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## It's "President's Day"!

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



*HM PP Raymon Huang*

These days so many "Day's" are observed and celebrated, I would not be surprised if there should be a "Grandpa Day"! That would suit me just fine. I might as well add yet another "Day" for this piece.

The "Day" I wish to add is: "President's Day".

This is of course in reference to Rotary only. Even so, it would apply to a huge number of Presidents, right down from the RI President to Presidents of some 36,600 Rotary clubs. Worldwide. And so it does to PE Deepak too.

The dawning of a new day for Incoming President Deepak Nagrani is near. Come 1 July 2019 will be his "President's Day". In anticipation of his Presidential year 2019/20, for the benefit of our members, I posed to him 5 questions about his thoughts, his feelings, his plans. It is always good that we on the shopfloor know something about them, ahead.

The questions and his responses:

(1) Raymon: *You will officially be our President on 1 July 2019. Your early thoughts, please.*

**PE Deepak: I look forward to my Presidency with all my heart. The coming year is an important year for me, probably the most important year of my life so far. I feel all my years of education, work, and relationship experiences are converging as I apply myself to engage our Club members. This is a serious role which will take up most of my time and energy – a role I relish. I cannot, of course, do it all single-handed. I will accomplish nothing. So there is my Board of Directors, members of which have strong work ethics.**

**We will make it a priority to uplift the spirit of Rotary and strive for more bonding among our members.**

Comments: Such enthusiasm!

(2) R: *When you were Chairman, VSC, the efficient and meticulous way you conducted your meetings earned you the nickname of "Chop-chop" Chairman! Will it be the same of our Club meetings?*

**PE: Absolutely! I feel that our meetings must always be succinct and relevant. We will ensure meetings start and end on time. This demonstrates respect for our members' time. Come 1 July, the duration of all our Committee meetings will be one hour or less. Likewise, we will hold our Weekly meetings for just one hour.**

Comments: That is efficiency.



- (3) R: *Of late, some senior members have expressed serious concerns over dwindling attendances at both Club and Committee meetings. Habitual late-comers too. How do you intend to address and rectify these problems?*

PE: **Yes, their concerns are valid. The attendances at our meetings have been dismal. It is demoralising for many of our members. What is even more distressing is that the Club is paying for members who do not attend, resulting in a loss of so much money. This is because we have a minimum number to meet at each meeting. The money lost could be better spent on worthwhile projects. The Board and I are proactively working to address the problem, which covers questions of venue, meeting times, food value, guest speakers, and the lack of fellowship time. But merely analysing the situation is not enough. Action must follow.**

**Thus our plan to apply the concept of the economy of scale, by combining our Committee and Weekly meetings every Wednesday night. This plan was put to the members recently, and it was well received. But we do ask for our Club's understanding and patience.**

- (4) R: *The Club's Major Project: Similar concerns over the delays and lateness in making a choice-decision. Your feeling?*

PE: **In the coming year, I envision focusing on four Major Projects. The choice and execution of each of them will stem from each Service Committee concerned.**

**Ideally, each project will be chosen based on the acronym "SIP" – Sustainability, Impact, and Participation. This is not just a paper plan. All the Service Committee Chairs and their VPs have been brainstorming this for months now.**

Comments: A new and fresh approach indeed. Not sure whether it is in line with our Club SOP. But a new bulb lighted up is always welcome.

- (5) R: *Finally, No doubt you have some really big plans for the Club. I know these are early days. But do tell us about them.*

PE: **Engaging our members and enhancing Rotary values are our top priorities. The "Membership Core" (Hon. Secretary, Director of Rotary spirit, and myself), plus the Board, will especially set our focus on new members, and seasoned members, for greater cohesiveness and assimilation. It will be a holistic approach.**

**We will have more programmes involving spouses and family members. After all, Rotary is Service – Yes – but Rotary is also Family.**

Comments: Spot on! Indeed civilisation began with the Family.

So there you have it, folks. Straight from the Incoming Big Chief himself.





## In Focus

However, we know plans and intentions are what they are until put to the test, until they are “forged in fire” – the implementation and the execution. Some tweaking too may be necessary along the way. But knowing PE Deepak, he gets things done!

“Rotary Connects The World”? RI President Mark Daniel Maloney’s theme for 2019-20, says it all. Our Club has been doing that and will continue to do that. And with Incoming President Deepak at the helm, the connection with the “world” will be enhanced. The roadmap he has just shown us not only indicates focus on the near and immediate needs, but on new needs over the blue horizon yonder.

To help him, he has assembled a formidable Board of Directors. And First Lady Bianca – whom I have always referred to as “Miss Deepavali”! – will back him all the way and will be a pillar of strength.

So, Incoming President Deepak, we wish you early Congratulations and a very good Presidential year. Come July 1, it will be your first step on a journey of a thousand Presidential miles! Welcome aboard, Skipper.

Indeed, July 1 is YOUR day, Mr President.

It’s “President’s Day”!

