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WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

"Clean water..... is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives."

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A Basic Human Right

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



HM PP Raymon Huang

Clean water. Yes, that is what it is. But not everyone is afforded or accorded this right. To bring out this issue and to focus upon it, Rotary International has designated the month of March as **“Water & Sanitation Month”**.

It does seem out of place for us in Singapore to talk about having clean water and good sanitation. Redundant. Because we have it all at our finger tips – water to drink straight from the tap and flush systems that work. Indeed, we are fortunate to be in this First World state.

But there are countless other countries not as lucky as us. Even our close neighbours. These are places where Rotary and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) comes in, in a great way.

We – everyone – know that clean water, good sanitation and hygiene are “basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life”. People who have access to clean water have less to fear about water borne diseases. They are generally healthier. In so many Third World countries a lot of time is spent collecting water from rivers and common wells, in many cases quite distant from their houses. If piped water were provided, the time saved could be spent with the family.

Rotary’s WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Programme is aimed towards all that. In partnership with local and district clubs, government agencies, NGO’s, UNICEF, World Vision and the Red Cross – in the process overcoming religious and sectarian divides – Rotary and TRF help to provide the means to have access to safe, clean water and sanitation in so many countries. Local fund-raising and TRF grants facilitate the successful implementation of such programmes. Countries like Ghana, Uganda, Madagascar, Belize, Honduras, India, Kenya, the Philippines, and others are the beneficiaries. Over 1000 WASH programmes in more than 100 countries have been carried out since 2013. Rotary said, “US\$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water”. The target date to provide everyone with safe water, good sanitation and proper hygiene is 2030. This will be possible only if the implemented programmes are sustainable.

The question Rotary asks now is: “What is your club doing towards this end?”



In Focus

Judging from some rather alarming information on the current situation, issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO) some months ago, there is so much to do. I quote a few facts:

- ❖ 2 billion people still do not have basic sanitation facilities such as toilets and latrines;
- ❖ Some 673 million still defecate in the open – for example in street gutters, behind bushes or into open bodies of water;
- ❖ At least 10% of the world's population consume polluted water;
- ❖ Poor sanitation is linked to the transmission of water-borne diseases like cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, hepatitis A, typhoid and polio.
- ❖ Over 800,000 diarrhoeal deaths annually resulted.

In this scenario, children are the most vulnerable.

The lucky ones like us often take clean water for granted. We use and waste so much of it in our daily activities such as bathing, flushing the toilet, filling our water bottles and drink a little and pour out the balance. Not to mention washing the car, watering the garden We waste a lot of good precious water without thinking twice about it.

In 2010, the UN General Assembly declared explicitly that it is a human right to have clean water and proper sanitation.

Rotary has chipped in, in no small measure, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Our club has embarked on such programmes and projects in South-east Asia.

The good news is that over 2.6 billion people have been given access to clean water. In terms of real numbers and percentages, the progress made so far has not been spectacular. But progress there has been, and we should be thankful for that. However, it is emphasized that “it is still crucial that we continue to push forward clean water initiatives”.

Some initiatives: help to generate awareness; participate in “World Water Day” (22 March 2020) and “World Toilet Day” (22 November 2020) activities; encourage research and development in good water resources governance; and not waste water.

Especially during this “**Water & Sanitation Month**”.





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**90 YEARS
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
&
INSTALLATION OF THE
86TH PRESIDENT & BOARD**

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**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2020
SHANGRI-LA HOTEL SINGAPORE
COCKTAILS 6.30PM DINNER 7.30PM
ATTIRE: BLACK TIE**

RSVP: 90THRCSINGAPORE@GMAIL.COM





RC Singapore 90th Anniversary & 86th Installation Celebrations- Members' Registration by 31st May 2020

Event: RC Singapore 90th Anniversary Dinner and Installation of 86th President and Board
Saturday 27th June 2020
Shangri La Hotel, 22 Orange Grove Rd, Singapore 258350

Contact us at email: 90thRCSingapore@gmail.com

* Required

90th Anniversary & 86th Installation Dinner Tickets

RC Singapore Members and Spouse/Partner : **\$150 each**

Additional Tickets: **\$200 each**

Sponsorship Opportunities

Congratulatory Messages/Advertisements

Full Page (Colour): **\$1,500**

Half Page (Colour): **\$800**



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 11 March 2020

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Horst Hagemann called the Meeting to order and invited President Deepak to take the Chair. President Deepak started the Meeting by promoting the Book of Humour, adding that each book only cost \$6.00 and a set of 3 books at \$15.00.

