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Our Vocations – Our Rotary

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HM PP Raymon Huang

Rotarians are what they are and do what they do because of the deep desire, and, more importantly, a deep feeling of wanting to share what they have with the community, with society. Because they have made it. They have achieved. They have succeeded. It is a sort of “pay back” time. In general, to do good in the world, to help to make a difference, to serve humanity, and, in the process hopefully to “Be An Inspiration” to others around.

We are all, in one way or another, in same profession, in some business, in some vocation. And so it is, members of Rotary are classified in accordance with our respective professions, businesses and vocations. The Classification system is not exactly well-known among many members, particularly among its newer members. (Many classifications are listed at the back of our Official Directory.) With the growing number of professions in this digital age, the classification is correspondingly expanding.

The importance of Vocational Service is accentuated, by Rotary International’s designation of the month of January as “VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH”.

Vocational Service is directly linked to the Second Object of an iconic “The Object of Rotary”, our flagship guiding star. This Second Object calls for:

“High ethical standards in business and profession, the recognition of all useful occupations as our opportunity to serve society.”

Together with the three other Avenues of Service, they, together, have been instrumental in moulding Rotary into the massive movement that it is today. They have motivated Rotarians to go that extra mile, and beyond, in their service to society. And to attract so many to the movement. They promote selflessness. They are a catalyst to serving mankind.

During “Vocational Service Month”, Rotarians everywhere are called upon to take the opportunity to specially highlight and to lay special emphasis on this central and fundamental aspect of Rotary. Vocational Service programmes and projects are to be put into greater focus and attention. During this “Month” too, speakers at Rotary functions should, where possible, give further insights on the subject, in



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what contributes to better attributes and practices in our vocational life. Fresh approaches are always welcome. They lead to improvements.

There are, of course, many ways and avenues by which we can do this. Social Enterprise is one. It takes some effort. But our Club has helped a few. With success too. The ripple effect is contagious. What is good about it is that profits are ploughed back into funding for social programmes. Sounds familiar? It does. It resonates well with Rotary and the Rotary Spirit. It is a truism when someone said, “even the hardest-headed businessman has a touch of the idealist in him”.

It is not the easiest thing in the world to give away what we have earned in our own life struggles. But Rotarians do. Because we know, we see, and we recognise the many needs of the less fortunate out there. And there are so, so many needs. The list is growing. True, we have enjoyed the longest “peacetime” ever. The world has gone prosperous—more prosperous than ever before. But – yet – there is still so much trouble in many areas of the world. The hard and tragic details are seen and heard every day and everywhere. So the need of our helping hands is always there. And so we share what we have, hard-earned or not. To be able to do this is a “Virtue”. Even if it is said that “Virtue is an angel; but she is blind, and has to ask ‘Knowledge’ to show the path ahead...” So be it! So long as it is done.

It is good to know that our Club’s Vocational Service Committee is so active and interactive these couple of years, after being somewhat low in output. The resurgence is refreshing. It is realised, of course, “everyone is busy”. The fact is, despite our business, we are still able to be very involved and contribute in so many ways in our VSC programmes, not to mention the other areas of Rotary. This is what Rotary and Rotarians are all about.

Vocational Service is one of the core values of Rotary. It is embedded in “The Object of Rotary” as its Second Avenue of Service. So in whatever way it is interpreted and practised, it is the clarion call to Rotarians to practice “high official standards” in their respective vocations, as well as to “recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations”. To be really able to do this and to be able to take appropriate follow-up action therein, is a real Virtue.

So, let us celebrate “Vocational Service Month” thataway!



Photo Album of President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) – Part 1 held on 12.1.19



Busy at PETS were PE Deepak Nagrani (partially hidden) and PDG Dr Philbert Chin (top table)



Group Photo of incoming Presidents (RY 2019-2020) with District Officers



ISC TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES 14-18 MARCH 2019

TRIP LEADERS: PP DR SHAHUL,
DR RUPESH, IPP KEITH

Members are invited to participate in the International Service Committee (ISC) Trip to the Philippines

Trip programme:

