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A New Rotary Year – A New President

By: Honorary Member (HM) PP Raymon Huang

The dawning of a new day always evokes excitement, anticipation – the first streaks of light in the heavens after the darkness of night; the stirring of creatures; the chirping of birds. The sights and sounds of things coming astir. So it is with the dawn of a new Rotary Year. The Club is getting a new President. Members are astir with curiosity and questions.

We heartily congratulate and welcome President Keith Harrison as our 83rd President, and his Board. And First Lady Rachel too.

President Keith's nomination and election as our President, many felt, was overdue. Now that this is de facto, a great deal of anticipation is in the air. Knowing the man, he started preparation for his Club leadership role quite some time back. So he is armed with a lot of ready answers when asked about it. That is what I did. I prodded him with several questions seeking his thoughts about his plans to take the Club to a new level of success and effectiveness, even if these are early days yet. So fairly broad questions needing broad outline answers. Most of us have been or are in management roles in our various and diverse stations of life. We know that even the best thought out and best laid plans require some tweaking and streamlining along the way to make them work better and get better results.



Pres Keith with HM PP Raymon

Here then are the questions I asked and President Keith's answers:

1. **PP Raymon:** Do you feel a special excitement about becoming our President? If so – why?

Pres Keith: Indeed I am! Excited about becoming President of the Club. It's a position to which I have always aspired. When I was nominated, I felt the extreme honour but relaxed as the commencement of my term seemed so distant. Now the feeling of honour is still there but the time to prepare is too close!

2. **PP Raymon:** By now, you and your Board would have formulated broad plans to take the Club forward even more. Some idea of them?

Pres Keith: My Board and I have formulated broad plans for the following areas of focus, all of which are in line with the preliminary proposals of the Club's Strategic Planning Committee:

- a) Membership: Intensify membership building and early involvement of new members;
- b) Sustainable Funds: Develop a longer term and sustainable flow of funds that can be used to support projects rather than calling on members every time;
- c) Enhancing Service: Share our services with an invigorated P R strategy embracing the digital world;

- d) Projects Creating Excitement: Develop projects with legacies that require our on-going involvement, so creating greater awareness in the community and exciting others with the possibility to join us;
- e) Spending/Accounting: Change the balance of our income and spending to produce a natural surplus, so developing a further source of project funds.

3. PP Raymon: You would have noticed some special or specific areas of service the Club has yet to do. Can you share what you see?

Pres Keith: I would like to see us highlight and champion projects that support the education and training of people with disabilities, be they mental, physical or developmental. In these areas, we want to walk the talk of our movement's central theme – "Making A Difference."

4. PP Raymon: What effective motivation would you and your officers give to the general membership to do more and be more involved?

Pres Keith: We will have more fellowship opportunities in our Club projects – all Committees. For these we will be asking members not so much for their treasure, but more of their time and talent.

5. PP Raymon: Summing up?

Pres Keith: The Agenda for the Rotary Year ahead. In one word – "daunting"! But it is our unwavering belief – and we believe it is the belief of most members too – that we "boleh!". We can. We will.

That the job of the Club President has gone and grown way beyond it used to be, there is no doubt. Greater and fuller attendance and attention are demanded of him for stretches of time. But that, really, is how it should be, if Rotary is to grow in strength and effectiveness. In this context, membership recruitment is vital, both in quantity and quality. Indeed the President and his Officers will find it hard going or impossible to go it alone. We need busy bodies – good busy bodies, lots of them. For that is how projects get implemented.

The President – he knows it – has to lead by example. He needs to be a rabble-rouser of sorts. He has to be an "enthusiaster". A man of many parts – in the main he is the spark plug for the engine, but on some occasions he has to be a mere spare part too. Put together well, the machinery will hum nicely.

President Keith is no doubt the eager beaver type, always rarin' to go! He gives me the impression as a man for all seasons. So the broad thoughts he expressed these early days will soon enough find their way into concrete action. Notwithstanding what the philosopher and thinker said – "Thinking is easy; acting is difficult, and to put one's thoughts into action is the most difficult thing in the world!"

So heave ho! Lads and lasses, let us put our shoulders together to the Rotary Wheel. Many hands, make light work. Make it turn effortlessly and hum sweetly. Together we will certainly make a difference – a big difference.

We wish President Keith and his Officers a productive and successful Rotary journey in this new Rotary Year 2017/18.



