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Youth Service Activities



Rtn James Lee

Reported by: Rtn James Lee, District Interact Chair

Opening of Hillview Community Centre (CC):

Bukit Gombak EAGLES Interact Club (BGEIC) and the Rotaract Club of Bukit Gombak (RACBG) were jointly in charge of the booth that featured “Our Youths Giving Back” during the Opening Ceremony of Hillview Community Centre. With Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong as the guest of honour, the Presidents of BGEIC and RACBG presented the projects done by both clubs, which include “Project Dust and Shine” and “Caregivers Workshop” etc. Using the projects, the clubs advocated for more youth involvement in their own communities as they felt that being in community-based Interact and Rotaract clubs encourage students to learn to be more grateful and better understand the real needs of the people. In addition, the clubs set up a Wishing Wall of Bukit Gombak to collect the hopes and wishes by residents for a better Bukit Gombak community and at the same time, collected the data to collate the needs of the community for the clubs to work upon. Both Prime Minister Lee and Mayor Low Yen Ling were invited to add their wishes to the wall.

Project Dust and Shine:

Project Dust and Shine, spearheaded by Interactors, supported by the Bukit Gombak Citizens’ Consultative Committee, aims to thoroughly improve the home environment of needy residents in order to better their sanitation and dignify their living conditions. The project allowed Interactors to engage and educate the families about the responsibility of keeping their homes clean, instead of relying on volunteers. The project has been carried out over three families thus far, all who live in the Bukit Gombak Constituency and each with their own needs.

Our Interactors surveyed, planned and executed the cleaning for each of the homes. Each home had their own unfortunate story which touched the hearts of the Interactors and motivated them to give their time and effort to rampage through the severely cluttered and unhygienic home to make them liveable again. The Interactors had even planned for the fumigation of bedbugs and the purchase of new furniture of one of the house. To ensure that their effort was not in vain, Interactors continued to visit the home to remind the resident to upkeep his flat so the bedbugs will not return. This initiative is indeed a test of their resilience and resourcefulness to complete each of the projects.

Books of Hope:

Books of Hope is the only two-year project carried out thus far. Aimed at improving the English literacy of children in rural primary schools of Kuching, Malaysia, the initiative has seen over 1600 books donated from the Bukit Gombak community to the library of a total of 5 dilapidated libraries. These book collections were publicised throughout the community and collection points were set up to collect the books from the residents.

Understanding the importance of reading, the Interactors collaborated with the Rotary Club of Singapore, the Rotary Club of Kuching Central, as well as the Rotaract Club of Swinburne Sarawak to execute this project.



In Focus

In March 2018 and 2019 respectively, different batches of Interactors went over to join our Kuching partners in paying visits to the beneficiaries. The Interactors brought to the school much-needed books for their students. Through these visits, Interactors also engage the local children with activities to spark their interest in reading English books and forge bonds and learn from the cultural habits of the local Rotaractors. In essence, the project has been an eye-opening experience and has definitely left an impact on the hearts of our interactors.

Photos from Hillview CC Opening



Focus On Youth

GY! Our Future

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



HM PP Raymon Huang

There is so much talk today about 1G, 2G, 3G, and so on, making out the distinctions and differences among them, in particular when it comes to politicians. We do not do that in Rotary. All G's are coveted and cherished. Of course, we are not unaware of the degrees of differences between each successive G's. We know some are more "activistic" than others. For us the important thing is that their energies and enthusiasm are channelled contributively.

Rotary International has designated the month of May as "Youth Service Month" in recognition and in celebration of youth's contribution in helping us to make the world a better place. Interact & Rotaract play an important part in this effort, so do allied Youth organisations.

I shall, in this piece, refer to all youth as "Gen Y", or as GY, instead of 1G, 2G, etc...

R.I.'s salute and tribute to Youth are echoed everywhere, GY's are recognised to be not just "gung-ho" but in so many ways so innovative. They have their sights set at the far horizon, and beyond. And rightly so. Every successive GY has of course wanted and tried to do the same. But today's world is different. It moves faster. Overcoming odds today's needs more verve, greater adventure, and being "bigger" in innovation. Many of the things achieved and accomplished by GY's today, were almost unimaginable yesterday. Today's realities were just dreams yesterday. The great Benjamin Disraeli once said, "Almost everything that is great has been done by youth." Even in those far-off days, he recognised it. Rotary too, has all along been spot on in specially giving Youth special recognition.

