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In Focus

How Is It?

By: Hon. Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang



HM PP Raymon Huang

We are still in a partial lockdown. Phase 2 – yes, but with many restrictions still in place. Therefore, we still have lots of “stay homes”, work from home and such. What am I driving at, you may ask.

A good point. My point. The partial lockdown in force has given us more time at home. The more time and space, accorded to us affords us more time for reflection and some looking back. As Rotarians, reflecting on our Rotary journey is useful. This exercise helps us to improve ourselves Rotary-wise.

I suggest we just have a simple question as a start; “How have I done as a Rotarian?” Attendant questions will follow naturally, like “How has it been?” or just “How is it?”

It is basically an exercise in self-assessment and self-evaluation. In trying to give honest answers, some difficult moments may be experienced. But they are what are needed – honest answers. Otherwise the exercise is futile.

At an Induction Ceremony recently, the Rotary Club of Rizal, West (Philippines), a Sister Club of ours, listed out the duties and responsibilities of a Rotarian, using the acronym, “**APPLE**”, thus:

- A:** Attend Club meetings;
- P:** Pay Club dues;
- P:** Participate in Club activities;
- L:** Learn;
- E:** Enjoy Rotary.

Not new. The sentiments expressed. But novel, the way the basics of being a good Rotarian are put across. I commented the last point was important, very important. When PDG K.B. Lee was District Governor, D330 (at that time we were part of D330), his motto was simply “Enjoy Rotary”. Simple, but deep-sighted.

Of course, “Enjoy” means different things to different people. While definitions of “enjoy, joy and happy” are easily found in the dictionary, in real life to pinpoint their application – nuances is not that easy. Example: Singaporeans in general have the good life – living in a country that has become First World; very good living standard; excellent public housing; safe streets; enjoy peace and harmony, etc. Yet, in a survey conducted by Gallup Poll a while back, the “Happiness Index” of Singaporeans did not show up too well. What happened? It was found that Singaporeans complained a lot, that we strive to get more than we need. And so on.

In Rotary? As far as I know, no such survey has ever been carried out. If one was done, I wonder what the findings would be. A moot and interesting point. I believe, though, the bottom line would be positive.

In Focus

Of course, Rotary's mission is on a different plane, with "Service Above Self" as its signature clarion call. In putting into practice this call, we strive to promote peace and understanding, goodwill and harmony, and lend a helping hand. In short, "to do good in the world".

So, back to the basic question we began with. In all these efforts in Rotary, "How have I done? How has it been? How is it?"

Enjoying Rotary means, in effect, being happy in Rotary. As I pointed earlier, "happiness" means differently to different people. Even among the great thinkers and philosophers. Their different feelings are expressed so differently. Examples:

The venerable Gandhi: "Happiness depends on what you give, not what you get."

G.K. Chesterson: "Happiness is a mystery, like religion. It is difficult to rationalise."

And Mark Twain: "Happiness is like a beautiful sunset. It is there for all to see, but many of us look the other way!"

Well then, have you been happy as a Rotarian? Have you enjoyed Rotary? How is it?

Whether you are a Veteran Rotarian or a Rookie Rotarian, it is good that you ask yourself these simple but soul-searching questions. True, they may put you in a spot, but they put you on the spot.

Fellow Rotarians – the ball is in our court!



Enjoy Rotary

- Visit other clubs
- District conference
- Fellowships
- Twin club
- Rotary Friendship Exchange
- Facebook - new Rotary friends
- Rotary on YouTube



Ms Ivy Yew's Retirement

By: Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

The Club's long serving Administration Assistant, Ms Ivy Yew, retired on the 30th of September 2020.

Ivy joined the Club on 2 May 1995. At a small, socially distanced farewell ceremony on the 25th of September, President Dinesh thanked Ivy, on behalf of all members of the Club, for 25 years of unfailing and dedicated service.

Ivy has seen the Club develop and grow, she met so many members, and, together with her colleague Bernie, she has rendered core support to many boards, committee chairs, other office bearers and, first and foremost, to all members; a great achievement to be proud of and to look back to.

In tune with Rotary's core values of service and integrity, we do look after people close to us. As such, many members have privately contributed to a retirement bursar for Ivy allowing President Dinesh to hand over a cheque of S\$ 30,000. Ivy expressed deep gratitude for the generosity of all members who donated and help her to gracefully and comfortably retire.

We all wish Ivy a wonderful retirement and asked her not to be a stranger and to keep in touch. We certainly will do so!



