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Appeal for Club Major Project

By: *President Deepak Nagrani*



President Deepak Nagrani

We are approaching the end of this Rotary year and appreciate your overwhelming support so far. As we start wrapping up our projects, we appeal to you to personally contribute toward our Major Project for this year.

Our Club has flourished this year

The 85th Board's goals for this year were simple: transform the Club for the 21st century, yet keep it rooted firmly in our 90-year-old traditions. After vigorous feedback sessions and by combining our weekly Club and Service meetings on Wednesday evenings, we experienced unprecedented growth and attendance. We engaged our members with vibrant and thematic meetings; meaningful and regular service events; and fun and heartwarming fellowship sessions. We talked less, and acted more and have earned the admiration of Rotarians all over the world. Our Service Directors have also organised many service events this year to engage our members while serving others.

What is the criteria for our Projects?

All our projects aim to be sustainable, impactful and participative. 'Impactful' so they create lasting change, 'sustainable' so that our impact can last over many years, and 'participative' so many of our members are involved in making that impact happen.

What is our Club Major Project?

All our four service committees have adopted and committed a signature project which collectively will form the umbrella Major Project for our Club for this Rotary Year. Given that we have four avenues of service, the four projects make sense: we will touch the lives of many holistically in every avenue of service. To ensure sustainable execution of the projects, the Service Core (comprising of the four Service Chairs, two Vice Presidents and myself) have undertaken to curate them from conception to completion.

What are the four projects?

Community Service Committee

Foreign domestic workers ("FDW") are essential to our families. There are around 250,000 of them in Singapore. Only 6% of them have sufficient savings, half of them return home with only material things, and 10% return to their community with no money at all. We are working with an organisation called Aidha (<http://aidha.org>) to address this problem. Our solution: provide FDWs with personal financial and entrepreneur skills to save money to start a sustainable business and contribute to their community. Till date, 4,500 FDWs have benefited from their educational programs. The Committee seeks donations of \$10,000 from members to subsidise \$100 out of the \$250 program fees for 100 students. CSC also plans to help Aidha with 21 CSC volunteer members to assist with their business and personal financial plan clinics.



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Vocational Service Committee

Many individuals in the community need our help, especially those who come from a challenged socio-economic background or have a prior criminal conviction. We are working with HCSA Academy (<http://hcsa.org.sg>) to enable these individuals to be valuable members of society (and not recidivate). HCSA conducts a 6-week culinary course, designed with industry relevance, to equip these individuals with economically sustainable culinary & professional F&B skills. They also place 100% of graduates who complete the course in decent salary paying jobs in professional kitchens. The VSC plans to fund a cohort of this course and seeks donations of approximately \$26000. We also plan to seed a Rotary Community Corp chapter with VSC mentors starting from the very first cohort.



International Service Committee

There are around 600 villagers in Karangasem, Bali who must walk miles down a steep, risky mountain to fetch clean water every single day. To alleviate this critical problem, ISC is working with the Rotary Club of Bali Denpasar and Rotary Club of Bali Tirta Gangga. Our solution: pump up clean water, sourced at the bottom of the mountain, to the top and store it in water tanks accessible to the villagers. We also plan to provide a filtration tank for each household in the Village. The estimated cost of this project is around USD20,000 (approximately S\$29000). We plan on involving many of our Rotarians in various stages of this project, including a final handover to the villagers who will be responsible for its maintenance. The International Service Committee targets funding of approximately US\$19000.



Youth Service Committee

Project Accendo is a joint YSC and ICC major project that aims to illuminate issues surrounding mental health. The committee will take a three-pronged approach towards their major project: starting with a webinar which was held on 9th May; followed by a campaign run by Interact Clubs to extend the awareness; and lastly, a collaboration with the Institute of Mental Health to train youth mental health ambassadors and our Rotarians through mental aid and literacy programs. *Given the current situation, the YSC does not foresee requiring any funding for their projects.*



Meanwhile, what are we doing about the current Covid-19 situation?

We also wanted to do our part as a Club and help in this crisis, especially for those with immediate needs. The Alliance of Guest Workers Outreach (<http://hia.sg/agwo>) and the Sri Lankan Embassy approached us to fund meals for migrant workers and low-income stranded students, respectively (the "Covid Projects"). We committed to fund 15 days of meals for the foreign workers, and at two weeks of dry rations/supplies for the Sri Lankan students. Many members have donated generously to the Covid Projects. Fortunately, many other organisations are also chipping in at different stages. We will continue to balance the needs of the Covid Projects and those of the beneficiaries of our major projects. Some donors have specified that their donations ought to be allocated solely for the Covid Projects, which we will absolutely follow. The rest of the donors are comfortable with us allocating any surplus funds raised, *above our commitment to the Covid Projects and assessment of any further Covid related needs*, to the Club Major Project. To reiterate, if you have pledged toward the Covid Projects and would like to allocate your donation specifically to Covid related needs (and perhaps would like to donate separately for our



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Club's Major Project), please do let us know soon.

How much do we need for the Major Project?

