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In Focus

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Extract from Rotary in Review – Rotary International



After discovering new perspectives and being inspired by new ideas at the 2022 Rotary International Convention, attendees and virtual participants are looking ahead to next year's gathering in Melbourne, the sparkling second city of Australia.

This vibrant hub of art, sports, and cuisine will host the 2023 convention, set for 27-31 May. Rotary members, participants, and supporters are invited to Imagine What's Next and explore the possibilities for Rotary's future.

Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion will also be an important focus during the event, which will be packed with thought-provoking speakers and practical breakout sessions. Rotary members in the Host Organization Committee are planning activities to show visitors why their city is known for world-class sports, cultural diversity, exceptional dining, and inventive street art.

Anyone who [registers](#) by 15 December will pay a reduced price.

The 2022 convention in Houston, Texas, USA, offered plenty of inspiring moments as Rotary's global network gathered in person for the first time since 2019, following two conventions that were held virtually because of COVID-19. The convention offered participants new horizons to discover through in-person events and a robust schedule of virtual offerings (with recordings available through 31 August).

A Rotary first

During the closing session, Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones gave members a preview of what she'll be focusing on.

"For the past two years, the most common question I have received is, 'How does it feel to be our first woman president?'" Jones said. "I will confess, I feel a sense of excitement brewing because I believe this opens opportunities for lifting and celebrating each of our diverse perspectives."



In Focus

2022 Convention provides inspiring moments... *contd.*

"We've all taken a different path to get here," she continued. "Some because your father was a Rotarian, some because an employer tapped you on the shoulder, others because a Supreme Court ruling permitted women to join ... and yet each of us entered through one mechanism — an invitation.

"That is why I am determined to harness diversity, equity, and inclusion to advance this invitation across the Rotary world."

Jones also called on leaders throughout Rotary to be trailblazers, and pledged to continue President Shekhar Mehta's Empowering Girls initiative, which she said, "has resonated powerfully around the world."

Other highlights from Houston:

- The Rotary Presidential Conference Houston: Serve to Bring Peace brought together peacebuilders from around the world to reflect on Rotary's response to conflict this year and reinforce our commitment to creating more peaceful and resilient societies.
- Rotary's response to the war in Ukraine was acknowledged several times during the convention. Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta praised members for donating millions of dollars to help displaced Ukrainians. "They opened their hearts and homes...I saw from close quarters how Rotarians were caring for them. Seeing was believing," he said.
- Dr. Olha Paliychuk, a member of the Rotary Club of Cherkasy, Ukraine, thanked Rotary on behalf of the more than 1,000 members in Ukraine. "You have not only donated and shipped medical supplies and other daily essentials to those of us inside Ukraine, but also provided shelter to those who have fled," she said. "Your help has saved lives, giving us hope and inspiring Ukrainians like me to stand up, to help our people, and protect our homeland."
- Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi spoke about the work of the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation to end the exploitation of children in India and around the world by addressing the inequality, injustice, and discrimination that lie at the core of child labour. Following his remarks, Mehta presented Satyarthi with the Rotary Award of Honour for his advocacy of children's rights globally.
- Dr. Hamid Jafari, director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Region, shared an update on Rotary's progress in ridding the world of polio. "Through your entrepreneurial spirit, you have energized and inspired other partners to never give up. You are the glue that holds us all together, motivated, and accountable," he said. "You have led us from the start of global efforts to eradicate polio, and we will be together at the end of polio."
- Antoni Slodkowski, a 2003-04 Rotary Youth Exchange student from Poland to Japan, is the 2021-22 recipient of the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award. Slodkowski, Tokyo correspondent for the Financial Times, previously served as a bureau chief for Reuters in Myanmar, where he led coverage of the election of Aung San Suu Kyi and of the military crackdown on Rohingya Muslims, receiving the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting.
- Gen. Charles Duke (USAF Ret.) NASA astronaut, Lunar Module Pilot and 10th man to walk on the moon during the Apollo 16 mission, spoke of exploring new horizons.

Photo Album

Photos from the Rotary 2022 International Convention in Houston...



Also attending the RI Convention were Community Service Director Peter Brock (left) and his supportive wife, Tanya (extreme right)



Honorary Secretary Jessica Lim visited Booth of Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs.