WELCOME

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

Guests:

Speaker – Mr Chris Pardey

1st Lady Bianca Nagrani, Mrs Hannelore Hess, Mrs Dolores Low, Mrs Kawita Vaswani, Mrs Tracey Wang, President Rati Asrani (IWCS Central), President Joyce Cruz (IWCS East), Ms Betty Tan, Mrs Katrina Hall-Engle, Mr L K Gwee, Mr Vinit Sarangdhar, Mr Seah Chun Hui, Mr Shankar

Visiting Rotarians:

VP Luiz Andrade – Teresina Picarra

Camila Andrade – Teresina Fatima

President Troy Engle – Singapore North



Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow



Rtn Mamta Shahani

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Toastmaster for the evening was none other than International Service Committee Director Rtn Mamta Shahani who invited members to join her in raising a toast to Rotary International.



Last Week

INDUCTION OF A NEW MEMBER



Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam introducing his wife Lisa, as President Deepak stands by



From left: President Deepak, Rtns Ganesh, Lisa and her father, Mr L K Gwee

President Deepak had the pleasant task of inducting a new member, Rtn Lisa Gwee, who was lovingly introduced by her proposer, none other than her husband Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam. Rtn Lisa agreed to join both the Community and Youth Service Committees and her mentor will be PP Mansoor Hassanbhai.

CSC SERVICE EVENT WITH CARE CORNER

President Deepak called on Community Service Committee (CSC) Director Dr Chan Siew Luen who informed members that Care Corner was appointed to support the volunteer centres in Woodlands and Toa Payoh towns in Aug 2019 by SGCares. SGCares is a social movement dedicated to supporting the efforts of Singaporeans to build a more caring and inclusive society. He added that CSC would be assisting Care Corner with care packs for the elderly and needy at a date to be confirmed.

CSC SERVICE EVENT – BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Also highlighted was the CSC Service event for a blood donation drive as Singapore's stock for all blood groups is low. Details are as follows:

Date & Time: Sunday, 5 April from 9.30 to 11.00am, 2.30 to 3.30pm

Venue: Singapore Sindhi Association, Mountbatten Road

President Deepak advised that lunch would be served. He added that this donation would be considered a service event, and for further details to contact CSC Director Siew Luen and Honorary Secretary Shamin Vaswani.



President Deepak & CSC Director Siew Luen

Last Week

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – 8.3.2020

To celebrate International Women's Day, pink champagne was served and each lady was presented with a flower and a back scratcher donated by VP/PN See Mee Lee. The unique gift of a back scratcher, as advised by VP/PN Mee Lee was to scratch the backs of others.

Celebrating the Women in the Club, President Deepak highlighted that there were 2 Female Presidents & President Nominee, 3 Female Board Members, 34 Female Rotarian Members (including newly inducted Rtn Lisa Gwee) and many Female Rotarian spouses.



Standing: 1st Lady Bianca, ISC Director Mamta, VP/PN Mee Lee handing out gifts to the ladies



From left: VP/PN Mee Lee, Rtn Mamta, Rtn Shamin Vaswani, Ms Betty Tan, Mrs Tracey Wang, Mrs Engle, Rtn Camilla Andrade, 1st Lady Bianca, Mrs Kawita Vaswani, Rtn Sing Keow, Ms Joyce Cruz, Ms Rati Asrani, Rtn Lisa, Rtn Pia Bruce, Rtn Sylvia Chung, Mrs Hannelore Hess & Mrs Dolores Low

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY, PRESIDENT DEEPAK!

Members celebrated President Deepak's birthday with sumptuous cakes, particularly the carrot cake baked by First Lady Bianca for this auspicious occasion.



Speaker: Mr Chris Pardey
BSF Asia

Topic: “Sport Changes Lives”



Rtn Horst Hagemann

To introduce the Speaker Mr Chris Pardey, President Deepak called on Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Horst Hagemann.

Mr Pardey is one of the founding trustees for BSF Asia in 2009 with founder Mr Rodney Holt, a former Olympian and international rugby player. Mr Pardey has been based in Singapore since 2005 and has been active in commodity trading space most recently as CEO of Rcma Group.



Speaker, Mr Chris Pardey

Mr Pardey introduced his organization BSF as an Asian Sports Charity that provides a variety of sporting opportunities to disadvantaged and disabled children and adults in Indonesia, funded by sponsorships and donations.



From left: Mr Pardey, President Deepak & Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund

Mr. Pardey's presented BSF's vision and mission to improve the lives of those with disabilities in Indonesia by using the power of sport and play for development, health and peace. He cited the benefits of the Foundation's work and gave a summary of their sports programmes.

Mr Pardey explained how members could support BSF's mission and how funding would be utilized for expanding their sports programmes to a greater number of participants; purchase and maintenance of equipment tailored to the disabled and sending individuals and teams to competitions. He added that BSF's trustees donated their time and expertise free of charge and the monthly operating costs for BSF was only US\$2500. Mr Pardey highlighted the many achievements of the Foundation as well as the testimonies from the athletes who have benefitted from their sports programmes.

