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"The only unique feature of Rotary is vocational service; everything else that we do is repeated by some other organization."

Past RI President 1945-46 T.A. Warren



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“We Are Classified”

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



HM PP Raymon Huang

We are? Confidential? Top secret?

No – not in that sense. We are talking about being members of Rotary. In this respect, we are “classified”. I quote: “Virtually all membership of Rotary is based on a classification. Basically a classification describes the distinct and recognised business or professional service that the Rotarian renders society.” So in determining a classification it is necessary to look at the “principal or recognised business or professional activity of the firm, company or institution” of the Rotarian. He or she is classified vis-à-vis his or her activity rather than position in the organisation. Thus even if he or she is the President of a bank, his or her classification will be “Banking”, not “Bank President”. But “Banking” can be separated or sub-divided into many distinct functions.

The Classification Principal serves to ensure that “each Rotary club represents a cross-section of the business and professional services of the community.”

In this RI designated “**Vocational Service Month**” of January, it is good to be reminded of how we are banded together as Rotarians, apart from the other qualities. In Rotary, the various flagships and clarion calls are interrelated in a seamless connection. So Vocational Service is the Second Avenue of Service in the Object of Rotary, which says:

“High ethical standards in business and profession, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupation as an opportunity to serve society.”

The object of Rotary sets out and emphasizes, and fosters, the notion of “the ideal of service”.

Vocational Service – it is stated that “no aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one’s vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians, and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work”. In this respect, Vocational Service offers a whole range and vista of developmental opportunities – sharing occupational information, giving career guidance, making vocational choices. These are but a few of the life fundamentals the younger generations need as they go out into the world. Out there, as most of us of the older generation know fully well, life can be such a scrummage! So the more useful information and guidance the young guy gets, the more prepared he is for the tussle.

Rotary recognises the dignity of all occupations not just merely expressing it as a flag-bearer, but actually rewarding the outstanding ones, be they cleaners, cobblers, taxi drivers or any artisan. Each and every year, our Club is actively engaged in this recognition and reward. And as we enter the new year 2020 and the second half of the Rotary Year