Rtn Jessica met Rtn Nick Locsin from our sister club Rotary Club of Manila, the oldest club in ASEAN.

Meeting Report

40th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 18.5.2022

OPENING REMARKS

President Louis Lim opened the meeting and warmly welcomed guests and visiting Rotarians.

TOAST

Club Fellowship Director Rtn Francesco De Liva called on members to join him in raising a toast to the Rotary Club of Menarco, of the Balearic Islands in Spain, coupled with the toast to Rotary International. Present at the meeting was Rtn John Springford who has been a Rotarian for 20 years.

CLUB'S MAJOR PROJECT FOR ROTARY YEAR (RY) 2020-2021

President Louis reported on the opening and kitchen blessing held at the Willing Hearts new premises on 12 May 2022, which with the support and generosity of members, a new kitchen was provided as part of the Club's Major Project for RY 2020-2021. He advised that together with him at this occasion were PP Stan Low, IPP Dinesh Sharma, Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani.

FUND-RAISING INSTALLATION DINNER

PE James was called upon by President Louis to inform members of the Club's Installation Dinner which would take place as follows:

Date & Time: 25 June 2022 at 6.45pm

Venue: Island Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel

Guest of Honour: Ms Low Yen Ling, Minister of State,

Dress code: Black Tie event

Cost: \$150 per person

PE James invited members to participate in the Soccer Carnival which would be held on the morning of 25 June at 10.00am at 10 Kwong Avenue to engage with the FootballPlus's young beneficiaries of the Club's Major Project for RY 2022-23.

He also informed members of the Sister Club Event where about 100 visiting guests of our Sister Clubs would be present at Hyatt Hotel at the Gallery Ballroom (Level 1M) and encouraged members to attend. PE James further called on members support in placing advertisements in the Club's souvenir magazine, for more information, kindly contact him or the Secretariat.

Registration for all three events can be made at <https://forms.gle/Ay1LwaP7EpKE3zbs6> Do sign up early!

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY PLAN RY 2021/22

President Louis called upon Director Louisa Lee who reminded members of the Club's commitment to the Hold A Hand Project that would impact 8 beneficiary organisations through donations of 150 trees at \$250 each. She hoped that every member would contribute as least 1 tree towards this project.

Rtn Louisa informed members that in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Marina City, the Club would co-organise a series of events called "Rotary's Climate Change Conversations – virtually as well as a physical event on 18 June at the Grand Hyatt Singapore with keynote speakers.

For more information on the above events, please contact Rtn Louisa Lee.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY RTN UTTAM KRIPALANI!

President Louis invited birthday celebrant Rtn Uttam Kripalani, a 100-percenter (meaning he has not missed any meeting) He added that even when Rtn Uttam's wife Laxmi was in hospital; he continued with his duty as MC for the Club's meeting with RI President Shekhar Mehta on 13 May.

President Louis thanked Uttam for his wonderful efforts and invited everyone to join him in singing the birthday song.



President Louis Lim wishing birthday celebrant Rtn Uttam Kripalani

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Before the induction, President Louis called upon Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani to introduce the following members:



Rtn Veena Rangarajan

Place of Work: Siemens Mobility Pte Ltd

Position: Head of Department for Asia Pacific

Classification: Transport: Rail, Systems, Project Management

Proposer: Director Subhash Pritmani

Mentor: PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas

Recommended Committee: Community Service

Rtn Veena was born in Bangalore, India. She completed her Bachelor of Engineering, Medical electronics in 1996 and started working as a software engineer. She moved into quality management in 2000 while working with Honeywell Technology Solutions in India.

She lived in USA, UK, China, and Australia and has been living in Singapore since 2008 and is now a Permanent Resident.

Rtn Veena was involved with Rotaract in her college years and continues volunteering in Singapore with her two children in organisations such as Very Special Arts, SINDA, and Singapore Diabetes Society.

Present at the meeting was Rtn Veena's husband, Mr Srinivasan Melkote who was invited to say a few words.

