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*President Dinesh & the Board of Directors wish
Members a “Happy Diwali”*

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In Focus

November District Governor's Message



DG Rajamohan Munisamy

Dear fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors,

It is hard to believe it is November and we are into the fifth month of this Rotary Year. I trust in this pandemic period there have been several challenges, but I believe you have weathered the storm with innovative solutions to continue to serve our communities and beyond. One example is the many COVID-related response projects that are being undertaken by clubs. There is no stopping in our District to continue to help our communities and finding alternative means to carry out projects, including Global Grant projects.

As for the District Committees, they have been vibrant in conducting trainings, seminars, competitions, fund raising and other activities. Some District Committees such as the Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA are working behind the scenes planning for virtual activities. The District Secretary and Assistant Governors have also been very busy coordinating and facilitating the last 46 DG official club visits.

November is personally my favourite month because it is Foundation month in the Rotary calendar.

The November theme is designed to remind us of the importance of Rotarians' support of our Foundation. When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you are directly supporting Rotary's work. Your gift makes our service projects — projects that eradicate polio, promote peace, and develop communities — happen. Your generosity supports our focus in 6 areas up to this year and from the next Rotary year onwards, the 7th area of focus supporting environment will be added to the Global Grant program. A very generous contribution to our Rotary Foundation is an excellent way for Rotarians to Serve Humanity!

My philosophy is that contributing to our Foundation should be a viable choice based on knowledge and appreciation for what it accomplishes, and not an obligation. Our Foundation is the lifeblood of all that we do and yet there are so many hearts we have yet to grab in our District.

Millions of dollars each year flow from our Foundation to our clubs and back to our communities. This year alone we have allocated close to US\$320,000 (including RY2019-20 disbursement) in District Designated Fund to the clubs in our District for community and international projects.

This is the only foundation that gives back as much as you give. TRF empowers the Districts, Clubs and Rotarians to drive their own projects of their choice locally and Internationally. You can be assured that your contributions are also properly stewarded as Rotary Funds are monitored in many different levels. Funds are overseen by Rotarians, Clubs, Districts and Rotary Staff.

In Focus

November District Governor's Message ... *continued*

Another upcoming milestone is the World Interact Week from 2 to 8 November which reminds us of our future - the future of community service and the need to involve our young people in making our world a better place. There is also Rotary Day at the United Nations, which reminds us of the contribution of Rotary to World Understanding and Peace, that there are better ways to solve problems than by taking up arms. November is a month of reflection, remembrance, and perhaps the best time to consider where we are and where we are going – as people, as Rotarians and Rotaractors, and as nations.

Wishing everyone a great November – as we strive to “Increase our Impact” as Rotarians and as individuals, let us keep in mind that “Rotary Opens Opportunities”.

Yours in Rotary,

Rajamohan

Rajamohan Munisamy
District Governor 2020-2021



Meeting Report

16th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 4.11.20

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider noted that members would be familiar with the Zoom online meeting etiquette, adding that noise during the meeting was very disruptive. She further reminded members that the meeting would be recorded and streamed live on Youtube. Rtn Brigitte then called on President Dinesh Sharma to proceed with the Meeting.



President Dinesh Sharma

President Dinesh called the meeting to order at 7.04pm and welcomed DG Rajamohan Munisamy, Honorary Members PP Bhagwan Melwani, PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan and Rtn Mohan Vaswani. He further recognised the presence of many members from sister clubs around the world and expected a good attendance for the meeting.

President Dinesh also extended a warm welcome to our own member, PP Dr Shahul Hameed who is the District Rotary Foundation Chairman for Rotary years 2020 to 2023, who is the right person to speak to the Club and to start the Rotary Foundation Month. President Dinesh further welcomed a delegation from Rotary Club of Suita, Japan in District 2260, which is the sponsoring Rotary Club of Rotary Scholar Mr Yuta Momose.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Varun Gulati

Toastmaster, International Service Director Rtn Varun Gulati invited Mr Yuta Momose to translate for the benefit to the Suita club members. Rtn Varun called on members to join him in a toast to the Rotary Club of Suita coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

President Dinesh invited President Yasushi-san from the Rotary Club of Suita to address the Club. President Yasushi-san stated that it was a great honour and thanked members for the invitation to attend the meeting. He spoke of his club's support of World Community Service projects, particularly in Cambodia and also thanked the Club of its support of Rotary Scholar Mr Yuta Momose whilst in Singapore. President Yasushi-san added that when the Covid-19 pandemic is over, he looked forward to members visiting Osaka and attend his club meeting.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon Secretary Rtn Brigitte announced:

