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The President's First 100 Days - Q & A!

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



HM PP Raymon Huang

Wednesday, 9 October 2019 was for us at RCS a day to remember. So it was for Americans in the US.

For us at RCS, it marked the First 100 days of President Deepak in office; for the American people, it marked President Donald Trump's First 1000 days in office! An auspicious coincidence, perhaps. The differences in roles and responsibilities are obvious, of course. The similarity is that they are both Leaders.

Customary it is that on the first one hundred days of a President, Prime Minister, or leader in office, an interview is on the cards. The probing questions asked during such a session are designed to cover not just these first one hundred days, but also to take a peek at the tea leaves in the cup. So I did ask President Deepak some pertinent questions – five of them. We have always known him as the “chop-chop” and “go-go” President, with a lot of rather innovative ideas. His responses bear these perceptions out.

The Questions; and the Answers – straight from the horse's mouth

1. Your first 100 days as our President – how have they been?

As President, my days are synonymous with that of the Boards and the Club. I believe our first 100 days have been of action. All our efforts to transform our meetings, promote more service opportunities, and forge more bonding and fellowship among our members, have been very fulfilling. These are days that we will certainly remember.

2. The new Meetings procedure you have implemented since taking office – has it worked the way you envisaged?

Absolutely. In the months before we took office, we worked very hard to persuade our Club members on the new meeting structure. We also prepared vigorously before implementing it. We are delighted with the outcome, and the feedback so far has been very positive. The members seem very happy with the new evening timings, the well-managed food menu (big thanks to Hon Sec Shamin), the venue, speakers and meeting content. That said, we are mindful of ways to improve and keep up the momentum.



In Focus

3. Even the best plans need tweaking because of unforeseen kinks. What have you encountered and what remedial measures taken?

One of our goals for the year was to enhance our member's Rotary experience. To achieve this, we have focused on meticulously curating the meetings, organising meaningful service and fellowship events and diligently working on the administration (finance, membership and PR) of the Club. Indeed we have faced challenges every day since. However, the Board works hand in hand to solve the problems together. We also draw on the wisdom of our veteran Rotarians and members to help.

4. Attendance: Improvement has been obvious. Could it be better? Do you return to the "old glory days" possible?

100 Rotarians, spouses and guests graced our 100th day weekly Club meeting on 9th October - our highest number that we have seen at a Club meeting since a long time! That said, we had better numbers in the first few meetings than the recent ones. Till date, an average of 47 Rotarians and guests attended our meetings. More importantly, we are pleased that members who have not attended meetings in years have now come to our meetings regularly. The Board is confident that the meeting structure is sound because we ticked all the boxes. We have engaged our members through better PR, fellowship, meeting timings, food, speakers, among many other factors. But we are continually thinking of new ideas to encourage our members to attend. For example, we will send a loving card (designed by students at the Cannosian School) to absent members saying we miss them at meetings and hope they attend.

5. Looking ahead – any grand designs for the Club? Do let us know what you have in store for us.

So far, the Board has achieved most of what it set out to do. The new meeting structure is in full throttle; we are confident we have solved most of the teething problems. The Service committees have hit the ground running with many meaningful service events and visits.

Moving forward, we plan on launching four Major projects, each driven by a service committee. Cumulatively, they will form the Major Project for the year. The Major Projects will be funded by a scaled up Swimathon planned for 1st May 2020.

We will also organise more family bonding sessions and happy hours to promote cohesion among the members. Lastly, we plan on introducing a photographic section in our Club. The section will conduct classes on photography, organise a photographic competition and collect all the photos our members take on service. We will showcase the best ones in our CrossRoads bulletin and the 90th Year Magazine.

While we plan on doing many things for the Club, we deeply dependent on the support that our Members give us. We are very thankful to them so far.

A good and meaningful canvas of our Club's on-going goings-on, and a horoscopic look at what is coming up. A few short descriptive words are perhaps apt reactions we can give: Busy-busy! Substantial! More Coming!



In Focus

In all these many activities, one thing also stood out besides the beneficial projects themselves – members are responding in droves to the call of duty. And – enjoying Rotary!

Well done, President Deepak! Your lieutenants too! You have led by example. You have some 250 days more in office. And you have your First Lady, Bianca, to back you up all the way. It has indeed been an exhilarating First 100 Days. As I indicated above – more coming! Our Club's flag has been flying high. Rotary's banner even higher. Together, our way to Connect With The World!



HM Mohan & Kawita Vaswani



From left: PP Chiang Shih Fang, PDG Dr Philbert Chin, AG Jimmy Ooi, Rtns T K Chew & Paul Phua



Fantastic support from everyone!



