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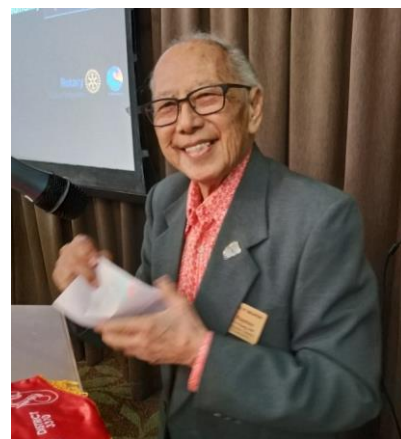
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## Have I Played My Part?

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



*HM PP Raymon Huang*

Time flies? It does, indeed. For it is already December.

It seemed just a while ago that President Deepak “celebrated” his first 100 days in office with several probing questions I asked which were answered with much aplomb. But no, for the first six months in Office, I shall not ask him any questions. Instead, it would be nice for us to ask ourselves some pertinent questions – and answer them with honesty.

The month of December marks the first six months of the current Rotary Year. December is a merry month, with lots of celebrations in the offing. The ding-dong of Christmas bells, the lilt of Christmas carols, the Christmas buntings illuminating the length and breadth of Orchard and adjacent roads, and the Christmas goodies galore in the shops. Apart from the greetings, the exchange of gifts is the order of the day. There will be the special prayer sessions. And the holidays abroad. What is so special about Christmas is that it is celebrated in one way or another by all Faiths. Then the Calendar New Year is exactly a week after Christmas, with Chinese New Year a hand-stretch away. So all in all, December is that special.

But celebrations apart, we need to prepare and sober up some time and think of our lives – what have we done and how have we done. Yes, some sober self-questioning, Examining oneself is always good.

Of course, there are all areas of life we could – and should – ask ourselves about ourselves. In this article, let us confine ourselves to Rotary, i.e. about our being Rotarians. That sounds easy! Well, at times, not quite!

Oh yes, there will be a lot of clinking of glasses among Rotarians. Partaking of lots of delicious X’mas fare, and great merry-making. However, as Rotarians we are always mindful of what is happening on the other side of the fence, and I am not talking about greener pastures across some fences. I am speaking about those arid places on the other side of a lot of fences; where the grass is withered, where our service to society is greatly needed.

We have all contributed, much or little, great and small, and mostly willingly. But there is need to make some assessment. Examples: How have I played my part so far? Could I have done better? What has prevented me from putting my best foot forward? Am I making a special effort where need is most? We, only ourselves, can answer such questions best.



# In Focus

Our world is sometimes so strange – peaceful, yet so much disquiet. Since World War II ended in 1945, we have enjoyed the longest “peace” period in history. But this peace has been punctuated, paradoxically, by small wars since the end of WWII. Tensions between nations are rife. Man, in his warring ways, has not really learnt the lessons of history – that battles hurt and kill, and cause untold attendant hardships and suffering.

Together with so many other organisations, Rotary has weighed in, in a big way to help alleviate suffering and want. The success of such efforts largely depends on the components of the efforts made, meaning the bodies that make the effort possible. In our case, Rotarians.

Both new and seasoned Rotarians are fully aware of the iconic core values we have, as enunciated in these three entrenched guiding Principles:

1. The Object of Rotary
2. The Four-way Test
3. The Guide to Daily Living

In diligently observing and practising them as we lend a helping hand, we help to make that difference to those who need our help.

Knowing something good and putting them into practice in our daily living are of course two different kettles of fish. It is in the latter aspect that we shine in our service unto others. True, not all of us have the same pace or capacity. Hence the question we can ask ourselves – “How have I done?” It is important that we ask ourselves this question frequently. It often jolts and jerks us up. It all boils down to the basic question, “Have I played my part?”

As we know, playing a part properly in any life drama is of the utmost importance. It can enhance its quality, effectiveness and enjoyment, or it can mar the whole thing.

Indeed, in the answer to that question, “Have I played my part?” lies the point we seek in this self-assessment. As the sounds of Christmas chimes become louder, spare some time soul searching.