To summarise, we need around \$63000 for our Major Project this year based on the following estimations from each Service Committee:

1. Community Service Committee – S\$10000
2. Vocational Service Committee -approx. S\$26000
3. International Service Committee –US\$19000 - approx. S\$27000

We appeal to you to donate to all their important causes. Your generosity and support will hearten our beneficiaries and go a long way to make a lasting change for many lives.

How to make your donation?

You may wish to make a personal donation by making a transfer, indicating "Major Project 2019/20" to:

1. Club's PayPal: <http://payments.rotary.org.sg>
2. Club's PayNow: Club's UEN number S61SS0037C
3. Internet transfer to Club account (UOB 970-345-873-0)

You may also wish to mail a cheque payable to "Rotary Club of Singapore" to 1A International Business Park #12-02, Singapore 609933. Kindly send us a text or email when you have made a payment so we may look out for it. If you have any questions, please feel free to let us know.

Thank you.



Food for Migrant Workers & Students



Project to provide food for migrant workers for 15 days



Food and Books of Humour were distributed to the Sri Lankan students



The Rotary Foundation Approved the Club's 67th & 68th Global Grants

67th Approved Global Grants

approved 23 April 2020

GG2092512

**Physiotherapy Equipment for Special Needs Children,
Payannur, Kerala, India**

USD \$35,173

Purchase of teaching and physiotherapy equipment to enhance the teaching and development of
Students at a Special Needs School

68th Approved Global Grants

approved 27 April 2020

GG 2012303

**Covid-19 Pandemic Response
Sonkutch/Dewas/Indore, India**

USD \$44,968

*purchase of hospital equipment including pulse oximeters, PPEs and hospital and community supplies
such as Masks and sanitisers*

The following Global Grants projects were approved by Members at the weekly meeting on 29.4.2020

	Project	Primary Partner	Primary Partner	DDF District 3310	Cash	Total	Status(1)	Status 2	Remarks
34	RY 2019/2020 GG 2012680 Joint Covid-19 Pandemic Response Singapore	RC Singapore Funding Partner	RC Kuching Central Ng Yaw Hua	\$15,000	\$7,000	\$95,378	Draft	provision of PPEs, monitoring equipment and masks	FOR APPROVAL ZOOM MEETING 29 APRIL 2020
35	RY 2019/2020 GG 2012686 Project Karuna Covid-19 Pandemic Response, WB	RC Singapore Funding Partner	RC Belur Anand Agrawal	NA	\$2,600	\$52,000	Draft	provision of PPEs, monitoring equipment and masks	FOR APPROVAL ZOOM MEETING 29 APRIL 2020
36	RY 2019/2020 GG 2012622 Covid-19 Pandemic Response, Hooghly India	RC Singapore Funding Partner	RC Hooghly Sabuj Jana	\$11,150 D 3462	\$1,000	\$79,705	Draft	provision of PPEs, monitoring equipment and masks	FOR APPROVAL ZOOM MEETING 29 APRIL 2020
37	RY 2019/2020 GG 2012691 Covid-19 Pandemic Response, Purulia India	RC Singapore Funding Partner	RC Purulia Amitav Lohariwal	\$13,350 D 3462 DDF Exchange D3291 \$5,000	\$670	\$33,261	Draft	provision of PPEs, monitoring equipment and masks	FOR APPROVAL ZOOM MEETING 29 APRIL 2020



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Online Meeting – Wednesday 29 April 2020

OPENING REMARKS

President Deepak welcomed members to the Club's 38th online meeting, and that we were helping with the COVID-19 situation by staying at home. He called on Community Service (CSC) Director Dr Chan Siew Luen to officially welcome guests, members, visiting Rotarians and Speaker PP Frank Pao.

President Deepak invited International Service (ISC) Director Mamta Shahani to raise a toast to the Sister Clubs which have joined the meeting as well as to Rotary International.

RECAP OF ACTIVITIES

President Deepak gave a brief summary of activities undertaken during the week:

- With the assistance of CSC Director Siew Luen, Vice President Bala Venkatesan and Rtn Varun Gulati, food was provided for migrant workers for 15 days. Food and Books of Humour were also distributed to stranded Sri Lankan students. Rtn Siew Luen advised that the Committee decided to provide 3 meals per day at an increased cost. He warmly thanked members for their support and that there was sufficient funds to cover the expenses and the fund-raising for this project was completed.
- The Club's Membership, Classification & Development (MC&D) Committee hosted an online meeting on 22 April chaired by IPP Mark Wang which saw many Past Presidents in attendance as well as Hon Secretary Shamin Vaswani, Rotary Spirit Director Rajkumar, PE Dinesh Sharma and Hon Member PP Bhagwan Melwani.
- The Club hosted a Zoom Happy Hour on 26 April with trivia games provided by Rtns Mamta and Rajkumar.
- ISC Director Mamta Shahani hosted a fellowship with sister club, Rotary Club of Surabaja on 27 April, with the main topic of how to keep safe during the COVID pandemic and the projects undertaken for the communities. PP Dr Shahul Hameed also shared information on the different Global Grant (GG) projects being undertaken and the quick turnaround for GG approvals for COVID projects.



