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## WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

*"Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights."*

*Gelila Bekele*

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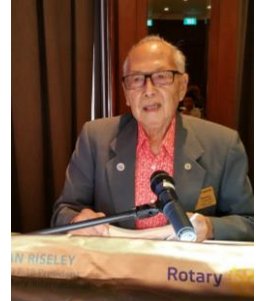
## Water, Water – Everywhere?

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

That appears to be the case. But what kind of water?

We know:

- Air + Water = Life
- Polluted air + Polluted water = Bad
- Clean air + Clean water = Good
- Clean air + Clean water + Good sanitation = Better



*HM PP Raymon Huang*

Yes, indeed, anyone and everyone would know that. But, and yet, we know too that many areas in the world do not still enjoy the “good” and the “better” of these necessities, despite years of effort by UN agencies, NGOs, and Rotary. For years now, Rotary has been emphasising the point, and doing and contributing much to the cause.

This Rotary year is no exception. To lay stress on this vital need, RI has again designated the month of March as **“Water and Sanitation Month”**.

It is emphasized that “clean water, sanitation and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life”. The ripple effect is of course good – less waterborne diseases and better health, and life. Provision of clean water, good sanitation, and acceptable hygiene practices, help children to be healthier and attend school regularly. Mothers spend less time collecting water too and devote more time to family matters. No, I am not talking about life in Singapore. We are among the more fortunate.

One of the outstanding aspects of Rotary programmes in this direction is the “WASH” campaign. In this project, Rotary challenges Rotarians to help develop “sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene education” programmes in many countries – in particular, Belize, Guatemala, the Honduras, India, and Kenya.

Our club has played its part in this direction in several Southeast Asian countries like Indonesia and Thailand.

In these efforts, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) plays a big part. Since 2013, TRF has invested in more than 1000 WASH projects in over 100 countries. Grants from TRF, plus fund-raising efforts by local Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and friends have supported and implemented water purification, hygiene education, latrine instruction, and waste management programmes in these countries, according to RI news. And to ensure continuity, RI has offered WASH scholarships to ensure the knowledge and skills of WASH professionals are tappable. Sustainability. One of the recipients of these scholarships is Ms Jasmina Burton, a Master of Science student in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She is a global grant scholar. She said, “my experience as a global grant scholar gives me the opportunity to access the amazing skillsets and networks needed to be in a position that I am working in today.”

In all these efforts, Rotary and TRF are implementing game-changers in the context of clean water and good sanitation, described as “matters happening in our own backyard.” Of course, in these massive projects, Rotary has



## In Focus

several VIP partners – like USAID, the United States Agency for International Development. Together, they have long-term and sustainable programmes in improving water supplies, sanitation and hygiene in Ghana, Madagascar and Uganda.

Target date: 2030. That is the year Rotary hopes to finish providing “everyone” with clean water, sanitation, and good hygiene. An auspicious date!

Rotary has provided some figures pertaining to the costs of getting these life-sustaining and life-improving programmes.

- US\$24 per person – to provide him/her with safe projects water;

And projects done and dusted, completed:

- 110 schools in Ghana;
- 10 schools in Guatemala – some 2000 children;
- 35 schools + 4000 people in Madan, India;

And in Lebanon, all 24 Rotary Clubs banded together with partnered government agencies, World Vision, UNICEF, and The Red Cross, and implemented “a programme that delivers clean water to EVERY and ALL public schools in the country, in the process managing to overcome religious, cultural and political divides”.

Grand designs are always difficult to implement. But this great vision of Rotary is without doubt on the way to a great and grand conclusion.

As I said, we are so fortunate in Singapore. We are not affected by these afflictions that still plague many a Third World country. Nevertheless, let us play our part.

This is “Water and Sanitation Month”.

*Reference: RI website*

### LETTER FROM MRS GILBERTE KING

7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

*Dear Rotary Friends*

*I wanted to write this brief and long-overdue note to thank you all for the many kind messages sent to me on the death of my darling Husband, Michael.*

*He was a lifelong Rotarian introduced to Rotary West by Dr. Philbert Chin, and enjoyed the fellowship, goodwill and kindness of the Rotary Members. He appreciated being part of a meaningful organization and the numerous friendships made within the Club.*

*As I am here visiting my son Jonathan, I am taking this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for all the kindness shown to both Michael and me through the years.*

*It has been incredibly sad and lonely without Michael. I am sure you also miss his great company at the weekly meetings!*

