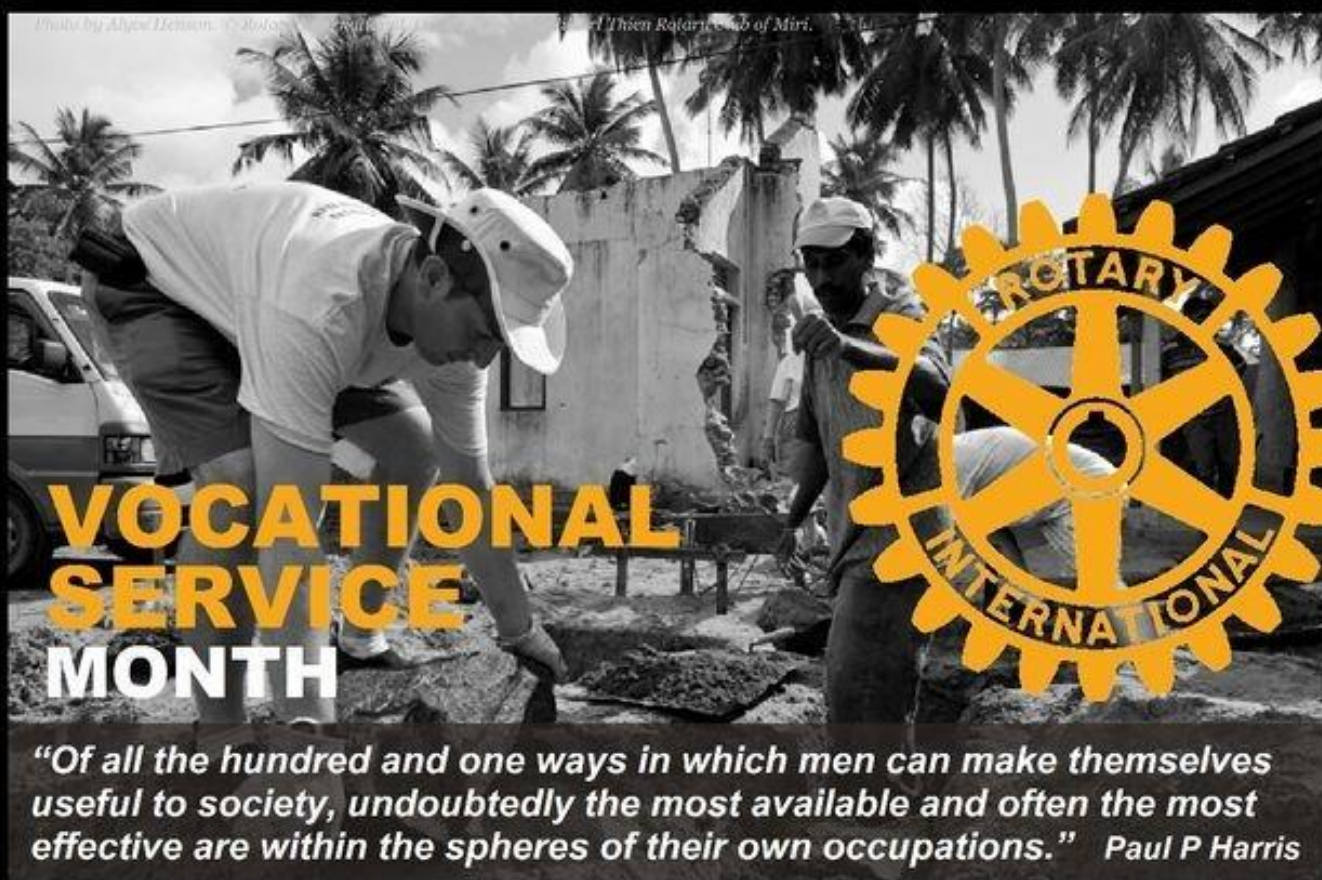




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**VOCATIONAL
SERVICE
MONTH**