- Thursday 14 March- 6.00pm - Rotary Club (RC) of Rizal West's Charter Night at Fairmont Hotel, Makati.
Dress Code: Formal
Guest of Honour: R I President's Representative
- Friday 15 March- 9.00am – Social Golf with R C of Manila
1.00pm – Lunch with R C of Manila
6.00pm – District 3820 Conference Welcome Dinner at Sofitel Plaza
Chair: District Governor Montevillo (of RC Rizal West)
- Saturday 16 March- ALL DAY - connection to Ophthalmologists in Manila (*Dir Dr Rupesh Agrawal*)
10.30am – District Conference 3830 – DISC PP Dr Shahul Hameed's Address
3.00pm – Panel Discussion with PP Dr Shahul
6.00pm - Governor's Dinner/Ball at Sofitel Plaza, Pasay
- Sunday 17 March- 6.00am - travel from Manila to Subic (by car)
10.00am - brunch/set up (@local health centre Subic/San Narciso)
12.00 – 4:30pm - project start/end
Eye PROJECT ~200 rural poor, pwd and tribes people*
6.00pm - dinner / overnight - Zambawood – www.zambawood.com
- Monday 18 March- 8.00am – Breakfast
9.00am–Property tour
/visit to Art & Training Café
(Julyan Café–special needs staff)
11.30am – Brunch
12.00pm – Depart for Manila
Evening flights from Manila to
Singapore
(alternate to fly from Clark on Scoot)

For more information on cost, hotel and flight options, please contact IPP Keith Harrison.



How to join the trip? Sign up on Club Runner and contact IPP Keith (tel. 8182 1663)

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Last Week

Last Week – Report on Wednesday Meeting – 16 January 2019 (8th evening meeting)

OPENING REMARKS

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, IPP Keith Harrison started the Meeting proceedings by reminding members to put their phones on silent mode and then invited President Mark Wang to take the Chair.

President Mark warmly welcomed the two Speakers, Mr Sai Surya and Mr Irsyad Ramthan, who are co-founders of Youth Sustainable Impact Southeast Asia to the meeting. He was further pleased to welcome PDG Dr Philbert Chin as well.



IPP Keith Harrison

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Youth Service Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien:

Guests:

Mrs Elaine Bueno
Mrs Liliane Santi
Mr Chew Yi Shen
Mr Kan Kok Heng
Mr Sultan Qureshi
Dr Ganesh Ramalingam
Mr Larry Tan

Visiting Rotarians:

PP Ary Silveira Bueno – Santo Andre, Brazil
Mario Santi – La Spezia, Italy
Prashanth Chandran – Sydney Inner West, Australia



Dir Dr Hoh Sek Tien

TOAST

Toastmaster, Rtn Suresh Hathiramani advised that visiting Rotarian, PP and past Assistant Governor Ary Bueno was in Singapore with his wife, Elaine, to visit their daughter and son-in-law who would soon have their second child. He invited PP Ary to say a few words about his club, Santo Andre in Sao Paulo, Brazil. PP Ary advised that his club has more than 100 members and was 70 years old. He added that the club's projects were mostly for education and healthcare, particularly for children with disabilities.



From right: President Mark, Rtn Suresh Hathiramani & PP Ary Bueno

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



President Mark exchanged banners with PP Ary Bueno



Visiting Rtn Mario & Liliane Santi from RC La Spezia, Italy presented President Mark with their club banner as well as a tee-shirt of Rotary's Solidarity Bridge in Genoa



Last Week

NEW MEMBER'S INDUCTION

President Mark was pleased to be able to introduce his first candidate to the Club, Rtn Isabel Lee Li Yi. Rtn Isabel is a Director of Les Arome International Pte Ltd and her classification is "Manufacturing: Perfumery". President Mark recommended that Rtn Isabel join the Vocational Service Committee although she would be welcomed to join the Youth Service Committee should she wish to as she was a former Interact Club President of Yishun Junior College.

Upon her induction, President Mark invited Rtn Isabel to address the Club. Rtn Isabel advised that her manufacturing company has been in Singapore for the past 30 years. She added that she was also undergoing 5 year learning programme in Traditional Chinese Medicine to help more people or at least her family and friends. Rtn Isabel warmly thanked members for welcoming her back to the Rotary Family.



President Mark presenting Rtn Isabel Lee with her membership kit

PRESENTATION OF PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF) RECOGNITIONS

President Mark presented Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions to the following members:



Rtn T K Chew received his PHF +2 and PHF +3 pins



Rtn Paul Phua received his PHF +4 pin



Rtn Keizo Fujitake received his PHF +8 pin

UPCOMING EVENTS

President Mark reminded members of the following Club and District Events:

- **3rd Club Assembly** – 31 January 2019 at Senior Police Officers' Mess at 6.30pm. The Club Assembly will include mid-year updates; Club's Major Project selection; auction of Rtn Terry Lobaton's "Flowers by the Bay" painting and talk on wine and wine-tasting.
- **World Understanding & Peace Day Dinner** – 23 February 2019 at Holiday Inn Atrium which would be "hosted" by RC Singapore – to commemorate this important Rotary date, a joint project would be held at a Community Centre as well as a mini Conference by the Interact Coordinating Committee.