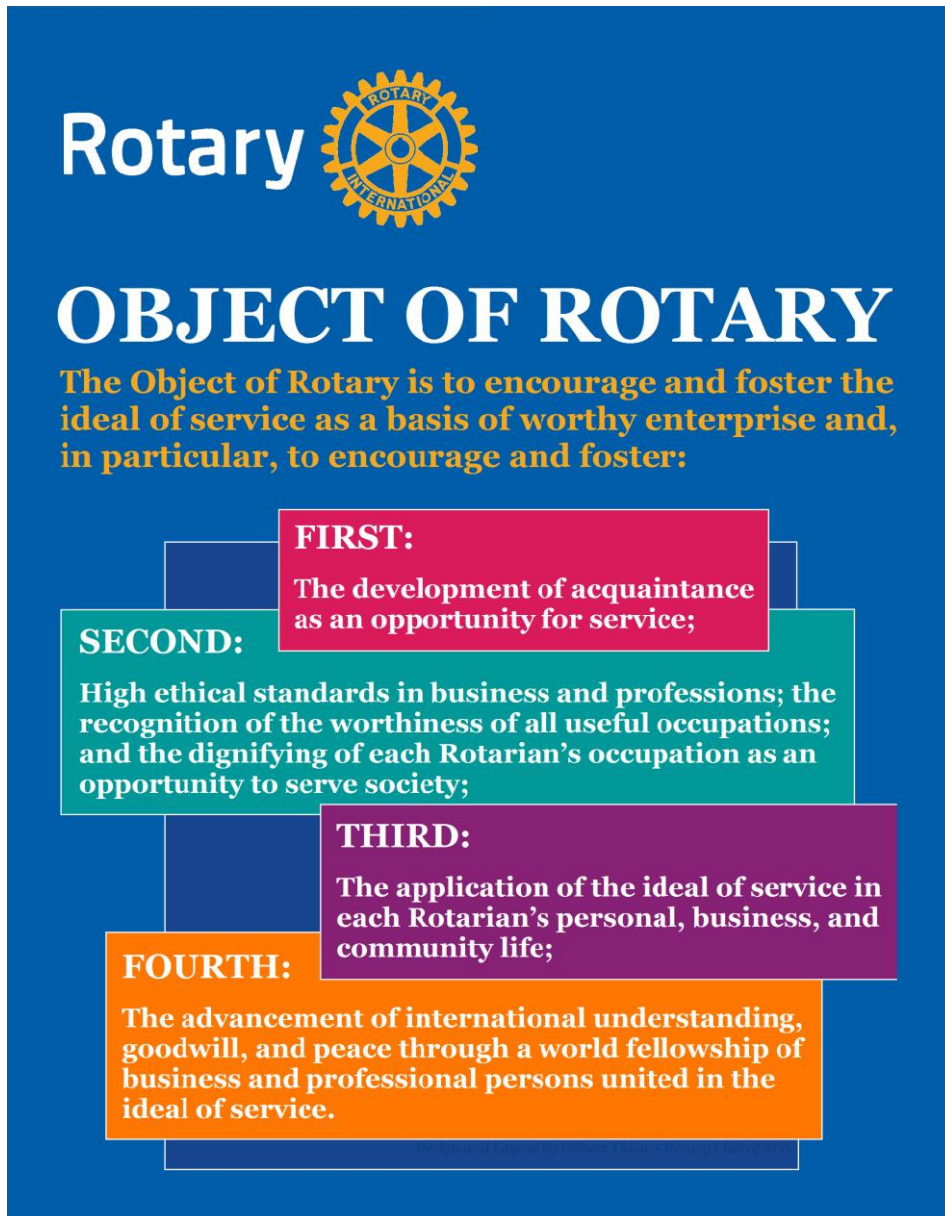


In Focus

2019/2020, this search to recognise and reward outstanding workers heightens. This act of recognising the dignity of employment, by honouring exemplary service of individuals working in the community. The recognition goes much further than the reward. The encouragement it offers and the dignity it bestows are invaluable.

Vocational Service can be expressed in so many ways. Whatever and whichever this may be done, it is Rotary's flag that always flies high in all Rotarians' pursuits as a member of this great organisation. Thus, it is emphasized, "that's why the Second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary Club".

Gong Xi Fa Cai, everyone!



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 15 January 2020

OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was opened by acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Bertrand De Mil who invited President Deepak to take the Chair. President Deepak thanked members for their attendance and celebration of the Club's 26th meeting and warmly welcomed members' spouses, potential members and PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan.

WELCOME

President Deepak called upon Rtn Ujjal Nandi to extend the welcome Guests and visiting Rotarians, and advised that it was the first time Rtn Ujjal was doing so.

Guests:

Speaker, Ms Cheong Suk-Wai

1st Lady Bianca & Krish Nagrani, Mrs Chiang Liew Chin, Mrs Irene Henedige, Mrs Laxmi Kripalani, Mrs Kawita Vaswani, Ms Yenney Ang, Mrs Adrienne Ashley, Mrs Usha Srikanth, Ms Samina Khan, Ms Larisa Nagra Singh, Ms Sangeet Growa & Mr Howard Yan

Visiting Rotarians:

PP David Ashley – Stafford Castle, England

PE Rajan Srikanth – Chennai Upscale, India

Brent Nicholson - Queenstown



Rtn Ujjal Nandi

TOAST TO A ROTARY CLUB & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Toastmaster, Rtn Jeff Rajeck invited visiting PP David Ashley to address the Club. Rtn Jeff noted that PP David had actually visited other clubs in Singapore but it was the first time to our Club. He advised that the Rotary Club of Stafford Castle was 32 years old and has 50 members.

Rtn Jeff invited members to join him in a toast to the Rotary Club of Stafford Castle coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



From left: President Deepak, Rtn Jeff & PP David



Last Week

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



President Deepak handed a Club banner to PP David, who reciprocated by presenting his club's pen to Pres. Deepak



Visiting PE Rajan Srikanth from RC Chennai Upscale addressing the Club

RECAP OF CLUB PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

VSC/CSC Clean Hands Project - President Deepak congratulated the 13 Rotarians, family and friends who defined "Service Above Self" and attended the full day session for Hygiene Certification at SHATEC on Saturday, 11 January. He presented a video of this Clean Hands project which also featured interviews with participants – Rtns Bertrand De Mil, Miha Hribernik and Ujjal Nandi.