"Of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations." Paul P Harris



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In Focus

Our Vocation – Our Service

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



HM PP Raymon Huang

True, every Rotarian, whether veteran or rookie, would already know the fundamentals of Rotary. But in our Rotary journey, there is always something new to learn. It is a learning journey of service. There is no such thing as knowing Rotary in all its aspects, chapter and verse. We do know the core values, of course. Example: How many can recite The Object of Rotary or The 4-Way Test? Chapter and verse? Not that we are required to. Or, do we know why exactly we were invited to join Rotary? Yes, because of your status and station in your business and professional community or your obvious willingness to come forward and lend a helping hand. There is another reason too which many may not be fully aware of – Classification. Rotary used to be fairly strict in applying the Classification System of two (2) members of the same classification. Not so now.

The Object of Rotary, as we know, is an enunciation of “Rotary’s purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians”. It spells out the four Avenues of Service Rotarians do. And Vocational Service is one of these Avenues.

This month, January, has been designated by Rotary International as “Vocational Service Month”. This is done annually because of its direct link to the Second objective in The Object of Rotary, which reads:

“High ethical standards in business and profession, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations as an opportunity to serve society.”

The Object itself “encourages and fosters the ideal of service as a base of worthy enterprise”.

So Vocational Service is the Second Avenue of Service. In this “Vocational Service Month” of January, we are asked to emphasise and consolidate our knowledge of this connection, this direct link. We know, of course, that today, with Covid-19 raging the world over, in-person and physical application is curtailed. But as long as we stay in focus, that is the best we can do under the circumstances. There is Zoom, of course.

The main and salient points in Vocational Service are:

- 1) high ethical standards;
- 2) the recognition of the worthiness of occupations;
- 3) an opportunity to serve society.

How do we put all this into practice and apply them effectively for the benefit of society?

In Focus

We learn about one another's vocation, make use of our expertise to serve the community. Guide the younger generation by sharing with the young ones what we know, inspire by example. In general, share your time and talent.

I quote a pointed statement about Vocational Service: "... because Vocational Service is the very essence of Rotary, it sets Rotary apart from the other service organisations.

At RC of Singapore we have shown this too. And we have been doing a whole host of VS programmes, amply justifying this claim. Like the EYA, Artisan of the Year, Junior Engineers' Programme, and many more. These are all on record.

To guide us along in our vocational course, we have, apart from The Object of Rotary, The 4-Way Test, The Guide to Daily Living, and the Rotary Code of Conduct.

I know that most of us already know this. However, a gentle reminder is sometimes useful.

Let me end with a quote from the Founder of Rotary himself, Paul Harris:

"Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession."

P.S. Notwithstanding Covid-19 and its toll...



Rotary Club Visits

Following are some photographs from PP Mark Wang who visited and exchanged banners with the Rotary Clubs of Suzhou Mandarin and Shanghai Gubei...



IPP Mark with President Jess Chen



IPP Mark with President Michael Chen at RC Shanghai Gubei's 2nd Club Anniversary on 12 December 2020

Meeting Report

24th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 6.1.2021

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet started the meeting proceedings by wishing everyone Happiness, Good Health and even more Service Above Self for 2021, before handing the Chair to President Dinesh Sharma.



President Dinesh Sharma

President Dinesh warmly welcomed Honorary Members PPs Bhagwan Melwani, Chiang Shih Fang and Rtn Mohan Vaswani, Past Presidents, guests, spouses and fellow Rotarians to the first meeting of 2021. He wished everyone a wonderful New Year with much prosperity and good health and to continue to be kind and serve people who need us. He specially welcomed Presidents Leana Wong and William Leong from Rotary Club of Shanghai International and Rotary Club Merlion respectively as well as Speaker, Mr James Dauman.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Allard Nooy

President Dinesh called on new member, Rtn Allard Nooy to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Shanghai International and to RI. Rtn Allard who raised the first toast wishing all prosperity, success and good health as well as commitments for all Rotarians for service to those who need service the most. Secondly, Rtn Allard called on members to raise a toast to Rotary Club of Shanghai International coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

President Dinesh then invited President Leana Wong from the Shanghai International club to address the Club. She advised that her club was bilingual and conduct their meetings fortnightly, alternating between an online and a physical meeting. President Leana advised that she was also the International Service Chair and would be happy to share any information with members.