***Happy Rotarying, Everyone!***  
***Merry Christmas***  
***and***  
***A Great New Year!***



# Photo Album of the Club's Christmas Meeting – 18.12.19



*From left: Rtn Vijai with his son & daughter, Shania Nagrani, Rtn Winston & Jolene Khoo*



*In the front row –  
Rtn Dr Devkumar Nair & his lovely family*



*From left: Rtn Jasbir Koh, PP Dr Shahul Hameed,  
visiting Rtn Rajiv Gupta, PP Dr Yap Lip Kee*



*From left: Mrs Seema Shah, Mrs Reshma Sujana, HM Mohan Vaswani, Rtns Hena Hoda, Bharat Mandloi, MM Patel & Atul Merchant (back to camera)*



# Photo Album of the Club's Christmas Meeting – 18.12.19



*Our special VIP Guests from Canossian School*



*From left: Mrs Irene Henedige, Rtn Jasbir, Mrs Rachael Yap, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bianca, PP Lip Kee & Mrs Irene Tan*



*Dancing to the Carols*



# Photo Album of the Club's Christmas Meeting – 18.12.19



*Joining the Carollers on stage*



*Can you recognise our very own  
Santa Claus – Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund?*



*Santa and his helper, Ms Christina Michael distributing gifts to  
the children*



*A photo with Santa – Mrs Rachael Yap, Santa Claus, Santa's new bride Shu Ying & Rtn Jasbir*



### OPENING REMARKS

President Deepak was pleased to welcome members, spouses, families and the 10 VIPs from the Canossian School to the Club's Christmas meeting which saw an overwhelming response!

### WELCOME

President Deepak called upon Rtn Jasbir Koh to collectively welcome the following guests and the sole visiting Rotarian:

#### Guests:

1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bianca, Krish & Shania Nagrani  
Ms Christina Michael, Principal of Canossian School  
Mrs Kawita Vaswani with her daughter, Pushpa and her family  
Mrs Ika Prayogo Nair and family  
Mrs Rachael Yap and son, Shi Wen  
Mrs Niharika Gulati and daughter Avinash  
Mrs Hannelore Hess and son Jonas, Ms Nanvoo Han  
Mrs Chiang Liew Chin, Mrs Shu Ying Dusemund, Mrs Irene Henedige, Mrs Meera Keerthi, Mrs Jolene Khoo, Mrs Alka Mandloi, Mrs Vatsala Mohandas, Mrs Seema Shah, Mrs Reshma Sujan, Mrs Irene Tan, Mrs Tracey Wang  
Prisha & Pranav Parwani (Rtn Vijai's children)  
Ms Emi Wee

#### Visiting Rotarian:

Rajiv Gupta – Mumbai Green City, India



*Rtn Jasbir Koh welcoming guests collectively as President Deepak looks on*

### TOAST TO A ROTARY CLUB & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

President Deepak called upon PP Dr Shahul Hameed to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Mumbai Green City represented by visiting Rotarian Rajiv Gupta. Prior to doing so, PP Dr Shahul invited Rtn Rajiv to address the Club.

Rtn Rajiv spoke of his club's key projects in education for children as well as its programme for the benefit of underprivileged infants in need of pediatric cardiac surgeries. He hoped that the Club would consider assisting in these projects.



*From left: President Deepak, PP Dr Shahul Hameed & Rtn Rajiv Gupta*

# Last Week

## EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*An exchange of banners with Rtn Rajiv from RC Mumbai Green City*



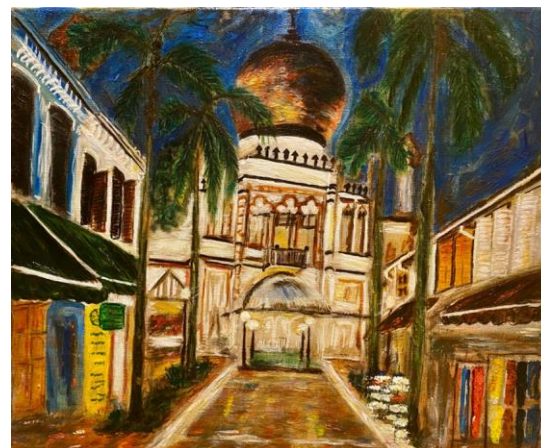
*Rtn Jasbir presented a banner from RC of Kohima, Nagaland to President Deepak. She advised that the Club would be looking at a possible sanitation project in Nagaland.*