Last Week

Speaker: Mr Sai Surya & Mr Irsyad Ramthan,
Co-Founders of Youth Sustainable Impact (YSI) SEA

Topic: “Co-Creating Sustainability”



VP Hassan Moosa

President Mark called on Vice President Hassan Moosa to introduce the Speakers, Mr Sai Surya and Mr Irsyad Ramthan.

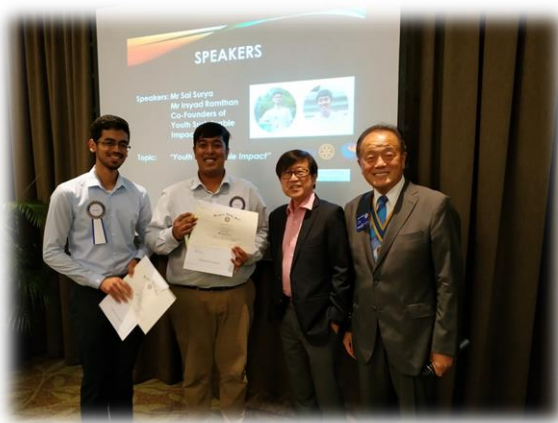
Mr Surya is the co-founder and Managing Director of YSI SEA. Deeply motivated by the many challenges that society is facing, Surya believes in the potential of youth to bring forth new ideas to life and innovate for a new age. As an Economics and Mechanical Engineering undergraduate, he recognizes the importance of considering a holistic approach to solving problems and has a specific interest in the

technical and economic aspects of Clean Energy transition.

Mr Irsyad is the co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of YSI SEA. A graduate of Biomedical Engineering from the National University of Singapore, he has a specific interest in rural healthcare issues in Southeast Asia. However, he also recognises the importance of knowing how different aspects of sustainable development affect one another, which is reflected in the work he does in youth empowerment and sustainability innovation.



Speakers, Mr Sai Surya &
Mr Irsyad Ramthan



From right: President Mark, Rtn Peter Koh,
Mr Sai Surya & Mr Irsyad Ramthan

Mr Surya started the presentation with an introduction of his youthful and diversified team. The talk dealt with the work done by YSI SEA, an entirely youth-led social enterprise which empowers Southeast Asian youth to solve sustainability challenges with a measurable impact. Founded just a year ago, YSI SEA has successfully conducted its first 4-month Innovation Programme and continues to work tirelessly towards its vision of creating *a thriving Southeast Asian community that actively tackles evolving sustainability issues*. Hear more about how we can forge partnerships to solve the most pressing problems and co-create sustainability together in the region.

A short video of YSI's programme was shown, following which both Mr Surya and Mr Irsyad answered queries posed to them by members. (A copy of the presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

On behalf of the Club, Rtn Peter Koh extended the vote of thanks to Mr Surya and Mr Irsyad.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to the following celebrants:

Louis Lim
Brigitte Holtschneider
Sylvia Chung

This Meeting

23 January 2019

Reception Desk duty: PP Dr Oliver Hennedige & Varun Gulati

Sunshine Box: Jayant Gadgil & Aarti Wadhwa

Speaker: Mr Leong Chee Tung, CEO, Engage Rocket

Topic: People Analytics and the Future of Work

Next Meeting

30 January 2019

Change in Meeting Venue to Conrad Centennial Singapore

Reception Desk duty: Manish Tibrewal & Daniel Beyeler

Sunshine Box: Adnan Ansari & Siva Gopal

Speaker: Mr Robin Vogelaar

Topic: Social Impact and Globetrotting

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Alex & June Lega
Horst & Debra Hagemann
PP J K Ong & Beng Hoo

Community & Vocational Service Meetings

Community & Vocational Service Committee Meetings for February are cancelled in view of the Chinese New Year festivities.

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 24 January
Time: 7.00pm

Venue: 19 Greenridge Crescent, S 598907

Hosts : ISC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen & Rtn Loo Lian Wee



BE THE INSPIRATION

Coming Rotary Events

January

Vocational Service Month

30 January – Weekly Meeting's venue changed to Grand Salon, 2nd Level, Conrad Centennial Singapore, Two Temasek Boulevard.

31 January – 3rd Club Assembly at SPOM

February

Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month

23 February – World Understanding and Peace Day at Holiday Inn Atrium

March

Water and Sanitation Month

14-18 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





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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