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DECEMBER IS



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

"The prevention of disease today is one of the most important factors in line of human endeavor."

Charles Mayo

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In Focus

The Blue Planet – It Is Not Well!



By: Honorary Member (HM) Past President (PP) Raymon Huang

HM PP Raymon Huang

Promoting goodwill and understanding, tolerance, as well as harmony and peace, has always been, and is, a major focus in Rotary's mission of "doing good in the world". All its programmes and projects embody these core values. In these difficult days of Covid-19, another major focus is the prevention and treatment of diseases.

Rotary International has designated the month of December as **"Prevention of Disease and Treatment Month"**.

Like the seemingly uncontrollable forest fires of California, which have devastated millions of acres of much eco-needed timberland and destroyed thousands of lovely homes, Covid-19 has similarly infected over 15.5 million – and still counting – people and killed over 289 thousand lives in the United States alone. The global picture is worse and more frightening. The figures are rising. They become more depressing with each new day. Not to mention the natural disasters that take place so regularly – earthquakes, typhoons, hurricanes, and floods. The blue planet is not well!

Over the deadly past century, our planet has been ravaged by epidemics and pandemics galore – from Spanish Flu, Asian Flu, HK Flu, Bird Flu, Ebola, HIV/AIDS, SARS, Malaria. The lot, and Polio.

At each and every occurrence, Rotary waded in to lend a helping hand. An outstanding example is Polio – its treatment and eradication. For more than 40 years now Rotary has been in the thick of the battle against Polio, beginning way back in 1979 in the Philippines with the vaccination of some 6 million children. This long and relentless fight against Polio is a shining example of Rotary's sustained involvement. Today, Polio is almost eradicated the world over, except in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Rotary's help-network is extensive – thanks to The Rotary Foundation and its Global Grants facilities. The fight against disease – prevention and treatment – takes many forms, and it is a sustained and continuous one. Recall the old adage, "Prevention is Better than Cure"? But the prevention, the treatment, and the cure, are all one long process. Rotary helps communities to stop the spread of diseases by teaching them and arming them with the knowledge and expertise needed, extensively done in many developing countries.

The provision of clean water, better sanitation and the practice of hygiene are all so vital in these countries. Such programmes require enormous resources and infrastructure. As such these will be a need for partnerships with the government and local entities; perhaps another international organisation or two. As often reiterated, "Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life."

Rotary's efforts to help the blue planet to be a better place are game-changers. Local clubs today play an indispensable part in these efforts. Take Lebanon, for example. 24 of Lebanon's Rotary clubs banded together, overcoming religious, cultural, and political divisions, to form partnerships with the government, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross, and formulated, developed, and implemented "a programme that delivered clean water to every public school in the country". How wonderful! A book many a developing country can take a page from.

