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In Focus

Importance of Bringing in New Members

-By John Kenny, President, Rotary International

I have always thought it important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization, composed of people who are all themselves leaders. When addressing such an audience, I have never thought it fitting to exhort or demand. Every Rotary club is and must be autonomous: The leadership of Rotary International exists not to control, but to motivate and guide.

And so when we in Rotary speak about the importance of membership, I believe it of the utmost importance to bear in mind that the primary experience of Rotary, for the overwhelming majority of Rotarians, is of the club: of club meetings, club projects, and fellow club members.

When Paul Harris began the first Rotary club 104 years ago, he did not initially think of service. Instead, he had in mind a place where people of good character, intelligence, and morals could enjoy each other's fellowship and friendship. The service came later, as a natural outgrowth of the gathering of such people.

Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger, and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also the case

that bringing in the wrong person can have the opposite effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well.

In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations: One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client, or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is the way that our clubs remain harmonious; it is the way that new clubs become old clubs, and new members become Rotarians for life.

The membership challenges that we face today are considerable, and in many ways new. There is no denying the difficulties posed by the current global financial situation. But in the words of Henry Ford, "If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability." And as long as we all do our jobs well, and bring in new members carefully, this is a security we in Rotary will never lack. **RC**



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- R.I. President John Kenny

Last week

Club happenings on July 29th

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Opening Remarks:

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee warmly welcomed the Club's Guest Speaker, Mr. Ong Liong Chuan as well as previous members, Rtn. Gerry Smallwood and Mr. Chan Fook Choy.

Welcome of Guests:

Welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn. Masamitsu "Masa" Kawasumi:

Guests:

Mrs. Donna Smallwood, Mr. Chan Fook Choy

Visiting Rotarians:

PP Raymond & Joan Young – Ringwood, Australia

Gerry Smallwood – Santa Monica, USA

Toast:

Rtn. Gerald Abeyawardena called upon visiting PP Raymond Young to address the Club. PP Raymond noted from the Club's Annual Report of the projects undertaken for the good of mankind.

Rtn. Gerald invited members to join him in raising a toast to the Rotary Club of Ringwood coupled with the traditional toast to Rotary International.

Greetings from Previous Members:

President Lip Kee invited visiting Rtn. Gerry Smallwood to say a few

words. He advised that his club, Santa Monica was the first club to admit women and the first to have a woman president. Rtn. Gerry added that he was in Singapore in 1953 and came back again in 1962/1965. He and his wife, Donna, were in Singapore visiting their son who was born here. Rtn. Gerry noted that Singapore has changed so much, adding that he recognised the street names but did not recognise where he was!

Previous member, Mr. Chan Fook Choy was also pleased to address the Club and to see so many of his friends.

News from Sister club, Wakayama East:

Rtn. Shoichi Ishizaki informed members of the sad news he received from Rotary Club of Wakayama East. He advised that PP Tetsuji Okamoto who established the sister club relationship with our Club in 1982, had passed away. He added that PP Tetsuji worked very hard in promoting the friendship between our two clubs. He further advised that members who joined the sister club visits to Japan would recall visiting PP Tetsuji's magnificent home and gardens. Rtn. Shoichi advised that he would be sending condolences to PP Tetsuji's family. **RC**



Masamitsu "Masa" Kawasumi



Gerald Abeyawardena



Shoichi Ishizaki

Guest corner...

“Business Continuity Management”

Speaker: Mr. Ong Liong Chuan

Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Speaker's Introduction:

Rtn. Joseph Chia introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. Ong Liong Chuan, who joined the Public Utilities Board in 1975 and has more than 30 years of working experience in the electricity, gas and water industries. He is currently Head of the Inspectorate Section of SP PowerGrid Ltd. He holds a BSc Honour (Chemistry) and MSc in Corrosion Science & Engineering (UMIST, UK). He is a certified Business Continuity Management (BCM) instructor for Disaster Recovery Institute (USA) and has been appointed by the Singapore Power Group as the Group BCM Coordinator and Group Emergency Planning Officer since 2005. He represents the Singapore Power Group as Chairman of the BCM Technical Committee of SPRING Singapore to develop the Singapore BCM Standard (SS 540:2008) and two new ISO BCM

Speaker:

At the start of his talk, Mr. Ong noted that the media would be the source of information on terror attached and other threats such as SARS. He added that it was important to know what needed to be done in such circumstances and to understand that the priority was to save lives.

