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FEBRUARY IS

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

"Imagine all the people living life in peace..."

John Lennon



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War & Peace & Rotary

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



HM PP Raymon Huang

War? It has been going on in various places since time immemorial.

Peace? Really one of the hardest and most elusive commodities to find.

Rotary? We know its part in fostering goodwill, peace and harmony.

Indeed, each and every Rotary Year, Rotary focusses in a very special way concerted efforts to promote peace wherever there is conflict. This month of February is designated by Rotary International as **“Peace and Conflict Resolution Month”**. There is a special reason for the choice of the month of February. It marks the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on 23 February 1905, which date is designated **“World Understanding and Peace Day”**.

This date is one of the most significant in the Rotary calendar. Its observation is a special event each year. It serves to emphasize Rotary’s continuing efforts to help bring about peace in areas of conflict. And the effort involves the active participation of Rotarians, their families and friends. The little drops of water together form oceans of goodwill. These efforts take so many different forms – meeting programmes and activities that emphasize “understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace”; special Speakers; international activities between local and overseas Rotary clubs, etc.

Singapore Rotary Clubs celebrate this very auspicious occasion with a special dinner hosted by the Presidents, at the Conrad Centennial, on 23 February 2020. The Guest of Honour will be H.E. Alade Akinremi Bolaji, Head of Mission, High Commission of Nigeria. **(Postponed)**

The “Month” encourages every club to “pause, plan and promote the **Fourth Avenue of Service**” (in The Object of Rotary), which enunciates “Rotary’s continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world”.



In Focus

Man's warring ways have often put the entire globe in jeopardy. These past many decades the world has experienced near-nuclear wars and untold devastation through man's reckless actions. Cuba, North Korea, Iraq, just to name three, were all near misses. And now Iran, with the killing of its top General. An escalation of the current tensions can be disastrous and devastating for so many. The "peace" at present is so fragile. There is an intense conflict within this "peace". And the resolution of the conflict and making peace a reality is very difficult. True, ever since the end of WWII, the world has had the longest "peace" ever. But, as we all know, all along this long period of "peace", wars have been raging in so many hot-spots. Conflicts have been occurring all the time. Resolving these wars have seemed to be an impossible task. Yet plod on, we must.

And the result of these conflicts? Lots of suffering: displaced people, millions of them; starving children; refugees, driven from their homes; destruction and decimation; the list of needless despair goes on, and on.

This is where Rotary plays a major role. Its efforts to alleviate these burdens are well-known. On a large scale too, because we engage these issues in conjunction with related organisations in government, NGO's and Rotary related bodies. Even on our own, our Club has done so, so much in this direction. While charity begins at home, it should not stop there. Indeed, it has not. So many members have gone that extra mile, and more, bringing and giving that extra smile that promotes goodwill and peace.

Our blue planet is bruised and scarred with little sores caused by regional conflicts. While these regional conflicts may seem confined and contained, their potential to conflagrate into bigger wars is alarming. The "world peace" we enjoy today is so relative. To be frank – at least in my personal opinion – the resolution of these conflicts is beyond Rotary. It is the promotion of goodwill and peace that is a speciality of ours, especially understanding. It is a journey of a thousand miles, but we took our first step of this journey 115 years ago, in 1905.

So as we observe "**Peace & Conflict Resolution Month**" and "**World Understanding & Peace Day**" this February month, let us always bear in mind the needy, the less fortunate, the hungry, and the sick. Let us put a special emphasis in our efforts to help them. In these efforts, understanding and goodwill are passed on, and hopefully peace is promoted.



The Club's First Webinar...

The Club, in its 90th year, made history tonight (12 February 2020) by hosting its first online webinar ever! In lieu of cancelling our weekly meetings due to the epidemic, our diligent Community Service Director Dr Chan Siew Luen invited eminent medical epidemiologist and infectious disease specialist Associate Professor (A/Prof) Steven Ooi and A/Prof Hsu Li Yang respectively, who kindly demystified all our concerns and questions on the Coronavirus. Rtn Dr Chan, Club President Deepak and ebullient VP/PN See Mee Lee found it a privilege to organize the timely and illuminating webinar for so many Rotarians from our Club and District.

Big thanks to Dr Chan and Mee Lee who found the opportunity to serve our Rotarians and the community despite the challenges. Bigger thanks goes to all the Rotarians who took the time and effort to log in and overwhelmingly support that event. You make our Club proud. Stay safe. — By President Deepak Nagrani



Webinar Poster



A/Profs Hsu Li Yang & Steven Ooi (left to right)



Webinar in session



From left: PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, VP/PN See Mee Lee, A/Prof Hsu Li Yang, A/Prof Steven Ooi, President Deepak & CSC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen





KEY EVENTS

POSTPONED Friends of the VSC Special Meeting 12th Feb

ONLINE! RCS 'the Wuhan Virus' Webinar 12th Feb

POSTPONED VSC Visit to Kris Labs 14th Feb

Rotary India Centennial 14 - 17 Feb

CANCELLED CSC Relay for Life 15th Feb

POSTPONED VSC Conversations 22nd Feb

POSTPONED World Understanding & Peace Day 23rd Feb

POSTPONED VSC Junior Engineers 29th Feb

POSTPONED Fellowship Happy Hour @ 4 points 29th Feb

Dine in Silence Special CSC Club Meeting 4th Mar

Cage Cricket Fellowship Event 5th March

POSTPONED VSC - ICC Major Project Event 21st Mar

VSC Mental Aid Course 28th Mar to 11 Apr

POSTPONED Distas 28th Mar

Nominations Close for Artisan of the Year 2020 31st Mar



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**ROTARY SWIMARATHON
& FAMILY DAY
FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2020
8AM TO 3PM**



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

PP Sajjad Akhtar
VSC Director Stuart Pearce
Jean-Philippe Lionnet

This Meeting

19 February 2020

Speaker: Our member, Rtn. Miha Hribernik, Head of Asia Risk Analysis, Verisk Maplecroft.

Topic: "World Understanding & Peace: What does 2020 have in store?"

Next Meeting

26 February 2020

Youth Service Committee (YSC) & Club's Weekly Meetings

To be advised

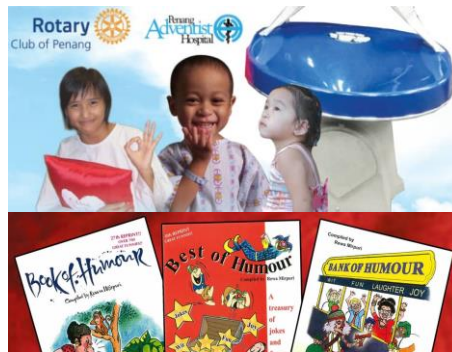
Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Hassan & Amrita Moosa
Omkar & Shanti Shrestha
T K Chew & Mary
Amit & Seema Chatterjee

Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings to be advised closer to the dates of the meetings.



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Coming Rotary Events

February

Peace and Conflict

Prevention/Resolution Month

23 Feb – World Understanding & Peace Day (Postponed)

29 Feb – VSC Junior Engineers prog. (Postponed)

March

Water and Sanitation Month

4 Mar – Dine in Silence Special CSC Meeting

5 Mar – Cage Cricket Fellowship

21 Mar – YSC – ICC Major Project event (Postponed)

28 Mar – 11 Apr – YSC Mental Aid Course

28 Mar – District Assembly (Postponed)

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

April

Maternal & Child Health Month

16-18 Apr – ISC Major Project in Bali Progress Visit

19 Apr – CSC Business Plan Clinic

24 Apr – VSC MasterChef Dinner

25 Apr – Rotary-SRT Cyberbullying event (Postponed)

29 Apr – 4th & last Club Assembly

May

Youth Service Month

1 May – Swimathon

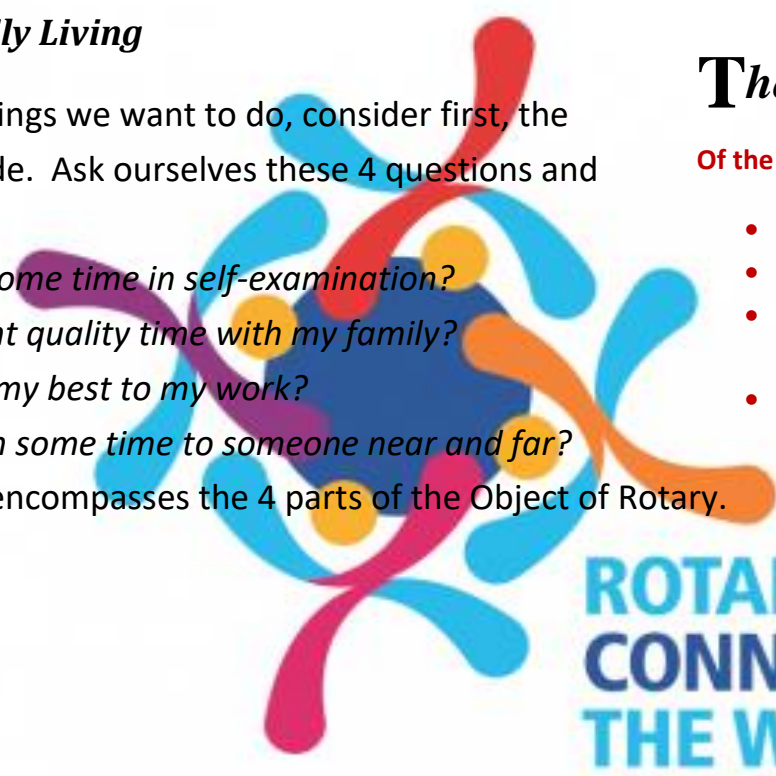


The Guide to Daily Living

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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