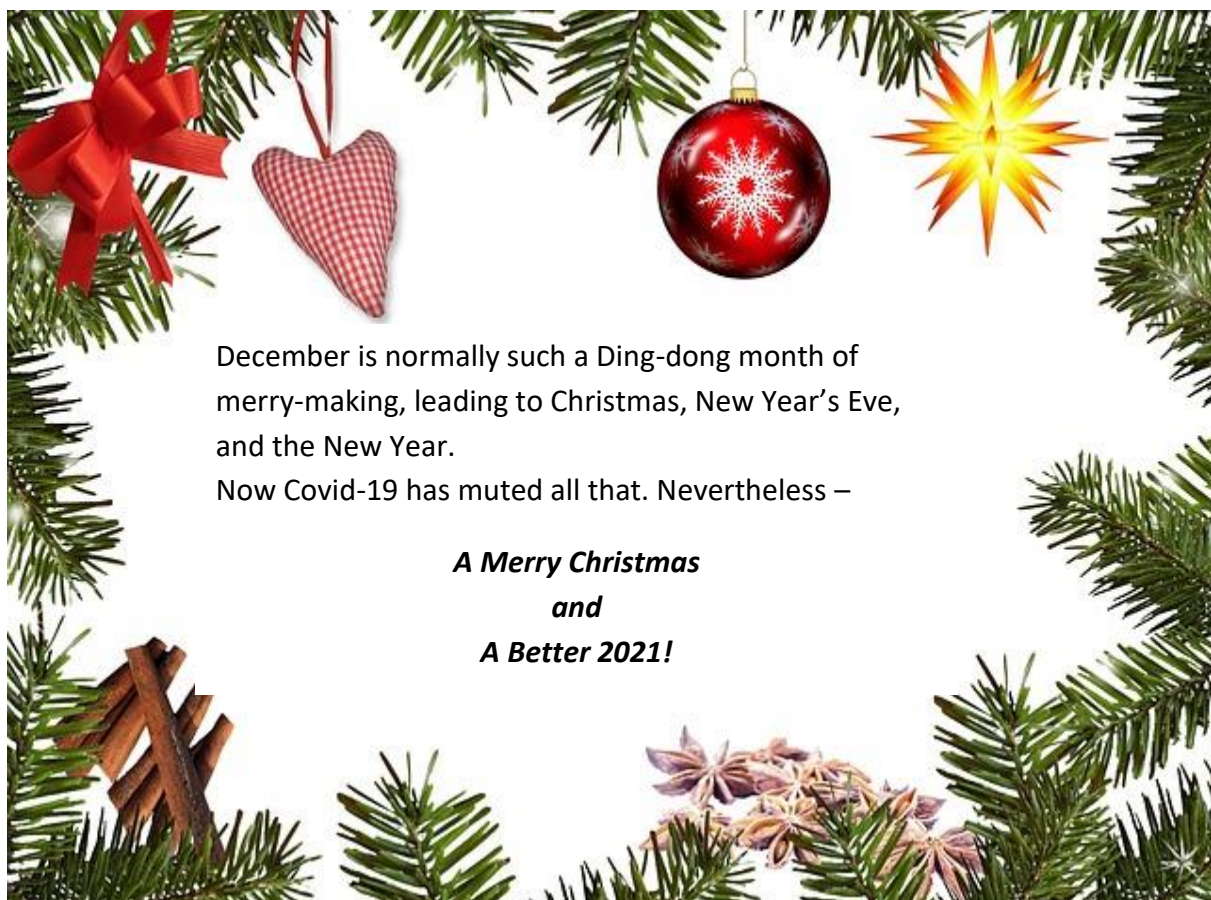
In Focus

Currently, Rotary International's six areas of focus are:

- 1) Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution;
- 2) Disease Prevention and Treatment;
- 3) Water and Sanitation;
- 4) Maternal and Child Health;
- 5) Basic Education and Literacy;
- 6) Economic and Community Development.

These are all huge undertakings. Without The Rotary Foundation they would be impossible.

And today, Covid-19 is raging all over the world. The blue planet is being ravaged. Rotary is responding. Rotary International is closely in touch with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the US Centre for Disease Central (CDC), to guide members on the best and safest contribution they can make to the overall effort, so that the local community benefits best.



Last Week

21st Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 9.12.20

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider opened the meeting at 7.05 pm and reminded members of the online meeting rules. She advised that the meeting would be partially recorded and at the request of the Speaker Dr Simon Baptist, his talk would not be recorded. Rtn Brigitte then handed the Chair to President Dinesh Sharma.

President Dinesh warmly welcomed Honorary Members, Past Presidents, fellow Rotarians and distinguished guests as well as visiting Rotarians, PDG Andre Suharto and Rtn Saravan Krishna from sister club, Rotary Club of Muar. President Dinesh advised that there was a change in the meeting format and we would hear from the Speaker first, as Dr Baptist would have to leave soon after his presentation.



President Dinesh Sharma

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

President Dinesh called upon new member Rtn Ranga Somanathan who noted the presence of PDG Andre Suharto and called on members to raise a toast to Rotary Club of Kuching Central coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



Rtn Ranga Somanathan

President Dinesh invited PDG Andre to address the Club. PDG Andre thanked VP Suresh Keerthi for inviting him to attend the meetings and was pleased to do so and hear the invited speakers. He added that the online meetings have extended the reach to many other clubs.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. SIMON BAPTIST

TOPIC: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL OUTLOOK 2021

To introduce the Speaker, President Dinesh called on Rtn Dr Omkar Shrestha who noted that the Club could not have found a better speaker than Dr Baptist, the Global Chief Economist and Managing Director at The Economist Intelligence Unit.

