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The Rotary Foundation (TRF) first announced the massive revamp of the Matching Grants Scheme in 2010. It was then known as the **Future Vision**, meant to fund projects making greater impact and better sustainability. Rotary Clubs all over the world scrambled to understand this new program that did away with all physical paperwork and require a project budget of at least USD\$30,000 – almost **6 times the amount** of the typical budget of a Matching Grant Project.

The Future Vision became what is known today, as the District and Global Grants and was officially launched on **1 July 2013**. Back then, broadband width and broadband speeds were not as developed as it is today and many countries were still using 2G and 3G communication networks. This led to many frustrations among Clubs in the world as they had to grapple with the developing technology and with the **100% online applications**, authorizations and reports by Project Sponsors and District Officials.

RC Singapore was fortunate enough to seize upon this opportunity and made the most of it. Applications were submitted in gusto and funds were obtained from District and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for the new TRF Global Grants using the online system. Looking back, it was indeed a very brave endeavor by the Board of our Club for the year 2013/2014. A total of **17 Global Grants** were proposed, written and submitted to TRF for that year alone, of which **13 Global Grant Projects** were eventually approved.

These included 2 community **Projects in Singapore** that became the combined “Major Project” for Rotary Year (RY) 2013/2014. Club Heal “Funding to Train HEALing Friends” a project to train volunteers for as counsellors for those recovering from mental illness and “Architects of Life,” a Life Skills and Leadership Project for 2nd time drug offenders that were currently incarcerated at Changi Prison in Singapore, were the 2 projects.

Since then, our Global Grants Projects has cut across all the 6 Areas of Focus and across several countries and continents. Our signature **Basic Education and Literacy (BEL)** projects in Indonesia has helped thousands of elementary schoolchildren to continue with their journey to complete basic primary education. Teachers’ capacity building and training as well Parents Livelihood Program ensured that we complete the help necessary throughout the Education ecosystem.

In India, RC Singapore is proud to be involved in the setting up of **8 Rotary Eye Hospitals** across 3 states in West Bengal, Odisha and Bihar and sponsored at least **100,000 cataract eye surgeries** since the Global Grants system was implemented. We are also involved in the construction of **toilets and running water** in many schools and villagers there. A Basic Education project in India included the setting up of a Rotary School and Skills Center as well as



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providing basic education to vulnerable populations far removed from modern facilities. Under Disease Prevention and Treatment (DPT), our most recently approved Global Grant is an USD\$80,000 Project for **vaccination for school girls** in India of against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer.

The **other Global Grants approved** included Economic Livelihood for post-earthquake disaster rebuilding efforts in Nepal and Philippines, Water and Sanitation Projects in Vietnam and Indonesia, Artificial Limbs Provision in Lagos, Nigeria and Dementia Screening for the Elderly in Taiwan.

RC Singapore is now widely known within the region and to TRF for its **expertise** with Global Grants application, implementation and monitoring. While previously valued for its financial contributions to Projects, such is our Club's currency at this moment that we are now sought as a Partner to **provide guidance and advice** for many Global Grant applications in other Districts, with financial contributions being a secondary consideration.

Given that now the Global Grants system is now well established, RC Singapore would like to make a greater impact hopefully, for the **next 50 Global Grants** by concentrating on Projects and Clubs that plan to make a significant impact with the Community. This will include the **intimate involvement** of our Club Members with the Needs Assessment, Planning, Design, Implementation and Monitoring of such Global Grants, with **less emphasis** and involvement in 3rd Party Projects, where Rotary Clubs are simply financial "conduits" for these non-Rotary organizations.

We shall aim to make our projects **organically and systematically conceived**, with the "RC Singapore-DNA" embedded within. We shall also be guided to make our projects Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely, **(SMART)** in addition to making it **sustainable** so that when we complete and walk away from these Projects, the effects and benefits for the aided community will continue unabated.