Others too, let me quote a few:

- Ingelow: "Youth! How buoyant are the hopes. They turn – like marigolds, toward the sunny side."
- Walt Kelly: "Youth is looking for answers – so they can question them!"
- And the oft-quoted pronouncements like:
 - o "In youth lies our future"
 - o "Our future lies in their hands"

Indeed, GY is more questioning today. They do seek more answers than ever before. They are also more responsible when Rotary calls them for "duty". The contributions made by Interact & Rotaract are well-known and heartening. As partners in service, Rotary finds them not just invaluable, but necessary. Many of our programmes and projects achieve better results as a result of such partnerships. And while all this is going on, we are fostering in our young partners the good and right attributes of charity and self-development. Their service to society and the community becomes "second nature". These are values so, so valuable that when they grow older, they have these assets to pass on to their children and other members of the family. It is important for us to recognise the importance of these functions.



GY! Our Future...(cont'd)

Thus, Youth Exchange Programmes, and RYLA, and other such programmes are excellent. The broadening of the mind and outlook, and recognition, are “absolutes” for the young. Many of us know that Interact was formed in 1962 by RI, and Rotaract are created in 1968. Yes, both have been with us for quite a while. Basically, the aims and aspirations of both organisations are similar – “to promote responsible citizenship and leadership potential among the youth.” And how! Both Interact and Rotaract have really grown, developing so many young persons into leaders in the community, as well as eagles in the professions and businesses. Interact and Rotary clubs are of course Rotary-sponsored, by Rotary clubs.

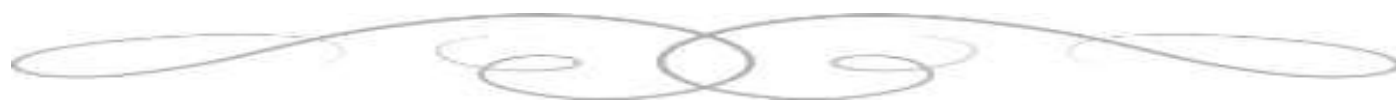
It is really good that we have so many GY's helping us to achieve what we have all along set out to do – the greater goodwill and understanding among peoples of the world. Our efforts in this direction are so important and valuable. Rotarians lead by example and our young partners are imbued with that spirit of volunteerism as a result of working with us.

So, sometimes, it is good to ask ourselves:

“Not so much what you bought, but what you have built,
Not what you got, but what you gave;
Not your success, but your significance,
Not your competence, but your character.”

If we have these values, and we can instil these in our young partners, then we have made it.

We salute our Gen Y – Our GY – Our Future!



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
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INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE

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TANGLIN CLUB
FRIDAY JUN 28, 2019
6.30PM TILL LATE

rtyinfo@rotary.org.sg

Attire: 30s elegant



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of the 85th
President & Board*