*Sincerely*

Gil King

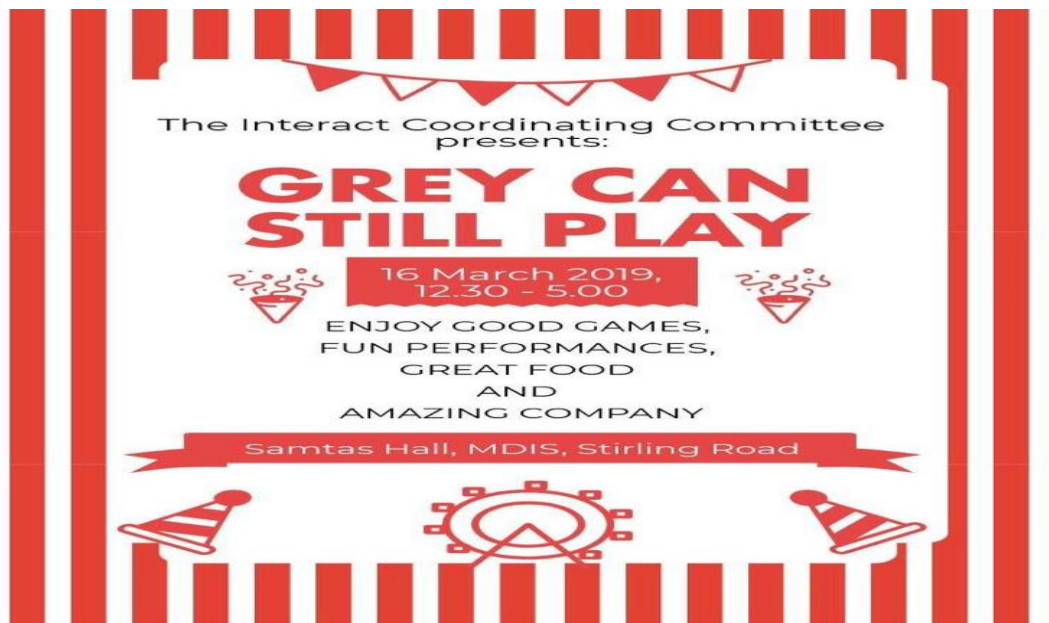




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## Grey Can Still Play 2019

The project involves 200 Interactors from 15 Interact Clubs, who have organised a lunch and carnival for about 90 senior citizens. This event is supported by the Club, Youth Corps Singapore and MacPherson Community Centre, with funding support from the Foundation of Rotary Clubs of Singapore's Rotary Happiness Fund. For further details, please contact Youth Service Director Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien.



## VISION FOR ALL

### Upcoming Free Community Eye Screening


**Saturday, 13 April 2019**

**9 am - 1 pm**  
*Volunteers to report at 8.30 am*

**APSN Centre for Adults**  
**11 Jalan Ubi, Block 4, #01-31, S(409074)**  
**Kembangan-Chai Chee Community Hub**

**This event is organised by the Rotary Club of Singapore Community Service Committee, in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore and Association of Persons with Special Needs (APSN).**



Please contact Community Service Director Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal should you wish to volunteer at this event.







## 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](http://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 – Photo Collage of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Evening Meeting – 6 March 2019



*PP Chiang Shih Fang*



*From left: Rtn Jasbir Koh  
& PP Mansoor Hassanbhai*



*Great fellowship with guests from the Inner Wheel Clubs in Singapore and visiting Rotarians*

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# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the 9<sup>th</sup> Evening Meeting – Wednesday 6 March 2019

### OPENING REMARKS

The 9<sup>th</sup> Evening Meeting was called to order by acting Sergeant-at-Arms, PP Stan Low who reminded members to put their handphones on silent mode, before inviting President Mark Wang to conduct the Meeting.

Upon taking the Chair, President Mark thanked Honorary Treasurer Rtn Horst Hagemann for chairing the last meeting during his absence.

President Mark warmly welcomed the Guest Speaker, Ms Wendy Louis from the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore as well as PDG Dr Philbert Chin and PDG Fong Hoe Beng.



PP Stan Low

### WELCOME

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to PP Mansoor Hassanbhai:

#### Guests:

Speaker, Ms Wendy Louis  
Mrs Smita Gadgil  
Mrs Maria Hassanbhai  
Mrs Dolores Low  
Mrs Roshan Mistri  
Mrs Bianca Nagrani  
Mrs Prabha Rao  
Mrs Rekha Sharma  
Mrs Rachael Yap  
Mrs Phyllis Fong

Mrs Clara Chan  
Mrs Estrellita Twohill  
Ms Vijaya Pudota  
Ms Sita Verma  
Ms Preeti Bhainagar  
Ms Sadhana Pathak  
Ms Melaine Perrey  
Ms Anjali Chopra  
Mrs Rajani Singh  
Mrs Nelly Doctor



PP Mansoor Hassanbhai

#### Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Fong Hoe Beng – Singapore East  
AG Shirin Ghadiali – Rotary E-Club of 3310  
PP Rustom Ghadiali – Raffles City  
PP Jimmy Doctor – Marina City

AG Helen Bishop – Jackson Hole Supper, USA  
PP Shlomo Mandelbaum – Misgav, Israel  
David Bishop – Casper, Wyoming, USA  
Masaki Shimizu – Yokohama Naka

### TOAST

President Mark called upon Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Misgav coupled with the toast to Rotary International. Prior to doing so, Rtn Brigitte invited visiting PP Shlomo Mandelbaum to address the Club. PP Shlomo advised that he was one of the founding members of his club which was formed about 3 years ago. Currently the Misgav Club has about 30 members, majority of whom are lady members.