Photo Album of the Sister Club Fellowship on 23 June 2017



Pres Keith & Rachel Harrison with Pres & Mrs Danilo Alivia from RC Cauayan having a blast at Karaoke



President Keith on the dance floor with a fellow Rotarian from RC Cauayan



Fabeon, a visually challenged singer, entertaining the guests at sister club event – making a difference



Rotarians PP Alan Tan, Jasbir Koh & PE Mark rhyming on karaoke with Rachel, the First Lady



HM Mohan & Kawita Vaswani being persuaded by PE Mark Wanq to dance



Rtn Rewa Mirpuri sharing light moments and raising funds through the Book of Humour project

Photo Album of the Sister Club Fellowship on 23 June 2017



Signing of the agreement with sister club – RC Surabaya signing the agreement with RC Singapore



Outgoing President Garry Taylor with PE Mark with President Jack of RC Taipei



PP Dr Oliver Hennedige, Rtn Jasbir (from right) with sister club group from RC Cauayan



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting / 1st Club Assembly (continuation) – 12 July 2017

OPENING REMARKS

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) PP Jimmy Ooi with the SAA sash in hand, was given the pleasant task of opening the meeting. He called on President Keith to conduct the Meeting.

President Keith advised that the Club Assembly proceedings would continue with presentations from the other Board Members.



PP Jimmy Ooi

WELCOME OF GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS:

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Deepu Joseph:

Guests

Ms Magdalene Lee
Ms Hazel Seow
Dr Anne-Marie Schleich
Mr K K Aggarwal (Rtn Astha's father)
Mr Brent Allcook
Dr Rajbanshi
Dr Hitendra Doshi
Dr Hans Schniewind

Visiting Rotarians

Paul Kern – Humble, Texas, USA
Nobuyuki Matsumaru – Tokyo Tyosai, Japan
D V K Dharmar – Virudhunagar, India
Priti Sitaula Rajbanshi – Kasthamandap, Nepal
Stewart Wood – Noosa Heads, Australia



Rtn Deepu Joseph

TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNERS:

Toastmaster, PP Jimmy Ooi advised that together with Rtn M M Patel, they had visited the Rotary Club of Kasthamandap and invited visiting Rtn Priti Sitaula Rajbanshi, who is her club's Youth Service Director, to address the Club. Rtn Priti is a former Miss Nepal and Director Institute of Professional Devp. Pvt. Ltd. Rtn Priti informed members of her club's projects particularly to assist women in society.



From right: Pres Keith, Rtn Priti and PP Jimmy raising a toast to the Rotary Club of Kasthamandap coupled with the toast to Rotary International



Pres Keith flanked by visiting Rotarians – from left, Rtns DVK Dharmar, Stewart Wood, Priti and Paul Kern

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First Club Assembly (RY2017/18) Proceedings

President Keith continued the Club Assembly proceedings by calling upon Vice President James Lee to present his report on the Club Rotary Foundation as follows:

Club Rotary Foundation Report – VP James advised that he would be the Board's representative of the Club Rotary Foundation Committee which is chaired by PP Dr Shahul Hameed. He introduced the members of the Committee comprising of PPs Tapan Rao, Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas, Rtn Robert Craiu with co-opted members President Keith, Hon Treasurer Reinhard Klemmer, ISC Director Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal. VP James reported on the functions and areas of focus of the Committee, particularly with Global Grants and its funding, stewardship/monitoring and evaluation.

VP James highlighted that the Football Plus Global Grant was still short of 3 Paul Harris Fellows and called on members support. He added that this project with working with the community (Macpherson Grassroots, Football Plus Organisation, Interact & Rotaract Clubs as well). He advised that a Soccer Carnival would be organised for all beneficiaries and parents and community partners and Members to come together as a finale to the project.

VP James also highlighted some other areas of fund raising such as Choir concert to raise funds for our next major project as well as suggested events like the Oktoberfest, Christmas, Chinese New Year gatherings.

VP James added that, at the request of the President, he would be leading, with the collaborative support of other members, an initiative to organise events during the year specifically designed to raise funds for our projects from people and companies outside of the Club. This is with a view to broadening our fund raising base as well as creating new awareness and interest in what we do."