## PAINTING PRESENTATION

President Deepak noted that Rtn Terry Lobaton has over the past 5 years donated her paintings which have collected over S\$40,000 for the Club's projects. He invited Rtn Terry to say a few words. Rtn Terry advised that whilst she and her family are overseas, they still maintain their home in Singapore. She added that she was grateful that her humble donation makes a big contribution by members of the Club through the auction. President Deepak advised that the painting would be auctioned at another meeting and the proceeds would be channelled to the Club's Swimathon event on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.



*Rtn Terry Lobaton with President Deepak*

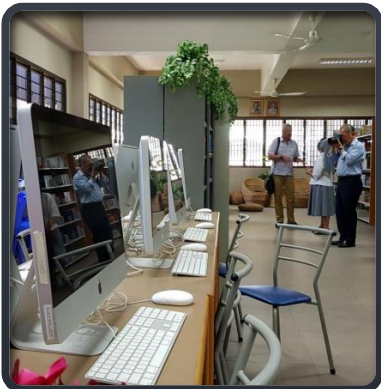


*A close up look at Rtn Terry's painting of the Sultan Mosque at Kampong Glam*

# Last Week

## RECAP OF CLUB PROJECTS

President Deepak shared the following photos of the Club's recent projects in Cambodia and India. More details of the projects will be feature in the coming issues of the bulletin.



*Computers for Don Bosco Foundation in Phnom Penh*



*Dental chairs for Khmer Sight Foundation*



*From left: PP Stan Low, PE Dinesh Sharma, Rtn Daniel Beyeler received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Khmer Sight Foundation officials*



*ISC Director Mamta Shahani (from left - 3<sup>rd</sup> in the front row) at the inauguration of the water harvesting project in Pimpalpad Palghar, Maharashtra, India. The ISC members donated US\$4,000 towards this project*



# Last Week

## COMING PROJECTS IN JANUARY 2020



President Deepak reminded members of the Joint Community (CSC) and Vocational (VSC) Service Committees' meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 8 January 2020 from 7.00-8.00pm at the usual venue – Hyatt.**

He added that the joint meeting was apt, because following this meeting the two committees would be undertaking the Clean Hands Project. The VSC would have the Hygiene Certification carried out on **11 January at Shatec** and CSC would conduct Service with Hygiene Certification on **18 January at APSN.**

For more details, please contact VSC Director Stuart Pearce or CSC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen.

## MEMBER GET MEMBER PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

Members were reminded of the need to get more members to the Club, and President Deepak called on members' support to rejuvenate the Club by recommending prospective candidates. As an incentive, President Deepak added that the group would be hosted to dinner at the meeting when their candidate gets inducted to the Club and the Board would provide a bottle of champagne for the group.

## 63<sup>rd</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> Global Grants Approved

President Deepak was pleased to announce that the Club received approval of its 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Global Grants as follows. He further added a big "Thank You" to PP Dr Shahul Hameed – the Club's GGG (Global Grant Guru)!

**63<sup>rd</sup> GG 1988597** – for Rotary Eye Hospital Hooghly, India Equipment & 1000 IOLs for USD \$92,778  
Primary Contact: PP Tapan Rao, in collaboration with RC Bugis Junction

**64<sup>th</sup> GG1989525** – for purchasing Equipment & 500 IOLs for Rotary Buxar and Aurangabad Hospitals, Bihar, India for a total cost of USD \$54,558. Primary Contact: PP Tapan Rao

## CELEBRATING OUR ROTARIANS & GUESTS...

President Deepak invited birthday celebrants to come on stage to cut the birthday cake.