## PHOTO ALBUM OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (R I) CONVENTION IN HAMBURG, GERMANY...



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*President Mark Wang at the R I Convention venue*



*PE Deepak Nagrani meets R I PE Mark Maloney*



*President Mark with a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Rotarian from San Francisco*



*Anti-clockwise – President Mark, PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Rtn Jessica Lim, Mrs Rachael Yap & PE Deepak enjoying fellowship with other Rotarians*



*President Mark with Past R I President Gary Huang*







## 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.

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TANGLIN CLUB  
FRIDAY JUN 28, 2019  
6.30PM TILL LATE

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of the 85th  
President & Board*

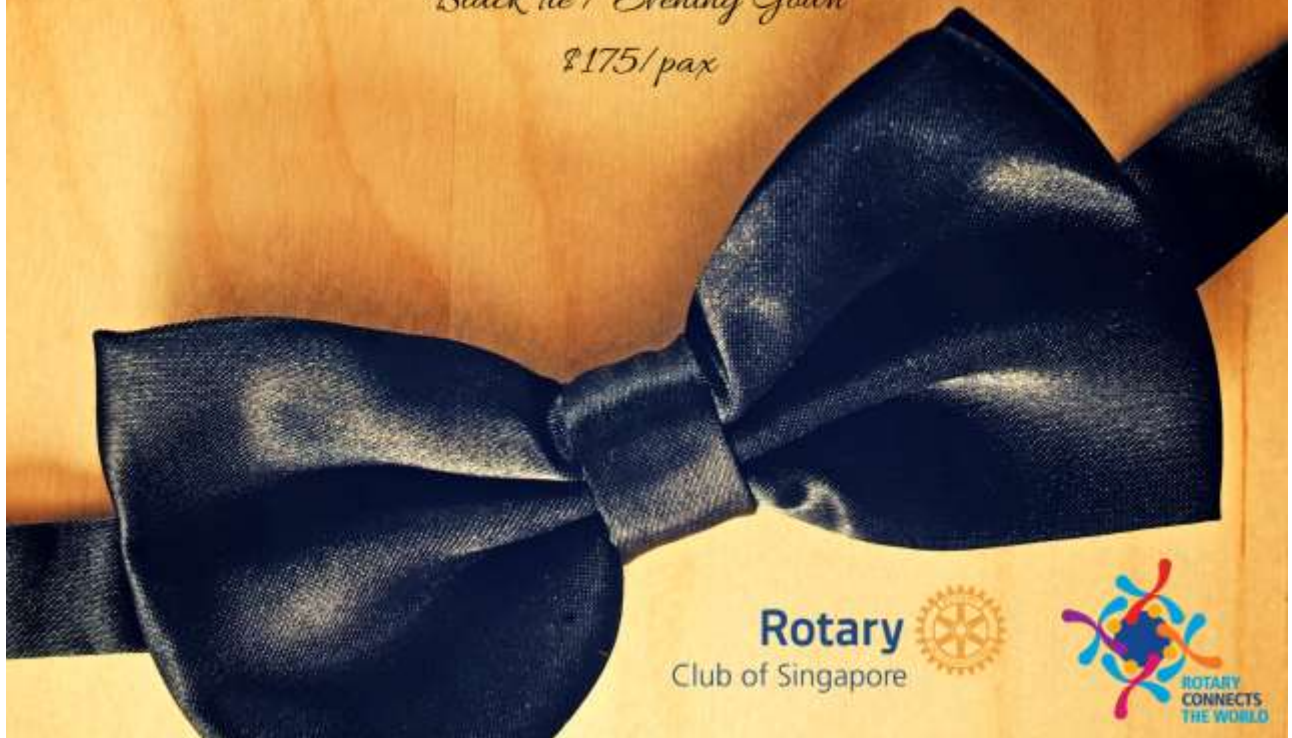
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SINGAPORE**

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*Black Tie / Evening Gown*

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## Last Week – Report on the Weekly Meeting – Wednesday 12 June 2019

### OPENING REMARKS

President Mark chaired the Meeting and welcomed the Guest Speakers Ms Charlotte Nors and Mr Paul Adams from the Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT). He further acknowledged the presence of PDG Dr Philbert Chin.

President Mark took the opportunity to show some of the photographs taken at the recently concluded Rotary International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany from 1 – 5 June, as well as the Interact Leadership Training Camp which took place from 6 – 9 June 2019.

### WELCOME

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by PP Jimmy Ooi:

#### Guests:

Ms Elizabeth Chee

Mr Emmanuel (SRT)

#### Visiting Rotarians:

PP Gong Ing San – Changi

Ginny Granger – Williamstown, USA

Stephen Amling – Frankfurt Friedensbruecke, Germany



*PP Jimmy Ooi*

### TOAST

Toastmaster, Rtn Dr Irina Francken invited visiting Rtn Ginny Granger who was in Singapore visiting her daughter and grandchildren, to say a few words about her club, Rotary Club of Williamstown in Massachusetts. We learnt that the club was more than 100 years old with about 100 members. She added that the club was suffering from the universal challenge of trying to get more members. Rtn Ginny also listed some of the projects undertaken both for the local community and overseas.