Mr. Ong advised that the primary focus of the Singapore BCM Standard SS540:2008 was on continuity management and recovery of critical business operations after a disaster has been declared. The standard, Mr. Ong explained was applicable to all organizations regardless of their size. He highlighted the framework for organizations to analyse threats and implement strategies,

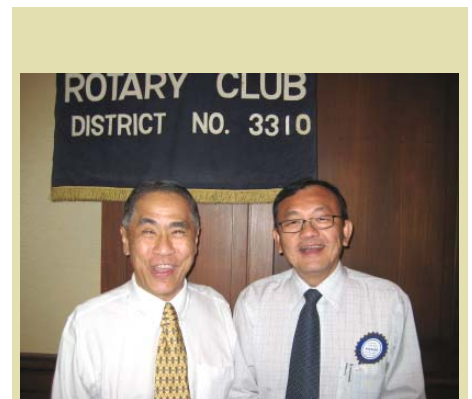
processes and procedures to address these concerns.

Mr. Ong advised that the BCM framework covered 6 BCM areas (i.e. Risk Analysis and Review, Business Impact Analysis, Strategy, Business Continuity Plan, Test and Exercise and Programme Management) and 4 BCM Components (i.e. Policies, Processes, People and Infrastructure). He further advised that the standard was being used by Technical Committees to prepare ISO standards relating to BCM.

Mr. Ong also shared Singapore Power's experience in BCM.

Vote of Thanks:

Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao was called upon by President Lip Kee to extend the Club's vote of thanks to Mr. Ong. RC



Speaker, Mr. Ong Liong Chuan with Rtn. Joseph Chia (R to L)



Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao presents the Club's mementos to Mr. Ong (L to R)

Club Activities

Vocational Visit to URA – 21 August 2009

The Vocational Service Committee is organizing a visit to the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) on **21 August 2009 at 3pm**.

The URA is Singapore's land use planning and conservation authority and is responsible for Singapore's development into a home for people and a city of distinction, to create the best physical and living environment for building a vibrant city, a robust economy and a cohesive community.

The talk will be on URA's planning as well as the Concept and Master Plans for the next 50 years.

The proposed programme for the briefing is as below:

- Arrival of guests
- Screening of URA corporate video
- Presentation on Singapore's land use planning system
- Q&A and discussion
- Continue discussion with a walk around Singapore City Gallery

The duration of the programme is approximately 90 minutes.

Venue: 45 Maxwell Road, The URA Centre, Singapore 069118

Interested Rotarians and family please advise Rtn Joseph Chia via email: chiarotary@gmail.com

- contributed by Rtn. Joseph Chia

Project KARAWACI 2009

Programme:

August 7th 2009 (Fri): Leave Singapore for Jakarta (evening flight)
Check-in Aryaduta Hotel and Country Club in Karawaci

August 8th 2009 (Sat): Medical and Dental Mission, Visit to community schools and villages

August 9th 2009 (Sun): Medical and Dental Mission, Visit to community schools and villages

August 10th 2009 (Mon): Rest and Recreation Jakarta
Leave Jakarta for Singapore (evening)

For more information, please contact Rtn Dr Shahul Hameed (drshahul@pacific.net.sg) or call 6338 2305 (office), 9796 1536 (hp)

The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the precept 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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Mark your **Diary!**

- compiled by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Birthday Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Birthday* to celebrants:

August 3 – Dr. M.C. Tong

August 6 – Lydia Ang

August 9 – PP Dr. Patrick Chin

This week

August 5th 2009

Reception Desk duty: Ghani Mahtani, Atul Merchant

Sunshine Box duty: PP Philip Leong, Uttam Kripalani

Speaker: Mr. Paul Kayoboke, Charge d’Affaires a.i., Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda

Topic: “Rwanda: Past, Present & Future”

Service Committee

Meetings

Community Service

Date: Thursday, August 6th

Time: 5.45 pm

Venue: To be advised

Chairperson: Goh Bock Seng

Anniversary Celebrants

There are no *Wedding Anniversary* celebrants this week:

Next week

August 12th 2009

Reception Desk duty: Philip Mason, Rewa Mirpuri

Sunshine Box duty: PP Leow Jwee Meng, S “Mali” Malaiappan

Speaker: Our Member, Rtn. Jack Wang

Topic: “Taxation Issues Facing Senior Management”

Service Committee

Meetings

Vocational Service

Date: Thursday, August 13th

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Room 1, Poolside, The Waterside, Tanjong Rhu Road S436881

Host: Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao

July

Literacy Month

August

Membership & Extension Month

August 7th – 10th

Project Karawaci, Indonesia

August 21st

Vocational Visit to URA

September

New Generations 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?

Bird Watching!

(contributed by President Dr. Yap Lip Kee)



“No dear, not today, I have a headache.”

Quotation

(contributed by Rtn. Uttam Kripalani)

“Your body is an amazingly adaptive machine. Ask it to be stronger and stronger you will be. Challenge it to go further and further you will go. Coax it to be more limber and more limber it will be. Allow it to mold into the seat of a recliner and, you got it, a recliner seat it will become. Stretch it, push it, pull it; your body is like cellular Play-Doh waiting for you to be the sculptor.”

- Shawn Phillips

American Author of [Strength For Life](#)