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Last week

Club happenings on August 5th

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Opening Remarks:



Vice President Jim Pollock

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee opened the meeting and called upon Vice President Jim Pollock to chair the meeting. V.P. Jim extended a warm welcome to the Guest Speaker, Mr. Paul Kayoboke.

Welcome of Guests:

Duty of welcoming guests of members fell to Rtn. Brigitte Holtschneider:

Guests:

Mrs. Nicole Bamukunde (wife of Mr. Kayoboke), Mr. Chew Tiong Kheng, Mr. Darshan Joshi

Toast:

As there were no visiting Rotarians at the meeting, Rtn. Keizo Fujitake invited members to join him in

raising a toast to Rotary International.

Nominating Committee:

As per the notice given to members at the weekly meeting of July 8th, for the nominations for the four members of the Nominating Committee, as at the end of July, four nominations of eligible members were received.

VP Jim announced that the following members were deemed elected to the Nominating Committee for this Rotary year:

PP Dr. Oliver Hennedige

PP Philip Leong

Rtn. Paul Phua

Rtn. Noshir Mistri

VP Jim further advised that the Nominating Committee comprised of the abovementioned members together with President Lip Kee, IPP Paliath Mohandas and PE P "Bala" Balachandran. **RC**



Brigitte Holtschneider



Keizo Fujitake



Guest corner...

“Rwanda: Past, Present and Future”

Speaker: Mr. Paul Kayoboke

Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Speaker's Introduction:

Honorary Secretary Rtn. Tapan Rao was pleased to introduce the Guest Speaker, **Mr. Paul Kayoboke** who is the Charge D' Affaires at the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda. Mr. Kayoboke last served as Commercial Attache to the People's Republic of China and Chief Representative of the Rwanda Development Board. He graduated from the University of Reading with a degree in Law (LLB Hons) in 2000. Prior to joining the diplomatic corps., Mr. Kayoboke worked with Reuters in East Africa before establishing a legal and IT consulting firm. In 2003, Mr. Kayoboke founded his own technology company, which was conferred several internationally acclaimed awards. Mr. Kayoboke is married to Mrs. Nicole Bamukunde who accompanied him to the meeting.

Speaker:

Mr. Kayoboke introduced his country, Rwanda, and its location in the immense African continent. He gave an overview of his country's history, including its brutal genocide of a million people.

In spite of this tragic event, Mr. Kayoboke stated that Rwanda has become Africa's biggest success story. He noted that the country recently received the prestigious UN Scroll of Habitat award on account of its security and cleanliness, the first African nation to receive the award.

Mr. Kayoboke spoke of Rwanda's economic drivers such as its tourism industry, the country's natural resources and agriculture, such as its specialty coffees and teas, and niche areas of services in trade and banking. He noted that

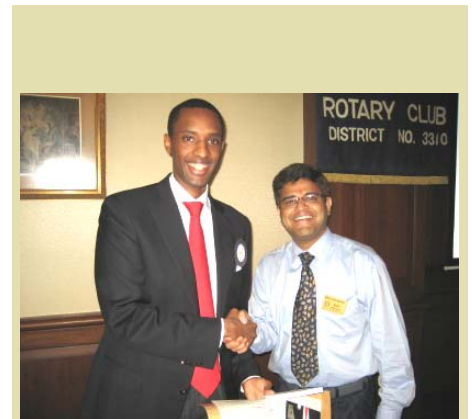
Singapore was an “inspirational development model” to Rwanda. He highlighted some of his country's existing collaborations with Singapore.

Mr. Kayoboke spoke of Rotary's presence in Rwanda and the programmes undertaken including PolioPlus, which has a 90% coverage in the country. He highlighted some of Rotary's social, vocational and educational projects as well.

Vote of Thanks:

Rtn. Sirish Kumar warmly thanked Mr. Kayoboke for his presentation. He stated that Mr. Kayoboke was an emerging face promoting his country and referred to him as the CEO of Rwanda Inc.!

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Speaker, Mr. Paul Kayoboke with Rtn. Sirish Kumar (L to R)



Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao

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

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 11 – V.P. Jim Pollock

August 13 – Hon. Treasurer Nirmal Singh

August 15 – Dr. Tim Philippi

This 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: "Tax Planning & Understanding for Senior Management & SME Directors"

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

Anniversary Celebrants

There are no *Wedding Anniversary* celebrants this week:

Next week

August 19th 2009

Reception Desk duty: IPP Paliath Mohandas, Haider Nawaz

Sunshine Box duty: Jamshid Medora, Noshir Mistri

Speaker: H.E. Mr. Jorg Ranau, Ambassador of Germany

Topic: To be advised

Service Committee Meetings

International Service

Date: Wednesday, August 19th

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: 34 Victoria Park Road, S266514

Host: Kavita Butalia

August

Membership & Extension Month

August 7th – 10th

Project Karawaci, Indonesia

August 13th

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) - Press Conference

August 21st

Vocational Visit to URA

September

New Generations Month

September 16th

EYA Presentation Ceremony

October

Vocational 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?

Humour!

(contributed by Rtn. Dr. Albert Wee)

Top Joke in Canada

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to 300 deg. C.



The Russians used a pencil.

Quotation

(contributed by Rtn. Uttam Kripalani)

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."

- Joe Sabah
American Author and Publisher