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**ROTARY DAY
AT THE
UNITED NATIONS**

"The United Nations is our one great hope for a peaceful and free world."
Ralph Bunche



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Presidential message

November 2019



Mark Daniel Maloney
President 2019-20

Rotary Day at the United Nations, which we celebrate each November, is an important reminder of the historic relationship between our organizations. But this year's event is even more important than usual, because we are building up to the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter in June 2020.

You might ask, why celebrate this anniversary? For Rotary, it is entirely appropriate, because we played such a critical leadership role in the San Francisco Conference that formed the United Nations in 1945. Throughout World War II, Rotary published materials about the importance of forming such an organization to preserve world peace.

Not only did Rotary help influence the formation of the UN, but this magazine also played a leading part in communicating its ideals. Rotary educated members about plans to create the UN through numerous articles in *The Rotarian* and through a booklet titled *From Here On!* When the time came to write the UN charter, Rotary was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco Conference.

Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International's 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the current and several past presidents, and the editor of *The Rotarian*. In addition, Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of or consultants to their own nations' delegations.

We have a deep and lasting relationship with the UN that deserves to be celebrated and appreciated. To recognize this relationship, Rotary will host five special events between now and June: Rotary Day at the UN in New York on the 9th of this month; three presidential conferences next year in Santiago, Chile, in Paris, and in Rome; and a final celebration just before the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu.

The focus on the UN in the year ahead is not only about the past; it also lights a path to our future. There are so many parallels between the work we do through our areas of focus and the work of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. While those goals are indeed incredibly ambitious, they provide inspiration and direction — and are similar to many Rotary goals, which have proven to create lasting, positive change in our world. The goals can be achieved, but only if undertaken with the same long-term commitment and tenacity that Rotary understands so well. Alone, we cannot provide clean water for all, we cannot eliminate hunger, we cannot eradicate polio. But together with partners like the United Nations, of course we can.

Please consider attending one of our five UN celebrations. I look forward to sharing news of these special events with you throughout the year.



Photos from Members...



"Down but not out", says Honorary Member Rtn Rewa Mirpuri (left) as he poses with Rtns Dr Irina Francken, Debasree Chakrabarti & Jasbir Koh at the ISC meeting on 20.11.19



Rtn Uttam Kripalani (2nd from left) and Rtn Nidhi Swarup founder Vice President and President of the Crohns and Colitis Society of Singapore receiving a donation of \$ 16555 from members of Rotary Club of Raffles City at their meeting on 5.11.19

Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 20 November 2019

OPENING REMARKS



*Hon Secretary
Shamin Vaswani*

The meeting was chaired by Honorary Secretary Rtn Shamin Vaswani, who warmly welcomed members to the Club's 20th meeting held on 20th November, whilst President Deepak was in Paris celebrating his 20th wedding anniversary!

WELCOME

Duty of welcoming Guests and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Jeff Rajeck:

Guests:

Speaker Dr Giulia Mennillo, Ms Shania & Krish Nagrani, Mrs Irene Henedige, Mrs Meera Keerthi, Mr Niels Maerkedahl (husband of Rtn Aarti Wadhwa)

Visiting Rotarians:

PPs Datuk Cham Kam Fatt & Uwe Ahrens – Kuala Lumpur Diraja

President Geoffrey Simmonds – Newport Pagnell, UK

Herve Couraye – Tokyo Kioicho

John & Katie Denning – Seminyak Bali

Sonali Sinha – Mumbai Queen's Necklace



Rtn Jeff Rajeck

TOAST



Toastmaster, International Service (ISC) Director Mamta Shahani was pleased to raise a toast to sister club, Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur Diraja. She invited PP Datuk Chan Kam Fatt to address the Club. PP Datuk Chan thanked Rtn Mamta for allowing both PP Datuk Uwe and himself to present their project at the earlier ISC meeting. He added his amazement at the number of projects from just one committee among so many countries. PP Datuk Chan hoped that the Club would support a project just across the border – his Club's BRDB Rotary Children's Residence in Kuala Lumpur.