HONORARY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dinesh advised that Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte was travelling back from Hamburg and he made the announcements on her behalf:

- Community Service Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, 7 January.
- Jolly Walk will be held on Sunday, 10 January at 8.00am to explore the Chestnut Nature Park followed by fellowship at President Dinesh's residence.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY MEETING – 23.2.2021

President Dinesh informed members of the plans to hold the Club's first physical meeting to celebrate World Understanding and Peace Day (WUPD). He advised that the meeting would be held on Tuesday (instead of the usual Wednesday) 23 February at the Conrad Centennial hotel. He added that the meeting would be limited to 50 persons on a first come first served basis, other members would be able to participate on Zoom.

President Dinesh further advised that the other Rotary Clubs would also hold their meetings at different locations but would be viewed as a collective event. He stated that a committee was formed with five other clubs and more details would be announced.

Meeting Report

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Dinesh had the pleasant task of inducting two members - Rtns. Toshio Omiyama and Ong Ting Yong who were formally introduced by Membership Chair VP Suresh Keerthi prior to their induction.



Rtn Toshio Omiyama

Place of Work: JR East Business Development SEA Pte Ltd

Classification: Hospitality and Real Estate Development

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service (VSC)

Mentor: VP Suresh Keerthi

Rtn Toshi (as he would like to be known in the Club) was proposed for membership by VP Suresh. He was a previous member of the Rotary Club of Morioka, Japan. Rtn Toshi is the Managing Director of JR East Business Development SEA Pte Ltd, which is wholly owned by East Japan Railway Company. The company received the retail concession for 25 stations on the Thomson-East Coast MRT line

Rtn Toshi thanked members for accepting him into the Club. He briefed members about his career background and his hobbies such as ski-racing, adding that he was a member of his University team. He also spoke of his Rotary experience and noted that the Club's support and contributions to the Japan tsunami-stricken areas, particularly of the donation of musical instruments in 2012.



Rtn Ong Ting Yong

Place of Work: Advisors Alliance Group,

Classification: Financial Services – Retirement Planning

Recommended Committee: Youth Service (YSC)

Mentor: Rtn James Lee

Rtn Ting Yong was invited to join the Club by Rtn James Lee. Rtn Ting Yong is 28 years old and recently graduated from National University of Singapore with double majors in Economics and Statistics. He has three years' experience in financial services which he was exposed to when his father suffered a stroke a few years ago and he wanted to ensure that what happened to him would not be repeated to others. His hobbies are any outdoor physical activities, playing classical guitar and reading.

Rtn Ting Yong advised that he got curious about Rotary when Rtn James shared about the different activities of Rotary and was particularly touched when one of the speakers spoke about the various projects undertaken. He added that the talk widened his perspective on the impact that could be done for the world. Rtn Ting Yong also noted that the weekly meetings were very insightful and interesting and exposed various topics which he would otherwise not have looked into.

He warmly thanked members and wished all a happy, healthy and better 2021!

Meeting Report

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KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



KYFR speaker Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund recounted his childhood that began in Saarlandes, Germany and where he studied and graduated from Universitat des Saarlandes with Master degree in Chemistry PHD in Chemistry/physical chemistry from 1983-89. He did his Post Doctorate in Kyushu, Japan in 1993-94. In his youth, Rtn Claus enjoyed swimming, cycling, modelling of remote controlled ships

and was a member of the Paneuropa Union.



Dr Claus Dusemund

Rtn Claus highlighted his professional career which started with Siemens Villach, Austria in 1995, after which he joined Merck Darmstadt from 1996 to 1999. In October 1999, Rtn Claus was posted to Singapore. In June 2003, Rtn Claus ventured out and formed his own company, Dusemund Pte Ltd.

Other than Club activities, Rtn Claus is also a member of the Seletar Hash House Harriers and enjoys travelling hiking and diving. To close his KYFR presentation, Rtn Claus showed some photos of his family.