Finally a **word of thanks** to ALL our Club members who have worked hard and spent time and energy for the success of our first 50 Global Grant Projects. Yes, we feel proud, and rightly so, **being the envy** of Clubs and Districts around the world when it comes to what we have achieved with our Global Grant Projects, however we **will always remain humbled** by the generosity and unstinting support received from our Club Members, our Families and the Friends of the Club, **without which** we will be found wanting.

Our Club's extraordinary financial muscle plus our strong sense of "**humanitarian justice**" to make a difference to the "**social turpitude**" that we witness in society all around our daily lives and our community means that we **shall not rest on our laurels** and continue to reach out farther with the grace of God Almighty.

Dr Shahul Hameed

Past President

Chairman,

Club Rotary Foundation Committee (2014-2019)



Photo Album of activities during World Understanding & Peace Day – 23.2.19



From left – Rtn Paul Phua & PP Paliath “Mohan” Mohandas sharing their passion for Rotary with Interactors



Youth Service Director Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien in conversation with Interactors



Participants of the “Conversations” Conference – a successful initiative of our enthusiastic Interactors



Photo Album of activities during World Understanding & Peace Day – 23.2.19... cont'd



Helping to man the Book of Humour Booth at Toa Payoh Centre

From left: Rtn See Mee Lee, PE Deepak Nagrani, President Mark Wang, Rtn Isabel Lee, Community Service Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal, Rtn Mandy Pascual & his wife Sari, VP Rajkumar P Suppiah and guest



"Happy Birthday" Rotary!



Photo Album of activities during World Understanding & Peace Day – 23.2.19... cont'd



Guest of Honour Her Excellency Barbara Plinkert, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union in Singapore (2nd from left) with President Mark, IPP Keith Harrison & PP Perlita Tiro



Ambassador Plinkert speaking on the topic "Linking Continents, Regions and People: the EU-ASEAN Partnership"



*Seated from left: Rtns Isabel, Mee Lee, Mrs Rachel Harrison, PP Perlita, Mrs Irene Hennedige, Rtn Dr Irina Francken
Standing from left: PE Deepak, PP Alan Tan, IPP Keith, District Governor Henry & Ellen Tan, Rtn Amit Chatterjee, PN Dinesh Sharma, PP Dr Oliver Hennedige*



All smiles from Rotarians and their guests



President Mark with Interactors from the Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC)



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 Al Montecillo (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)

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Last Week – Report on Wednesday Meeting – 27 February 2019

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Treasurer Rtn Horst Hagemann opened the meeting and noted that it was his third time chairing the Rotary meeting. He added that President Mark Wang sent his apologies for his absence as he was away.

Rtn Horst warmly welcomed members and the Speaker, Ms Ivy Tse from Halogen Foundation Singapore. He particularly was pleased to welcome back PP Chiang Shih Fang from his recuperation. Shortly after this, Rtn Horst also had the pleasure of welcoming back Honorary Member PP Bhagwan Melwani to the meeting.

WELCOME

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani :

Guests:

Mrs Priti Mahtani

Mrs Lisa Ramalingam

Visiting Rotarians:

John Hulpke – Marina City

PP P. Kamaraju – Tuni, India

President Devasena Murali, M.N. Sumathi, K. Luyanthi, SriLakshmi Bansidhu –
Madurai Blossoms, India



Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani

TOAST

Toastmaster, IPP Keith Harrison invited visiting President Devasena Murali to say a few words about her club, Rotary Club of Madurai Blossom which is in District 3000 in Tamil Nadu, India. We learnt that the Madurai Blossom club has 43 members and was formed 3 years ago. President Devasena advised that the Rotary Club of Madurai Blossom is an all women club. She spoke of her club's projects particularly for street children.