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 16 October 2019

OPENING REMARKS

The Meeting was called to order by Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Bertrand De Mil who invited President Deepak Nagrani to proceed with the meeting.

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming Guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow:

Guests:

Speaker, Dr Raymond Lim, 1st Lady Bianca Nagrani, Mrs Chiang Liew Chin, Mrs Irene Henedige, Mr Miha Hribernik, Mr Sangay Wangdi

Visiting Rotarians:

PP K N Singh – Johor Bahru

Ingo Kleinschmidt – Hong Kong

Stephen Robert – Port Vila Vanuatu



Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow

TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Toastmaster, PP Dr Yap Lip Kee (centre) called on members to join him in a toast to the Club's 1st daughter club – R C of Johor Bahru, represented by PP K N Singh (right)



President Deepak presents a Club banner to visiting Rtn Stephen Robert from Port Vila Vanuatu



Rtn Horst Hagemann (left) made up at the R C Munich – Bavaria meeting on 10.10.19, seen here exchanging banners



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER



Newly inducted Rotarian Brenda Lee (right) receives her membership kit from President Deepak. Proposer, Rtn Joseph Chia introduced Rtn Brenda who is an Associate Faculty with Singapore University of Social Science teaching Master of Finance classes on Wealth Management. She is also a private banker with Julius Baer. Rtn Brenda's classification is "Wealth Management - Investment" and she will be joining the Vocational Service Committee.

RECAP OF SERVICE EVENTS AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THE WEEK...

President Deepak highlighted the many Club events of the past week as follows:

At The Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) Certificate Ceremony – 8.10.19:



L to R: PP Alan Tan, VP Bala Venkatesan, Pres. Deepak & VP See Mee Lee



PP Alan Tan, EYA Co-Chair addressing the event held at Marina Mandarin Hotel



EYA Winners with PP Alan, President Deepak & ASME members

Last Week

RECAP OF SERVICE EVENTS AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THE WEEK...contd.

District Rotary Foundation Dinner – 8.10.19:



A talk by PP Dr Shahul Hameed



Hon Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani with Past RI President Gary Huang



Members who attending the Dinner with District officials & guests

Vocational Service Visit to the Patek Philippe Exhibition – 12.10.19:



The Club's delegation at the Exhibition



Blast from the Past – VP Bala Venkatesan showing his Patek Philippe watch to his son - "You never really own one, you look after it for the next generation."



Last Week

RECAP OF SERVICE EVENTS AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THE WEEK...contd.

Symphony of Motherhood – 13.10.19:



Members & guests who attended the Symphony of Motherhood concert held at the Arts House



Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam addressing the concert goers



Rtn Dr Ganesh with his lovely family & Rtn Irina Francken(right)



Rtn Brigitte Ranieri & Mrs Priti Mahtani (left to right)

India Felicitation Ceremony – 13.10.19:

President Deepak called upon PP Tapan Rao who advised members of the recent India Felicitation Ceremony for Rotary International President Nominee Shekhar Mehta, which he attended together with PP Dr Shahul Hameed. (More information on this event will be published in the coming issue of the bulletin.)



PP Tapan Rao with President Deepak



Last Week

Speaker: Dr Raymond Lim, Director, B9 Dental Centre

Topic: “Be nice to everyone – Your wellbeing is our Mission”



Rtn Bertrand De Mil

President Deepak called on Rtn Bertrand De Mil to introduce the Speaker, Dr Raymond Lim, a National University of Singapore (NUS) alumnus who received a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (B.D.S). He was awarded Certification of Aesthetic Implant Dentistry from the University of Uclan (UK) in 2011. He founded B9 Dental Centre which started in March 2013, and he has set up three other dental centres. He received several Awards, including the Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) 2015 and EYA for Social Contribution 2015.



Speaker, Dr Raymond Lim



From left: President Deepak, PP Dr Oliver & Dr Lim

Dr Lim spoke of his personal background of humble beginnings in Malaysia and his path to pursue a higher education, which brought him to Singapore to study at NUS.

Dr Lim highlighted his journey as an entrepreneur and his clinics' practices and facilities. He spoke of the clinics' media presence and awards acquired. He also spoke on “missing teeth”, the causes and consequences of this problem and the replacement options available.

PP Dr Oliver Hennedige warmly thanked Dr Lim for his interesting talk, which showed how new dentists were reaching out to more people and getting more entrepreneurial as well as setting high standards.

President's Closing Remarks

On taking the Chair, President Deepak welcomed back Rtn Subhash Pritmani who is permanently back to Singapore from Abu Dhabi.