Photo – Rtn Mamta, PP Uwe, PP Datuk Chan & Rtn Shamin (left to right)

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Last Week

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Photos from left to right: Rtn Shamin exchanged Club banners with Rtn Herve Couraye (RC Tokyo Kioicho), President Geoffrey Simmons (RC Newport Pagnell) and Rtns John & Katie Denning (RC Seminyak Bali)

CELEBRATING OUR ROTARIANS



Heartiest Congratulations to PP Alan Tan – his company, the Purple Sage Group won the Best Event Caterer 2019 at the recent The Special Event Asia



Last Week

Speakers: **Dr Giulia Mennillo**
Academic Deputy Convenor, Global Studies Programme at National University of Singapore

Topic: **“Technological Change and Sustainable Development”**



Rtn Horst Hagemann

Rtn Shamin called on Rtn Horst Hagemann to introduce the Speaker, Dr Giulia Mennillo. Rtn Horst advised that Dr Giulia is a fellow Rotarian from Rotary Club of Queenstown and just 10 weeks ago gave birth to her son. Rtn Dr Giulia is the Academic Deputy Convenor for the multi- and interdisciplinary Global Studies Programme at NUS, and Visiting Fellow at the Department of Political Science. She holds a Ph.D. in International Affairs and Political Economy from the University of St.Gallen, Switzerland. Rtn Dr Giulia held



Speaker, Rtn Dr Giulia Mennillo

research appointments at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University, and the University of Warwick. Her research and teaching interests are in the field of Global Political Economy, Finance, and Credit Rating Agencies.



Rtn Willi Hess with Rtn Dr Giulia

Rtn Dr Giulia's talk centred on the political economy of technological change and sustainable development. With ongoing globalization, global environmental and ecological challenges cannot be ignored any more by leaders in politics and business. Pursuing short-term interests at the cost of long-term sustainability destroys the material basis of the world we live in, jeopardizing the social fabric of societies and already creating conflict in several regions of the world. Whether the challenges will be addressed effectively will depend on a norm and mind-set change among key stakeholders including investors and consumers, but also on the international community's political willingness to find a compromise in terms of distributive justice and burden sharing of the adjustment costs. (A copy of Rtn Dr Giulia's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)



Rtn Willi Hess warmly thanked Rtn Dr Giulia for her in-depth talk and presented her with the Club's mementos.

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Coming Club Events...

SAVE THE DATE!

Rotary  **VIETNAM** 

DISTRICT 3310 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO

**Rotary GG Inspection &
Fellowship Trip to
Central Vietnam**

7 - 10 JAN 2020
DANANG - HUE

**Option to extend to Hoi An (10-12 Jan)*

GG # 1863930



- Classroom Based Library for Elementary Schools

GG # 1982710

- Chicken Rearing Program for Economic Livelihood

GG # 1746552

- Water & Sanitation for The Ethnic Minority Community



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ITINERARY MAIN PROGRAMME

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DAY 01, TUE 07 JAN 2020: SINGAPORE - DA NANG ARRIVAL - HUE (L/D)

09.15: Depart Singapore by MI632 for Da Nang

11.00: Arrive in Da Nang, transfer and lunch before drive to Hue. Reach Hue, check into hotel or those keen, visit the **Imperial Citadel** from where the Nguyen dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945. Some shopping time at the lively **Dong Ba** market

Overnight in Hue (IndoChine Palace Hue 5*)

Meals Lunch at Madame Lan restaurant - Vietnamese Cuisine
Dinner at Royal Park restaurant - Royal Feast Dinner

DAY 02, WED 08 JAN 2020: HUE FULL DAY - ROTARY GG 1746552 & 1982710 PROJECTS (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel & check out, meet PDG Do & transfer to **Vinh Thai commune, Phu Vang District**. Following lunch, transfer to **Huong Nguyen Commune**, A Luoi District, Thua Thien Hue Province (60 km far from Hue City). After that, return to hotel in Hue city.

