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**President Mark & the Board of Directors
wish all Members
A Happy & Prosperous Lunar New Year**

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Presidential Message

February 2019



Barry Rassin
R I President 2018-19

In my travels over the past year, I've visited many strong, vibrant clubs and districts that are transforming their communities. When I attend their meetings, I can feel the energy. When I meet their members, I can see they are people of action. And when I look at their communities, I can recognize the impact of their work.

I've also visited communities with Rotary clubs that were hardly more than social clubs. It shouldn't ever be that way. Fortunately, there's a simple approach that I believe can help revitalize any club.

I'd like to challenge every Rotary club to come up with at least one high-impact service project. Each club already has the potential, the resources, to make it happen. It has the power to change people's lives — completely.

It doesn't take millions of dollars. One of the most transformational projects I've been a part of involved providing a Jeep to a group of midwives in Haiti. We had asked the midwives what we could do for them, and they told us they needed a way to reach expectant mothers in a remote part of the country. We supplied a Jeep, painted it pink, and put the Rotary logo on it. Three years later, we went back to see how they were doing. They were excited by the outcomes: They told us that the mortality rate for mothers and infants in that region had dropped by 50 percent.

That's what I call transformational service.

But Jeeps don't last forever, and after eight years on the road, that vehicle was on its last legs. So we bought a pink Land Cruiser. It's still on the road, allowing the midwives to provide prenatal care to women in that remote region. What makes a project transformational? It doesn't have to involve a lot of money, but it has to reach people and have a major impact in the community. That is the key, and that is where careful planning and thorough research come in. So do your research. Leverage your resources. Seek partnerships that can increase your impact. And then take action.

Of course, service is only part of what a strong club must offer. It must also have good speakers, provide leadership development, involve Rotaract and Interact, and bring value to its members and reasons to participate in Rotary events.

If your club is transformational and well-organized, everything else will follow. Members will be engaged, and new members will be eager to join you. Fundraising will be easier: People love to give when they see how their money is making a difference and when they know the organization is accountable. Your club will be vibrant, relevant, and alive — and it will *Be the Inspiration* to those within its ranks as well as to the community it serves.



In Focus

Photo Album of President Mark's visit to Taiwan



Reunion with Taiwan District 3410 Rotarians



*Visit to Sister Club, Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong for the 30th Charter ceremony on 20.1.19.
President Mark with PP "Air" and President Lu-Sheng Liaw*



News about Members...



President Mark advised that PP Dr Yap Lip Kee (flanked by PP Perlita Tiro & PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan) was recovering well from his surgery.



Vice President Rajkumar in the spotlight!





JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE
RUN **100KM** IN **15 HOURS** FOR

RELAY FOR LIFE 2019

Form a relay team & join friends of
Rotary in our fight against cancer!

The Singapore Cancer Society-TalkMed Relay for Life
is an event to **CELEBRATE** cancer survivors' and
their caregivers' triumphs, **REMEMBER** loved ones
lost to cancer, and **FIGHT BACK** against the disease.

<https://scsrelayforlife.sg/>

DATE: 2ND - 3RD MARCH
TIME: 6PM - 9AM (OVERNIGHT)
VENUE: NATIONAL STADIUM @SPORTS HUB

Please RSVP at rupesh.virajhealth@gmail.com

Deadline for registration: 15th February 2019
(no deadline for donations)

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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 (Men – Coat & tie... Ladies – Long dress)
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
Dress Code: Formal (Men – Coat & tie...Ladies – cocktail dresses)
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
Dress Code: Formal (Men – Black Tie/Formal Coat... Ladies – Long gown)
- 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)



Last Week

Last Week – Report on Wednesday Meeting – 30 January 2019 at Conrad Centennial Singapore

OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was opened by Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Stuart Pearce who warmly welcomed members to the 27th meeting at a new venue – the Conrad Centennial Singapore. Rtn Stuart reminded members to place their mobiles on silent mode, and invited President Mark to take the Chair.

President Mark took the opportunity to thank Honorary Treasurer, Rtn Horst Hagemann for chairing the last Meeting whilst he was away in Taiwan representing the Club at sister club, Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong's 30th Charter Anniversary.

President Mark welcomed the Speaker, Mr Robin Vogelaar who was present at the Meeting together with his mother. He also extended a warm welcome to PDG Dr Philbert Chin and Honorary Member, His Excellency Mr Scott Wightman, the British High Commissioner, who accompanied his father, Rtn Andrew Wightman.



WELCOME

President Mark called upon Director Dr Chan Siew Luen to extend the welcome to guests of members and visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Mrs Jose Vogelaar

Mr Kan Kok Heng

Visiting Rotarians:

Andrew Wightman – Edinburgh, UK

Sean Chan – District 5040, Canada



Dr Chan Siew Luen

TOAST

Prior to inviting visiting Rtn Andrew Wightman to say a few words about his club, Toastmaster Rtn. Andy Mankiewicz advised that Rtn Andrew was celebrating his 50th year as a Rotarian!

