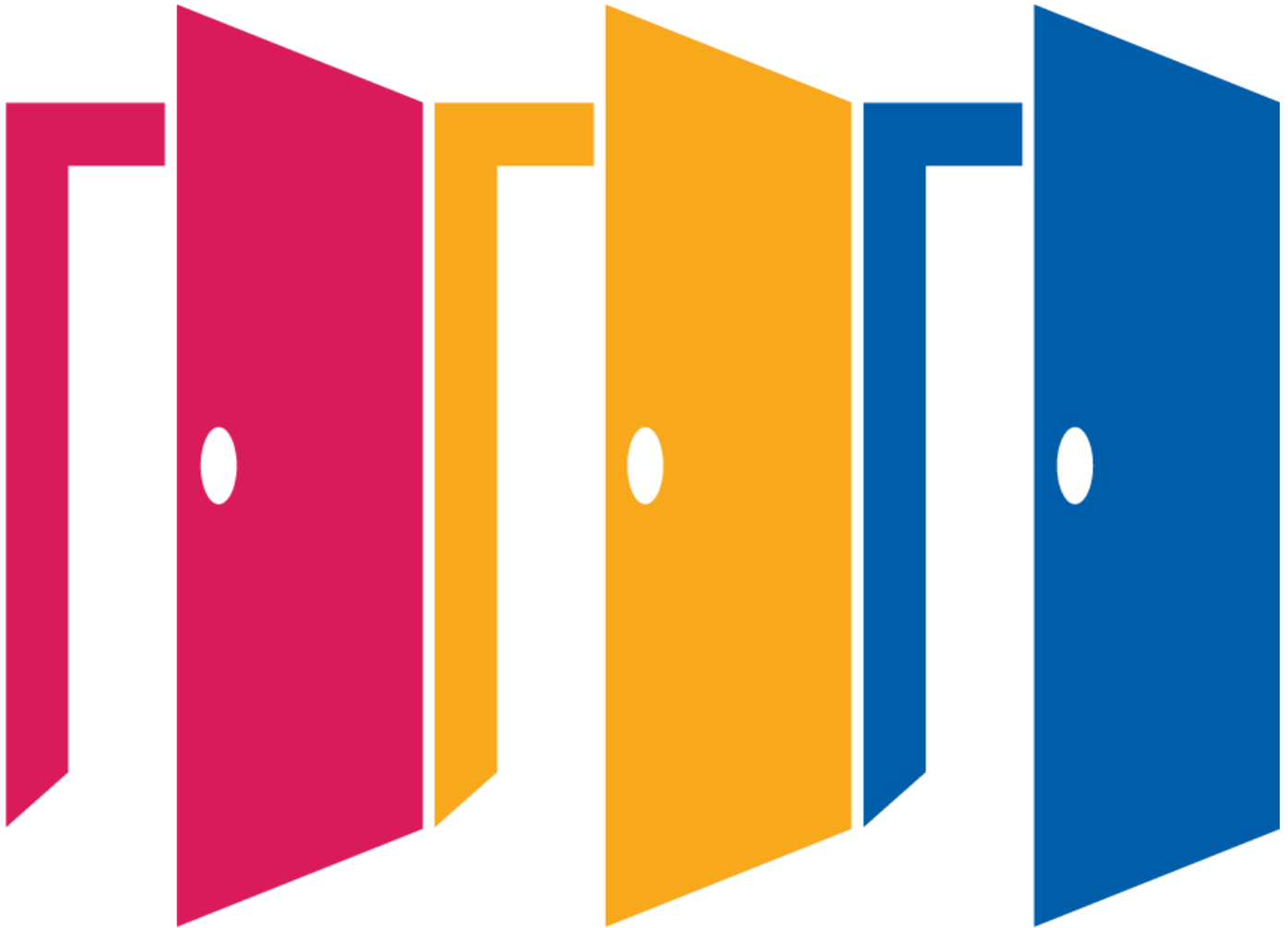




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SAA Jean-Philippe Lionnet

The continuation of the Club Assembly was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet who reminded members of the housekeeping rules for the online meetings as mentioned by Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider on 1st July. He then called on President Dinesh Sharma to take the Chair.

President Dinesh warmly welcomed PDG Dr Philbert Chin, Hon. Member PP Bhagwan Melwani, Past Presidents and fellows Rotarians to the second part of the Club Assembly. He stated that the first meeting the Club Assembly focused on the strategy and plans for the year and this meeting would focus on the Service Committees. He further welcomed members' spouses who were present.