- Community Service Committee which would be chaired by Director Dr Irina Francken on 5 November at 7.00pm
- The Sunday morning walks with the "Jolly Walkers" will continue on 8 November, starting at the Botanic Gardens to MacRitchie and stopping at PP Dr Yap Lip Kee's home.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

Meeting Report

16th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 4.11.20

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



In introducing the KYFR speaker for the week, President Dinesh noted that PP Mark Wang was very much a Club Ambassador having visited most of the sister clubs.

PP Mark referred to himself as a “Global Citizen” with his home town in Zhe Jiang (China). He was born in Shanghai and grew up in Hong Kong. He has US nationality and has been living in Singapore since 1986. PP Mark shared his educational background in Mathematics, Economics and Business Administration, adding that his education was financed through 100% scholarships and his taking on part-time work as a janitor and even as a “lab mouse”, which he described as an interesting job with pay and food provided. He spoke of his career path, first as an economist, followed by working in finance, strategic planning and sales which then led him to head the Asia Pacific operation of a multinational corporation and finally in setting up several private enterprises including one with fellow member, Rtn Asheesh Khaneja. PP Mark then showed some photos of his lovely wife Tracey and daughter Wanda.



PP Mark Wang

Next, PP Mark highlighted what he liked about Rotary, such as the instant family of like-minded friends, adding that Rotary has a respected tradition and organization with worthy ideals such as the 4-Way Test and Guide to Daily Living as well as meaningful projects. He spoke of his Rotary journey, which started with his organizing the Minority Vocational School project in China for 4 years in partnership with Rotary Clubs of Shanghai and Chengdu. He served on the Club's Boards for 4 years and is a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation. PP Mark added that he is known for his travelling to many overseas clubs, including sister clubs and attendance at District Conferences, RI Conventions and project events.

GUEST SPEAKER: PAST PRESIDENT DR SHAHUL HAMEED

TOPIC: RC SINGAPORE & THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF): DOING GOOD IN THIS WORLD

President Dinesh invited PP Paliath “Mohan” Mohandas to introduce the Speaker, none other than PP Dr Shahul Hameed. PP Mohan added that PP Shahul did not need much introduction and is currently the District 3310 Rotary Foundation Chairman for Rotary years 2020-2023.

In his heartfelt and inspiring presentation on the topic very dear to him, PP Dr Shahul Hameed gave a rundown of the Club's involvement since inception on 1 July 2013, in the 90 Global Grant Projects (of which 15 are COVID-19 Grants) spanning 14 countries with a total worth of USD6,500,000 and a contribution of USD1,300,000 from Rotary Club of Singapore. He also highlighted the close collaboration with Rotary Clubs in the District as well as those overseas in these Global Grant projects.



Speaker
PP Dr Shahul Hameed

Members who were unable to attend the meeting, may wish to view PP Dr Shahul's presentation on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lyl4CCKRn8Y>. Look out for the report from PP Dr Shahul on the Global Grant projects which will be featured in the bulletin.

To extend the Club's vote of thanks, President Dinesh called upon PP Tapan Rao who warmly thanked PP Dr Shahul for contributing his time and treasure to serve the less fortunate. He noted that the day PP Shahul became the Chair of the Club Rotary Foundation Committee, was the start of the Club's Global Grant era and warmly thanked PP Shahul for a job well done!

Last Week

17th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 11.11.20

OPENING REMARKS

The Meeting started with Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet to be on mute mode and to use the chat function for communication. He further advised that members will be informed when the Q&A session begins and would be invited to ask their questions to the Speaker. He reminded members that the Meeting was being recorded and attendance would be taken, before handing the Chair to President Dinesh Sharma.



Rtn Jean-Philippe
Lionnet

President Dinesh called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed Honorary Members PPs Chiang Shih Fang, Bhagwan Melwani and Rtn Mohan Vaswani as well as Past Presidents, fellow Rotarians and distinguished guests and spouses to the Club's 17th meeting. He also extended a special welcome to the Guest Speaker Professor (Prof) Jeff Obbard.