From left: PP Stan Low, Hon. Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider, Ms Ivy Yew, President Dinesh Sharma, PP Perlita Tiro & Hon. Treasurer Manish Tibrewal

Meeting Report

11th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 23.9.20

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider called the meeting to order and reminded members of the online meeting etiquette. She called on members to stay for the whole meeting, adding that there would be two votes to be undertaken during the meeting. She then invited President Dinesh to conduct the rest of the meeting.



President Dinesh Sharma

President Dinesh Sharma called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed Honorary Members PP Bhagwan Melwani and Mohan Vaswani, Past Presidents, fellow Rotarians and guests. He also welcomed the Speaker, Past Assistant Governor (PAG) Dato Dr Siva Ananthan whom he heard speak at DISTAS, and he thanked PAG Dr Siva for kindly accepting the Club's invitation to speak to the Club.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Vinit Sarangdhar

Toastmaster, Rtn Vinit Sarangdhar called on members to join him in raising a toast to the great and beautiful institution that is Rotary International!

NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR-NOMINEE FOR 2023-2024 – PP DR YAP LIP KEE

President Dinesh reminded members of the Club's Resolution which was presented to the Club at the last weekly meeting that PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, having the necessary qualifications of a Governor-nominee would be nominated as the Club's suggestion for Governor-nominee 2023-24.



PP Dr Yap Lip Kee

President Dinesh called on members to raise their hand should they have an objection, none were received and the Resolution was adopted unanimously. He invited PP Dr Yap Lip Kee to address the Club. PP Lip Kee warmly thanked members for their support with this nomination. He also called on members to support the Step Up Challenge to End Polio by donating \$50.00 which would indicate to the District, the Club's support for the walkers in the Challenge and not only just for him.

ADOPTION OF THE AUDITED CLUB'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

President Dinesh reminded members that the audited Club's Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2019 were circulated on 14 September 2020, for their review and no comments were received.

He called for the formal adoption of the Club's Financial Statements. There were no hands raised with any objections and the Statements were adopted unanimously.

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Dinesh announced the induction of three new members to the Club – Rtns. Peter Anthony Brock, Singh Nirmal Madan Mansingh and Sudhir Tiku. He called on Vice President Suresh Keerthi to give a collective introduction of the members, prior to their induction to the Club.



Rtn Peter Anthony Brock

Place of Work: SportsHub Pte Ltd

Classification: Asset Management - Infrastructure

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service (VSC)

Mentor: PP Perlita Tiro

Rtn Peter transferred from Rotary Club of Emerald & District, Victoria, Australia which he joined in August 2015. He served the club as editor of its weekly bulletin in 2016-2017. From 2018-2020, Rtn Peter was Chair of All-American Car Display which was the club's major annual fundraising activity. In 2019-2020, he was elected Club Secretary and took leave of absence due to his move to Singapore. He is a member of Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) and a Paul Harris Society member. He has attended RI Conventions 2017 in Atlanta and 2019 in Hamburg.



Rtn Singh Nirmal Madan Mansingh

Place of Work: Shiji (Singapore) Pte Ltd

Classification: Information Technology: Hospitality

Recommended Committee: International Service (ISC)

Mentor: PP Tapan Rao

Rtn Nirmal was a previous member of the Club and served as Honorary Treasurer for two years. He is also the Chairman of a charitable organisation known as Lotus Life Foundation which undertakes projects both locally and overseas.



Rtn Sudhir Tiku

Place of Work: Consultancy – Business Robert Bosch (South East Asia) Pte Ltd

Classification: Engineering: Building and Infrastructure

Recommended Committee: Community Service (CSC)

Mentor: Rtn Suresh Hathiramani

Rtn Sudhir was a recent guest speaker at the Club and is a TEDX speaker as well. He has several social/community involvements in slum education, old age work, Covid-19 relief efforts and in areas of girl child education.

Meeting Report

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KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



President Dinesh noted that the KYFR programme gave members the opportunity to know our senior Rotarians even better and perhaps learn something new about them. He then invited PP Stan Low to address the Club. PP Stan listed the varied industries which he has been involved in, with the latest in robotics.

PP Stan spoke of his lovely wife of 42 years, Dolores and his children, Darren who lives in Paris and daughter, Lira in Switzerland. He added that his son, made them first-time grandparents with the birth of Charlotte who is now 2 months old.