President Deepak called on Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund who thanked Mr Pardey for his presentation and efforts which exemplified Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

Coming Club Events...



ROTARY – SRT CYBERBULLYING PROJECT

The following message was received from Ms Charlotte Nors, Managing Director with Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT) regarding the Club's Major Project for Rotary Year 2018-2019:

You may be interested in reading this article we have published to create a different angle to conversations around To Pick a Hero: <https://www.srt.com.sg/article/pick-a-hero-andrew-marko-shares/>

Please note that we have added your branding too.

Do share the article with your youth connections.

We are still trying to confirm a new date for the celebratory event with the schools.



IT'S IN YOUR BLOOD TO SAVE LIVES.

You can give life, by giving blood.
All it takes is just 60 minutes of your time today, to save lives tomorrow.

ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Supported by Singapore Sindhi Association, Singapore Gujarati Society,
Marwari Mitra Mandal (S'pore), Amber Neighbourhood Committee
Mountbatten CC Indian Activity Executive Committee

Date : 5 April 2020 (Sunday)
Time : 930am-330pm
Venue : Sindhu House
795 Mountbatten Road
Singapore 437795



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- Please bring your NRIC/donor card/work permit/student card for registration.
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- Visit www.hsa.gov.sg/donor_criteria for donor criteria.
- Donors who have travelled in the past 4 months or recently been on medication, please call Singapore Red Cross on 6220 0183 / 91391544 to verify your eligibility!

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Coming District 3310 Events...



DISTAS -
Now
On 2nd May
2020

World Understanding
and Peace Day
(WUPD)

Now
On 8th May 2020



PRESIDENTS OF ROTARY CLUBS IN SINGAPORE
JOINTLY PRESENT

WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY

Guest of Honor

H.E Mohamed Abulkheir, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Special Performance

Operas in Cinema by HyeMusica

Friday 8th May 2020

Grand Ballroom

Conrad Centennial Singapore

6PM onwards

Attire: Formal

\$100/pax



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

President Deepak Nagrani
ISC Director Mamta Shahani
Amit Chatterjee
Raj Vaswani

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Saeed & Sajda Khan
Sunny Loh & Lay See
IPP Mark & Tracey Wang
M M Patel & Lily

Committee Meetings

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

**YOUTH SERVICE:
Wednesday, 25 March**

This Meeting

18 March 2020

Meeting Cancelled

Next Meeting

25 March 2020

Meeting Details to be advised

Coming Rotary Events

March

Water and Sanitation Month

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

2 Apr – Cage Cricket Fellowship at 7.00pm

5 Apr – CSC Service Event – Blood Donation Drive

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 – Swimarathon

2 May – District Assembly

8 May – World Understanding & Peace Day Dinner



GIFT OF LIFE

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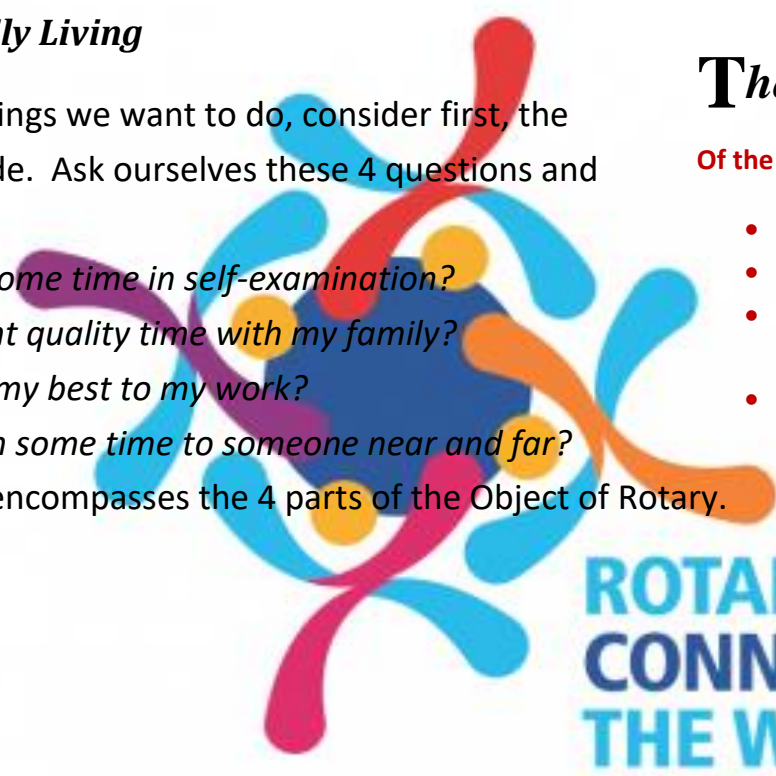


The Guide to Daily Living

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?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019/2020

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