In his presentation, Dr Baptist broadly focussed on three elements of the global and regional outlook, adding that there would be even more uncertainties going into the future. He noted that global output would only return to pre-Covid levels from 2022 onwards and some countries would take longer. Dr Baptist added that he expected impact on consumers and business sentiment would be especially prolonged. He further noted that uncertainties were high and that existing trends such as the rise of nationalism could accelerate.



*Speaker
Dr Simon Baptist*

Dr Baptist gave a brief summary of the grim 2020 global GDP growth and cited some factors that would affect global recovery. He gave a succinct review of the APAC outlook at a glance, adding that these countries' economies would have different growth drivers. He touched on the topic of Asian currencies strength in most countries against the US Dollar. He also advised that the ASEAN region's recovery speed would depend on the effectiveness of the pandemic measures and economy. He further spoke on the policy responses constrained in emerging ASEAN countries which were influenced by budget positions and maturity of banking sectors.

Dr Baptist kindly answered queries which were posed to him at the end of his talk. After which, President Dinesh called upon Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind who warmly thanked Dr Baptist for his very interesting analysis which he found quite encouraging.

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Synergy Rotary Friendship Alliance
ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE invites you to

Synergy Rotary Friendship Alliance
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NEW HORIZONS FOR ROTARY & INNOVATIVE & NEW MODELS OF ROTARY CLUB

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RIO 3272
- INDIA
ROTARY CLUB OF KALAMASSERY
ROTARY CLUB OF COCHIN HARBOR
ROTARY CLUB OF THIRUVARUR CENTRAL
RIO 3271/3272
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RIO 3420
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RIO 3300
- NEPAL
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- PAKISTAN
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SYNERGY ROTARY FRIENDSHIP ALLIANCE

President Dinesh invited members to attend the Synergy Rotary Friendship Alliance meeting which would be held on Sunday, 13 December at 8.00pm Singapore time. He added that more than 300 attendees would be at the meeting.

President Dinesh advised that the Keynote Speaker would be RI President Holger Knaack who would be speaking on the topic “New Horizons for Rotary”.

A MILLION DREAMS – CHARITY ART AUCTION

President Dinesh called on International Service Committee (ISC) Director Rtn Varun Gulati who informed members of the coming “A Million Dreams” Charity Art Auction which would be held on **Thursday, 17 December from 7.00-10.00pm at Maduro, 40C Harding Road, Singapore 249548.**

Rtn Varun advised that the fund-raiser was for the following children’s charities :

- Bhakti Luhur orphanage, Indonesia
- Suniye, India
- BRD Rotary Children’s Home, Malaysia

Rtn Varun added that the art auction was organized specifically for the Rotary Club of Singapore and about 23 art pieces from 19 artists from 8 nationalities would be available at the auction. He added that more details would be sent via WhatsApp and he called on members to participate.

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN

KYFR speaker Rtn Hena Hoda advised that she has been a private banker for the past 20 years and moved to Singapore in 2000. She became a member of the Club on 22 May 2002 and gave thanks to the late PP Manik Shahani who introduced her to Rotary. Rtn Hena added that she has participated in the International and Community Service Committees over the year. She also acknowledged her thanks to long-standing members such as HM PP Bhagwan Melwani, HM Mohan Vaswani and Rtn Uttam Kripalani for their support.



Rtn Hena Hoda

Rtn Hena spoke of the causes close to her heart, particularly those involving children and her work with an Indian NGO. She shared anecdotes of her childhood and school life, having changed schools 10 times in as many cities and countries. Rtn Hena noted that these changes have made her more resilient and a strong person, able to adapt to changes. She added that her stay in Singapore has been the longest stint so far.

