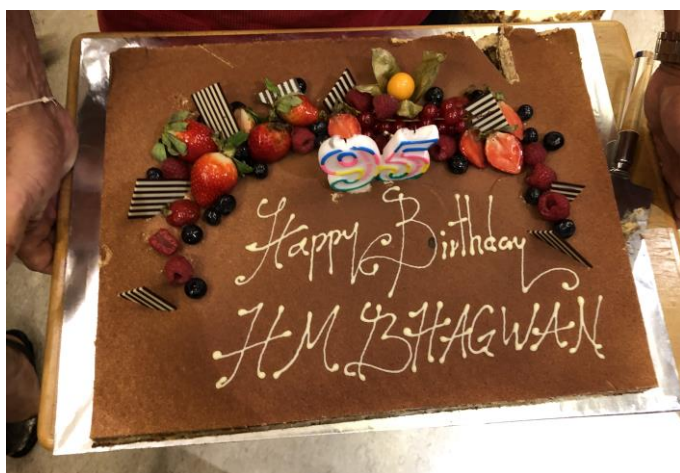
We are so lucky to have Rotarians who will be "Centenarians", like HM PP Bhagwan Melwani. Congratulation speeches were made by President Mark Wang, PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas, Rtns Jamshid Medora, Uttam Kripalani and Noshir Mistri.

Jamshid recalled a time when he was an infrequent attendee of our regular lunch meetings. HM Bhagwan called him up and read him the riot's act. Jamshid was so intimidated, that for the next 30 odd years, he was a One Hundred Percentor.

Both Uttam and Noshir recalled fondly, the golf games they had with HM Bhagwan. Then Uttam described Bhagwan's putting skills which are on par with Tiger Wood's.

So many others also spoke with loving words, especially his son, Ashok, daughter-in-law, grand-children, and many other old friends. All wishing him continued good health.

In the excitement, the MC forgot to invite "The Birthday Boy" to say a few words! All of us were amazed that HM PP Bhagwan stood up without support, made a witty "Thank you" speech, and proceeded to mingle with everyone present.



"Birthday Boy" – HM PP Bhagwan Melwani



In Focus

95th Birthday of Honorary Member, PP Bhagwan Melwani...contd.



From left: Mrs Kawita Vaswani, Mrs Mary Loh, Mrs Maria Chia & Mrs Vatsala Mohandas (standing)



HM PP Bhagwan (3rd from left) greeting his guests



Speeches made by Rtns Jamshid, Uttam & Noshir (from left to right)



Our best wishes to HM PP Bhagwan on his 95th birthday!

Photo Album of the Club's India Mission – 14-18 December 2018...

Following is a montage of photographs taken at the recent India Mission which took place from 14 to 18 December 2018. A report on the Mission will be featured in the coming Club's bulletins.



Club's delegation upon arrival in Kolkata – team of 18 from RC Singapore joined 84 Rotarians from Taiwan District 3490

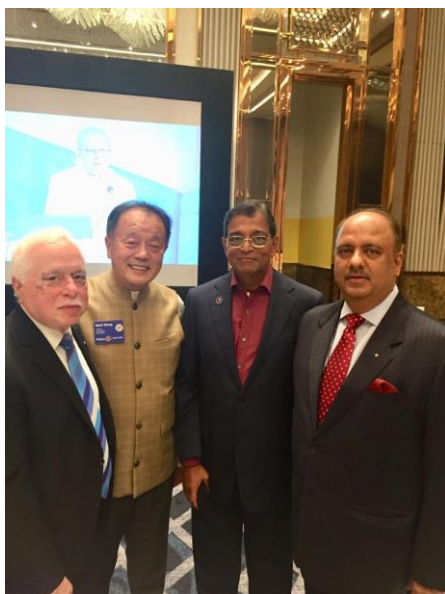


PN Dinesh Sharma (standing) addresses R C Hooghly



Delegation visits the Rotary Vivekananda School & Skill Development Centre

Photo Album of the Club's India Mission – 14-18 December 2018...contd



President Mark and PP Tapan Rao (2nd & 3rd from left) meets Rotary International President Nominee Sushil Gupta



Hon Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani receives his Arch Klumph Society (Level 2) pin from Past Rotary International President Gary Huang



From left: President Mark exchanges banners with Rotarians from Rotary Club of HsinChuang (District 3490) and Rotary Club of Central Calcutta (District 3291)

Book of Humour Christmas Promotion

Offer Closes on 31 December 2018

**JOKES
THAT WILL MAKE
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS
LAUGH AND LAUGH.
(And that's no joke)**



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Bring smiles and laughter to your family, friends and business associates this Christmas and support a worthy cause... for a cost of a greeting card, you could present a gift - ***Book of Humour / Best of Humour / Bank of Humour!***

For this Holiday Season, a special one-time offer is extended to all Rotarians at a promotional rate of **S\$6.00 per copy** (normal price is \$10.00) subject to a minimum order of 10 copies, for any of the three abovementioned books. The offer of **S\$15.00 for a set of 3 titles** is subject to minimum order of 10 sets at this price.