Class in session at SHATEC



PP Perlita Tiro with the Cambodia Bike project beneficiaries

RC Singapore's Participation in the Cambodia Bike Project – President Deepak showed some photos (courtesy of PP Perlita Tiro) of RC Sentosa Cambodia Bike Project held from 7-10 January with the distribution of 1000 bikes to most deserving students among 120 schools in Siem Reap, who would normally walk 1-2 hours each way to school. Some students walk barefeet on long dusty roads to reach school. 300 bicycles were reserved for disabled kids. Club donors for this project were PPs Perlita Tiro, PP Dr Shahul Hameed and Rtn Dr Irina Francken.



Last Week

RECAP OF CLUB PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES...contd.

ISC Core Major Project Recce - President Deepak reported that together with PN/VP See Mee Lee and ISC Director Mamta Shahani, they made a recce trip to Desa Gulinten, Karangasem, Bali on 13 January. The visit was to check on the possible ISC Major Project to provide water accessibility to 3 villages and create a lasting change to the lives of about 600 people. President Deepak showed a brief video of the recce trip and advised that a Club visit would be planned for mid May.



PN/VP Mee Lee (left) with ISC Director Mamta

MEMBER GET MEMBER PROGRAMME

President Deepak urged members to give their support by recommending prospective candidates in order to rejuvenate the Club to make it strong and more vibrant. He added that Club members were divided into 25 WhatsApp groups to work on improving the diversity of vocations and classification in the Club.

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.

RCS PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

Members were encouraged to submit their photos of “Rotary in Action” which was launched last week, and President Deepak reminded members of the photo submission guidelines as follows:

- Submit your best 5 photos of the event that tell a story or show Rotary in Action (avoid photos of Rotarians posing)
- Use the Dropbox link provided (simply select and add photos from your phone)
- Submit medium to large JPEG files to enable cropping (if required)
- Some post-processing for white balance and exposure will help
- Deadline to upload is 10 days after the event

Please do share your photos!



Speaker: Ms Cheong Suk-Wai

Topic: “Singapore is Forever”



Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund

President Deepak called on Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund to introduce the Guest Speaker, Ms Cheong Suk-Wai who is a lawyer by training and a writer by choice. Ms Cheong has had a varied career, as a construction litigator, a journalist and a public servant, has enabled her to plumb the breadth and depth of human experience for her six books to date. As a construction lawyer, she advised on the key Jurong Island accounts ExxonMobil, Sumitomo Chemical and Shell and also the many projects of Jurong Town Corporation (JTC).



Speaker, Ms Cheong Suk-Wai

Most recently, she was the architect of The EDB Storybank for the Singapore Economic Development Board; this Storybank was commended by the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Communications and Information. As a journalist with The Straits Times from 1999 till 2017, she won 32 national and international journalism awards, including from the Society of Publishers in Asia in 2004 for her coverage of Singapore's SARS crisis. She also anchored the award-winning column Table Talk, along with nine other columns on current affairs, living with purpose and extraordinary Singaporeans. Since 2013, she has run two popular national book clubs, first at the National Library Board (NLB) and now at The Arts House, drawing crowds of up to 300 readers per session. The Singapore Book Council, the Singapore Writers' Festival and NLB often tap her for her skills as a moderator and for her ideas on promoting literacy and good writing.



From left: President Deepak, PP Perlita Tiro & Ms Cheong

Ms Cheong Suk-Wai spoke about her newly launched book, *The Sound Of Memories*, which weaved the stories of 180 Singaporeans from all walks of life into the answer as to why Singapore is a miracle – and why it will likely exist forever. She encouraged members to log in to the National Archives of Singapore to listen to the oral history archives which touched on various aspects of Singapore's past. Ms Cheong shared many compelling stories from her book which she added was her love letter to the nation, and to commemorate 50 years of the National Archives of Singapore.

