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In Focus

Highlights of the 2010 COL Meeting

- By PDG Lim Hock Teck (Contributed by PE P Balachandran)

Following is a summary report written by PDG Lim Hock Teck on the recently concluded 2010 Council On Legislation (COL) held in Chicago from April 26th - 30th 2010...



PDG Lim Hock Teck

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
I believe all of you would have followed the proceedings of the 2010 COL meeting via the various medias

and I propose to only highlight the items affecting us directly. But, before doing so, let me state that I found this Council to be very action-orientated and very focussed on membership growth, finance and Rotary organisational structure. And, it is on these premises that voting generally took shape. Let me start off with our 2 district proposed legislations:

A) **Enactment on e-club**
This was a Compromise Legislation and was proposed by the Board of Directors on behalf of 7 e-clubs. An amendment to have 2 e-clubs in a district was adopted on the argument that it will benefit larger district as well as a district with more that the usage of one language.

B) **A Guide to Daily Living**
This resolution failed to receive

substantial support. I think that the representatives were too tired (as this item was placed on the last day). The general mood, also, was that most of the delegates were not ready to accept new concept, such as this.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

* **Excused Absences** ...Article 9, Section 3(a)
.. "Such excused absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months".

.....adopted
* **Excused Absences**Article 9, Section 3(b)
"The age of the member is 65 and above and the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more".....adopted.

Note: This requires the re-examination of individual who had previously qualified and this re-examination comes into effect on 1st July 2010

* **ATTENDANCE** Section 5,
"In the event that a member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection 3(b) or section 4 of this article attends a club meeting, the member and the member's attendance shall be

included in the membership and attendance figures used to compute this club's attendance".....adopted.

* MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS

.....Article 4.070
....."Notwithstandingno clubs may by provisions in its constitution or otherwise, limit membership in a club on the basis of gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation"...adopted.

* DISABLED TO JOIN ROTARY

This resolution to request RI Board to consider making policies for the disabled to join Rotary was adopted.

* SATELLITE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The resolution to request RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next COL to create a new type of membership ... satellite club membership was adopted.
Note:

This was mainly for big districts with active small towns, but, also for us, in district 3310 with so many pockets of small communities. These satellite clubs can become full pledged Rotary clubs in the future.

Highlights of the 2010 COL Meeting...continued

* RULES FOR TRANSFERRING AND FORMER ROTARIANS MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS

Article 4

It is recommended that any club wishing to admit a former member demand that the potential member provide written proof from the previous club that all debts have been paid..... adopted

Under Article 7 ... Membership

Potential members of this club who are current or former members of another club who have debts to the other club are ineligible for membership in this club.....adopted

* VOTING ...Article 15.050.3

A club may designate a proxy for its absent elector(s)...adopted

* R.I. PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE .. DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The proposed resolution to discontinue the sending of RI President's Special Representative to District Conference was narrowly defeated by 244 votes for and 271 votes against.

Talking to many delegates, I have the feeling that this practice may one day be discontinued.

*RESOLUTIONS ON HUMANITARIAN GROUND

Resolutions on landmine relief efforts, the Rotarian Declaration for World Peace, researching and initiating a worldwide resource for rapid despatch of temporary relief materials to designated disaster areas, raising the awareness of environmental issues, and supporting sustainable clean energy projects were all adopted.

* FIFTH AVENUE OF SERVICE YOUTH SERVICE

At long last, the fifth avenue of service called NEW GENERATION SERVICE was adopted. Interact and Rotaract will be under a

Standing Committee of 6 members. The argument to increase the age of Rotaractors to 35 years was not well-supported. Early Act Clubs will be considered a programme of Rotary.

* INNER WHEEL

The Proposed resolution to consider recognising Inner Wheel as a valuable associate working partner of Rotary was very welcomed and adopted.

*ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDS PROGRAMS

The proposed resolution to consider making partners of Rotarians ineligible for Foundation awards programs received very strong support and was adopted. This was aimed at stopping abuses. There were many resolutions requesting that the rules on Foundation awards programs be amended but these were rejected.

*SELECTION OF FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

*The Rotary Foundation Article 22.0.20 Trustees

There shall be 15 trustees, each nominated by the president-elect and elected by the board in the year prior to taking office. This is contrary to the 15 trustees appointed by the president with the approval of the board. This adopted enactment is a very good move for monitoring the appointment of trustees

* PER CAPITA DUES

The details have been shown in many other reports and I will not repeat them in my report. In my opinion, the increases over the next few years are very necessary to cover deficits. Council adopted the proposal put forth by the board. But, the board's proposal to increase annual dues by 2% after 2014 was rejected.

Photo Gallery...



Each of Rotary's 531 districts sends a representative to the Council.

Screens at the front of the chamber display the legislation being discussed and the item next up for consideration.

Highlights of the 2010 COL Meeting...continued

*** REIMBURSEMENTS TO RI PRESIDENT ETC**

*** Article 17 Fiscal Matters ...** 17.080. reports

Payments made to and on behalf of all RI directors will have to be included in RI report now.

*** THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

*** Article 22** Subsection 22.060.

"all payments made to and on behalf of each of the trustees" must now be shown in the report to RI.

***DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

The proposed enactment to extend the term of governor from one year to two years was defeated by 19 votes for and 496 votes against. Another enactment spells out the duties of the governor to include supplying the governor-elect full information as to the condition of clubs with recommended action for strengthening clubs. This was adopted.

Election of governor-nominee was another hot issue and there were many proposed enactments. One proposal that the candidate should preferably be a past AG was defeated. The council gave the board authority to act against complaints for the election of district governor to the extent of disqualifying candidate(s), if necessary.

***RI SECONDARY MOTTO**

The change from "They Profit Most Who Serve Best" to "One Profits Most Who Serves Best" was adopted. This new motto is gender-neutral and also conveys individual action.

***DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

The council gave the board the authority to eliminate or change district boundaries if the district falls below 33 clubs or 1200 members.

***RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF**

MEMBERSHIP IN RI

Approval was given to the board to suspend or terminate the membership of any club that retains in its membership any person who has misused funds from the Rotary Foundation or who otherwise has breached the stewardship policies of The Rotary Foundation.

*In the case of suspension, a club should be re-instated if all issues have been appropriately addressed within 6 months.

***ROTARIAN MAGAZINE**

Rotarians in Canada and USA were given the option to receive an electronic version of the Rotarian magazine. Rotarians elsewhere will continue receiving the printed version. Two Rotarians, residing at the same address, can have joint subscription to the Rotarian magazine. The council did not entertain the proposal to completely do away with the subscription requirement.

***TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

Many changes were proposed and adopted. These will not affect many Rotarians in our district, but will save RI substantial sum of money.

*** COL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Council made no change to its stand that all representatives will have to be PDGs. But, no representative is allowed to attend more than 3 COL meetings. The procedure of electing alternate representative if there are more than 2 candidates by way of the single transferable ballot system was approved by the council. Districts with larger number of Rotarians were not granted their request to have more representatives. It was emphasized that every district has one equal vote. RC

Photo Gallery...



During five days of deliberation, the Council on Legislation discussed more than 200 proposed enactments and resolutions, voting to increase dues, make e-clubs a permanent part of Rotary International, and create a fifth Avenue of Service.

Last week

Club happenings on May 5th

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Opening Remarks:

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee warmly welcomed the Guest Speaker, Mr. George Tanasijevich and members to the meeting.

