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# 40<sup>th</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting Via Zoom

April 28, 2021 \* 7:00 PM

## Programme

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	Call to Order	Pres. Ingmar Bertelsen
	Invocation & Recitation of the 4-Way Test & Object of Rotary	.PE Michael Chellathurai
	Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Sec . Jane Gripo
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#### II. Programme Proper

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Rotary Information &	
Secretary's Report	Sec. Jane Gripo
President's Time	Pres. Ingmar Bertelsen

#### III. Club Assembly

#### IV. Cosing

Announcements / Adjournment

**SE Ester Gahol** *Master of Ceremonies* 

# Invocation

It is not easy to turn the other cheek when someone hits out at you, in either word or deed. The immediate reaction is to hit back, but here is where reactions have to be watched with the greatest care and where selfcontrol and complete selflessness have to be put into practice. Those souls who have not leant self-discipline will give back as good as they get and feel justified in doing so. Then they will wonder why there is so much chaos and confusion in the world. They are so blind they cannot see that until they have leant to change their whole outlook and start to love their neighbor as themselves, they cannot hope to change what is going on in the world. The more love and goodwill there is, the quicker will change come. But it all starts in you. Therefore the sooner you realize it, the sooner will changes take place all around you, and so out into the world. Why not start doing something about it now? Amen.

#### **OBJECT OF ROTARY**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster:

#### FIRST:

The development to acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

#### SECOND:

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society:

#### THIRD:

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

#### FOURTH:

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

#### **FOUR WAY TEST**

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1st Is it the **TRUTH**?

2<sup>nd</sup> Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

3rd Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4th Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

# Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions

As a Rotarian engaged in a business of profession, I am expected to:

- 1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity of service;
- 2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of community.
- Do all in my power to dignity my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- 4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to the society;
- Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.

# Rotary Information...

# Tips to have that talk by Elizabeth Schroeder

As COVID-19 vaccinations are administered around the globe, you've probably seen your social media feeds fill up with joyful vaccine selfies and excited appointment updates. Chances are, you also have someone in your life who's skeptical. Most of us do — and that has public health officials concerned.

Vaccine hesitancy is often fuel for heated public debate, but conversations about vaccines don't have to be contentious. In fact, being willing to have them is one of the most impactful ways we can influence global health. As with many emotionally-charged topics, knowing how to start the conversation can be the hardest part. These tips may help you open up a dialogue and get your loved ones thinking differently about being vaccinated.

**Find shared values.** We all want similar things — healthy families, thriving communities, and a sense of control over our health. Demonizing vaccine-hesitant individuals only creates further division and exacerbates an "us vs. them" mentality. Try explaining why you choose vaccinations. Is it to protect the most vulnerable members of your community? To shield your children from preventable disease? Relatable motivations like these can help forge a human connection and get to the emotional heart of the issue.

**Seek to understand.** Just as there are many reasons to be vaccinated, there are many reasons a person might feel dubious. A prevalent one is misinformation, which is more contagious than ever in our digital age. Others are more complicated and riddled with an ugly history. Marginalized communities have spent centuries being mistreated by the medical establishment. Expecting these communities to immediately trust the same institution to have their best interest at heart is unfair and dismissive of historic trauma.

**Know your "C's."** The World Health Organization (WHO) has outlined three "C's" that contribute to vaccinate hesitancy: complacency, convenience, and confidence. We could also add a fourth: culture. Rates of vaccine hesitancy, as well as contributing factors, vary widely based on a person's location, background, and community. Being cognizant of these differences can prevent us from making incorrect assumptions. If someone is skipping recommended vaccines due to religious beliefs, opening a conversation with safety statistics may not be helpful or relevant to them.

**Lead with facts.** Mythbusting can be tempting, but did you know that repeating misinformation can actually give it more weight? Instead of focusing on why that meme or blog post is incorrect, stick to simple statements of fact. For example: "large-scale scientific studies find no link between the HPV vaccine and auto-immune symptoms."

Be the voice of the majority. Social norms are an incredibly powerful force, but the key is to keep it positive. If you try to convince someone that not enough people are receiving vaccines, they may feel that their hesitancy has been validated by others. A more effective approach is to focus on how many people are choosing to vaccinate and why. Remind them that large-scale inoculation is a group effort and we want them on the team.

Identify the problem and the solution. If you've ever stood at the edge of a diving board, unable to move, you know that fear can be paralyzing. Fear of severe illness can have similar effects. When we talk about vaccine-preventable disease, simply scaring someone is likely to backfire. Instead, it's important to acknowledge two facts simultaneously: these diseases are serious and being vaccinated is a simple and effective countermeasure. Help put power back into their hands by identifying an action they can take — being vaccinated!

Vaccines bring us closer to a world where everyone thrives, but it's a team effort. By having conversations, you can bring your friends and family along on our global health journey.

<u>Learn more</u> about Rotary's response to COVID-19.



# **Secretary's Report**

An Dharling Jane Gripo
Club Secretary

## Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	29	29	29
HONORARY MEMBER	04	04	04
PRESENT	04	06	12
ON LEAVE	00	00	00
ABSENT	21	19	13
MADE UP	01	01	04
ATTENDANCE % BASE	25	25	25
WEEK AVERAGE	20.00%	28.00%	48.00%

#### Thank you for making up:

Pres. Ingy Bertelsen PDDG Arthur Uy

PE Michael Chellathurai Sec. Ester Gahol

# **Happy Anniversary!!!**

May 02 – PE Michael Chellathurai



## Reminder:

April 23, 24, 29 & 30 – District 3860 DISTAS 2021 via Zoom

June 4-6, 2021 – DISCON 2021 with the theme : "Opening Opportunities to a Whole New World".

June12-16, 2021 – 2021 Virtual RI Convention



# The President's Corner

Bertel Ingmar Bertelsen
Club President

My fellow Rotarians,

One of my other projects is nearing completion. It was started under the presidency of Norma. The last years we have been redoing the dormitory on the Batcave. It took us way longer than expected because we could not go Samal because of the restrictions but now the work is 95% done. Last weekend we spend cleaning up the beach with plastic (three bags full) so it is nicer to stay over there.

We hope that in the future we can help Norma with this project. Anybody that wants to stay over there just let us know. It is simple but clean and quite.(and there is no liquor ban in Samal).

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