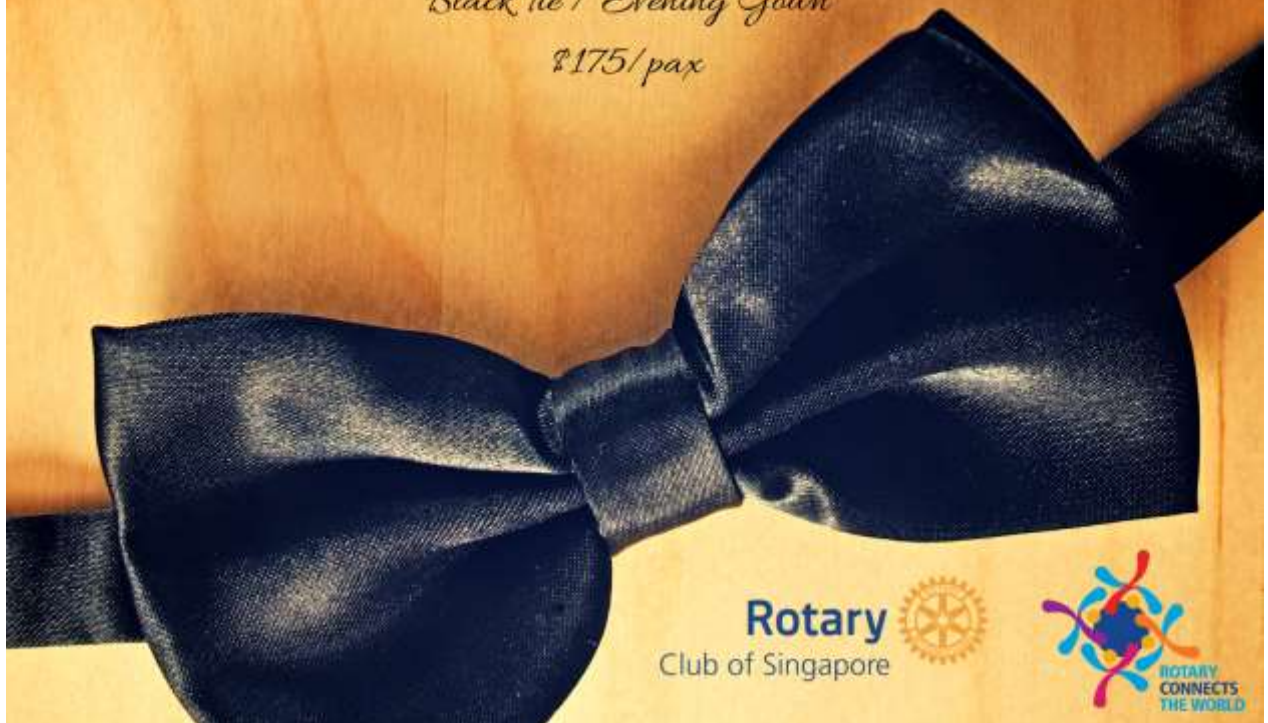
SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2019 | 6 PM

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SINGAPORE**

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Black Tie / Evening Gown

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HAVE MANY LAUGHS & HELP THE CHILDREN GIFT OF LIFE

**Children with cardiac problem to get help
From Rotary's Dist 3300 & 3310**

WILL YOU HELP TOO?

With the appeal from our DG Henry Tan JP, a team of volunteers from Gift of Life and volunteers from Rotary Club of Singapore are going into action to raise funds for the children with cardiac problem, using Books of Humour.

All the clubs in our District 3300 and 3310 will participate in promoting this project and help raise funds for these children. Let us encourage and inspire these hard working great volunteers with our support and help.

A full set of 3 editions, **Book of Humour**, **Best of Humour** and **Bank of Humour**, come in a beautifully designed box housing this set for only \$25.00.

**PLEASE ORDER A FEW SETS TO SUPPORT AND HELP TO BRING NEW LEASE OF LIFE TO
HELPLESS CHILDREN. Outright donations are also most welcome.**

PLEASE CALL REWA @ Tel: 6241 9157 or email: rewamirpuri@gmail.com



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the 13th Evening Meeting – Wednesday 15 May 2019

OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was chaired by Honorary Treasurer Horst Hagemann on behalf of President Mark Wang who was away. Rtn Horst reminded members to switch their mobiles to silent mode and then warmly welcomed the interesting Speaker, none other than our member, Rtn Peter Koh.

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming of guests and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet:

Guests:

Ms Elizabeth Chee
Ms Brigitte Ranieri
Ms Larisa Tupitsina
Mr Xavier Bruhyere
Mr Yap Shi Wen

Visiting Rotarians:

PP Sabrina Schwarz & President Jeyan Nadarajah – Queenstown
Janine O'Rourke – Madison, USA



Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet

TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



From left: Rtn Janine O'Rourke from RC Madison, Toastmaster Rtn Hena Hoda & Rtn Horst Hagemann. The Rotary Club of Madison has 475 members and recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.



Rtn Janine receives a Club banner from Rtn Horst



ARTISAN NIGHT – 9 MAY 2019

Rtn Horst briefly reported and showed some photographs of the successful Artisan Night which was held on Thursday, 9 May at the Brasserie Les Saveur at The St Regis Hotel organised by the Vocational Service Committee, which saw a large number of members present to meet the Artisan Award finalists.

A report of this event will be featured in the next issue of the Crossroads.

CLUB'S MAJOR PROJECT 2018-2019

Rtn Horst reminded members of the Club's Major Project to support the two beneficiaries:

- Singapore Polytechnic – project to train adolescents with autism for the workplace;
- Singapore Repertory Theatre – the use of drama in conjunction with and participation by students from different service communities to promote awareness of cyber bullying.