Rtn Andrew thanked members for the warm welcome and advised that the Edinburgh club was the 3rd or 4th Rotary Club to be chartered outside of America. He further added that Rotary's Founder Paul Harris's wife was from Edinburgh and was a reminder of Rotary to Edinburgh.



From left: President Mark, Rtn Andy Mankiewicz & Rtn Andrew Wightman



Last Week

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



From left: President Mark presents Club banners to Rtn Andrew Wightman and Rtn Sean Chan from R C District 5040

MAJOR PROJECT SELECTION 2018/2019

President Mark informed members that at the coming 3rd Club Assembly on 31 January, that a selection would be made on the Club's Major Project for the year. He advised that both the Community and Vocational Service Committees have presented with a choice project and the final two proposals were:

- Singapore Polytechnic – Project to train adolescents with autism for the workplace.
- Singapore Repertory Theatre – Project to use drama in conjunction with and participation by students from different service communities to spread positive messages, offer opportunities to talented disadvantaged youth with opportunities to act as well as develop confidence.

LAUNCH OF THE CLUB'S ARTISAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2018-19

Members were reminded of the Artisan of the Year Award 2018-2019 and encouraged to submit nominations for this Award.

Purpose of the Artisan of the Year Award:

Person who is dedicated his/her craft/vocation. He/she is a worker in a skilled trade, especially one that involves making things by hand to impact others (eg. craftsman, skilled worker, mechanic, technician, operative, maker, draughtsman, etc.).



Last Week

Speaker: Mr Robin Vogelaar

Topic: *“The pursuit of an unconventional lifestyle – Shaping one’s professional and personal life”*



Rtn Stuart Pearce
what he was currently doing, visiting countries (a total of 82 countries so far) to give advice to NGOs and to unite people with Dutch pancakes!

President Mark called on Rtn Stuart Pearce to introduce the Speaker, Mr Robin Vogelaar. Rtn Stuart noted that Mr Vogelaar has a background in finance, with a Master degree from MIT Sloan School of Management, and in management consulting. He worked for 5 years at the Boston Consulting Group and ING Bank in Amsterdam. He currently travels the world supporting NGOs, governments and impact investors on their strategy.



Speaker, Mr Robin Vogelaar

Mr Vogelaar gave a brief introduction of himself as well as his place of birth – Amsterdam. He spoke of



President Mark and PP Tapan Rao (left) present the Club’s gifts to Mr Vogelaar
he recalled an old movie entitled “Have gun will travel” but in Mr Vogelaar’s case it is “Have pancake will travel”!

Mr Vogelaar spoke of how he became a volunteer consultant and shared the story of Mr Estufas Chispa, an Oxford graduate and his project in Guatemala to help the needy there. He also highlighted what he had learnt through his volunteering and his realisation that the social world was very competitive. At the end of his presentation, Mr Vogelaar showed a brief video of his unconventional method of shaping his personal life through pancakes.

President Mark invited PP Tapan Rao who added that he was pleased to extend the vote of thanks to such an enterprising young man and

Before closing the meeting, President Mark noted that evaluation of the meeting venues was being carried out, and he thanked Rtn Joseph Chia for all his efforts liaising with the Conrad Hotel. He added that the next venue to be considered would be the Hyatt.

Next, President Mark wished all members a Happy & Prosperous Chinese New Year!



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to the following celebrants:

Anne Marie Gutierrez

This Meeting

6 February 2019

**Meeting is cancelled
in view of Public Holiday –
Chinese New Year**



Next Meeting

13 February 2019

Reception Desk duty: Pia Bruce & Robert Craiu

Sunshine Box: Connie Ho & Hena Hoda

Speaker: PP Dr Shahul Hameed

Topic: Doing Good with Your Rotary Foundation (TRF) Contributions

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to the following Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Atul & Bella Merchant
Pia Bruce & Jasjit Singh
VP Hassan & Amrita Moosa
Omkar & Shanti Shrestha

International Service Meeting

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

Date: Thursday, 21 February

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Ante Hall, Senior
Police Officers' Mess, 153
Mount Pleasant Road,
S296153

Hosts: Joseph Chia, PP Dr
Oliver Hennedige, Adnan
Ansari, See Mee Lee

Coming Rotary Events

February

**Peace and Conflict Prevention /
Resolution Month**

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

March

Water and Sanitation Month

2-3 March – Relay for Life 2019 Run

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

May

Youth Service Month

June

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

Community & Vocational Service Meetings

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



BE THE INSPIRATION

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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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