Rtn Irina called on members to join her in raising a toast to the Rotary Club of Williamstown coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



*From left: Rtn Ginny Granger, Rtn Irina & President Mark*

# Last Week

## EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*From left: President Mark exchanged banners with Rtn Ginny Granger and presented a banner to visiting Rtn Stephen Amling from RC Frankfurt Friedensbruecke*

## ROTARY FLAG DAY



President Mark invited PP Gong Ing San from Rotary Club of Changi to inform members of the coming Rotary Flag Day. PP Gong gave a brief history of the formation of the Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore (FRCS) and its various phases of development. He called on members support for the coming Flag Day as well as the coming fund-raising events in the future.

After his announcement, PP Gong approached each member for their donations towards the Rotary Flag Day.

## WINGS TO FLY PROJECT

President Mark called on Rtn Asheesh Khaneja who reported on the Wings to Fly initiative whereby 32 low income but academically high performing and deserving students would be visiting Singapore from 16 – 20 June, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Madras East.

Rtn Asheesh acknowledged the generous donations received from Hon. Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani and Rtn Jasbir Koh towards their transportation and incidental expenses in Singapore. He further invited members to an impromptu welcome dinner which he would be hosting on 17 June 2019, which he was glad to hear that President Mark will be able to attend.





# Last Week

**Speakers: Ms Charlotte Nors, Managing Director & Mr Paul Adams, Learning & Engagement Manager, Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT)**

**Topic: “Cyber Bullying Project”**

President Mark called on PP Paliath “Mohan” Mohandas to introduce the two Speakers, Ms Charlotte Nors and Mr Paul Adams.

Both Ms Nors and Mr Adams gave an overview of SRT and the Club’s Major Project for 2018/19’s sponsored Cyberbullying Project, which is summarised in the following report written by Rtn Uttam Kripalani:

## **Rotary Club’s MAJOR Project for 2019**

**- an update from the Singapore Repertory Theatre on the Rotary Club of Singapore, sponsored Cyberbullying project, now being referred to as “PICK A HERO : DEFEAT THE BULLIES JOURNEY”**

*To kick-start the project. Pick a Hero: Defeat the Bullies Journey, the SRT has opened up a dialogue with the students in SRT’s The Young Company (TYC).*

*TYC is SRT’s flagship youth theatre for 16-25 year-olds who train for two years in actor training techniques.*

*The consultation was the first phase in SRT’s journey, asking the young people to influence the original ‘Pick a Hero’ script in order to add in the ‘Cyber’ elements. The whole programme is built on the ethos of a youth-led project and peer to peer development. This means at every step the process is shaped by young people. Therefore the ideas written into the script have come from the experiences of the young people, giving ownership to them and ensuring authenticity to the story. The final working script has been and is being sent to the participating schools, which will form the blueprint of their own show.*



*From left: Ms Nors, Rtn Uttam, President Mark & Mr Adams*

*through the programme. SRT will offer mentorship both in terms of dramaturg support and with their anti cyberbullying campaigns, ensuring schools share ideas and offer support across the network.*

*The entire progress will culminate in a presentation for all the participating schools and Rotarians at KC Arts Centre – Home of SRT in March 2020*



*Speaker, Ms Charlotte Nors*



*Speaker, Mr Paul Adams*

*The project will recruit 5 schools/JC’s into the programme over the period July 2019 to March 2020. The final stages of recruitment are underway leading to the final solution and the announcement of the partners in June.*

*The schools will begin their rehearsals and start to create their anti cyberbullying-campaign in July. Each school will be working to their own timelines, however we expect most schools to perform in November 2019 with some schools choosing to perform in January 2020. Each school will interpret the script in their own way, having artistic license as they move*



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrant:

Bharat Mandloi

## Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to the following Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Asheesh & Subina Khaneja

## International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting is cancelled in view of the Sister Club Fellowship which will be held on:

**Date:** Friday, 28 June

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** Churchill Room, The Tanglin Club, 5 Stevens Road

## This Meeting

**19 June 2019**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Perlita Tiro & Shamin Vaswani

**Sunshine Box:** Deblina Chatterjee, Jessica Lim

### Programme:

President Mark will chair the last weekly meeting for the Rotary Year.

## Next Meeting

**26 June 2019**

**Meeting Cancelled in view of Sister Club Fellowship on 28 June & Installation Dinner on 29 June**

## Coming Rotary Events

### June

**19 June** – District Regional Awards & Fellowship Night

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

**20-22 June** – Visit to sister club, RC Manila's 100<sup>th</sup> 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

### July

**3 July** – 1<sup>st</sup> Weekly Meeting / Club Assembly for Rotary year 2019-2020 to be chaired in incoming President Deepak Nagrani at **Grand Hyatt Singapore**

**5 July** – Sister Club, RC Makati's Installation Dinner

**5 July** – Sister Club, RC Muar's Installation Dinner

**6 July** – Sister Club, Bandar Seri Begawan's Installation Dinner

**10 - 14 July** – Trip to India

**14 July** – Installation of Sister Club, RC Belur

## Vocational Service Meeting

**Youth Service Committee Meeting scheduled for 27 June is cancelled.**



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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