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Almost 100% attendance at the Board Meetings. Most members, unless travelling, attended all 15 Board Meetings of our Year.

Thank you, President Deepak & Board of Directors (RY 2019-2020)

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In Focus

A Tribute

*By: Honorary Member (HM) Past District Governor (PDG)
Dr Ivor Thevathasan*



HM PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan

This is a Tribute to the President Deepak Nagrani and his Team during the Rotary Year 2019-2020.

It has been quite an extraordinary, exciting & 'out-of-the-usual' Rotary Year I must say!

Right from the beginning the emphasis for the Year was to be 'SERVICE' - the principal activity for which ROTARY INTERNATIONAL is well known for, from the days of its founder Paul Harris.

Pres Deepak and his Team was to make it his featured theme for all 4 Service Committees of the Club: Community, Vocational, Youth and International.

The President encouraged ALL members in these 4 Committees to participate in at least 1 - 4 activities in any of the Committees. INVOLVEMENT & PARTICIPATION was to be the main activity in our Club - and as it turned out many Members were active in MORE than 1 Service Committee: Members totalled 206 in the 4 Service Committees whereas we only have 145 Members in the RCS! This is exemplary and is encouraging to note.

Potential new Members were encouraged to 'participate' in any one of our Clubs service events, BEFORE they were considered for Membership! This is a new move to note, and one which has turned out to be a definite PLUS point for the active Membership of the Club!

To encourage better attendance at the Clubs regular weekly meetings, these were moved to evening dinner meetings, with a special Food and Beverage task-force to ensure good quality food and good speakers in attendance at every meeting - not an easy task! In addition President Deepak himself sponsored the wine at all meetings to give it that little extra for the occasion.



In Focus

Again to assure good attendance, President Deepak often personally called Rotarians to attend to improve the Fellowship - that little personal touch. Again he highlighted another great feature of ROTARY which is FELLOWSHIP! - a landmark of all good and successful Rotary Meetings and Events.

Two noteworthy celebrations we held during the Year was:

- (A) the much looked forward 90TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration of our Club on 06/06/2020.
Unfortunately held 'Virtually' via computer and digitally but attended by 262 people from many countries from our Sister Clubs and Rotary Friends from many countries & Singapore. A very good effort to mark that special occasion of our Club, in spite of the COVID 19 constraints.
- (B) 'SERVICE' was not forgotten even at our annual Christmas Dinner Party - where 12 children from the Canossian School for the Hearing Impaired with their Principal were entertained to a great dinner at the Hyatt Hotel main table with good food, entertainment, presents and Santa to boot! An occasion for everyone to remember!

It will be remiss of me not to mention President Deepak's wife Bianca, his children and other ladies and families of Members who came and uplifted the grandeur of the occasion. Mention must be made that these children from the School were especially chosen who came from poorer homes. I am sure they will remember this lovely occasion for quite a long time.

It has been an UNUSUAL & strangely CHALLENGING Year, but I must say that President Deepak and his great TEAM certainly rose to the occasion in more than an exemplary manner. You all have raised the bar very high in trying times, but in the grand traditions of the venerable Rotary Club of Singapore.

Truly a Grand 90TH Year to Remember!!

Dr Ivor Thevathasan
President 1990-1991
Centennial Governor
RI District 3310



OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME

President Deepak opened the 45th and last Club meeting with a warm welcome.

WELCOME & TOAST

President Deepak invited Honorary Secretary Rtn Shamin Vaswani who welcomed District Governor Elect (DGE) Rajamohan Munisamy, guests, spouses and members to the last weekly meeting of Rotary year 2019/2020, and thanked them all for the fun meetings.

Next, President called on International Service Committee Director Rtn Mamta Shahani who invited members to raise a toast to Rotary International – may it always do the good work!