Overnight in Hue (IndoChine Palace Hue 5*)

Meals Breakfast at hotel
Lunch hosted by Huong Nguyen Commune
Dinner at Y Thao restaurant - Vietnamese Cuisine

DAY 03, THU 09 JAN 2020: HUE - ROTARY GG 1863930 PROJECT (B/L/D) - DA NANG

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to **Cam Lo @ Quang Tri province** (90 km far from Hue City ~ 2 hrs' transfer by transportation). After that, return to Hue city for lunch and then transfer to Da Nang

Overnight in Da Nang (Hyatt Regency Da Nang Resort & Spa)

Meals Breakfast at hotel
Lunch at Full Moon restaurant - Vietnamese Cuisine
Dinner at Madame Lan restaurant - Vietnamese Cuisine

DAY 04, FRI 10 JAN 2020: DA NANG - SINGAPORE (B)

Breakfast and at leisure till check out & transfer to airport for flight home on MI631 dep 1150hrs.

Meal Breakfast at hotel

Hotel: Hue – Indochine Palace Hue
Da Nang – Hyatt Regency Da Nang Resort & Spa
Hoi An – Almanity Hoi An Wellness Resort

For those extending stay over the leisure weekend, see next page

DAY 04, FRI 10 JAN 2020: DA NANG – BA NA HILLS– MARBLE MOUNTAIN (B/L/D)



Breakfast at hotel, check out and depart for **Ba Na Hill Station**, at 1,500 msl 48km west of Da Nang. Visit **Old French Villas** enroute as well as **the suspension bridge, Nui Chua & the Mountain Peak** (at the height of 1,487m) where we take cable car to Vong Nguyet villa visiting Linh Ung Pagoda, Sakyamuni Buddha statue.

Then visit **Golden Bridge** located in Thien Thai Garden of Sun World Ba Na Hills at 1,414m above sea level. The bridge is connected to the Marseille and Bordeaux stations taking guests from the foot of the mountain of the French village to the flower garden. The bridge looking like a brilliant silk is 150 m in length, including 8 spans, the longest span being 21.2m.

Visit the **Fantasy Park - Ba Na Hills Fantasy Park**- third largest indoor amusement park in the world and free time around Ba Na Hill till we go down to the foot of mountain.

After lunch, transfer back to **Danang**. Enroute visit Marble Mountain "five elements mountains", a cluster of five marble (**Kim – metal; Moc – wood; Thuy – water; Hoa – fire; Tho – earth**) and limestone hills located in Ngu Hanh Son ward.

Overnight in Danang (Hyatt Regency Da Nang Resort & Spa)

Meals

Breakfast at hotel

Buffet Lunch in Bana Hill – Vietnamese Cuisine

Dinner at Full Moon restaurant or similar – Vietnamese Cuisine

DAY 05, SAT 11 JAN 2020: DA NANG – HOI AN – ANCIENT TOWN (B/L/D)

Breakfast and transfer to **Hoi an Ancient Town** for sights visiting **Family Chapel** built by prominent, merchant or official families as the center of ancestor worship, a Chinese style Pagoda or **Assembly Hall; Japanese Covered Bridge Pagoda** constructed in 1593 by Japanese community of Hoi An to link the Town with the **Chinese Quarter** across the stream, **Fukien Association temple, Ceramic Museum** and **Chua Ong Temple**.

Overnight in Hoi An (Almanity Hoi An Wellness Resort)

Meals

Breakfast at hotel

Lunch at Lantern restaurant or similar – Vietnamese Cuisine

Dinner at Home Villa Hoi An restaurant or similar – Vietnamese Cuisine

Distance

Hoi An - Danang: 35 km → 35 minutes' transfer

DAY 06, SUN 12 JAN 2020: HOI AN – DA NANG – SINGAPORE (B)

Breakfast & check out. At leisure time till transfer to Da Nang airport back to Singapore on MI639 Dep 1630hrs

Meal

Breakfast at hotel

Programme Cost

Programme (Land Only)	Cost Twin Share PP	Cost Single Room PP
Main Programme 4D3N (GG inspections)	SGD673	SGD973
Weekend Extension to Ba Na Hill and Hoi An (3D2N)	SGD463	SGD633

Notes

1. Please book your own air ticket online (current fare to Da Nang on SQ is \$435 (taxes ~ \$81)
2. Above cost is based on min 16 persons travelling and subject to availability of rooms. If we have more participants, we will work down and advise the cost
3. We prefer everyone to stay together at same accommodation for main programme but if you have own accommodation arrangements, you can deduct SGD298 from the main programme cost (twin share)
4. For booking, please contact AG Jimmy Ooi (rtmjimmyooi@gmail.com or 9844 6007)