PP Stan Low

He recounted his first brush with Rotary during his university days in the UK, and subsequently in November 1984 was introduced to the Club by Dr Wong Yew Cheong and inducted by HM PP Koh Choon Hui. He shared the wisdom of members such as PPs Leow Jwee Meng, Murli Chanrai, HMs PP Bhagwan Melwani, Mohan Vaswani and PP Dr Patrick Chin. During the past 35 years, PP Stan spoke of the privilege to serve the Club in many capacities. He added that together with Rtn Wolfgang Driese, they started the Small Scale Entrepreneur Award which grew to the current Entrepreneur of the Year Award; to retain members he suggested the Ambassador membership which was approved by PP Peter Tan and proposed the formation of the Artisan of the Year Award. PP Stan added that he felt fortunate to be able to help the less fortunate and to practice "Service Above Self". He thanked President Dinesh and Rtn Brigitte for the opportunity to share a bit about himself.

GUEST SPEAKER: PAG DATO' DR SIVA ANANTHAN

TOPIC: THIS IS ME

To introduce PAG Dato Dr Siva, President Dinesh called on Rtn Mahesh Bolimbala, who was pleased to introduce a fellow lawyer. He noted that PAG Dato Dr Siva is the Chief Executive Officer of SKN Land & Development Sdn Bhd in Kuala Lumpur. Rtn Mahesh added that he was amazed by PAG Dato Dr Siva's many achievements.

PAG Dato Dr Siva started his animated presentation with a pop song "This is Me" and went on to explain how Rotary has evolved him over the years in character and deed. He quoted Rotary's Founder Paul Harris, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it." He added that Rotary could not afford to be rigid and had to change in order to grow in an organically and sustainably manner.



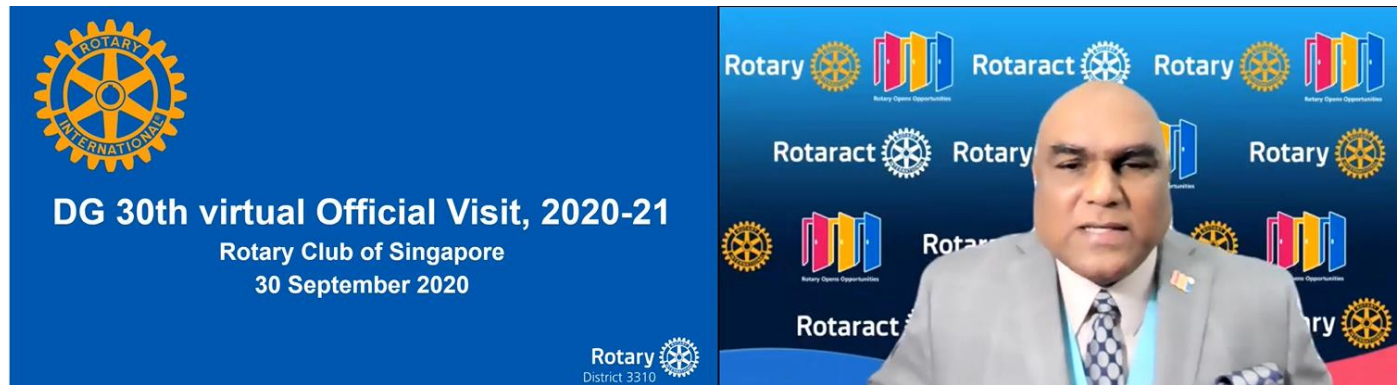
Speaker
PAG Dato' Dr Siva
Ananthan

PAG Dato Dr Siva shared some innovative and flexible options for growth in Clubs, such as change in the meeting schedules; meetings online; relaxation of attendance rules; prioritize engagement; develop protocols for speaking; creation of multiple membership types and to invite Rotaractors to join the Club. To end his inspiring talk, PAG Dato Dr Siva stated that Rotarians were purveyors of hope and if we believe in this mission, then this belief in Rotary should be shared.

President Dinesh called upon VP Suresh Keerthi, Membership Chair who warmly thanked PAG Dato Dr Siva for accepting the Club's invitation to speak at the meeting and for reminding members, how we at Rotary can do good for society. VP Suresh further thanked PAG Dato Dr Siva for the advice and wise words.

Last Week

Report on District Governor (DG) Rajamohan Munisamy's Official Visit at the 2nd Club Assembly on 30.9.20



OPENING REMARKS

The 2nd Club Assembly was called to order by Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider at 7.05pm. She then invited President Dinesh to take the Chair.