CLUB'S MAJOR PROJECT

President Deepak reiterated the four projects launched by the Service Committees, and that this would be the last reminder for members who have not donated to the Club's Major Project to kindly do so for the following:

- Vocational Service Committee with HCSA for a Culinary Training Programme with a goal to give a cohort of students a second chance, which would offer a placement in F&B establishments.
- International Service Committee on a Water Project to make water more accessible for more than 600 Villagers in Bali, where the water source is at the bottom of steep mountain.
- Community Service Committee's project with Aidha will provide foreign domestic workers with personal financial and entrepreneur skills.

President Deepak added that from next week, members would be kept informed through a Major Project Announcement Chat on the status of the Major Project by the Service Chairs and Board Members to ensure that the projects are sustainable for the future.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

On behalf of Hon Treasurer S "Mali" Malaiappan, President Deepak advised that the balance of the Club's Hosting Fees would be distributed to Committees based on percentage of members in each committee.

CLOSURE OF ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB OF SINGAPORE CENTENNIAL

Honorary Secretary Rtn Shamin announced the closure of the Rotary Satellite Club of Singapore Centennial as at the end of this Rotary year. She advised that 7 members from the Satellite Club have decided to join the Club as full members from 1st July 2020. Rtn Shamin thanked VP/PN See Mee Lee and AG Jimmy Ooi for their assistance.

The 7 members are:

- 1) Rtn Fredrick Ee Han Siong
- 2) Rtn Andeline Goh Peck Ling
- 3) Rtn Jean Khoo Ee Tiang
- 4) Rtn Norhayati Mohammad Ali
- 5) Rtn Nur Azarina Khamis
- 6) Rtn Phanit PDA
- 7) Rtn Siti Noorashikin Abdul Wahab



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Deepak informed members of the following:

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD) 2019/2020 on 23 June 2020, the Board members agreed to recommend to the incoming board and Club for the following three issues to be resolved at their earliest appropriate opportunity.

The Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd. ("FRCS") Extraordinary General Meeting ("EOGM") dated 9 June 2020 – Rotary Convention in Singapore 2024

Background: The Rotary International has selected Singapore to be the site of the 2024 Rotary Convention. The Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd. ("FRCS") has proposed that all Rotarians:

1. pledge to participate actively and volunteer in the work of the Host Organisation Committee and
2. contribute \$120 each, annually for the Rotary Years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, totalling \$480 per Singapore Rotarian, towards defraying the expenses of the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 2024.

The BOD 2019/20 recommends to the BOD 2020/21 to convene an EOGM before 31 July 2020, to discuss the above proposal from FRCS and to adopt them if deem fit.

The deadline to revert on the EOGM is 30 June 2020. According to our Club By-Laws, there is a minimum notice period of 10 days to our members before calling an EOGM. The BOD has therefore written to the FRCS to request for an extension of one month (to 31st July) for the Club to vote on this matter.

The Phyllis & Charles Rudd Memorial Fund

Background: Mrs Phyllis Rudd, the widow of the late Past President Charles Rudd bequeathed a property to the Club upon her demise. That property was subsequently sold. Until four years ago, our Club investment committee had been investing the proceeds of the Phyllis and Charles Rudd Memorial Fund. In the view of low-interest rates, it was decided then that the funds be put into a trust or a foundation that could invest the funds more efficiently and for a higher return. Since the Book of Humour Trust (BOH Trust) has been performing relatively well for many years, the Board recommends to the Club to consider transferring the Phyllis & Charles Rudd Memorial Fund to the BOH Trust.

To accomplish this move, the board will propose to the incoming Board to form a working committee for further consultations with the BOH Trust and to consider the implications for the Club in the event of a dissolution of the Trust. The Board recommends to the incoming Board to invite the following Rotarians to join the working committee, subject to their acceptance:

1. President-Elect Dinesh Sharma
2. Treasurer-Elect Manish Tibrewal
3. President Deepak Nagrani
4. President Nominee See Mee Lee
5. Hon Secretary Shamin Vaswani
6. PP Peter Tan
7. PP P "Bala" Balachandran

and, or any other Rotarian the incoming Board deem fit.