President Dinesh Sharma

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Hon. Secretary
Brigitte Holtschneider

Hon. Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider advised that at the Board Meeting held on Monday, 6th July, that during this particular period of conducting online meetings, the Board agreed to hold two meetings – weekly meetings on Wednesday and Service Committee meetings on Thursdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm. She advised that the International Service Committee would hold its meeting on 16th July and Youth Service Committee on 23rd July. She also gave a schedule of speakers and members of the Know Your Fellow Rotarians (KYFR) for the coming Wednesday weekly meetings.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

President Dinesh called on members to join him in extending heartiest congratulations to a special “golden couple” – Rtn Uttam and Laxmi Kripalani who celebrate their golden Wedding Anniversary on 11 July. President Dinesh noted that Rtn Uttam has been in Rotary for more than 40 years with 100% attendance. To commemorate the happy occasion, President Dinesh advised that Rtn Uttam will donate US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation, making it the second such contribution this year, the first being the donation from PP Tapan Rao.



50th Anniversary



Uttam & Laxmi
Kripalani

First Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 8.7.20 (continued)

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT OFFICERS

President Dinesh further congratulated members who will be serving the District during this Rotary year as follows:



Congratulations to Club's District Officers



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| • PDG Dr Philbert Chin | Council of Past Governors |
| • PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan | Council of Past Governors |
| • PP Dr Shahul Hameed | Chair, District Rotary Foundation Committee & Singapore Rotary Institute Organising Committee -Major Events |
| • PP Dr Yap Lip Kee | Chair, International Service Committee |
| • James Lee | Chair, Young Leaders Committee |
| | Training Leader, Learning & Development Comm. |
| • PP Perlita Tiro | Member, Rotary Community Corps Committee |
| • PP Jimmy Ooi | Advisor, Alumni Network Group Committee |
| | Member, Singapore Rotary Institute Organising Committee – Logistics-Resources |



Congratulations to Club's District Officers



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| • IPP Deepak Nagrani | Member, Strategic Planning Committee |
| • Director Dr Ganesh | Member, Young Leaders Committee |
| • M M Patel | Member – Rotary Foundation Committee – Scholarship, Rotary Peace Fellowship Committee |
| • PP Mark Wang | Member, Membership Committee |
| • Rajkumar P Suppiah | Member, Rotary Fellowships & Recreation Comm. |
| • PE See Mee Lee | Treasurer 2020, Singapore Rotary Institute Organising Committee, Member, Rotary Foundation Committee |

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CSC Director
Dr Irina Francken

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC)

CSC Director Dr Irina Francken introduced her Committee's officers and noted that the committee has about 40 members. She noted the main points of the Committee to treasure the work already done in the past and to continue with existing projects to achieve deeper impact to the community. Rtn Irina added that the Committee would collaborate with the other Service Committees, in partnership with Rotaractors and Interactors, as well as with other Rotary Clubs in Singapore and the District.

She highlighted some of the Committee's projects for the year with the continuation of support for Aidha with its sustainable programmes through financial education, Guide Dogs, Symphony of Motherhood concerts which would focus on mental health and the Beyond Social Services Project, a charity dedicated to help children and youths from less privileged backgrounds to break away from the poverty cycle. Rtn Irina added that the Committee would continue with its community events such as the "Kopi Friends", Dining in the Dark, Little India and Chinese New Year outings for the elderly, as well as the Clean Hands programme.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (ISC)

ISC Director Varun Gulati started his presentation with a pitch for the Book of Humour, citing a joke from page 113 on "Change", with the change to the new Rotary year, he hoped to be able deliver even half of what was done last year. Rtn Varun added that he would be shortly completing two years in Rotary, and should there be any mistakes to kindly let him know. He was pleased to have on the ISC team – Mentor PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Co-chair Rtn Mamta Shahani, Hon. Treasurer Rtn Miha Hribernik and Hon. Secretary Jessica Lim.



ISC Director
Varun Gulati



VSC Director
Dr Chan Siew Luen

VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (VSC)

VSC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen noted that it was his 3rd consecutive year on the Board, having served first with ISC and last year with CSC and truth be said, he added that he had difficulty understanding Vocational Service and he did some studying! Nevertheless, Rtn Siew Luen gave a summary of the VSC projects being planned including vocational visits which probably will take place in January 2021, Friends of VSC chats, Artisan of the Year Award, Junior Engineers. He spoke of his reflections on the service committees, adding that VSC provided the skillset for people to "fish". He highlighted the continuing project with HCSA and Clean Hands Programme as well as a possible Career Preparation Course with Singapore Polytechnic for students with autism. He added that together with PP Jimmy Ooi, they were also looking at commissioning a sculpture for either the 4-Way Test message and/or the Guide to Daily Living as a good public relations presence in the Marina Bay area. The Committee would also be looking at projects with Aidha, Guide Dogs Singapore, the Rare Disorders Society Singapore and Junior Engineers programme for older children age group. Rtn Siew Luen advised that VSC was looking at crowdfunding for its projects so as not to tax members, assisted by Rtn Vijai Parwani on legal aspects with additional help from VP Suresh Keerthi and Director Sonali Sinha with publicity.

YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE (YSC)

YSC Director Dr Ganesh Ramalingam thanked President Dinesh for allowing him to serve and thanked this YSC team and Past Presidents for their guidance and help. He advised that the Committee was preparing for the Interact Leadership Training Camp, a virtual camp which would take place from 17th to 19th July. He gave a "shout out" to Youth Corps for its sponsorship, adding that 80 Interactors have signed up so far for ILTC. Rtn Ganesh added that the Committee would continue with its collaboration with VSC and CSC in the Aidha and Junior Engineers programmes as well as last Rotary year's Project Accendo.



YSC Director
Dr Ganesh Ramalingam

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Hon. Treasurer
Manish Tibrewal

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Hon. Treasurer Manish Tibrewal stated that he was honoured to be asked to serve as the Club's Honorary Treasurer spoke of his initiatives for the year. He summarised the areas of responsibilities and accounting plans as well as initiatives for Club funds.

CLUB ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE (CRFC)

CRFC Chair, PP Tapan Rao advised that he had taken the Chair from PP Dr Shahul Hameed who was now the Chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee. PP Tapan gave historical information on the background of The Rotary Foundation and its chain reaction for matching in project funding. He added that membership in CRFC was opened to all members, with no hosting fees and meetings were held once a quarter and he called on members to serve in the Club Rotary Foundation Committee.



CRFC Chair
PP Tapan Rao

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) REPORT



Vice President
Suresh Keerthi

TRF Chair, VP Suresh Keerthi gave an explanation on Global Grants (GG), what it took to create a GG proposal for approval, how it would be processed and considerations as well as the funding and execution of the GG.

He took the opportunity to congratulate PP Dr Shahul Hameed for his efforts as CRFC Chair, for which the Club completed 74 GGs last year and 6 more COVID GGs for this Rotary year. He added that PP Shahul is an evangelist of GGs, who with his rapport with the District Rotary Foundation Committee/District Governor and with Sister/Partner Clubs has raised funds for the GGs in aid of the needy beneficiaries.

VP Suresh further explained that any funds paid to TRF's Annual Fund 50% of which would be diverted to the District Designated Fund (DDF) and 50% to the World Fund which would be paid to the Club after 3 years. Should the Club draw on the DDF for local projects, then 50% to be paid back by the Club to DDF. Upon drawing from DDF for international GG projects, then the Club would pay back 2/3 to DDF. VP Suresh advised that the matching by World Fund for GG is that DDF amount gets 100% matched and Club cash is 50% matched for every project. In short every dollar of Club's contribution is multiplied 2.5 to 3 times.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

At the close of the Club Assembly, President Dinesh noted that members would have seen and heard the Board's enthusiasm and commitment and that they would engage with as many members who wish to participate to make the Club vibrant and strong. He noted the belief in Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" which gives an opportunity to be of service to the Community.



President Dinesh

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

S "Mali" Malaiappan

PP Keith Harrison

This Meeting

15 July 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Dr Parag Khanna,
Managing Partner of FutureMap

Topic: The Future of Asia in a Post
COVID World

Next Meeting

22 July 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Mr Teh Eng Hua,
President, Willing Hearts

Topic: Willing Hearts –
Introduction, Purpose,
Sustainability

Anniversary

There are no
Wedding Anniversary
celebrants this week

Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings
will be held on Thursdays from
7.00 to 8.00pm

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 16 July

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 23 July



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Coming Rotary

July

Rotary Fellowships Month

17-19 July – Interact Leadership Training
Online Camp

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

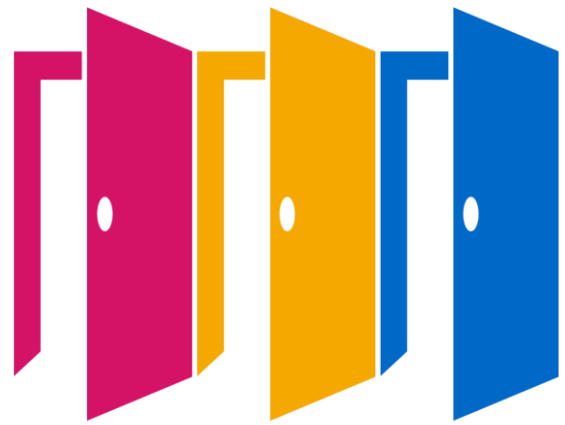
October

Economic and Community Development Month

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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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.

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Deepak

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