Welcome of Guests:

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn. Koh Juay Meng:

Guests:

Mr. Agha Ikenna Benjamin, Ms. Angeline Cheah, Mr. Huber Marco, Mr. Jimmy Quek, Mr. Peter Williams

Visiting Rotarians:

Sam Showket Hossain – Dhaka Central

Toast:

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Robert Craiu advised that visiting Rtn. Sam Showket Hossain had visited the Club on a number of occasions and called on members to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

Rtn. Sam took the opportunity to warmly thank President Lip Kee and First Lady for their assistance during his visits and recent seminar, which was held in Singapore. Rtn. Sam presented President Lip Kee with a token of appreciation.

Visit to Sister Club, Krabi:

President Lip Kee showed some photos of the fellowship visit to Krabi, which took place from April 29th to May 3rd. He added that the sister/match club agreement was

renewed between the two clubs. He advised that there was a possibility of the clubs working together on a Matching Grant to aid a special school.

Major Project 2009/2010:

President Lip Kee also highlighted some photos of the after effects of the tsunami in Krabi. He added that with such disasters occurring, this year's Major Project to provide disaster relief kits was timely. He called on members who have not sent in their donations, to kindly do so and thanked those who have already made their contributions.

Mega Free Eye Camp:

Hon. Secretary Tapan Rao reported on the successfully completed eye camp held in Chitradurga, near Bangalore from April 26th to 29th. He advised that a total of 942 people received sight, through the generosity of members. He showed some photographs of the thankful patients as well as the extensive publicity, which the eye camp received.

MODS Mission in Philippines:

President Lip Kee invited Rtn. Perlita Tiro who briefly highlighted the Club's MODS Mission in the Philippines, which won the District Award's Best WCS project. Rtn. Perlita showed photos of the Mission, which took place from March 7th to 11th, particularly of the beneficiaries and participants as well as the key partners of the Mission. **RC**



Koh Juay Meng



Robert Craiu



Tapan Rao



Perlita Tiro

Guest corner...

“Marina Bay Sands: Transforming Economies and Energizing Destinations”

Speaker: Mr. George Tanasijevich

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Speaker's Introduction:

Rtn. Jeff Rajeck introduced the Speaker, **Mr. George Tanasijevich** currently serves as General Manager / Vice President Singapore Development of Marina Bay Sands Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of leading global integrated resorts developer, Las Vegas Sands Corp. Mr. Tanasijevich played a central and instrumental role project managing Las Vegas Sands Corp.'s successful bid to develop Singapore's integrated resort at Marina Bay. Prior to his involvement in the company's Singapore activities, Mr. Tanasijevich was based in the People's Republic of China Special Administrative Region of Macao as Director of Development of various commercial activities related to Las Vegas Sands Corp.'s Cotai Strip™ projects. Mr. Tanasijevich previously served as Senior Vice President / Equity Markets at CapitaLand Limited in Singapore. He has an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, a law degree from Loyola University of Chicago, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the board of directors for the Singapore International Chamber of Commerce and was named by Global Gaming Business as one of its "25 People to Watch" for 2009.

Speaker:

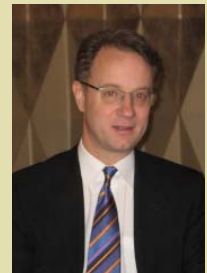
Mr. Tanasijevich's presentation gave an overview of the Marina Bay Sands integrated resorts development, which introduced bold new brands and concepts. He stated that the main reason the Marina Bay Sands (MBS) was in Singapore was to increase its tourism appeal. He described the MBS retail mall and its unique features. He advised members of the Celebrity Chefs expected at MBS, which would elevate Singapore's food capital status. Mr. Tanasijevich also spoke of how MBS was enriching the arts and culture scene with its museum and

the many creative art pieces displayed. He stated that MBS was synergizing with Singapore's core strength as a business centre with examples of the hosting of new events in Asia / Southeast Asia. He gave an overall summary of the MBS's facilities, which would draw the high value traveller to Singapore.

Vote of Thanks:

Rtn. Jamshid Medora warmly thanked Mr. Tanasijevich for a fantastic presentation of a world-class development, which would propel Singapore into the future.