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS... *contd.*



Rtn Walter Yeo En Fei

Place of Work: Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Position: Associate

Classification: Law: Litigation

Proposer: VP/PN Dr Chan Siew Luen

Mentor: PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas

Recommended Committee: Youth Service

Rtn Walter is an entrepreneur-turned-lawyer, who presently practices law with Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP's Restructuring and insolvency practice group where he acts and advises in a diverse range of commercial litigation and international arbitration matters, with an interest in medical law.

Prior to joining legal practice, Rtn Walter co-founded and managed a group of education companies which operated in Southeast Asia and China. He remains connected to the education sector through various adjunct teaching positions at tertiary institutions in Singapore.

He regularly volunteers his time as a lawyer with the Law Society of Singapore's Criminal Legal Aid Scheme and its Mediation Committee, as well as Justice Without Borders.

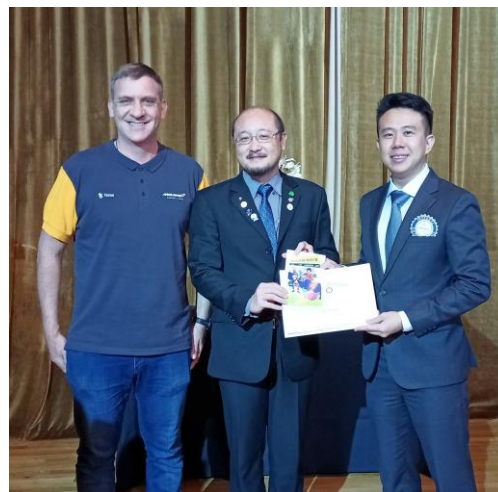
GUEST SPEAKER: MR ALAN SENG

TOPIC: NFTs, The Metaverse, and the opportunities within

President Louis invited PP Mark Wang to introduce the Speaker, Mr Alan Seng who is the Founder of Dark Zodiac NFT (non-fungible token) project which sold all 3,876 NFTs as one of Singapore's first successful NFT project, raising \$1.4 million. He is an early investor and advisor of game-fi platform Ethlas Metaverse which sold all 8,377 NFTs, raising \$2.5 million; platform raised \$2.7 million seed funding from prominent venture capitalists like Sequoia Capital, Venturra Capital and Hustle Fund. Mr Seng is Co-founder and Partner of Darkmeta, an NFT studio and consultancy firm to enable brands get into the NFT space.

Mr Seng noted that NFTs are the hottest trend in town for the past year and it was not slowing down. In his presentation he gave members a closer look at what NFTs are, why some of the biggest brands in the world are investing in NFTs, and where the business and investment opportunities are in this industry.

Director of Digital Technology Rtn Colin Miles extended the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club to Mr Seng for his comprehensive presentation. Rtn Colin added that the Club had a Blockchain/IT interest group, and should they need more information they could also ask Rtns Tom Wolf and Hayden Hughes about this industry which was changing the world.



From left to right: Director Colin Miles, Pres. Louis Lim & Speaker Mr Alan Seng

Meeting Report

41st Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 25.5.2022

OPENING REMARKS

President Louis Lim warmly welcomed members and guests to the meeting as well as proposed the toast to Rotary International, followed by the Club's best wishes to birthday and wedding anniversary celebrants.

MAJOR PROJECT 2020/2021 UPDATE

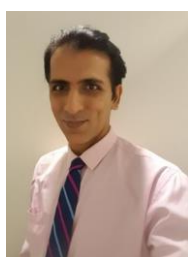
IPP Dinesh Sharma was invited by President Louis to give an update on the Major Project undertaken during his term in office. He noted the importance of the Club's Major Projects for the benefit of the newer members. He explained that the Major Project recipient was Willing Hearts, a secular non-affiliated charity run by volunteers to meals to the underprivileged. IPP Dinesh noted that due to the COVID-19 pandemic there was a need to increase the capacity from 7,000 to 20,000 meals per day. The Club decided to support this need by providing the central kitchen equipment to the highest international standards with a market value of S\$250,000.00 and contributed S\$170,000.00 towards this project.

