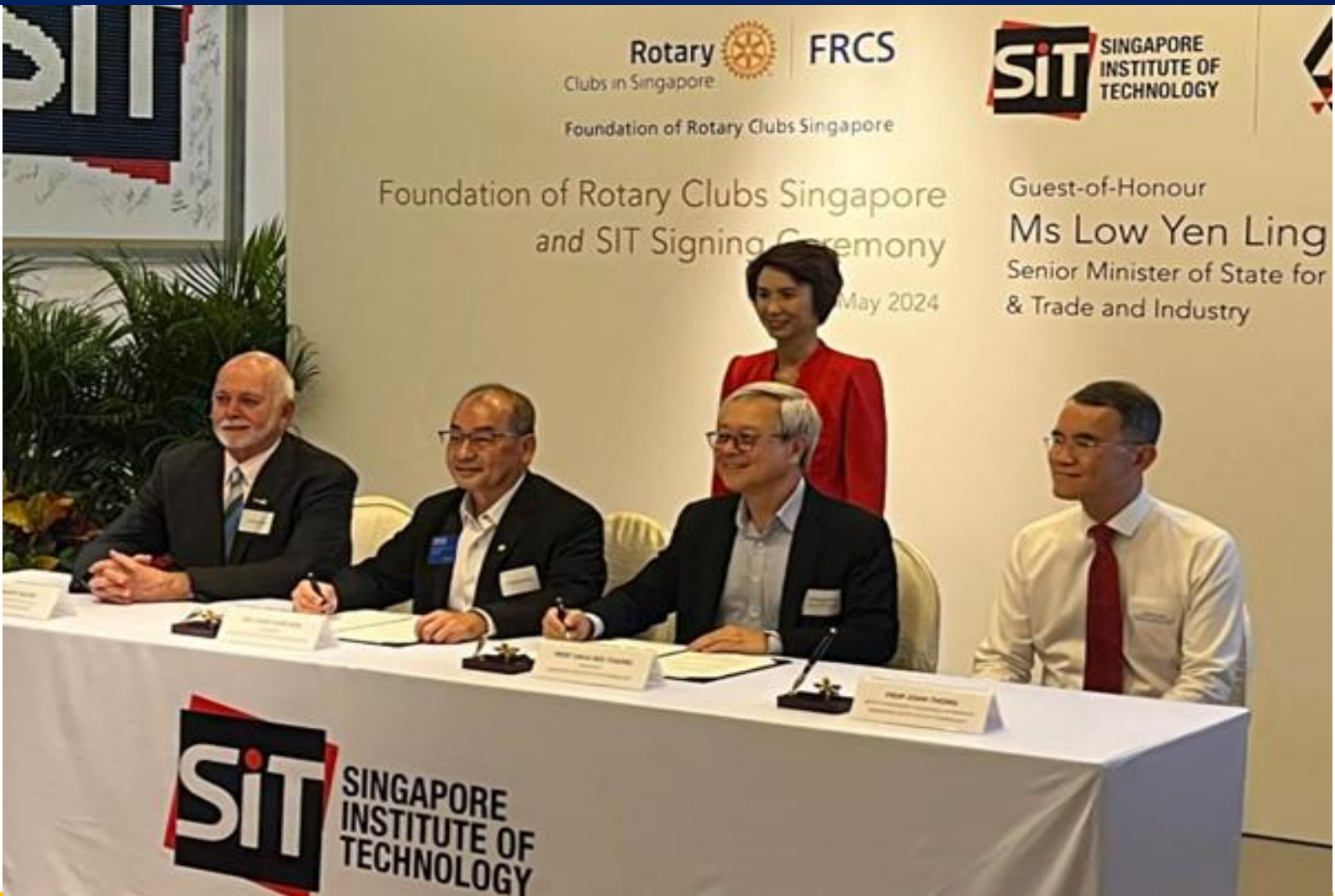


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In Focus

Rotary - Singapore Institute of Technology Mangrove Conservatory

By: President Dr Chan Siew Luen



Mankind's damage to the environment has been ongoing since the start of the industrial revolution. The environmental crisis gained widespread prominence in the late 1960s due to a convergence of factors such as revelatory books and publications like "Silent Spring", environmental disasters like the Santa Barbara oil spill and a growing movement with emergence of environmental protection advocacy groups.

"Supporting the Environment" became Rotary's seventh area of focus in June 2020. The Rotary Club of Singapore elected its first Director of Environment and Sustainability in Rotary Year 2021/22. Since then, environmental projects became a regular staple in our range of projects.