Free Hot Stamping for minimum 100 copies or more.

Don't wait! Offer ends on 31 December 2018. Place your orders now with Vice President Rajkumar P Suppiah at email raj@ipcgroup.com.sg or Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri at email rewamirpuri@gmail.com

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Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri
Rotary Club of Singapore



Invitation from Sister Club, Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong



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暨全體社友

The Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong
requests the pleasure of your presence
at its 30th Charter Anniversary Ceremony
on

Sunday, January 20, 2019

at

The Windsor Hotel Taichung

Windsor Square, 4F

610 Sec. 4 Taiwan Boulevard Taichung, Taiwan

Registration & Cocktail 5:20 pm

Seating of Guests 6:00 pm

Program & Dinner 7:00 pm

Registration Fee : NTD\$ 1,000

Recommended Dress :

Ladies / Formal or Semi-Formal

Men / Black Tie or Dark Business Suit

*Taichung
Tatong*
Rotary Club **30th**

Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong

President *Lu*

Secretary *Jimmie*

Charter Chair *Aimee*

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Last Week

Last Week – Report on Wednesday Evening Meeting / Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 19 December 2018

OPENING REMARKS



Prior to the start of the meeting, Rtn Joseph Chia introduced two musicians from the Yashiyun Hulusi Ensemble who performed a selection of four songs on the melodious hulusi and taodi instruments.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Honorary Treasurer Horst Hagemann called the meeting to order at 7.50pm and invited President Mark to take the chair. In turn, President Mark thanked Rtn Horst for chairing the meeting of 5 December as well as International Service Committee Director Dr Chan Siew Luen who chaired the 12 December meeting.

President Mark welcomed the Guest Speaker, Reverend Melvin Huang as well as PDG Dr Philbert Chin, Honorary Member PP Raymon and Jessie Huang to the meeting.

As the meeting was also the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM), President Mark advised that there was a quorum.

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Dr Omkar Shrestha:

Guests:

Speaker, Rev Melvin Huang
Mrs Jessie Huang
Mrs Irene Tan
Mrs Bianca Nagrani
Ms Sissi Goh
Dr Ganesh Ramalingam



Rtn Dr Omkar Shrestha



TOAST

Although there were no visiting Rotarians at the meeting, President Mark nevertheless called on Rtn Shamin Vaswani to raise a toast to Rotary International.

Photo: Rtn Shamin Vaswani (left) with President Mark.



Last Week

PRESENTATION OF BANNERS

President Mark presented to the Club the banners he received during the India Mission (see pages 3 and 4) and called upon Honorary Treasurer Rtn Horst Hagemann to accept the banners on behalf of the Club.

The photo shows Rtn Horst and President Mark with banners from Rotary Clubs of HsinChuang and Central Calcutta respectively.



PAINTING "FLOWERS BY THE BAY"

President Mark advised that Rtn Terry Lobaton had donated another painting which she named "Flowers By The Bay", which she completed in June after the Vocational Service visit to the Gardens By The Bay. He added that this was the 4th consecutive year that Rtn Terry had donated a painting to raise funds for the projects of the Vocational Service Committee.

Photo (from left): Rtn Terry, President Mark and Rtn Joseph Chia, representing the Vocational Service Committee.



COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE EYE PROJECT

President Mark advised that Community Service Director Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal reported that the Committee dispensed over 100 spectacles during the eye screening camp held on 17 December for foreign migrant workers. He added that the project received very good responses and was much appreciated by the foreign workers and MES.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Following are the upcoming Club and District Events:

- Sister Club, Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong's 30th Charter Anniversary Ceremony – 20 January 2019
- Visit to Sister Club, R C Rizal West and RC Subic Pearl in Philippines – 15 to 18 March
- PETS & District Training Assembly – 21 to 24 March at KSL Hotel & Resort, Johor Bahru
- Visit to Minority Tribes' Schools in Yunnan, China – 28 March to 7 April
- 28th District 3310 Conference – 26 to 28 April at G-Hotel Gurney, Penang
- Rotary International Convention – 1 to 5 June in Hamburg, Germany
- Sister Club, Rotary Club of Manila 100th Year Anniversary Celebration – 21 & 22 June



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) PROCEEDINGS

President Mark called the AGM to order and noted the three items on the Agenda:

- Adoption of the Club's Audited Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2017.
- Adoption of the Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2019-2020.
- Adoption of Proposal of Upfront Collection for Weekly Meeting Costs.

President Mark called for the adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2017, proposed by PN Dinesh Sharma and seconded by IPP Keith Harrison, which was formally adopted by a show of hands.

Next, President Mark invited PE Deepak Nagrani to introduce the Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2019/2020. PE Deepak briefly informed members of his resolve to ensure that the year would be less about his presidency and more about the Board. He also highlighted some plans for next year such as Board Speaker series, Member Get Member scheme and New Member process.

Lastly, PE Deepak called on members to save the date for the Installation of the Board on 29 June 2019.

The Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2019-2020 are as follows:

Community Service Director	– Dr Chan Siew Luen
Vocational Service Director	- Connie Ho
International Service Director	- Mamta Shahani
Youth Service Director	- Ronald Wong
Vice President	- See Mee Lee
Vice President	- Bala Venkatesan
Club Rotary Foundation Director	- James Lee
Honorary Treasurer	- S "Mali" Malaiappan
Honorary Secretary	- Shamin Vaswani
Rotary Spirit Director	- Rajkumar P Suppiah
Immediate Past President	- Mark Wang
President Elect	- Dinesh Sharma
President	- Deepak Nagrani

The Board of Directors as indicated above was proposed by PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas and seconded by Rtn Atul Merchant, which was formally adopted by a show of hands.

The 3rd item on the Agenda – the Proposal of Upfront Collection for Weekly Meeting Costs was put to the floor. President Mark gave a summary for the rationale to charge 50% upfront billing and collection, with the proposed exceptions for senior members (age + Rotary age = 80 years), Ambassador Members and Honorary Members.

Members shared their opinions of the Proposal. PDG Dr Philbert Chin proposed an amendment to the Proposal - to delete the exception for senior members, which was seconded by PP Mansoor Hassanbhai.

The amended Proposal was put to a vote, by a show of hands – the Proposal was not carried.

Prior to closing the AGM, President Mark thanked members for their participation and views; he added that the Board would continue to look at other areas such as the meeting venues, menu and accessibility for the Club.



Last Week

Speaker: Reverend Melvin Huang

Topic: *“Serving God and Humanity: CLASS ACTS”*



HM PP Raymon Huang

President Mark called on Honorary Member PP Raymon Huang who was pleased to once more introduce the Speaker – he advised that Rev. Melvin Huang had spoken to the Club before, and was doing so again because he would be retiring at the end of the month. HM PP Raymon advised that Rev. Melvin was his eldest son.

He further advised that Rev. Melvin served



Rev. Melvin, President Mark, HM PP Raymon

as a Naval Officer in the Republic of Singapore Navy for his National Service. He added that the iconic thing, Rev. Melvin did during his Navy stint was that he wrote the present Singapore Navy Song, with some input from DPM Teo Chee Hean, was then the Commander-in-Chief.

Rev. Melvin studied at the University of Singapore for his degree of Bachelor of Business Administration, and The Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky USA for his degree of Master in Divinity. Upon graduation, Rev. Melvin served as Pastor-in-Charge in the following Methodist Churches (MC) – Trinity MC, Christ MC, Wesley MC and the Ang Mo Kio MC.



From left: Pres Mark, Rev. Melvin & Rtn James Lee

Rev. Melvin gave his definition of “Class Acts” adding that the Christmas story reminded us of “class acts” in the examples of Mary and her spouse, Joseph – and of Jesus.

He recounted his personal encounter of a “class act” and kind gesture of his Primary 2 teacher at Anglo-Chinese Junior School in 1963. Rev. Melvin went on to tell members of other “class acts” stories. Rev. Melvin noted that Christmas reminded him of the Holy Family, who was in fact refugees, and how this moved him to be kind to the marginalized.

To conclude his talk, Rev. Melvin led members in singing carols – Silent Night, Feliz Navidad and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

To extend the Club’s vote of thanks, President Mark called on Rtn James Lee who warmly thanked Rev. Melvin for his excellent talk.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

VP Rajkumar P Suppiah
Tina Tang
Xavier Sanjiman
Xerxes Medora
Hon Member, PP Alfred Wong
PP P Balachandran
Suresh Keerthi
Debasree Chakrabarti
Roland Jossi

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

PDG Dr Philbert & Mary Chin
IPP Keith & Rachel Harrison
Matei & Sejin Iurascu
Robert & Agnes Schlesinger
Louis & Amabel Lim

Community Service Meeting

Community Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 3 January
Time: 7.15pm
Venue: Spoon Room,
Singapore Island Country
Club, (Bukit Location), Sime
Road
Host : PP Peter Tan

This Meeting

26 December 2018

**Meeting is cancelled
In view of the
Holiday Season**



Next Meeting

2 January 2019

**Meeting is cancelled
In view of the
Holiday Season**



Coming Rotary Events

December

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

26 December – Meeting cancelled in view of Christmas Season

January

Vocational Service Month

2 January – Meeting cancelled in view of the Holiday Season

20 January – Sister club, R C Taichung Tatong's 30th Charter Night

31 January – 3rd Club Assembly

February

Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month

23 February – World Understanding and Peace Day

March

Water and Sanitation Month

15-18 March – Visit to sister club, RC Rizal West (Charter Night) and RC Subic Pearl, Philippines

21-24 March – PETS and District Training Assembly, KSL Hotel & Resort, Johor Bahru, Malaysia

28 March-7 April – Visit to Minority Tribes' Schools in Yunnan, China

April

Maternal and Child Health Month

26-28 April – District Conference, G-Hotel Gurney, Penang, Malaysia

May

Youth Service Month

June

1-5 June – Rotary International Convention, Hamburg, Germany





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