This Kitchen was named WH Rotary Halal Kitchen and is an iconic project for the Club. It was inaugurated on 12 May 2022 by Minister Mr Edwin Tong and blessed by leaders of different religious groups. He thanked all the donors for their generosity, particularly major donor Rtn Tom Wolf who also assisted in sourcing and inspection the kitchen equipment. He further thanked the project team comprising PP Tapan Rao, PP Stan Low, VP/PN Dr Chan Siew Luen, Rtns Tom Wolf and Subhash Pritmani.

IPP Dinesh showed a video compiled by PP Stan Low on the Major Project for Rotary Year 2020-2021.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

After their introduction by Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani, President Louis inducted the following Rotarians to the Club:



Rtn Yogesh Dodani

Place of Work: Citibank

Position: Transformation Projects Lead

Classification: Digital Solutions and Distribution

Proposer: Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar

Mentor: PP Stan Low

Recommended Committee: Community Service

Rtn Yogesh is a well-rounded financial services professional with has 20 years of experience across business strategy, distribution, data and digital initiatives, product and project management, and risk governance.

He is also the Goodwill Ambassador in Singapore for the Chartered Insurance Institute, United Kingdom and involved in related industry initiatives. He has been the Regional Voice of Employee Lead in his business unit and is associated with the Green and Sustainability workgroup.

Rtn Yogesh is involved in various other cause related activities such as mentoring youth from low-income groups for projects, teaching financial literacy to migrant and domestic workers, urban farming, and animal welfare related initiatives.

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS... contd.



Rtn Dr Denis Hew

Place of Work: APEC Secretariat

Position: Director

Classification: International Trade: Policy Research

Proposer: Rtn Dr Omkar Shrestha

Mentor: PP Mark Wang

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service

Rtn Denis is a financial economist by training and holds a Bachelors (Hons) in Economics from the University of Warwick, UK and Masters and PhD in Finance from the University of Manchester, UK.

Since 2011, Rtn Denis has been the Director of APEC Secretariat Policy Support Unit (PSU), the research arm of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) – the region's premier economic forum. In this position, he heads a team of skilled professionals that provides high quality research products to senior trade and finance officials.

Rtn Denis likes to listen to music and has a modest Hi-Fi system and a small collection of audiophile quality headphones. He has recently started a new hobby of collecting bonsai trees.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS – RTNS YOGESH DODANI & DR DENIS HEW



From left to right: Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar, Mrs Mely Hew, Rtn Dr Denis Hew, Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani, Rtn Yogesh & Dishita Dodani, President Louis Lim, Mentors PPs Mark Wang & Stan Low

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PRESENTATION OF PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF) RECOGNITIONS

President Louis Lim presented PHF recognitions to Membership Director Subhash Pritmani and a PHF 3 Red stones Lapel Pin to President Elect James Lee. (Left to Right – PE James, Pres. Louis & Dir. Subhash)



THE FOUR-WAY TEST & THE GUIDE TO DAILY LIVING

President Louis called on Rtn Joseph Chia who recounted how he got to know about the Four-Way Test just prior to his introduction to the Club by PP Stan Low. Rtn Joseph informed members of the historical background and formation of the Four-Way Test as an ethical guiding principle by Rtn Herbert Taylor who later became President of Rotary International (RI). Rtn Herbert devised the message to be used by him and his staff to save his company from bankruptcy. Subsequently the Four-Way Test was adopted RI as a guiding principle as a standard by which all behaviour should be measured. Rtn Joseph noted that the Club also has its own way to encourage good character and PDG Dr Philbert Chin will advise members.



Rtn Joseph Chia

Next, PDG Philbert noted that his talk would be impromptu, and recalled how the Guide to Daily Living came about as he saw the need as Rotarians to have more than the Four-Way Test and evolved the Guide with the 4 questions to put to oneself. PDG Philbert added with vigour that the Guide prioritized living and puts order in life, firstly with reflection, secondly the importance of family, thirdly to pledge to be the best in one's profession/vocation and last to commit to service both far and near. He summarized that the Guide is a reminder of values as a Rotarian that needs to be practised by Rotarians. PDG Philbert stated that the Guide to Daily Living complements the Four-Way Test message meant for business and the Guide is for life!