The Singapore Rotary International Convention 2024 provided a perfect platform to launch an impactful environmental project in Singapore. Through the Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd. (FRCS), an innovative project was curated with the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) to build a mangrove conservatory in the new SIT campus in Punggol. A signing ceremony was conducted on 23 May 2024 in the SIT Campus in Dover, witnessed by Ms Low Yen Ling, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Community, Culture and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.



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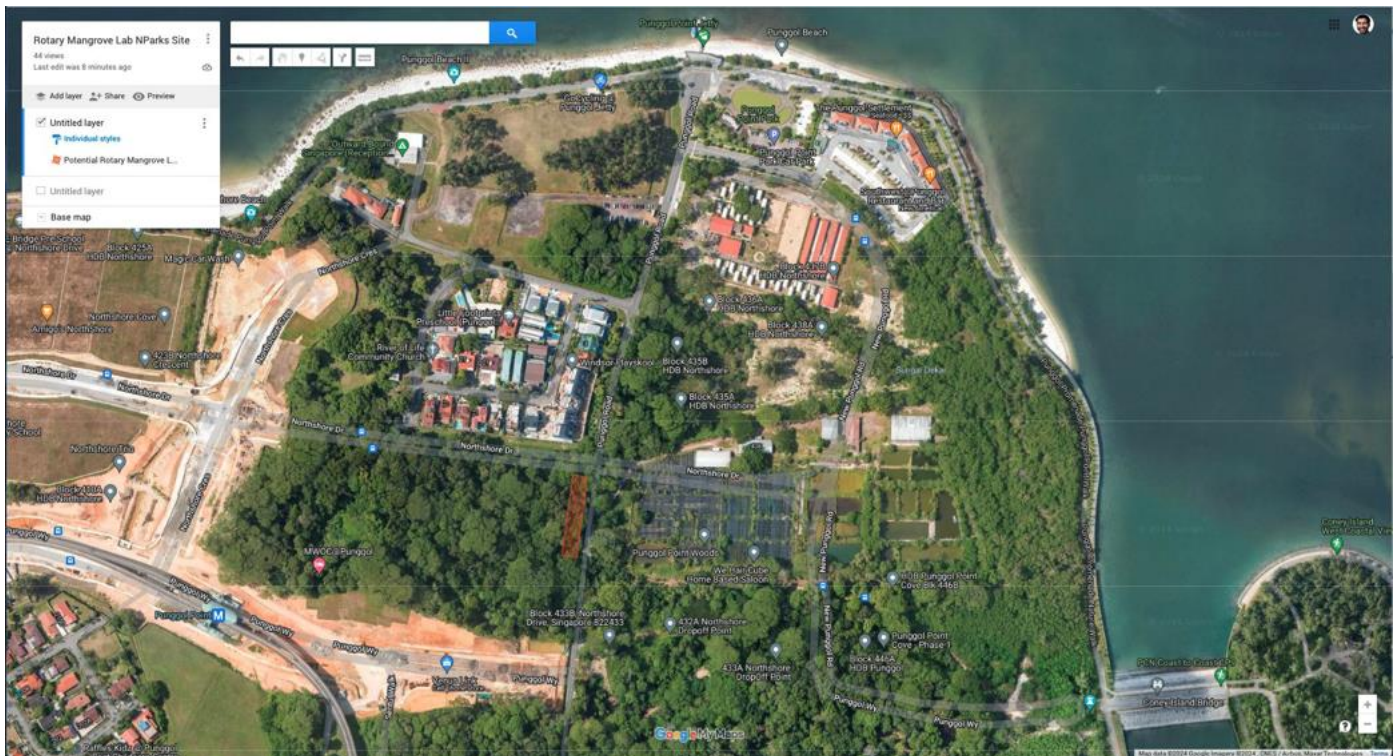
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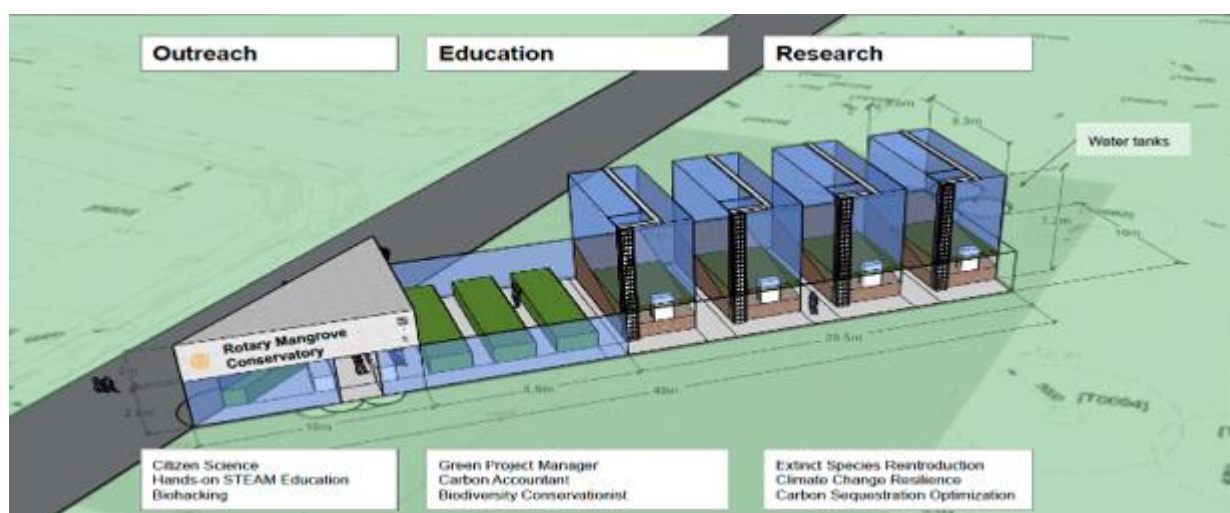
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Mangrove are important for coastal defence, storm and erosion protection, biodiversity refuge, and as a carbon sink with ten times the capacity of a rainforest of equal size. However, between 1820 and 2023, Singapore mangrove coverage has gone from 13% to 0.5% due mainly to reclamation and urban development. Several species have gone extinct in Singapore making mangrove less diverse and more vulnerable.