On completion of the consultations, the BOD 2019/20 recommends to the BOD 2020/21 to convene an EOGM to discuss and adopt the following resolutions, in accordance with the By-Laws of our Club:

- (1) That the "The Phyllis and Charles Rudd Memorial Fund" ("the Fund") amounting to S\$1,289,494.85 be transferred to the Book of Humour Trust ("BOH Trust") for its Trustees to invest to gain income for the Rotary Club of Singapore's charitable service activities.
- (2) The BOH Trust shall ensure that the Fund and its accounts be kept separate from other funds in the Trust and that bi-yearly statements of accounts (each dated 31st December and 30th June) be prepared for the RCS's Board's review.
- (3) 30 days from receipt of every 30th June statement of accounts, the Board shall direct the realized investment income of the Fund to be distributed in the following manner:
 - (a) 20% of the Fund's investment income shall be retained in the Fund as an accretion to its capital.
 - (b) 40% of the funds shall be used to support the Club's major project, or such special project(s) as determined by the Board and approved by the general membership.
 - (c) The balance 40% shall be shared equally amongst the Community, Vocational, International and Youth Committees for their use in promoting their respective objectives.
 - (d) Should there be no material investment income, or if a loss is incurred in any Rotary Year, there shall be no distributions as aforesaid. For the avoidance of doubt, in such case, there shall be no advance from the capital of the Fund for any project on the basis of that the advance is covered by future investment income.
 - (e) If any accumulated losses, whether realised or not, are more than 5% of the Fund's Capital at the end of any Rotary Year, no distributions shall be made until such time as future earned investment income and or capital gains wipes out any accumulated losses.
- (4) That, with the transfer of the Fund to the BOH Trust, the SOP for the Club's Investment Committee for the said fund listed as item 10 in the Club's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) be deleted in its entirety.

Standard Operating Procedures ("SOP") for the Club Rotary Foundation Committee ("CRFC")

Background: The CRFC was formed to handle Global Grants and the matters relating to the Rotary Foundation in 2011/12. It was, however, not a Standing Committee listed in our Club's Constitution or By-laws. As the work of the CRFC constitutes an important part of the Club, the BOD 2019/20 proposes to formalise the CRFC as a Standing Committee in accordance with the Club By-laws at a general meeting of the members. Pending the outcome of the meeting, the CRFC shall continue with its work based on the set of protocols proposed and adopted by the BOD 2019/20.

The BOD 2019/20 recommends that:

1. the BOD 2020/21 convene a General Meeting to amend the Constitution and/or Bye-laws to recognise the CRFC as a Standing Committee
2. the Club adopts the proposed SOP for the CRFC (as per annexed/attached) as the SOP for the CRFC upon the Amendment of the Clubs' Constitution and/or By-laws recognising the CRFC as a Standing Committee.
3. pending the above amendments (para A and B) have been passed and adopted into the Club's Constitution/By-laws, the proposed SOP shall be the protocol for all global grants with immediate effect.



Last Week

Speaker: Rtn Ronald Wong
Youth Service Committee (YSC) Director

Topic: Youth Service Committee Report

To introduce YSC Director Rtn Ronald Wong, President Deepak called on VP Bala Venkatesan, a core Service Committee member and veteran of the Club. VP Bala added as someone who has been with Vocational Service, it was the first time he stepped out to YSC, and Rtn Ronald being a veteran of YSC in fact mentored him.



VSC Director Ronald Wong

Rtn Ronald started his report with highlights of the Committee starting with the Interact Leadership Training Camp (ILTC) held in June 2019 which was a physical 3-day camp activities which also saw the election of the Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC) from all the participating Interact Clubs. Rtn Ronald showed a video of the key Interact activities from July to December 2019 and the support in Community Service projects and the ICC meeting at Mt Elizabeth Novena assisted by Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien. He added that it is hoped with the friendship and networked obtained through the Interact activities that the Interactors will continue to Rotaract and then to Rotary.