President Dinesh warmly welcomed DG Rajamohan Munisamy, Assistant Governor (AG) Troy Engle, HM PP Bhagwan Melwani and PDG Dr Philbert Chin to the Club Assembly.

President Dinesh advised that he together with VP Suresh Keerthi and Rtn Brigitte had a very good meeting with DG Rajamohan and AG Troy earlier in the afternoon, joined by DG's wife Nica, First Lady Rekha and Mrs Meera Keerthi

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

PP Stan Low invited members to raise a toast to the great institution which is Rotary International.



PP Stan Low

RETIREMENT OF MS IVY YEW

President Dinesh showed some photographs taken at Ms Ivy Yew's retirement gathering held on 25 September 2020. He added that a cheque for \$30,000 was presented to Ivy, expressing the Club's gratitude for her long service. President Dinesh warmly thanked members for their contributions to Ivy's retirement and noted that other members such as PDG Dr Philbert Chin, have sent their contributions directly to Ivy. More details of Ivy's retirement gathering can be found on page 3 of the bulletin.

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2ND CLUB ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

President Dinesh started the Club Assembly proceedings with his President's Report followed by the Service and Club Committees' reports which will be minuted and circulated to members separately.

After the presentation of Committees' reports, President Dinesh invited PP Dr Shahul Hameed to introduce DG Rajamohan Munisamy. Prior to doing so, PP Dr Shahul thanked AG Troy Engle for the assistance rendered last year by him and his club, Rotary Club of Singapore North with six Global Grants.

DG Rajamohan noted that this was the first time that a virtual visit was being conducted. He noted the good meeting held in the afternoon with President Dinesh, VP Suresh and Hon. Secretary Brigitte with AG Troy. He added that being a DG was a learning experience and he noted that the reports made were in tune with Rotary goals.



DG Rajamohan Munisamy

DG Rajamohan shared RI President Holger Knaack's message particularly of the following:

- Every club should host at least one Strategic Planning Meeting on the future of their club, steps to be taken to achieve that vision and the value to bring to members;
- The District and Clubs should be actively working to create new innovative club models;
- Select new members carefully. Make sure that they are a good fit with your club and that the club meets their expectations.
- Donate to End Polio Now and host a World Polio Day event in October.

DG Rajamohan gave some advice on Club Service/Admin such as not skipping meetings, keep it regular even though RI does not push for attendance; to engage speakers from near and far; make meetings engaging and interesting and to keep operating cost low.

He reminded the Club to hold its annual meeting to elect officers and present a mid-year report before 31 December. He further added that 60 days after Board meetings, written minutes should be available to all members.

He highlighted the District membership goals and the need to retain and engage current members. DG Rajamohan called on members to achieve EREY Club banner; to upgrade to PHF, MPHF, Major Donor or AKS and to sign up for PHS and Rotary Direct as well as to support End Polio Now.

He also reminded members to attend the District Rotary Foundation Seminar which would be held on 17 October 2020. DG Rajamohan further gave some pointers on Public Image to collaborate with Membership Committee and TRF; to participate in Rotary Day on 23 February; to keep social media up to date; upload projects in Rotary Show Case; promote People of Action Campaign and to participate in People of Action competition. DG Rajamohan also highlighted some key focus areas for the Service Committees to consider.

On behalf of the Club, President Dinesh thanked DG Rajamohan for his address and added that there were many items which could be incorporated in the Club's strategy plans, and hoped that he would pay further visits to the Club in the future.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

Wilson Widjaja
HM Rewa Mirpuri
Alex Lega
Robbert Chien
Dr Ekkehard Wiek
Director Dr Chan Siew Luen

This Meeting

**7 October 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

Speaker: Ms Lena Ng, Chief Investment Officer, Amata Corporation PCL

Topic: Women Leadership in Chaos

Next Meeting

**14 October 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

Speaker: Mr David Seow G.S.

Topic: Thought Leadership – How the Whole Brain Works

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

PP Philip & Effie Leong
Brigida Ranieri & Xavier
Dr Suresh & Priti Mahtani
Director Dr Chan Siew Luen & Patricia



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Committee Meetings

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

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 8 October

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 15 October

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 22 October

Coming Rotary Events

October
**Economic and Community
Development Month**

November
Rotary Foundation Month

December
**Disease Prevention & Treatment
Month**

January
Vocational Service Month

February
**Peace and Conflict
Prevention/Resolution Month**

March
Water and Sanitation 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?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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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