L to R: PP Shlomo, Rtn Brigitte & President Mark





# Last Week

## EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*From left: President Mark presents the Club banners to Rtn Masaki Shimizu. AG Helen & David Bishop and PP Shlomo Mandelbaum*

## SWIMARATHON 2019

President Mark informed members that the Swimarathon would now be a Club-wide project (instead of under the purview of Vocational Service Committee) and added that volunteers were needed for the event.

Please contact President Mark or Vice President Rajkumar P Suppiah for more details.



## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **PETS & District Training Assembly** – 21 to 24 March at KSL Hotel & Resort, Johor Bahru – Incoming Board Members are requested to register for the PETS and District Training Assembly at the District 3310 website.
- **Visit to Minority Tribes' Schools in Yunnan, China** – 28 March to 7 April. Please contact PP Stan Low for further information.
- **28<sup>th</sup> District 3310 Conference** – 26 to 28 April at G-Hotel Gurney, Penang
- **Rotary International Convention** – 1 to 5 June in Hamburg, Germany – Previous member, **Rtn Kai Taenzler** invited members who would be attending the Convention to contact him whilst in Hamburg.
- **Sister Club, Rotary Club of Manila 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration** – 20 to 22 June
- **Sister Club Fellowship** – 28 June
- **Club's Installation Dinner** – 29 June at the Shangri-la Hotel



## Speaker: Past President Wendy Louis Inner Wheel Club of Singapore

### Topic: "Inner Wheel Clubs in Singapore"

President Mark invited PP Mansoor Hassanbhai who noted that 8 March was designated as International Women's Day, and added that it was most appropriate that the evening's talk was on the Inner Wheel Clubs in Singapore. PP Mansoor noted that these groups of ladies, who are wives and daughters of Rotarians, have given their personal time from their various family commitments to reach out to the less fortunate in Singapore and overseas. He advised that the three Inner Wheel Clubs have been doing all this outstanding and humble work for more than 70 years, without any fanfare or recognition.

PP Mansoor went on to introduce the Speaker, PP Wendy who was not a stranger to Rotary, as her late father, G L Louis was a member of Rotary Club of Spore West. She was also a Rotary Exchange Student to New Zealand in 1968. She was the Executive Secretary from 2009-2017 to the office of Laity & Family and the Women's Desk at the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from University of Spore, A Post Graduate Certificate in Education from Manchester University and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Heythrop College, University of London.



*Speaker, PP Wendy Louis*



*From left: PP Mansoor, President Mark,  
PP Wendy & PP Tapan*

PP Wendy introduced the historical roots of Inner Wheel in Singapore starting with the Inner Wheel Club of Singapore formed in 1946 and the subsequent Inner Wheel Clubs of Singapore East and West which were chartered in 1975. She explained the symbiotic relationship between Rotary and Inner Wheel and advised some new developments such as its membership criteria.

PP Wendy shared some personal anecdotes of her experience as a daughter of a Rotarian as well as the impact of Rotary and Inner Wheel have had in her family.

She advised members of the International Inner Wheel's involvement and representation in the United Nations which works collaboratively on the UN international themes and raise awareness worldwide. PP Wendy highlighted the meaningful projects undertaken by all three of the Inner Wheel Clubs in Singapore as well.

To conclude her talk, PP Wendy was pleased to add that the Inner Wheel District 331 comprised not only the 3 clubs in Singapore but also a further 6 clubs in East Malaysia.

President Mark called upon PP Tapan Rao who warmly extended the vote of thanks to PP Wendy on behalf of the Club.



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to the following celebrants:

PE Deepak Nagrani

## Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to the following Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Bharat & Alka Mandloi

Saeed & Sajda Khan

## Vocational Service Meetings

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

## This Meeting

**13 March 2019**

**Reception Desk duty:** Deepu Joseph & Kannan Krishnan

**Sunshine Box:** Bharat Mandloi & S "Mali" Malaiappan

**Speaker:** Rtn Hans Barre, Cybersecurity Consultant at RiskIQ Inc.

**Topic:** "Cybersecurity"

## International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday, 21 March

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Singapore Police Officers' Mess, Ante Room, 153 Mt Pleasant Road, S 296153

**Hosts:** Keizo Fujitake, President Mark Wang, PP Stan Low & Jasbir Koh



BE THE INSPIRATION

## Next Meeting

**20 March 2019 Evening Meeting**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Stan Low & Alex Lega

**Sunshine Box:** Atul Merchant & PE Deepak Nagrani

**Speaker:** Mr Liew Heng San, Board Member of the Singapore Bible College

**Topic:** "Get Rich Quick?"

## Coming Rotary Events

### March

#### Water and Sanitation Month

**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

**27 March** – Evening meeting at trial venue – Grand Hyatt Singapore

**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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

**28 June** – Sister Club Fellowship

**29 June** – Installation Dinner





## 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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