Rtn Ronald further reported on the YSC/ICC Major Project (Accencdo) which would focus on 3 key issues – to remove stigma, understanding the ecosystem and sustaining mental health. He added that the project was also in collaboration with the Institute of Mental Health which would start a pilot programme on mental literacy.



VP/PN Bala Venkatesan

Rtn Ronald highlighted the District Awards achieved by the Interact Clubs – Meritorious Interact Club Award, Outstanding Interact Club Award and the Outstanding Interact Club Award (Special Mention). He added that the Club had submitted the citation for the RI Presidential Award as well. He extended special thanks to Interactor Kai Meng, President of ICC as well as his YSC members including treasurer Rtn Sunil Kalra, alternate Chair, Rtn Frederick Ee, the diligent YSC secretary Rtn Jessica Lim and fellow Director James Lee for mentoring the only community-based Interact Club, the Bukit Gombak Eagles Interact Club. He added that next year's YSC Chair, Rtn Dr. Ganesh Ramalingam was already planning for the ILTC and he would receive his support.



Director James Lee

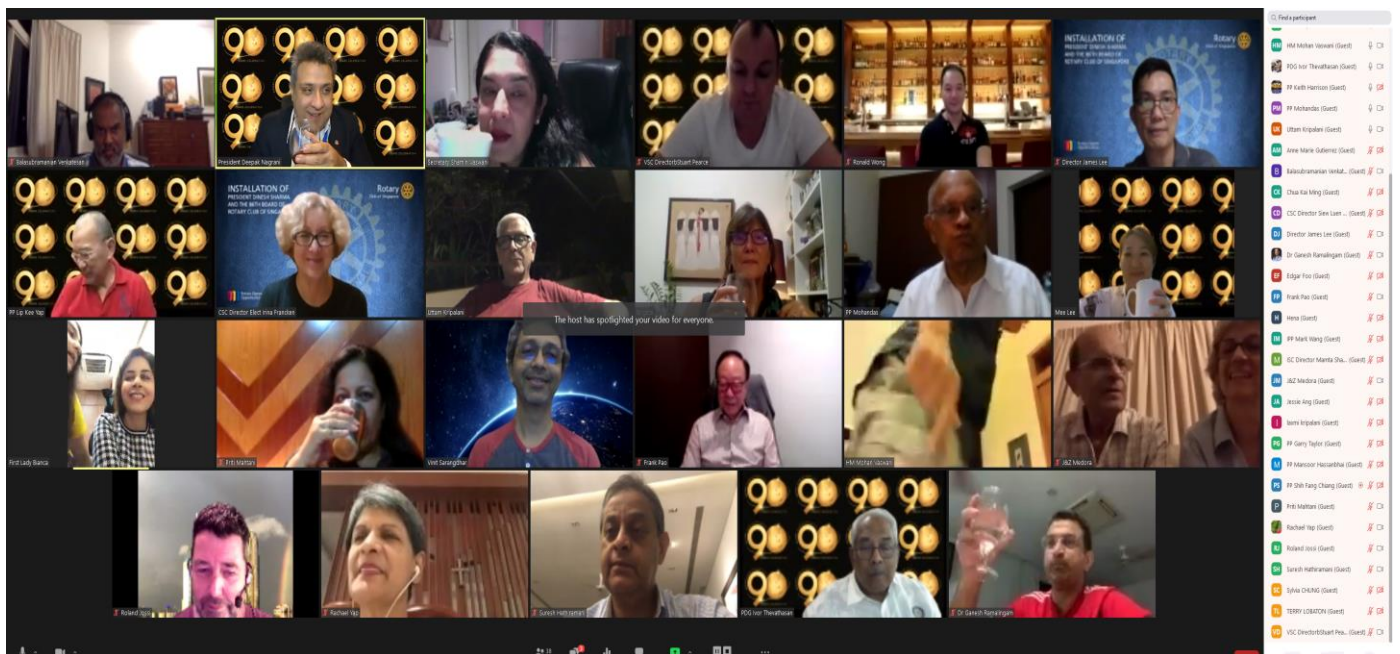
To extend the vote of thanks, President Deepak called on Director James Lee who added that he and Rtn Ronald joined the Club at about the same time and for the past six years worked together in YSC. He added that it took a great deal of effort in terms of leadership to undertake such YSC projects like the Major Project and on behalf of the Club saluted Rtn Ronald for his efforts as well as the whole team for making this year an excellent year.