PDG Dr Philbert Chin

President Louis warmly thanked PDG Philbert for sharing his thoughts on the Guide to Daily Living. He then invited Rtns Louisa Lee and Vineet Iyengar who prepared a "Crosstalk". Rtn Vineet noted a little nervousness as he had never followed a person who joined Rotary before he was born! The skit featured *the Pocket Companion Rotary Principles and Core Values* written by PDG Dr Philbert Chin. Rtn Louisa advised that she learnt from Rtn Joseph that in 2015, on the prompting of DGND Dr Yap Lip Kee, a famous composer Mr Eric Watson was commissioned to write a song for the Club on the Four-Way Test. The song was performed at the Meeting, which proved helpful in remembering the words of the Four-Way test message. It was noted that to apply the Four-Way test message, PDG Philbert came up with the Guide to Daily Living. Rtns Louisa and Vineet open the floor and invited members to give suggestions on how as a Club, to use the Guide and embark on a journey to live up to the Four-Way Test.



Crosstalk prepared by Rtns Louisa Lee & Vineet Iyengar (from left to right)

President Louis thanked Rtns Louisa and Vineet for their efforts and members who shared their suggestions. Before closing the meeting, President Louis exchanged banners with the Rotary Club of Bombay, second club established in Bombay with over 300 members.

In Memoriam...

The Club reeled from the unprecedented loss of stalwart Honorary Member (HM) Past President (PP) Bhagwan Melwani, devoted Rotary Ann Laxmi Kripalani, and key Board Member Immediate Past President (IPP) Dinesh Sharma in three consecutive days.

We deeply mourn their passing and extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the families during this difficult time.

In Loving Memory of...



HM PP Bhagwan Melwani
Passed away 11.6.22



Mrs Laxmi Kripalani
Passed away 12.6.22



IPP Dinesh Sharma
Passed away 13.6.22

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

Best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Mahesh Bolimbala
Sissi Goh
Zahed Alam
Jasbir Koh
Kevin Pang
Vinesh Natali
Tan Ching Khoon
Hulya Ucer
PP Stan Low
PP Dr Oliver Hennedige

Anniversary

Best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Bertrand & Maribeth De Mil
Bala & Suvidha Venkatesan
Miha & Weijun Hribernik
Dr Hans & Patricia Schniewind
PP Peter & Shirley Tan
Edward & Deirdre Loy
Pauline Teo & Ricky Koh
PP Tapan & Prabha Rao
Suhaimi Zainul-Abidin & Sulyana
Mali & Lakshmi Malaippan
Jasbir Koh & Kok Keong

Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 2 June 2022

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 9 June 2022

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 16 June 2022

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 23 June 2022

This Meeting

22 June 2022

**Meeting Cancelled in lieu of
the Club's Installation and
Fund-raising Dinner at the
Shangri-La Hotel at 6.45pm
on 25 June 2022**

Next Meeting

29 June 2022

**Final Meeting for
Rotary Year 2021/2022 &
President Louis Lim's
Review of his term in Office**

Coming Rotary Events

June **Rotary Fellowships Month**

18 Jun – Vocational Visit to Istana Heritage Gallery at 10am

18 Jun – Rotary Climate Conversations at Grand Hyatt at 6.30pm

24 Jun – Sister Club event at Grand Hyatt at 6.45pm

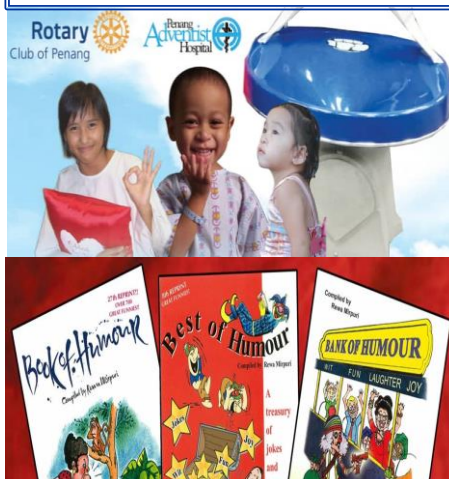
25 Jun – Football Carnival at 10am

25 Jun – Installation & Fundraising Dinner at the Shangri-La Hotel at 6.45pm

July

6 Jul – 1st Club Assembly for RY 2022-2023

BOOK OF HUMOUR



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varun.rotary@gmail.com**

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:

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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