Speaker: PP Frank Pao, Rotary Club of Kowloon

Topic: “Supporting youths through Rotary”

President Deepak invited Honorary Secretary Shamin Vaswani to introduce the Speaker, PP Frank Pao from Rotary Club of Kowloon.

PP Frank started working in Asia from 1980 when he was transferred to Carrier Air-conditioning Hong Kong and later appointed to be the Managing Director of HK, Taiwan, and China. Catching the building boom in the 1980s, the company supplied many central AC systems to buildings in the area, such as the HSBC HQ Building in Central, one of the most prominent buildings in the World at the time. We also negotiated the first joint venture in Shanghai, which opened the door for Carrier to the enormous market in China.

1990 was the most crucial year of PP Frank’s life when he decided to leave the corporate domain to join forces with a close friend in the UK, to invest in a company in Sheffield and form British Rollmakers China (BRC) in HK and China. From humble beginnings, BRC is now a “global corporation” supplying rolls to over fifty countries around the World.

PP Frank thanked President Deepak and PP Dr Yap Lip Kee for the opportunity to give his informal talk about youths today as builders of our society and of the future, and how we can try to work with them. He noted that youths today were under pressure to get things done in order to do what they want. He gave some personal comparisons in relation to his family with regards to education and opportunities. PP Frank added that there was great competition for youths today to get jobs.

PP Frank gave a summary of his Club – the Rotary Club of Kowloon’s involvement with two university-based Rotaract Clubs and their successful annual community trips to countries such as Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Vietnam and Thailand. He advised that the Rotaract Clubs have a strength of about 500 members and it is hoped that they will continue with their affiliation with Rotary as Rotarians in the future. He also spoke about the Rotary Club of Kowloon which was formed 75 years ago and some of its projects in support of youths through its music centre. To conclude his talk, PP Frank added that the youths deserve the dedicated support and guidance of Rotary Clubs for a better future.

President Deepak called on PP Dr Yap Lip Kee thanked PP Frank for his interesting talk which was wide ranging. He added that PP Frank would find out that the culture for Rotaract here was different and the Club had a more hands off approach with the youths having stronger opinions.



Speaker, PP Frank Pao



*Hon Secretary
Shamin Vaswani*



PP Dr Yap Lip Kee

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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants this week:

Hena Hoda
Daniel Beyeler
PP Dr Shahul Hameed
Uttam Kripalani

This Meeting

6 May 2020

**4th & Final
Club Assembly
for Rotary Year
2019/2020**

Next Meeting

12 May 2020

**Friends of
Vocational
Service (VSC)
Programme**

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Ujjal Nandi & Li Phing
Anindya & Anisha Dutta
Subhas & Kanak Pritmani
Mahesh & Hanisha Bolimbala
PP Paliath & Vatsala Mohandas
Deepu & Miriam Joseph



GIFT OF LIFE

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

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Hon. Member Rtn Rewa Mirpuri
@ tel: 6241 9157 or email:
rewamirpuri@gmail.com

Coming Rotary Events

**May
Youth Service Month**

**June
Rotary Fellowships Month**

6 June—Club's 90th Year Celebration

Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings are held in abeyance till further notice.

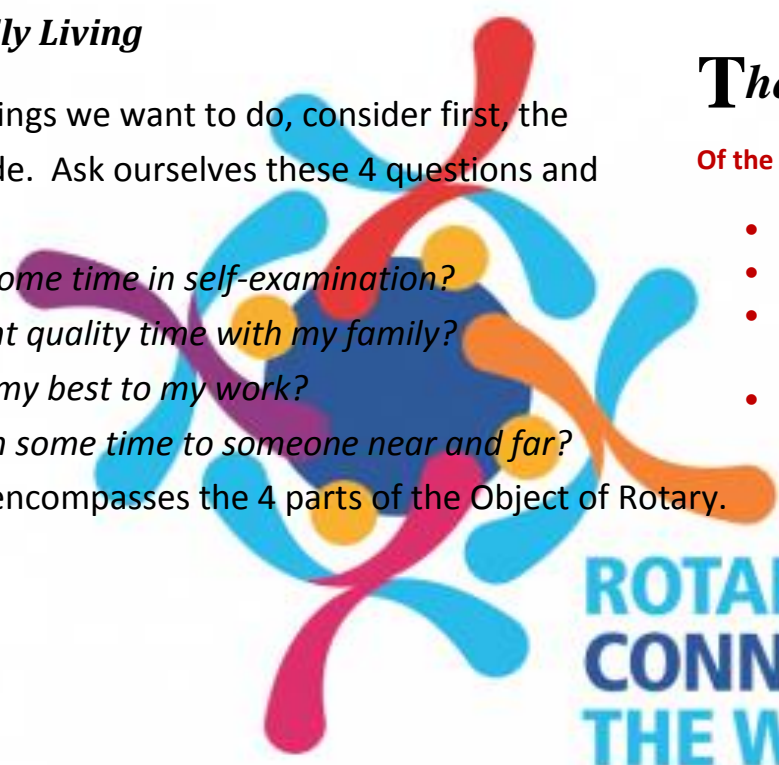


The Guide to Daily Living

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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