Last Week

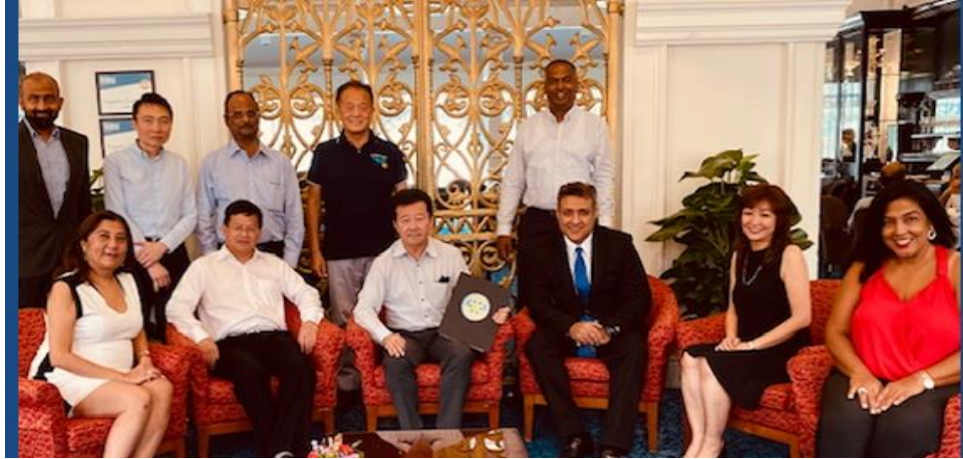


Last meeting of the year



President Deepak's Report

Following are some photos and extracts taken at President Deepak's last address at the weekly meeting, as he gave a pictorial round-up of the various activities during his term of office ...



The Board with DG Jeff Yong



Board Members' bond, friendship and fellowship



President Deepak's Report... *contd*

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR

- 14 New Members inducted in the year
- 1st Club in Singapore to host weekly meewtings, webinars, fellowship events online on Zoom
- 206 total members in 4 Service Committees
- 100% of members paid their dues and hosting fees for the year
- 4 impactful Major Projects in the year
- Board Charged at Installation by PP Dr Shahul Hameed (thanks PP Shahul for your time and efforts) and inducted by DG Jeff Yong
- 45 Meetings on one Wednesday Night
- Meetings at the Grand Hyatt and on Zoom
- Celebrated the Board's first 100 days with 100 attendees
- Celebrated the Club's 90 years with 262 attendees
- Prospective members to attend a Service Event
- All members to join at least one Service Committee
- Launched a specially curated announcement group
- Held a Fellowship & Service event in one monring and two back to back Service events in one weekend



Magical Meetings



President Deepak's Report... *contd*



This Year was all about Service!