From right: Rtn Suresh Keerthi, Director Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah, Krish (President Deepak's son), Ms Christina Michael, Principal of Canossian School & President Deepak.



## Carollers from St Therese Choir Church of the Holy Spirit



PP Perlita Tiro

PP Perlita Tiro had the pleasure of introducing the team of Carollers from her parish, the Church of the Holy Spirit. The Carollers from the St Therese Choir are:

**Gail Belmonte** – is an Alumna of La Salle School of Fine Arts. She is music teacher and was a Singapore Got Talent finalist a few years back.



From left: Mr Al Dizon, Ms Gail Belmonte, Ms Cassandra Sim, Mr Leslie Tolson & Shane

**Cassandra Sim** - is the big voice in the choir's alto section. A product of the Music Elective Programme at Temasek Junior College, she is an NUS graduate, and is active in the local choral circles. **Leslie Tolson** – holds a Doctorate in Music, and is an award-winning pianist. He is one of the choir's pianists and lead tenors. **Shane** – is the principal percussion player at the ITE Central's concert band and aspires to be a Catholic priest someday.



From left: Dir James, President Deepak, the Carollers & PP Perlita

And finally, PP Perlita's long-time friend who could not say no to her invitation, is music and choir director **Al Dizon** who played the guitar. Another NUS graduate, in Economics & Statistics, Al is a journalist and a lecturer. He shared the love of music with PP Lim Swee Kim of Rotary Club of Suntec City, starting with the music fraternity at the Raffles Hall of NUS. PP Perlita added that she was especially grateful to Al for choosing to be with the Club, instead being with his 3-month old granddaughter who just arrived in Singapore from Kobe, with his daughter and son-in-law.

Members had an enjoyable evening listening to the Carollers' lovely renditions of old and new Christmas songs.

To extend the Club's vote of thanks, President called upon Director James Lee.

# Book of Humour Christmas Promotion

## Offer Closes on 31 December 2019

**JOKES  
THAT WILL MAKE  
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS  
LAUGH AND LAUGH.  
(And that's no joke)**



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Bring smiles and laughter to your family, friends and business associates this Christmas and support a worthy cause... for a cost of a greeting card, you could present a gift - **Book of Humour / Best of Humour / Bank of Humour!**

For this Holiday Season, a special one-time offer is extended to all Rotarians at a promotional rate of **S\$6.00 per copy** (normal price is \$10.00) subject to a minimum order of 10 copies, for any of the three abovementioned books. The offer of **S\$15.00 for a set of 3 titles** is subject to minimum order of 10 sets at this price.

**Free Hot Stamping for minimum 100 copies or more.**



Don't wait! Offer ends on 31 December 2019. Place your orders now with Honorary Member (HM) Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri at email [rewamirpuri@gmail.com](mailto:rewamirpuri@gmail.com)

Yours in Rotary  
HM Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri  
Rotary Club of Singapore



## 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



**FOR DETAILS, CONTACT AG JIMMY OOI AT  
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## Invitation from Sister Club...



**Taichung Tatong 31<sup>st</sup> Charter Anniversary**  
Rotary Club 台中大同扶輪社

**Rotary**

The Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong  
requests the pleasure of your presence  
at its 31st Charter Anniversary Ceremony  
on  
Sunday, January 12, 2020  
at  
The Windsor Hotel Taichung  
Windsor Square, 4F  
610 Sec. 4 Taiwan Boulevard Taichung, Taiwan

Registration & Cocktail 5:20 pm  
Seating of Guests 6:00 pm  
Program & Dinner 7:00 pm

Registration Fee : NTD\$ 1,000

Recommended Dress :  
Ladies / Formal or Semi-Formal  
Men / Black Tie or Dark Business Suit

**Taichung Tatong 31<sup>st</sup> Charter Anniversary**  
Rotary Club

Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong  
President *Jess*  
Secretary *Joy*  
Charter Chair *Uro*



