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In Focus

Presidential Message

March 2019



Barry Rassin R I President 2018-19

One of the things I appreciate most about serving as president of Rotary International is the people I get to meet. Much of my time is spent traveling and visiting Rotary clubs around the world. A Rotarian welcome is something quite special. But let me tell you, there's nothing so warm as the welcomes that have been rolled out for me by Rotaractors. These are young people who are committed to Rotary ideals, who are pouring their hearts into service, and who, in the process, don't forget to have fun.

One of the highlights of my recent travels was a trip to Ghana, where I visited a district that boasts some 60 Rotaract clubs. They aren't satisfied with that number, though — in fact, they're excited about a plan to double it. They'll do it, too.

Rotaractors are vaccinating children against polio. They're donating blood where the supply is dangerously low. They're providing handwashing facilities to schools where children previously had no way to get clean. In short, they're all about transformational service: carrying out projects that make a real difference in their communities. In Nakivale, Uganda, one special Rotaract club is making a difference in its community — which happens to be a refugee settlement. These young leaders are turning what others might see as disadvantages into opportunities for service, building community and opening up new possibilities to those who are most in need of them.

In Turkey, Rotaractors are visiting children in the hospital every Wednesday to lift their spirits by playing games with them. They also are mentoring new students at their university and teaching them leadership skills.

Rotaractors are blazing the path for Rotary to be more relevant in this new century of service. And World Rotaract Week, which we're celebrating 11-17 March, is the perfect opportunity to get to know your local Rotaractors and talk to them about how your clubs can work together. If your Rotary club doesn't already sponsor a Rotaract club, know that you don't need to be near a college or university to do it: Community-based Rotaract clubs are a great option. And remember that Rotaractors are part of the Rotary family.

When Rotaractors are ready to leave their Rotaract club, we don't want them to leave that Rotary family behind. I'm asking all Rotarians to help them make the transition into a Rotary club or to start a new one: I'm happy to charter as many new clubs as we need to give everyone a place where they feel at home while making the world a little better. Service should be fun, it should be inspirational, and it should be open to all.

If there's one thing Rotary has always excelled at, it's diversity. In the past, that often meant diversity of profession, nationality, and outlook. We've made great strides when it comes to diversity of age and gender, and as we welcome more Rotaractors into our organization, we'll become even stronger.

Rotary is powerful. Together with Rotaract, it is unstoppable. Working side by side, we have the potential to *Be the Inspiration* in every part of society, to every person we meet.









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.

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Rotary Flag Day 2019



Join us on Saturday 15 June 2019 to help more in need of support around us

Some of Our Cause: Elder Care Services Educational & Youth Services School Pocket Money Meals from the Heart













Last Week

Last Week – Report on Wednesday Meeting – 13 March 2019

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Deblina Chatterjee opened the meeting and invited IPP Keith Harrison to take the Chair. IPP Keith added that he got his "old job back" and would conduct the meeting on behalf of President Mark who was recuperating at home.

IPP Keith extended a warm welcome to the Guest Speaker, Rtn Hans Barre from Cybersecurity Consultant at RisklQ Inc. as well as to District Governor (DG) Henry Tan.

WELCOME

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Deblina Chatterjee welcomed the following guests of members and visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Visiting Rotarians:

Mrs Helen Elfwendahl Speaker, Rtn Hans Barre – Taipei (Sister club)
Mr Henry Chua DG Henry Tan – Singapore West

Mr Lawrence Ho DG Special Representative Joanne Kam – Suntec City

John Hulpke – Marina City

President Tord Elfwendahl – Stockholm Strand

Mark Jessen – Edina, Minnesota



Rtn Deblina Chatterjee

TOAST

IPP Keith called upon Rtn Asheesh Khaneja who invited President Tord Elfwendahl to say a few words about his club, Stockholm Strand. President Tord advised that it was his second term as Club President. He advised that the club has 50% men and women members for the past 25 years. He further added that the club was going through trying times in terms of demographics and was trying to engage Rotaractors to become members. Toastmaster, Rtn Asheesh invited members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary Club of Stockholm Strand coupled with the toast to R I.