GUEST SPEAKER: MR. JAMES DAUMAN

TOPIC: SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S WELFARE IN NEPAL

Rtn Andy Mankiewicz was pleased to introduce the Speaker, Mr James Dauman, who share the same nationality as well as the same Polish ancestry. Mr Dauman is the Co-Founder of The Nepal Initiative and Managing Director, South East Asia R. J. Flemming & Co, the private corporate finance and wealth management boutique owned by the Fleming family, to set up and run their Asian business in Singapore.



*Speaker
Mr James Dauman*

Mr Dauman's presentation introduced The Nepal Initiative which supports education and children's welfare in Nepal through its child sponsorship initiative, school building initiative, emergency relief initiative and the small business initiative. He advised that the Nepal Initiative sponsors the education and housing in Kathmandu of 37 children from remote villages around Nepal. The organisation also supports the building of schools with their partners, Kids of Kathmandu and showed photos of the building progress of the Shree Golmeshwori Basic School as well as a potential new school project in Kathmandu. Mr Dauman advised that the emergency relief initiative was started before Covid with volunteer doctors' clinic at remote villages. He also spoke of the small business initiative to enable the children to have an opportunity for work experience after their education and work with a local entrepreneur partner Utopia and other small businesses. He also highlighted some of The Nepal Initiative's fund-raising efforts.

President Dinesh called upon Rtn Dr Omkar Shrestha to extend the vote of thanks to Mr Dauman. Rtn Omkar, being a Nepali, first extended to Mr Dauman his heartfelt thanks on behalf of Nepal for the fantastic work and initiatives undertaken. Secondly, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Singapore for accepting the invitation to speak at the meeting, and enlightening us with his wonderful presentation.

Last Week

25th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 13.1.2021

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider called the meeting to order. She reminded members of the meeting rules and wished everyone a good evening, prior to inviting President Dinesh Sharma to take the Chair.

President Dinesh warmly welcomed Honorary Members, Past Presidents, guests, prospective candidates and fellow Rotarians to the meeting.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Vineet Iyengar

President Dinesh invited new member, Rtn Vineet Iyengar to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Batu Pahat coupled with the toast to Rotary International. Rtn Vineet called on members to do so and join him in the toast to international friends, as service never ends!

HONORARY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte informed members that Vocational Service Committee (VSC) Director, Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen would be hosting the next VSC fireside meeting on Thursday, 14 January. The Speaker is Mr Kelvyn Chee, CEO and Founder of Decks Pte. Ltd. and winner of The Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2019. The meeting moderators are Rtns Elizabeth Chee, Brenda Lee and PP Alan Tan.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

APPEAL FOR THE MALAYSIA FLOOD VICTIMS

President Dinesh called upon PP Foo Kok Hing from Rotary Club of Batu Pahat, who is the Chair of the District Disaster Committee to address the Club. PP Kok Hing thanked PP Dr Yap Lip Kee for his advice and guidance.

PP Kok Hing appealed to members to lend a hand and help mobilise the District Disaster Fund to aid the flood victims. He showed photos and reports of the disaster-prone areas and of the temporary relief centres. He advised that the proposed budget was to raise MYR40,000 with MYR20,000 to be disbursed immediately to families in the temporary relief centres and the other MYR20,000 for families identified by Rotary Clubs Mersing and Kota Tinggi.

President Dinesh advised of International Service Committee's efforts and have sent S\$4,000 to the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru. ISC Director Rtn Varun Gulati further added that the Club would be sending another S\$6,600 to Rotary Club of Temerloh for blankets/mattresses for the flood victims.

Last Week

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KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



KYFR speaker Rtn Suresh Hathiramani, President Dinesh advised joined the Club on 7.2.1996. His classification is Gems: Diamonds Distributing. President Dinesh added that Rtn Suresh is keen on environment protection and is skilled at making cocktails.

Rtn Suresh was born in Medan, Indonesia, was educated in Mumbai, India and spent his formative years there. After his graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics/Mathematics in 1974, he moved to Bandung, Indonesia and worked in a textile factory. In 1980, Rtn Suresh started his own business. He is married to Anita, and they have 3 children.