More importantly, with the rising sea level, mangrove is needed to protect our shorelines. We need to grow resilient mangroves to improve Singapore's climate adaptation.



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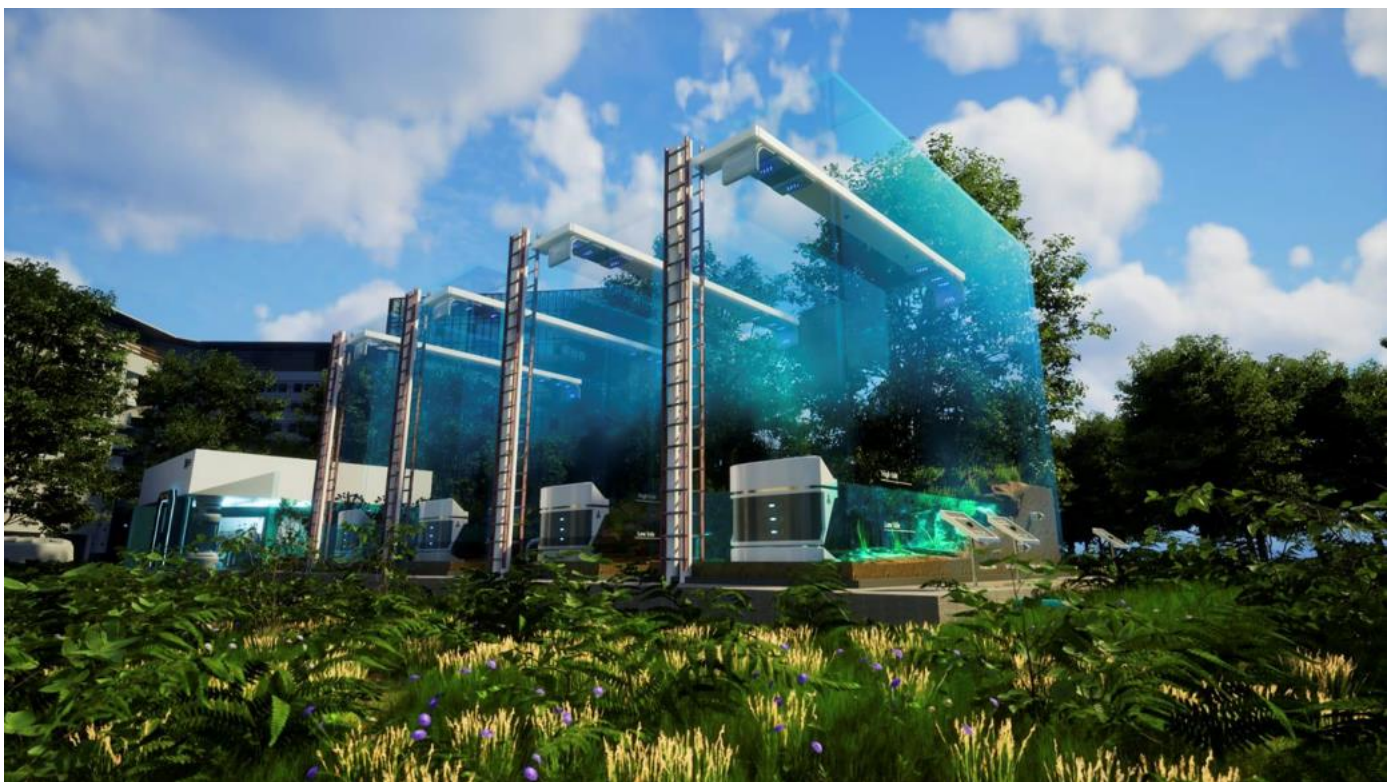
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Rotary - Singapore Institute of Technology Mangrove Conservatory... *contd.*