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President Deepak's Report... *contd*



A Big "Thank You" to the ever supportive spouses



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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants this week:

Kimio Somemiya
Deepti Lalchandani
PP Dr Yap Lip Kee
PP Philip Leong

This Meeting

1 July 2020

**1st Club Assembly for
Rotary Year 2020/2021**

Next Meeting

8 July 2020

**Continuation of the
1st Club Assembly for
Rotary Year 2020/2021**

Anniversary Celebrants

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

Colin & Carol Miles

Hon Member PP Patrick &
Lillian Chin

Hon Member PP Alfred &
Joyce Wong

Committee Meetings

**Service Committee Meetings
are held prior to the Weekly
Meetings.**



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Coming Rotary Events

June
Rotary Fellowships Month

July
Rotary Fellowships Month
8 July – Continuation of 1st Club Assembly
17-19 July – Interact Leadership Training Online Camp

August
Membership and New Club Development Month

September
Basic Education and Literacy Month

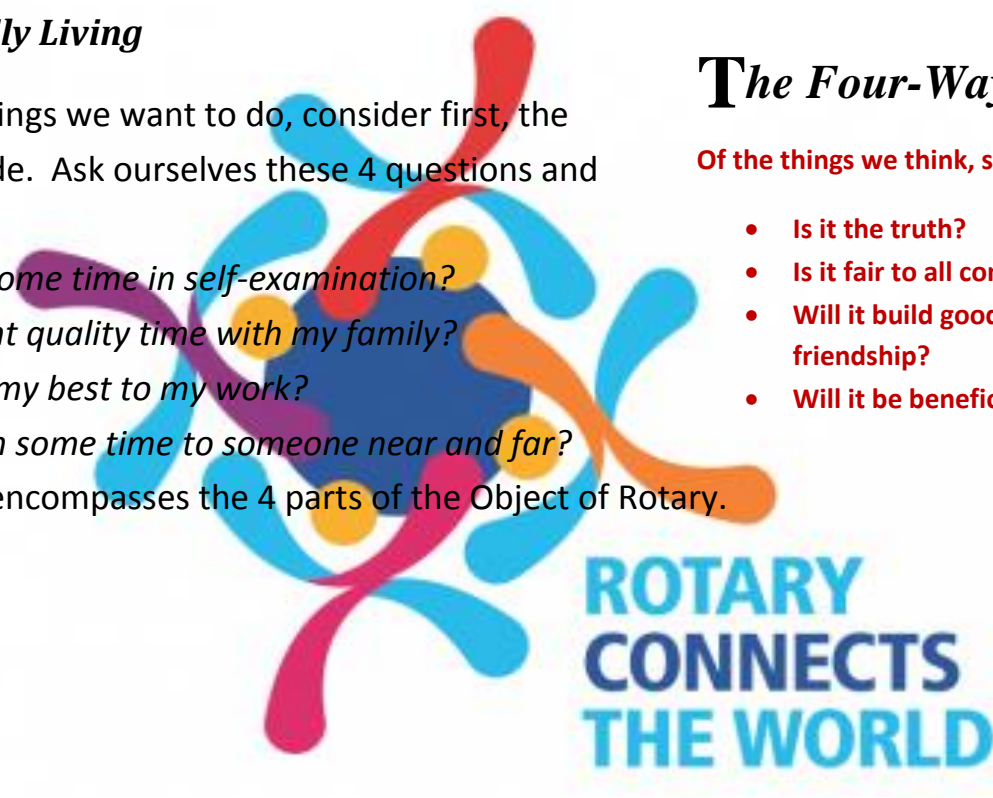


The Guide to Daily Living

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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| President | Deepak Nagrani |
| Immediate Past President | Mark Wang |
| President Elect | Dinesh Sharma |
| Vice President (Community & International Service) | See Mee Lee |
| Vice President (Vocational & Youth Service) | Bala Venkatesan |
| Hon. Secretary (Administration) | Shamin Vaswani |
| Hon. Treasurer (Finance) | S “Mali” Malaiappan |
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| Chair, Vocational Service | Stuart Pearce |
| Chair, International Service | Mamta Shahani |
| Chair, New Generations Service | Ronald Wong |
| Director (Club Rotary Foundation) | James Lee |
| Director (Rotary Spirit) | Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah |