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ADOPTION OF THE MAJOR PROJECT FOR 2020/2021



“
**Alone we can do so little;
together we can achieve so much more.**
”

Covid-19 Major Project

Willing Hearts Project Introduction

While Singapore's GDP per capita of **US\$65,233** (2019) places it high in global economic rankings, those in the bottom **10%** of households bring home an average of only \$597 per month per household member. This situation will be further exacerbated by a growing aging population. In 2050, the percentage of the population of Singapore above the age of 65 was forecasted to be at **33%**, making up a third of the population.

Since 2005, Willing Hearts, a secular and non-affiliated charity wholly run by volunteers, has been providing daily free meals to the underprivileged and the needy in Singapore. For more than 18 years, Willing Hearts Kitchen has been preparing up to 8,000 meals per day, throughout the year for 365 days. These efforts are however insufficient to help the ever-expanding underprivileged group. This year, the pandemic has worsened the situation for communities at large. Thus, Willing Hearts started the initiative to increase meals up to 20,000 per day. The Rotary Club of Singapore (RCS), with more than 90 years of commitment to act on sustainable projects, decided to play a pivotal role in this initiative. The RCS intends to provide kitchen equipment for the MAIN kitchen as a first step to significantly increase the number of daily meals and to offer long-term support in many more aspects for years to come, ensuring the sustainability of this project.

Project Impact

-  Increase free meals from 8,000 up to 20,000 per day to help more under privileged people during this difficult time
-  A lighthouse project by the Rotary Club of Singapore to support communities during the coronavirus crisis
-  A sustainability project paving the way for the use of renewable energy and digitalization to optimize the delivery of free meals

Scope of Supply & Cost

-  Equipment with highest international standards
-  Equipment market value over S\$300,000
-  Equipment discounted price for Rotary S\$247,000





President Dinesh highlighted the proposed Club's Major Project for the year which would be put for adoption at the next meeting on 16 December 2020 for the beneficiary, Willing Hearts, which required a central kitchen to cope with the increased need for meals particularly during the Covid pandemic.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

President Dinesh reiterated that the AGM would be held on Wednesday, 16 December 2020 and presented the following Agenda:

- Formal adoption of President Nominee Rtn Louis Lim (President for RY 2022/2023)
- Introduction of the Board of Directors for RY 2021/2022
- Election of Board of Directors for RY 2021/2022
- Adoption of 2019 Club Constitution (subsequently postponed pending advice from DG Rajamohan)
- Presentation of Accounts for RY 2019/2020
- Presentation of current Accounts for RY 2020/2021

Attendance at Annual General Meeting for Members only.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

President Dinesh advised that the meeting of 30 December would be cancelled in view of the Holiday Season.

However, he added that the weekly meeting of 23 December would be a Fellowship Meeting with two live performers, one of whom is a Rotary Club president and the other a stand-up comedienne followed by fellowship in breakout rooms.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Aarti Wadhwa
Frank Pao
Sanjeev Shah
Claudia Huegel
Saeed Khan

This Meeting

16 December 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Club's Annual General Meeting –

For Members Only

Next Meeting

23 December 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Fellowship Meeting with “live” performances & entertainment

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

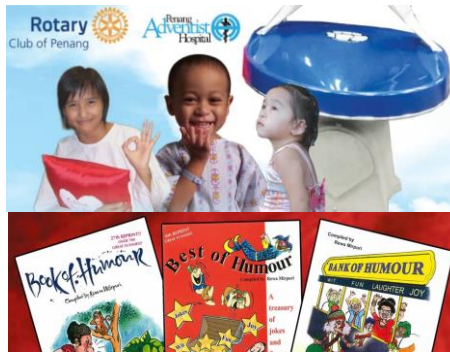
Hon Member Adam & Roshan Moledina
Paul & Janet Phua
Ivan & Sharon Lew
Hon Member Chiang Shih Fang & Liew Chin
Dr Tim & Jutta Philippi

Committee Meetings

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

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 17 December –
Maduro Art Auction fund-raiser

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 24 December
Meeting Cancelled



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Coming Rotary

December
Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

30 Dec – Meeting Cancelled in view of the Holiday Season

January
Vocational Service Month
27 Jan – 3rd Club Assembly

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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