RC



Speaker, Mr. George
Tanasijevich



Jeff Rajeck



Jamshid Medora

Club Activities

The Adam Park Walk-About

We had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Jon Cooper on Wednesday April 14th about THE ADAM PARK PROJECT (TAPP). Jon has agreed to take Rotarians and families /friends on a walk-about in and around Adam Park.

This is an important aspect of the heritage of Singapore and in particular the need to continue the first archeological survey of Singapore's World War 2 battlefield and Prisoner of War camps.

Rtn Marco Bardelli and Kerry, have very kindly agreed to allow us the use of their home at 9 Adam Park [289928] as a starting point and will help us quench our thirst after the walk.

Particulars of the programme are as follows:

Date: Saturday, May 15th 2010

Assembly point: 9 Adam Park, Singapore 289928

Time: 3.50 pm **Walk to commence:** 4.00 pm

Likely to finish at about 5.30 pm

Cars to be parked on Arcadia Road.

The following have indicated that they will be joining the walk-about:

PP Mohandas and Vatsala

PP Winston Oh and Julia [plus two friends]

Joseph Chia and Maria

Uttam Kripalani and Laxmi

Saeed Khan and family [staying at Adam Park]

David Ong and Mei Lin

Jamshid Medora and Zerine

Brigitte Holtschneider

Dr. Albert Wee and Anne

Marco Bardelli and Kerry and Parents

Jane Adamson and Simon Ward [neighbours of Uttam and Laxmi]

The following have indicated that they may be able to come:

Kavita Butalia and Karam Singh, Philip Kwan

Others are more than welcome, but please do let me know as soon as possible at tel. 62250221 / 96150704 or email

Rtn.uttam.kripalani@gmail.com so that we can inform the hosts, Marco and Kerry Bardelli.

- contributed by Rtn. Uttam Kripalani



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Ashwani Sarwal

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.

Bulletin Committee

Uttam Kripalani

Colin Miles

Dr. Albert Wee

Mark your Diary!



- compiled by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Birthday Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Birthday* to celebrants:

May 10 – PP C K Ang and Robert Kees

May 14 – Dr. Shahul Hameed

This week

May 12th 2010

Reception Desk duty: Christian Luetkehaus, Dr. Ekkehard Wiek

Sunshine Box duty: PP Mansoor Hassanbhai, Gary Goh

Speaker: BG Goh Kee Nguan, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC)

Topic: "Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games"

Service Committee Meetings

International Service

Date: Thursday, May 20th

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Senior Police Officers' Mess, 153 Mt. Pleasant Road

Hosts: PP Dr Oliver Hennedige, PP Chiang Shih Fang, VP Dr.

Shahul Hameed, Joseph Chia, Keizo Fujitake, Shoichi Ishizaki

Anniversary Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to all celebrants:

May 14 – IPP Paliath & Vatsala Mohandas

Next week

May 19th 2010

Reception Desk duty: Willi Hess, Brigitte Holtschneider

Sunshine Box duty: PP Dr. Oliver Hennedige, Suresh Hathiramani

Speaker: Mrs. Claire Chiang, Chairperson for Employer Alliance

Topic: "Working Smarter & Living Better"

Service Committee Meetings

Service to New Generations

Date: Thursday, May 27th

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Moghul Mahal Restaurant, 177A River Valley Road, Liang Court, Novotel, Level 6, S179031

Host: Noshir Mistri

May Community Month

May 21st

Tanjong Katong Girls' School Interact Club Installation from 4.00 to 6.00pm

May 22nd

Monthly Visit to the Society for the Aged Sick

June

Rotary Fellowships Month

June 6th

80th Anniversary of Rotary in Singapore Dinner

June 12th

Monthly Visit to the Assisi Home

June 25th

Installation Dinner

June 26th

Monthly Visit to the Society for the Aged Sick

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?



Contributed by Rtn. Perlita Tiro