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants these two weeks:**

Tina Tang Ming, Xerxes Medora,  
Hon Member PP Alfred Wong,  
PP P Balachandran, Suresh Keerthi  
Debasree Chakrabarti, Roland Jossi,  
PP Peter Tan, Dr Hoh Sek Tien,  
Mandy Pascual, Suresh Hathiramani,  
Asheesh Khaneja, Elizabeth Choo,  
Vivek Chhabra

## Meetings Cancelled

**25 December 2019  
&  
1 January 2020**

**Weekly Meetings are  
cancelled in view of  
Christmas &  
New Year  
public holidays**

## Next Meeting

**8 January 2020**

**Reception Desk duty:** Pia Bruce,  
Sylvia Chung

**Sunshine Box:** Adnan Ansari,  
Anindya Dutta

**Speaker:** Mr Kurt Wee

**Topic:** Outlook 2020

## Anniversary Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:**

PDG Dr Philbert & Mary Chin  
PP Keith & Rachel Harrison  
Matei & Sejin Iurascu  
Rob & Agnes Schlesinger  
Louis & Amabel Lim  
Willi & Hannelore Hess



## GIFT OF LIFE

**Children with cardiac problems  
to get help from Rotary's District  
3300 & 3310**

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

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tel: 6241 9157 or  
email: [rewamirpuri@gmail.com](mailto:rewamirpuri@gmail.com)

## Committee Meetings

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

### YOUTH SERVICE:

**Wednesday, 25 December**  
Meeting cancelled in view of  
public holiday - Christmas

### COMMUNITY & VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

**Wednesday, 8 January**

## Coming Rotary Events

### December

**Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**

### January

**Vocational Service Month**

**7-10 Jan** – Rotary GG Inspection & Fellowship Trip to Central Vietnam

**12 Jan** – Sister Club, Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong's 31<sup>st</sup> Charter Anniversary at The Windsor Hotel Taichung

**29 Jan** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly

### February

**Peace and Conflict**

**Prevention/Resolution Month**

### March

**Water and Sanitation Month**

### April

**Maternal & Child Health Month**

### May

**Youth Service Month**

**1 May** – Swimathon

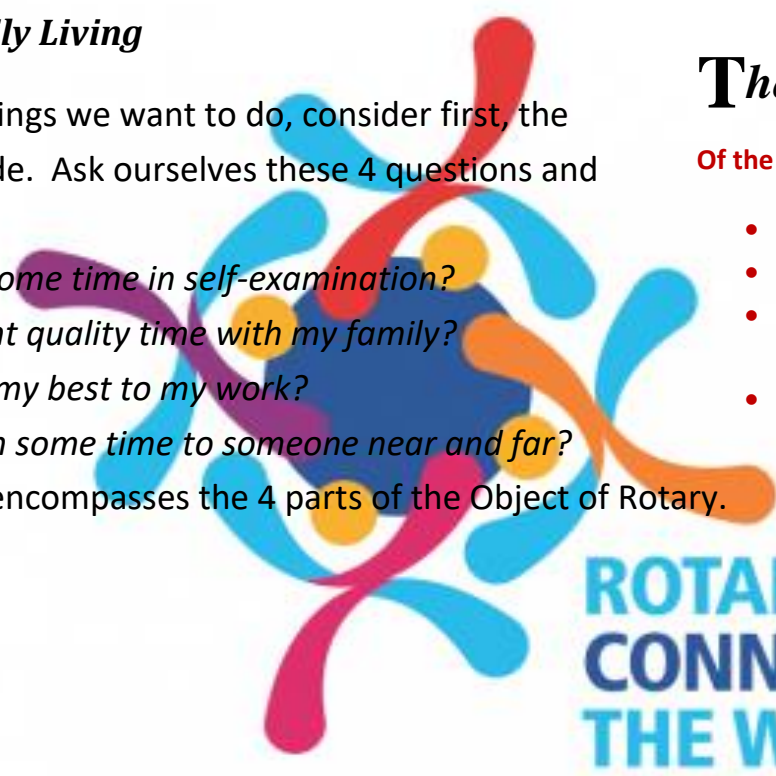


# The Guide to Daily Living

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.



# 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?

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