VP James Lee

Community Service Committee Report - Director See Mee Lee introduced the Committee's office bearers – Deputy Rtn Ronald Wong, Secretary Rtn Louis Lim, Treasurer Rtn Mamta Shahani and Asst. Secretary Rtn Jessica Lim. She was pleased to add that the Committee currently has 45 members!

Rtn Mee Lee spoke of the Committee's key plans and strategies for the year. She advised that the main focus would be to serve the local community; to ensure family involvement; to embrace festive events; synergy with International, Youth and Vocational Service Committees as well as collaboration with other NGOs or Associations.

She highlighted the Survey completed on 6 July 2017 during the first Community Service Committee (CSC) meeting, from 25 CSC projects, the top 10 projects to be undertaken were as follows:

- ✓ Outing with Society for the Aged Sick
- ✓ Christmas party with Gift of Love Home
- ✓ Laugher Yoga with SECDC
- ✓ Good Samaritans Award
- ✓ Visiting Assisi Hospice
- ✓ Botanical Garden Walk
- ✓ Festive event – Multi National
- ✓ Eye Screening – With VSC and ISC by Dr Rupesh
- ✓ Possible Global Grant project with Association for Persons with Special Needs – and other projects

Rtn Mee Lee also presented a calendar of CSC events for the year.



CSC Director See Mee Lee

First Club Assembly (RY2017/18) Proceedings...cont'd.

Vocational Service Committee Report - Director Deepak Nagrani started his report by stating the Committee would capitalise on the themes that have evolved over the years, and will continue to focus on current projects with a view to build new projects. He took the opportunity to thank Rtn Bala Venkatesan as VSC chair for 2016/17 and his team for an outstanding job well done. He added that last year Rtn Bala introduced his Theme of continuity and collaboration, which he would like to keep and embellish it with the theme of 2017/18 – “while we win for today – we must build for tomorrow”.

Rtn Deepak introduced his key team members – Deputy Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund, Secretary Rtn Shamin Vaswani, Treasurer Rtn Xerxes Medora, Public Relations Rtn Mamta Shahani and Hosting Chair Rtn Joseph Chia. He further introduced the Committee’s key project drivers – PP Alan Tan (EYA), Hon Member PP Raymon Huang

(4-Way Test), Rtn Stuart Pearce (Vocational Month), Rtn Hassan Moosa (Swimarathon) and VP Andy Mankiewicz (MenYou Global Grant).



VSC Director Deepak
Nagrani

Rtn Deepak highlighted the Committee’s core projects which continued to resonate with members and introduced possible new projects such as the project to build on the database of Rotary Entrepreneur of the Year (EYA) winners to lay the foundation for a yearly event; and the Guide to Daily Living projects to promote the Rotarian core values to be put in practice. He advised that vocational visits were being planned with the Gardens By The Bay and the Intercon/Holiday Inn express hotels to gain an insight into not only their tricks of the trade but also their CSR and eco-friendly initiatives. Rtn Deepak ended his report by presenting the Committee’s calendar of events and inviting members to attend the VSC meeting on 13 July 2017.

International Service Committee Report – Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal introduced the ISC team, starting with Deputy/ Secretary Rtn Anindya Dutta, Treasurer Rtn Hena Hoda and Rtn Anant Jain, Alternate Chair PE Mark Wang, Public Relations Chair Rtn Astha Aggarwal and Global Grants Chair PP Dr Shahul Hameed.

Rtn Rupesh spoke of the Committee’s key plans and strategies, referring to them as the 5Cs – Continuity, (Tele) Consultation, Capacity Building, Counselling and Rehabilitation and lastly, Collaboration.

Rtn Rupesh’s report also highlighted the very successful sister club fellowship held on 23 June 2017 at the Senior Police Office Mess.

The Committee’s calendar of events was presented by Rtn Rupesh which highlighted the various sister club installations in July; the Cambodia Eye Mission in August as well as the Philippines Medical Mission in September. He added that as mentioned earlier, the Help the Children Project in Indonesia would take place from 6 to 8 October. He advised that PE Mark Wang was organizing a China Mission trip in November and mission trips were being organized to Nepal and India during the month of December, with a possible visit to Vietnam in April 2018.



ISC Director Dr Rupesh
Agrawal

Youth Service Committee Report – Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien highlighted the Committee’s key executives, namely Deputy Rtn Adnan Ansari, Secretary Rtn Jessica Lim and Treasurer Rtn S “Mali” Malaiappan.