Rtn Suresh
Hathiramani

Rtn Suresh advised that he joined the Club at the behest of his uncle and previous boss, the late PP Murli Chanrai. He spoke of his involvement in both the Community and Vocational Service Committees. In 2001-02, he headed the successful “Save Water & Electricity” campaign jointly run with Bishan Toa Payoh Town Council which saw PM Lee officiating at the award presentation ceremony. He served as the Vocational Service Director (RY 2007-08) and Vice President in 2013-14. Rtn Suresh spoke of his hobbies and is passionate about environment awareness and nature photograph, adding that he is a “particularly good handy man around the house”. Rtn Suresh spoke about his classification as a “diamond merchant” adding that he has served 2 terms as President of the Diamond Exchange of Singapore and presently he is its Honorary Secretary and this year he would complete 40 years in the business of diamonds.

Lastly, Rtn Suresh added that he looked forward to many more active years in the service of Rotary and humanity.

GUEST SPEAKER: MS. NELLIE WARTOFT

TOPIC: LIFELONG LEARNING – WHAT IT MEANS TODAY

Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow introduced the Speaker, Ms Nellie Wartoft who is the CEO and Founder of Tigerhall, a mentor media platform that helps professionals – regardless of their backgrounds and circumstances to achieve their career and life goals by learning directly from Asia’s most successful people.

Ms Wartoft highlighted Tigerhall’s curated network of about 500 senior business leaders and industry expert. She advised that its media platform allowed members to learn directly from industry leaders and aspirational role models and provided content relevant to the regions and markets. She added that sessions were live, interactive experiences and highly engaging as well as tailored to the organization’s needs, powered by data.



Speaker
Ms Nellie Wartoft

She shared three top trends – with the expansion of “Concept Digital”, the focus on acquisition of metaskills in driving the lifelong learning and actionable learning on-demand in the flow of work. She further gave some tips for implementing lifelong learning in our lives, such as making use of all different formats available and to wrap it around an existing habit and have a ratio for the learning subject of 75% intentional and 25% for curiosity.

President Dinesh called upon Rtn Suhaimi who warmly thanked Ms Wartoft for her presentation adding that the topic resonated with him and that he would be exploring it further.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Vivek Chhabra
Chong Zhi Cheng
Deepu Joseph
Brigida Ranieri
PN Louis Lim
Sylvia Chung
Hon Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Willi & Hannelore Hess
Hon. Member PP Koh Choon Hui & Anne
Louisa Lee & Dr Yue Weng Cheu
Ranga & Uma Somanathan
Alex & June Lega
Horst & Debra Hagemann
PP J K Ong & Beng Hoo

Committee Meetings

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

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 21 January 2021

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 28 January 2021

This Meeting

20 January 2021
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: His Excellency Mr Periasamy Kumaran, High Commissioner of India

Topic: Reflections on India – Singapore Relations

Next Meeting

27 January 2021
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

3rd Club Assembly

Attendance for Members Only

Coming Rotary

January

Vocational Service Month

27 Jan – 3rd Club Assembly

February

Peace and Conflict

Prevention/Resolution Month

23 Feb – World Understanding & Peace Day dinner meeting at Conrad Centennial

March

Water and Sanitation Month

April

Maternal and Child Health Month

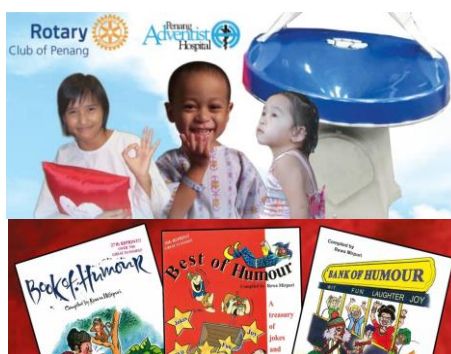
May

Youth Service Month

June

Rotary Fellowships Month

19 Jun – Installation of the 87th Board



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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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