Rtn Horst further reminded members that their Major Project donations could easily be made via PayPal at the Club's web page (<https://rotary.org.sg/>)

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF) RECOGNITION PRESENTATIONS

Rtn Horst was pleased to call upon the following members to receive their PHF recognitions and to thank them for their generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation's programmes.



*ISC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen
receives a PHF + 3 Pin*



*Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind receives a
PHF Certificate & Pin*



*Rtn Anindya Dutta receives a PHF
Certificate & Pin*

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO RTN AARTI WADHWA AND HER HUSBAND, NEILS ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, ADIT WADHWA MAERKED AHL, ON 6 MAY, SEEN HERE WITH HIS SISTER, ANEIRA.

BOTH AARTI AND THE CHILD ARE DOING WELL AND EXPECTED BACK IN SINGAPORE TOWARDS THE END OF JUNE.



Last Week

Speaker: Our member, Rtn Peter Koh

Topic: *“Marijuana & Hemp are legalized in Canada; Impact on Society”*



Rtn Louis Lim

University of Singapore.

Tongue in cheek, and chewing on a suspicious looking green substance, which he claimed was given to him by our Speaker, Rtn Louis Lim stressed that marijuana and hemp were illegal in Singapore!

Rtn Louis was pleased to introduce a fellow lawyer, and advised that Speaker, Rtn Peter Koh has many qualifications and practices Singapore, English and Canadian law with RHTLaw Taylor Wessing LLP in Singapore and England. He specialises in Shipping and Commercial Law and Sports Law. Rtn Peter is highly regarded figure in academia and is a visiting professor at 9 Chinese universities. He was also appointed an adjunct professor at the University of New York and the National



Speaker, Rtn Peter Koh



Rtn Anindya Dutta

Rtn Peter advised preliminary fact that his talk's content was nothing original and the information was reported in various newspapers. He highlighted various facts about marijuana and its mental effects and common symptoms to the detriment of one's health. He also added that marijuana's use was recorded as far back as 300 years ago. Rtn Peter noted that apart from Canada, other countries such as Uruguay, South Africa and 11 States in the USA, have also legalised the use of marijuana. He showed several photos of the glamorous marijuana boutiques in Canada. He noted the implications of the marijuana consumption and the protection of youth from this usage. At the end of his talk, Rtn Peter kindly answered queries from members.

Rtn Horst called on Rtn Anindya Dutta to extend the Club's vote of thanks. Rtn Anindya warmly thanked Rtn Peter for his entertaining talk although he did not bring samples!



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

There are no Birthday celebrants this week.

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to the following Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

PP Tan Chin Ngiap & Irene
PN Dinesh & Rekha Sharma
Debasree Chakrabarti & Arindam
Bala & Suvidha Venkatesan
Bertrand & Maribeth De Mil

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 30 May
instead of 23 May (in view of the Club Assembly)

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: To be advised

Hosts: Jeff Rajeck & PP Paliath Mohandas

This Meeting

22 May 2019

Reception Desk duty: Robert Craiu & Pia Bruce

Sunshine Box: Hena Hoda & See Mee Lee

Speaker: Ms Stacy McCarthy, Managing Director, Caras Consulting Pte Ltd

Topic: "Systems Thinking"

Community Service Meeting

Community Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 6 June

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: To be advised

Hosts: To be advised



BE THE INSPIRATION

Next Meeting

29 May 2019

Reception Desk duty: IPP Keith Harrison & Hon Treasurer Horst Hagemann

Sunshine Box: PP Mansoor Hassanbhai & Jeff Rajeck

Speaker: Our member, Rtn Horst Hagemann, Executive Director, LGT Bank (Singapore) Ltd

Topic: "Economic Outlook: US-China Trade War"

Coming Rotary Events

May

Youth Service Month

23 May – 4th & Final Club Assembly for RY 2018-2019 at Raffles Room, Tanglin Club

June

5 June – Weekly Meeting cancelled in view of Public Holiday, Hari Raya Puasa

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

20 June – Sister Club, RC Bang Rak's installation dinner at Crowne Plaza Bangkok

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

26 June – Weekly Meeting cancelled in view of Installation Dinner

28 June – Sister Club Fellowship

29 June – Installation Dinner at Shangri-la Hotel Singapore





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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