Rtn Sek Tien shared his views on the Youth Service Committee and its work with the Interactors and Rotaractors. He cited the example of Catholic Junior College (CJC) Interact Club, a modest sized club. He advised that CJC Interactors sold flowers and nuts to raise funds; served in several old folk’s homes; taught English to kids in rural Cambodia and installed bio-sand filters in villages in Cambodia – they were awarded the RI Presidential Citation Award!



YSC Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien

Rtn Sek Tien introduced the Interact and Rotaract Clubs sponsored by the Club as follows:

INTERACT CLUBS (10)

- ACS (Independent)
- Bukit Gombak (Eagles)
- Anderson Junior College (JC)
- Catholic JC
- Global Indian (East Coast)
- Global Indian (Queenstown)
- Hwa Chong Institution
- Raffles Institution (Y1-4, Y5-6)
- Tanjong Katong Girls’ School
- Victoria JC

ROTARACT CLUBS (3)

- Rotaract Club of Singapore (City)
- Rotaract Club of Temasek
- Rotaract Club of Singapore

He also highlighted the work of the Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC) as a platform for interaction and dissemination of information on “inter-club” activities among the approximately 30 Interact Clubs in Singapore. Rtn Sek Tien also shared some history on ICC as well as the Interact Leadership Training Camps (ILTC) over the years.

He highlighted some of the events for the year as follows:

- ILTC Leadership camp July 2017
- Football Plus – ongoing, recruit mentors possibly from our Interactors and Rotaractors
- Joint YSC-ISC Rotaract Betesda Orphanage Batam
- Joint YSC-CSC Christmas at “Gift of Love” old folks home Dec 2017
- Joint ICC Major Project in partnership with Youth Corps Singapore March 2018
- Joint YSC-VSC: Swimathon March/April 2018

Lastly, Rtn Sek Tien acknowledged the great team at the Youth Service Committee; however he added that more members were needed.

The Club Assembly proceedings were then closed and President Keith continued with the Meeting proceedings as follows:

CONGRATULATIONS TO PP DR SHAHUL HAMEED

President Keith extended the Club’s congratulations to PP Dr Shahul Hameed on his ever solid support of others in Rotary. He added that PP Shahul was recognised by District Governor Hsieh Mu-tu from District 3490 (Taiwan) for his work done to enhance that District’s understanding of Global Grants.

REMINDER!!!

President Keith asked all members to please take a few minutes to visit the new website (at the same web address: www.rotary.org.sg) and particularly to sign into the new confidential members only section.



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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

20 July – President Keith Harrison
24 July – Dr Alexander Ressos
25 July – Andreas Duerst

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

24 July – Hon Member PP Raymon & Jessie Huang

International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 20 July

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Singapore Island Country Club, Bukit Location, 240 Sime Road, S288303

Hosts: Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal, Astha Aggarwal, Dr Chan Siew Luen & T K Chew

This Meeting

19 July 2017

Reception Desk duty: Rasik Ahuja, T K Chew

Sunshine Box duty: Louis Lim, Adnan Ansari

Speaker: Dr Anne-Marie Schleich, retired German Diplomat

Topic: "Changing geopolitics in Oceania A view towards ASEAN's neighbouring region"

Next Meeting

26 July 2017

Reception Desk duty: Debasree Chakrabarti, Vivek Chhabra

Sunshine Box duty: Dr Irina Francken, Asheesh Khaneja

Speaker: Our member, Rtn Anindya Dutta

Topic: "Cricket – A Gentleman's Game – A sport that brings together two billion people"

Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 20 July

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Love & Charity Room, Level 3, YWCA @ Fort Canning Lodge, 6 Fort Canning Road, S179494

Hosts: Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien & Adnan Ansari

Coming Rotary Events

July

19 July – Installation of Global Indian (East Coast) Interact Club

20 July – Installation of sister club, R C Chinatown-Manila

20 July – Installation of ACS (Independent) Interact Club

26 July – Installation of Hwa Chong Institution Interact Club

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

2 Aug – Installation Raffles Institution Interact Club

5 Aug – Installation of sister club, R C Cauayan

12 Aug – Installation of sister club, R C Kuala Lumpur DiRaja & vocational visit to Royal Selangor factory

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October

Economic and Community Development Month

6-8 Oct – Launch of Help the Children 2017 Project



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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?

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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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