L to R: IPP Keith, President Tord & Rtn Asheesh

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS / MEMBER'S MAKE UP





IPP Keith presented the Club's banners to President Tord (left) and Rtn Mark

Jessen from R C Edina



Hon Treasurer Horst Hagemann (right) at the RC Shanghai's meeting on 12.3.19



Last Week

MAJOR PROJECT 2018-2019

IPP Keith reminded members of the Club's Major Project for the year and encouraged them to support the following two beneficiaries:

- Singapore Polytechnic Project to train adolescents with autism for the workplace. The project prepares
 students to identify their own work values, interest and prepare their resumes. It equips participants with
 communications skills for interviews and for adapting at the workplace. It would also provide opportunities
 to attend mock interviews and simulation of work experiences at workplace that will confidence for future
 employment.
- Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT) The use of drama in conjunction with and participation by students
 from different service communities. The production would focus on anti-bullying in partnership with Touch
 Community Services "touch Silent club" which provides community support to deaf students. The SRT's
 production of dramas in addition to spreading positive messages, offers talented disadvantaged youth with
 opportunities to act as well as develop confidence.

28TH DISTRICT 3310 CONFERENCE

DG Henry Tan took the opportunity to address the Club on the coming 28th District Conference which will be held from 26 to 28 April at G-Hotel Gurney in Penang. DG Henry advised that the Conference would have a cultural immersion of Peranakan cooking and dance.

DG Henry added that there would also be a Service to the Community Charity event with fund-raising with the use of the Books of Humour for the Gift of Life project to aid needy children who would die without cardiac surgery.

He called on members to register for the Conference and hoped to see a large delegation from the Club in Penang.



DG Henry Tan

PRESENTATION OF
PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF)
RECOGNITIONS TO RTNS
DEBLINA CHATTERJEE &
KIMIO SOMEMIYA
COMPRISING OF A CERTIFICATE
AND PHF PIN







Last Week

Speaker: Rotarian Hans Barre

Cybersecurity Consultant, RiskIQ Inc

Topic: "Cybersecurity Attack Surface Management"

IPP Keith invited Rtn Michael Haughey to introduce the Speaker, Rtn Hans Barre who is a member of Sister Club, Rotary Club of Taipei. Rtn Hans is a Cybersecurity Consultant at RisklQ Inc. where he focuses on Digital Threat Management. The formative years of his 18 year career were spent with the US Department of Defense serving Air Force, Army and Navy clients. Most of these engagements surrounded Cybersecurity, Cyber Warfare, Information Security and Systems Engineering.

After relocating to Asia, Rtn Hans then continued his career in cybersecurity. He currently serves clients in

Rtn Michael Haughey career in cybersecurity. He currently serves clients in the high-tech manufacturing, telecommunications and financial services industries across the Asia Pacific region.



Speaker, Rtn Hans Barre

At the start of his presentation, Rtn Hans advised that he would take a different approach than what members would be used to taking, and rather than diving into the technology or products. Instead, Rtn Hans spoke about how to view attack surface management, what it was, and his belief that a new strategic security imperative for all enterprises was important. He noted that business had embraced digital to enhance engagement with customers and employees – so have cybercriminals. Beyond threat intelligence, Rtn Hans highlighted how organizations could more effectively address external web, social and mobile threats and its impact risk to operations and reputation.



From left: Rtn Siva Gopal, Rtn Hans & IPP Keith

Rtn Hans examined attack surface management from a personnel, process and technology perspective - offering trends, a maturity model and reference platform to optimize visibility, control and mitigation.

(A copy of Rtn Hans's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

To extend the Club's vote of thanks to Rtn Hans, IPP Keith called upon Rtn Siva Gopal who warmly thanked the Rtn Hans for his presentation on a topic which was very close to him.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to the following celebrants:

Mamta Shahani Anant Jain

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to the following Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Sunny Loh & Lay See President Mark & Tracey Wang M M Patel & Lily Dr Ganesh & Lisa Ramalingam

International Service Meeting

International Service
Committee Meeting will be

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

This 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?"

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 28 March

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: YWCA Singapore, 6 Fort Canning Road, Fort Canning Lodge, S 179494 Hosts: PP J K Ong & PP Jimmy

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Who's Who Directory 2019-2020

Members are reminded to submit their updated information/photographs to the Secretariat by 18 April 2019

Next Meeting

27 March 2019 Evening Meeting @ Grand Hyatt Singapore

Reception Desk duty: PP Tapan Rao

& PE Deepak Nagrani

Sunshine Box: PP J K Ong & Noshir

Mistri

Speaker: Rtn Daniel Beyeler

Topic: "Why Humanitarian Assistance in War Zones?"

Coming Rotary Events

March

Water and Sanitation Month

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-7April – 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 at Shangri-la Hotel Singapore





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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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Is it the truth?