The Rotary-SIT Mangrove Conservatory will have an outreach and education component providing public access to the mangrove with supporting educational material. The Conservatory will also conduct research to develop sea-level ready mangrove to protect Singapore's shores.



Tanks with controlled environment will test selected mangroves in future climate and evaluate which species is going to be better suited to protect Singapore's shoreline, sequester carbon and host a vibrant biodiverse environment. Current species as well as extinct and foreign species will be evaluated in these tanks.

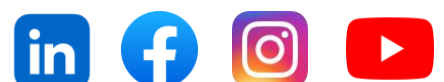
The outcome of this research can be scaled and exported to other parts of the world where the coastal erosion is imminent. This will also reduce the construction of sea walls, providing a natural and sustainable resolution.

Rotary Club of Singapore is honoured to be appointed as the Project Lead by Rotary International Director Chew Ghim Bok. Over the next few years, we will work closely with all 23 Rotary Clubs in Singapore to raise \$680000 to bring this exciting project to fruition.

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Welcome to the Rotary Club of Singapore's Host Hospitality Night!



L to R: PP Tapan Rao, Rtn Vinit Sarangdhar, PP Stan Low



Thumbs up for a great event!



Rtns Jens Ruebbert & Allard Nooy

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Rousing lion dance performance



A cultural performance about Singapore's history



*Debonair Emcee,
Rtn Andy Mankiewicz*



A big "Hello" from District Governor Nominee Dr Shahul Hameed



No, President Siew Luen is not dancing... just presenting the winning sash to Ms Host Hospitality!



Pres. Siew Luen with Past RI President Gary Huang, the Mr Host Hospitality winner

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L to R: District Governor Elect Dr Yap Lip Kee, PN Sonali Sinha, Pres. Dr Chan Siew Luen, PE Tom Wolf & RI Director Chew Ghim Bok – cake cutting in celebration of 94 years of Rotary in Singapore!



Dancing the night away!

Meeting Report

37th Weekly Meeting for Rotary Year 2023/2024 held on 5.6.2024.

Opening remarks & Welcome

President Dr Chan Siew Luen opened the luncheon meeting and invited Rtn Lynn Yeoh to extend the welcome to the following guests:

Guests:

His Excellency Mr Jean-Dominique Ieraci, High Commissioner for Canada in Singapore
 1st Lady Mrs Patricia Chan, Mrs Dolores Low & Ms Lira Low
 Mr Michael Leong, Ms Patricia Driver, Ms Aditi Jalan & Mrs Bernie Ng



Rtn Lynn Yeoh

Toast



Rtn Dr Hans
Schniewind

Toastmaster Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind called on members to join him in a toast to the friendly and vast country of Canada coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

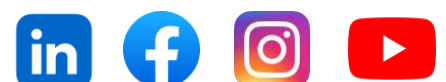
President's Announcements

- **Annual Fund** -President Siew Luen reminded members that funding Global Grants for the year amounted to US\$105,000 and US\$35,000 was still required within the next 3 weeks. He appealed to members to donate generously through their My Rotary account. If assistance was required with their My Rotary accounts, to let him know and he would assist.
- **District 2025 Conference** – Will be held from 16 to 18 May 2025 in Bali. Hotel venue will be advised at a later date. President Siew Luen advised that he would be the Conference Organising Chair and will be assisted by Rtn Rajkumar, this year's Host Hospitality Chair.