03 Oct 2019



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY
11th DECEMBER 2019

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Hon Secretary Shamin Vaswani
Robert Schlesinger
Carlo Van Den Akker
Jayant Gadgil

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Dr M C Tong & Geh Min
Jayant & Smita Gadgil
Suresh & Anita Hathiramani
Vivek & Simmi Chhabra

Committee Meetings

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

YOUTH SERVICE:
Wednesday, 27 November

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Wednesday, 4 December

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Wednesday, 11 December

This Meeting

27 November 2019

Reception Desk duty: Matei Iurascu & Sunil Kalra
Sunshine Box: Uttam Kripalani, Louis Lim
Speaker: Ms Nur Hasibah Abu Bakar, Assistant Manager, Children in Care Service, Ministry of Social & Family Development
Topic: Be a Foster Parent. Foster Hope



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Next Meeting

4 December 2019

Reception Desk duty: Ivan Lew, Dr Suresh Mahtani
Sunshine Box: Noshir Mistri, Hassan Moosa
Speaker: Ms Lynette Lee, a pharmacist with 50 years experience
Topic: 7 Ways to Strengthen your Immune System

Coming Rotary Events

November
Rotary Foundation Month

December
Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

11 Dec – Annual General Meeting
13-15 Dec – Visit to Phnom Penh for the Opening Ceremony of the Khmer Sight Clinic, Cambodia

January
Vocational Service Month

7-10 Jan – Rotary GG Inspection & Fellowship Trip to Central Vietnam
29 Jan – 3rd Club Assembly

February
Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

March
Water and Sanitation Month



The Guide to Daily Living

The Four-Way Test

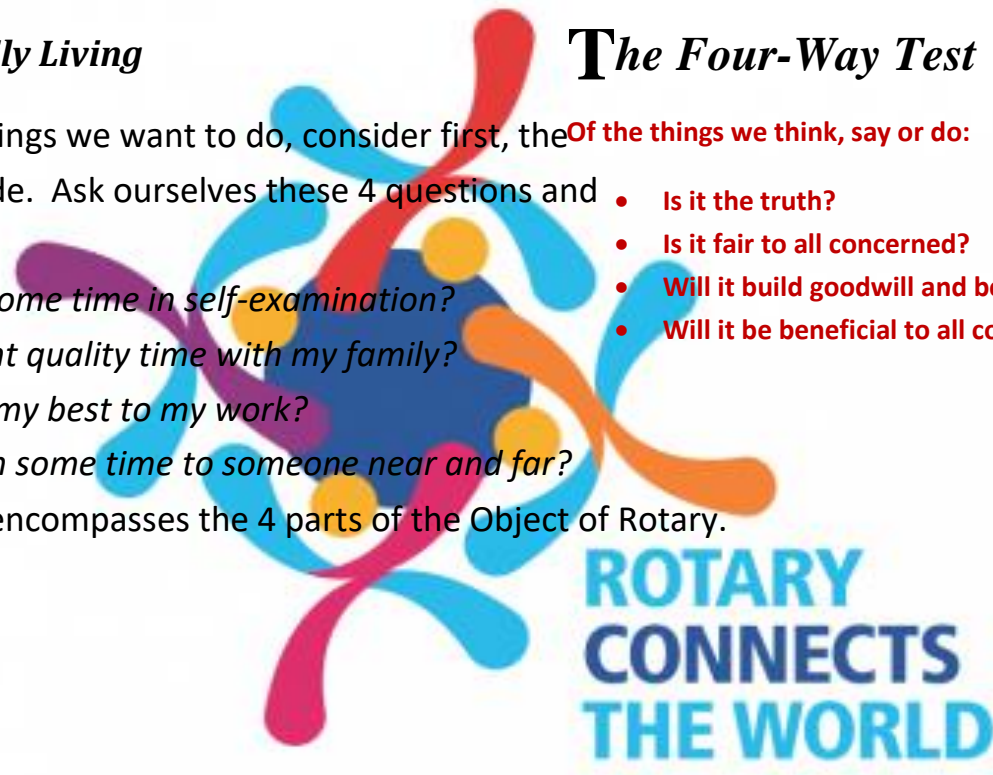
Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the **Of the things we think, say or do:**

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.



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