President Deepak called on PP Perlita Tiro who warmly thanked Ms Cheong for sharing the hard times that Singapore went through to reach where we are now. PP Perlita added that members too have their own personal stories to contribute to these memoirs, and in fact the Club itself would have a long list of projects undertaken over the years, contributing to the development of Singapore, which could be written about some time.

Coming Club Events...



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants these two weeks:

Brigida Ranieri
Louis Lim
Sylvia Chung
Brigitte Holtschneider

This Meeting

22 January 2020

Reception Desk duty: Andreas Duerst, Alex Lega
Sunshine Box: AG Jimmy Ooi, PP J K Ong

Speaker: Mr Mardianto "Mark" Adiguno, Business Regional Manager, Aegis Packaging Pte Ltd
Topic: "Do Right, Do Good, Do Well" (Innovative, eco-friendly coating for packaging industry)

Next Meeting

29 January 2020

3rd Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2019-2020
Starting at 6.30pm for registration.

STRICTLY NO guests and visitors are allowed to participate in the Club Assembly, but they can attend the fellowship and dinner after the Club Assembly is over at about 8.45 pm.

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Alex & June Lega
Horst & Debra Hagemann
PP J K Ong & Beng Hoo

Committee Meetings

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

YOUTH SERVICE:
Wednesday, 22 January

President Deepak and the Board of Directors wish all members Happy & Prosperous Lunar New Year!



May the Year of the Rat bring you good luck & good fortune.
Happy Chinese New Year 2020

Coming Rotary Events

January

Vocational Service Month

29 Jan – 3rd Club Assembly & Club's CNY celebrations

February

Peace and Conflict

Prevention/Resolution Month

14 Feb – Vocational Visit to Kris Labs

15 Feb – Rotary India's Centennial celebrations

15 Feb – CSC Relay for Life

23 Feb – World Understanding & Peace Day

29 Feb – CSC Eye Screening at Singapore Christian Home

29 Feb – VSC Junior Engineers programme

March

Water and Sanitation Month

5 Mar – Cage Cricket Fellowship

31 Mar – Nominations close for the Artisan of the Year 2020

April

Maternal & Child Health Month

May

Youth Service Month

1 May – Swimarathon

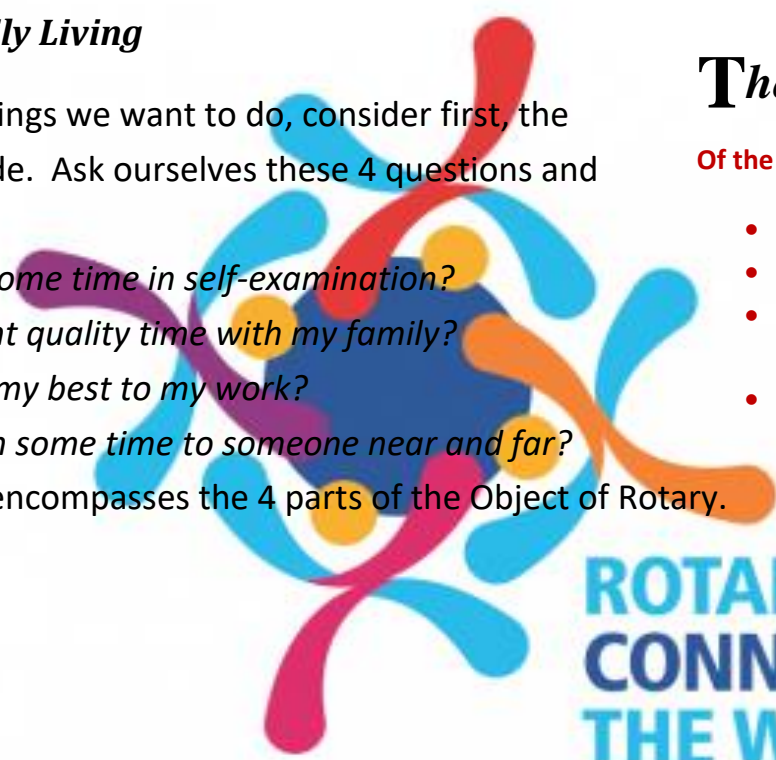


The Guide to Daily Living

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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