TOAST TO A ROTARY CLUB AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Jasbir Koh

Toastmaster for the Meeting was Rtn Jasbir Koh who cordially invited members to join her in raising a toast to Rotary International.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO HONORARY SECRETARY BRIGITTE HOLTSCHNEIDER

Following the Honorary Secretary announcements, President Dinesh was pleased to announce that Rtn Brigitte was the Club's newest Paul Harris Fellow and warmly thanked her for contributing to The Rotary Foundation.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT RY 2022/2023



Rtn Louis Lim

President Dinesh announced the Nominating Committee's nomination of Rtn Louis Lim for the position of President for Rotary year (RY) 2022/2023.

He further announced the **Notice of Nominations** was opened for the position of President for RY 2022/2023 by members from the floor, which should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary with Proposer, Secunder and the Consent of the Candidate.

Nominations would close at 12.00pm on 30 November 2020.

Adoption of nominations would be held at the Annual General Meeting on 16 December 2020.

Last Week

17th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 11.11.20

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

President Dinesh had the pleasant task of inducting a new member to the Club – Rtn. Ranganathan “Ranga” Somanathan. He called on Vice President Suresh Keerthi to introduce Rtn Ranga, whose proposer is Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider.

Rtn Ranganathan “Ranga” Somanathan

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Mentor: Hon Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider



Rtn Ranga Somanathan

Rtn Ranga thanked members for the warm welcome and added that he was looking forward to the walks once back from Mumbai. He added that service to others has been his motto and approach as is Rotary’s motto. He took the opportunity to introduce his wife, Uma who is an active volunteer as well.

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



President Dinesh noted the KYFR speaker was a new member and yet not very new as he was a previous member of the Club. He called upon Rtn Nirmal Singh to address the Club.

Rtn Nirmal spoke of his education and career path which started at N.M. Rajji & Co., followed by Micros and Oracle Micros as

President APAC and he is currently CFO International and Legal Affairs at Shiji since 2017.



Rtn Nirmal Singh

Rtn Nirmal spoke of his interests and shared a little known fact, that in 2017 he reached the Base Camp of Everest. He enjoys walks and in fact completed a 50Km walk in 2019; a passionate cyclist and believes that golfing is a lifestyle. He introduced his family, starting with his wife, Rajani whom he married in 1993, and was proud to add that it was an arranged marriage. Rtn Nirmal also informed members of the Lotus Life Foundation of which he is Chairman and highlighted its educational and community based projects and initiatives.

GUEST SPEAKER: PROFESSOR JEFF OBBARD

TOPIC: CLIMATE CHANGE: CAN WE AVOID HOTHOUSE EARTH?

President Dinesh called upon Rtn Luiz Andrade to introduce the Speaker, Prof Jeff Obbard who is the Founder and Director of Living Planet, Singapore and Visiting Professor, School of Water, Energy & Environment, Cranfield University, UK.

Prof Obbard spoke about the Earth and its natural greenhouse effect. He explained the Climate Change Science and Earth’s energy imbalance. He highlighted the tipping points and irreversible climate change conditions and spoke on how to restore the Earth’s energy imbalance. Prof Obbard presented some of the geoengineering options being considered to restore the Earth’s radiative energy balance, stabilize the climate and avoid what scientists refer to as a “Hothouse Earth”.



Speaker
Prof. Jeff Obbard

President Dinesh called upon PP Stan Low who noted that Prof Obbard’s talk was depressing, however he recalled the Montreal Protocol to protect the ozone layer, and he hoped that action will solve Earth’s hothouse problem - as we have no other choice.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Louisa Lee
PP Alan Tan
Vinit Sarangdhar
Suhaimi Zainul-Abidin

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Jean-Philippe & Valerie Lionnet
Sudhir & Monika Tiku
Chong Zhi Cheng & Lulu
Keizo & Mayumi Fujitake
Vinit & Tejali Sarangdhar
Manish & Nandita Tibrewal
Dr Claus Dusemund & Shuying
HM PDG Dr Ivor & Maureen
Thevathasan
IPP Deepak & Bianca Nagrani

Committee Meetings

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

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 19 November

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 26 November

This Meeting

18 November 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Mr Christian Westbeld,
General Manager, Raffles
Singapore

Topic: Raffles Hotel Singapore – A
Timeless Icon



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Next Meeting

25 November 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Past President
Ravishankar Dakoju, RC Bangalore
Orchards

Topic: Giving while Living

Coming Rotary

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

April
Maternal and Child Health Month

May
Youth Service 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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