IPP Keith called on members to join him in raising a toast to the Rotary Club of Madurai Blossom coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



Left to Right: IPP Keith, President Devasena Murali & Hon Treasurer Horst

Last Week

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



VP Rajkumar P Suppiah & Rtn Varun Gulati (4th & 5th from the right) exchanging banners with members of the Rotary Club of Dubai on 13 February 2019



IPP Keith and Rtn Horst with President Devasena and members of R C Madurai Blossom

INDUCTION OF A NEW MEMBER

Rtn Horst was pleased to induct a new member to the Club and called upon proposer Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani to introduce his candidate, Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam. Rtn Suresh advised that Rtn Ganesh specialised in keyhole and bariatric surgeries. He added that both Rtn Ganesh and his wife, Lisa, who was also present at the meeting, enjoyed participating in community work and in fact provided essential foodstuff to needy residents.

Rtn Horst induced Rtn Ganesh to the Club and advised that his classification would be "Medicine: Specialist – General Surgery" and recommended that he joins the Youth Service Committee.

Upon his induction, Rtn Ganesh warmly thanked members for accepting him in the Club, and for giving him the privilege of becoming a member.



From right: Rtn Horst, Rtn Dr Ganesh & Lisa Ramalingam and Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani

Last Week

Speaker: Ms Ivy Tse, Chief Executive Officer
Halogen Foundation Singapore

Topic: “Building Our Youth for the Future”



Rtn Uttam Kripalani

Rtn Uttam Kripalani noted that it was a great pleasure and honour to introduce such a charming Speaker, Ms Ivy Tse. He added that youth would soon become a very large portion of the world, and it would be a challenge to help and develop youths to face the future.

Ms Tse was a Global Merit Scholar from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and holds a Double Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration, both with Honours. She has received several awards including the NUS Business School Eminent Business Alumni Awards and Young Alumni Award.



Speaker, Ms Ivy Tse

Ms Tse started her presentation with a brief introduction of her young and enthusiastic team at Halogen Foundation Singapore. She added that Halogen was started 16 years ago and received IPC status for the past 8 years.



*From left: YSC Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien,
Ms Ivy Tse & Rtn Horst*

She spoke of the challenges faced by youths and Halogen’s focus to inspire and influence a generation of young people to lead themselves and others as well. Ms Tse highlighted the Foundation’s programmes and partnerships to benefit youths without resources, whereby they are encouraged to embrace positive identities and discover their self potential, as well as equip themselves with world-ready competencies and become active change agents.

Ms Tse showed a brief video of Halogen’s programmes and the feedback and reactions from the youths who participated. She added that her favourite part of working with youths was when she sees them lowering their walls stemmed from their self-esteem problems. A copy of Ms Tse’s presentation is available from the Secretariat.

Rtn Horst called on Youth Service Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien who thanked Ms Tse on behalf of the Club for her presentation and added that the Club had found a potential partner!



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to the following celebrants:

Kannan Krishnan

Colin Miles

This Meeting

6 March 2019 Evening Meeting

Reception Desk duty: IPP Keith Harrison & PP Mansoor Hassanbhai

Sunshine Box: Jessica Lim & James Lee

Speaker: Past President Wendy M. Louis, Inner Wheel Club of Singapore

Topic: Inner Wheel Clubs in Singapore

Next Meeting

13 March 2019

Reception Desk duty: Deepu Joseph & Suresh Keerthi

Sunshine Box: Bharat Mandloi & S "Mali" Malaippan

Speaker: To be advised

Topic: To be advised

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to the following Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

PP Dr Shahul Hameed & Michelle Deblina Chatterjee & Arindam Sandilya

Adnan & Zinia Ansari

Sunil & Arati Kalra

PP Dr Yap Lip Kee & Rachael

Vocational Service Meeting

Vocational Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 14 March

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Singapore Island Country Club, Spoon Room, Sime Road (off Lornie Road) S 288303

Hosts: Andreas Duerst & Toshi Kimura

Coming Rotary Events

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

16 March – Grey Can Still Play 2019 at MDIS Samtas Hall

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

20-22 June – Visit to sister club, RC Manila's 100th Anniversary celebrations

28 June – Sister Club Fellowship

29 June – Installation Dinner

Community Service Meetings

Community Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 7 March

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Fireside Restaurant, The Tanglin Club, 5 Stevens Road, S 257814

Hosts: Hena Hoda



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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