President Deepak also advised that Honorary Secretary would soon be sending out “love letters” to members that they have been missed at meetings.

President Deepak noted that last week's meeting was a great meeting celebrating the Board's first 100 days. He added that many members were present and stayed after the meeting for the entertainment provided by Rtn Debasree Chatterjee's husband, Arindam and friend Dhruv.



Coming Club Events...



Come and meet
District Governor Jeff Yong

- DG Jeff Yong's official visit to the Club
- 2nd Club Assembly
- 30th October from 8.00pm to 9.30pm at Grand Hyatt Singapore



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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrant this week:

AG Jimmy Ooi

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Winston & Jolene Khoo
Toshiya & Atsuko Kimura
Dr Ekkehard & Dorothea Wiek

Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings
at Grand Hyatt Singapore
From 7.00pm to 8.00pm

YOUTH SERVICE:
Wednesday, 23 October

This Meeting

23 October 2019

Reception Desk duty: Alex Lega & Jean-Philippe Lionnet

Sunshine Box: Dr Tim Philippi & Paul Phua

Speakers: Mr Manoj Samtani, Ms Navisha Gupta & Ms Vinti Mittal

Topic: Social Media and the impact on Families



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Next Meeting

30 October 2019

**District Governor
Jeff Yong's Official Visit
&
2nd Club Assembly
Starting at 6.30pm for
registration**

Coming Rotary Events

October

Economic and Community Development Month

19 Oct – Little India Tour with 15 wheelchair bound residents from Sree Narayana Mission from 12.30 to 3.30pm

30 Oct – District Governor Jeff Yong's Official Visit to the Club & the 2nd Club Assembly

November

Rotary Foundation Month

14 Nov – FRCs Charity Movie Screening @ Shaw Theatres Lido 4

December

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January

Vocational Service Month

February

Peace and Conflict

Prevention/Resolution Month

March

Water and Sanitation Month



The Guide to Daily Living

The Four-Way Test

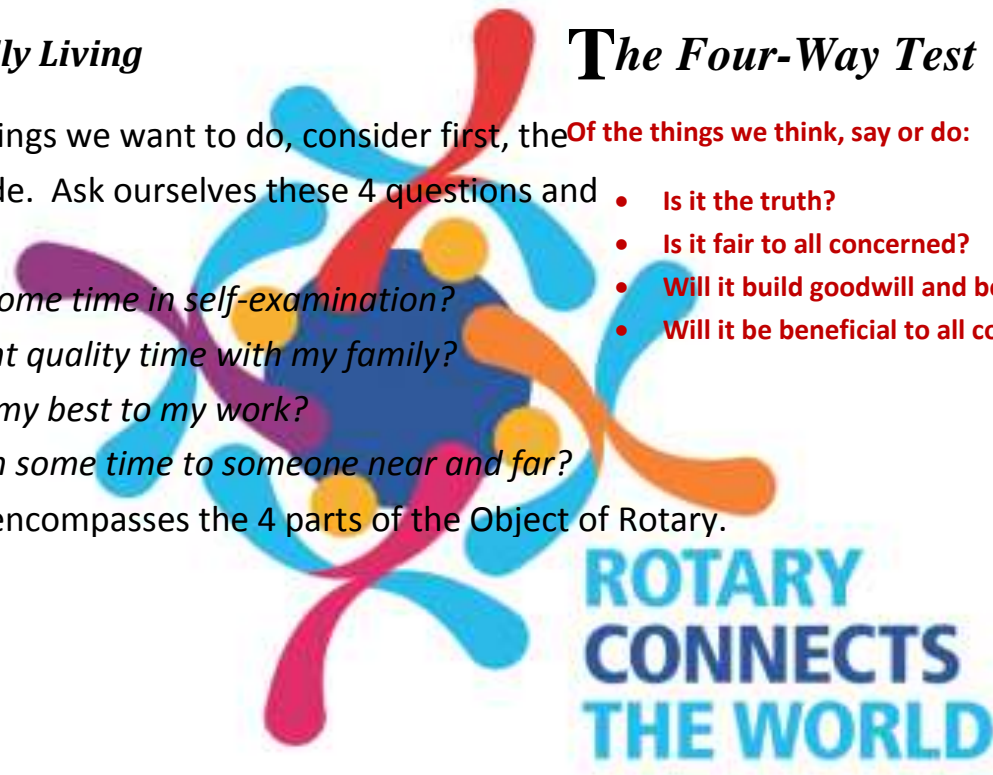
Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the **Of the things we think, say or do:**

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?

- 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, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019/2020

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