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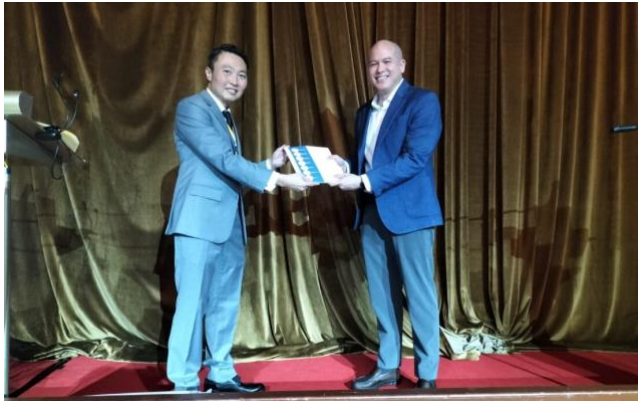


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Induction of New Member

President Siew Luen inducted the following member to the Club:



Pres. Siew Luen handing the membership kit to Rtn V J Africa

Victor Jose “VJ” Roa Africa

Place of Work: IT Group Pte Ltd

Position: Managing Director

Proposer: Rtn Sean Leas

Mentor: PP Perlita Tiro

Recommended Committee: Community Service

Joined Rotary: 5 June 2024

Distinguished Guest Speaker Series

Speaker: His Excellency (H E) Mr Jean-Dominique Ieraci, High Commissioner for Canada in Singapore

Topic: Pitch My Country

The honour of introducing HE Mr Ieraci fell to fellow Canadian, Rtn Hayden Hughes. HE Mr Ieraci has an illustrious diplomatic career, serving appointments in various countries such as Mexico, France, Syria (covering Cyprus and Jordan) and Korea. This is also H E Mr Ieraci's second tour in Singapore.



President Siew Luen with H E Mr Jean-Dominique Ieraci

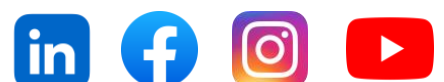
HE Mr Ieraci gave an insightful talk “pitching” the salient points of his country and its excellent relationship with Singapore. He shared several anecdotes including challenges such as visibility of his country, as citizens were quite humble in their presentations. His talk focused on business and technology, describing Canada as a nation of engineers. He advised that Canada is the 7th largest investor in Singapore and collaborates on ocean piracy, military-training and assist with cyber-attacks. He noted that Canada has the 3rd largest reserves of oil and gas, and understandably the 1st industry in Canada is energy. However, the 2nd industry was surprisingly automotive, followed basically by technology. H E Mr Ieraci also spoke on Canada's emerging economies such as artificial intelligence, nitrogen industry, robotics and small nuclear reactors. He also gave an investment prospective of the country, citing some of the investments received. H E Mr Ieraci highlighted the creative technology credited to Canada including its tourism and education sectors. He graciously took on questions posed to him by members.

President Siew Luen invited PP Stan Low to extend the Club's vote of thanks to H E Mr Ieraci. In doing so, PP Stan was also pleased to advised that H E Mr Ieraci had agreed to be an Honorary Member of the Club.

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Birthday Celebrants

RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

PP Dr Oliver Hennedige for 11 June

Vishal Nanwani for 12 June



Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

PP Tapan & Prabha Rao for 10 June

Suhaimi Zainul-Abidin & Sulyana for 11 June

Mali & Lakshimi Malaiappan for 13 June

Jasbir Koh & Kok Keong for 15 June



This Meeting

12 June 2024

President's Appreciation Night

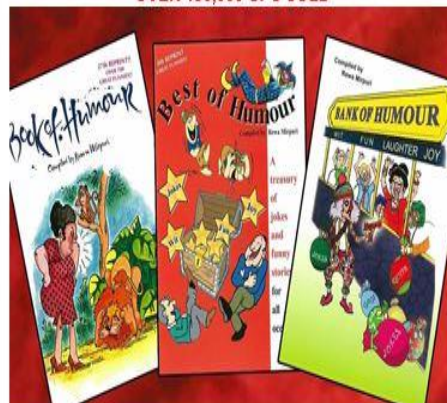
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Next Meeting

17 & 26 June 2024

**Meetings cancelled
In lieu of the
Installation of the Club's
90th President
& Board of Directors**

Coming Rotary Events

June – Rotary Fellowships Month

12 Jun – President's Appreciation Night

22 Jun – Installation of the 90th President & Board of Directors

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?



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:

1. Have I spent some time in self-examination?
2. Have I spent quality time with my family?
3. Have I given my best to my work?
4. 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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