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In Focus

Joint Installation & Opening of Hillview Community Club (CC) Community Library



Rtn Ong Ting Yong

By: Rtn Ong Ting Yong

The 15th October 2023 was a memorable day for Interactors and Rotaractors of Bukit Gombak EAGLES Interact Club (BGEIC) and Rotaract Club of Bukit Gombak (RACBG) as they held the joint installation of their respective clubs. Both these clubs are proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Singapore (RCS) and receive guidance from the Youth Service Committee.

Adding to the excitement was the official opening of the Hillview Community Club (CC) Community Library by Guest of Honour Ms Low Yen Ling, Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry of Trade and Industry, Chairperson of Mayors' Committee & Mayor, South West District. The library which has a collection of more than 1,000 books, is a collaborative project with Hillview Community Club Management Committee, BGEIC and RACBG for Bukit Gombak residents of all ages to enjoy. Other facilities offered at the library cosy play cum reading area for parents with young children; a quiet and conducive corner for students to study and prepare for their examinations as well as a games room with an array of board and chess games.

Following are some photos taken at this eventful day:



Rotarians, families & friends at the Joint Installation of BGEIC & RACBG

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President Dr Chan Siew Luen (centre) with the newly inducted Interactors and Rotaractors

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Thumbs up for the opening of the Library by Minister of State Ms Low Yen Ling (centre)



RCS members and guests viewing the Library's facilities

Meeting Report

14th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2023-20234 held on 25.10.2023.

Opening Remarks

Sergeant-at-Arms Priveen Suraj called the meeting to order and invited President Dr Chan Siew Luen to start the meeting.

Welcome of Guests and Visiting Rotarians

President Siew Luen invited Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund who welcomed guests and visiting Rotarians as follows:

Guests:

Speaker, His Excellency (HE) Dr Norbert Riedel, German Ambassador to Singapore

First Lady Patricia Wang

Ms Amanda Tan, spouse of Rtn Lee Chee Pin

Ms Aimee Fones, aunt of Rtn Suzanne Ng

Ms Lim Suat Ling, Ms Elayne Soh, Ms Grace Roache, Mr Shaun Roache, Ms Linda Lin,

Ms Periyasamy Tamilarasi, Mr Rajpal Sethi, Ms Selvi Natchiyar, Ms Natasha Bell, Mrs

Karen Rentsch



Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund

Visiting Rotarians:

Rtn Xavier Sentamu, Rotary Club (RC) Kiwatule

Rtn Yoriko Murakami, RC Tokyo Hiroo

Rtn Peter Rentsch, RC Cobram, Australia

Rtn Florian Laszlo, RC Wien, Vienna, Austria

Rtn Christopher Puttock, RC Honolulu Oahu, Hawaii

Toast



Toastmaster Rtn Horst Hagemann led members in a toast to the Federal Republic of Germany coupled with the toast to Rotary International

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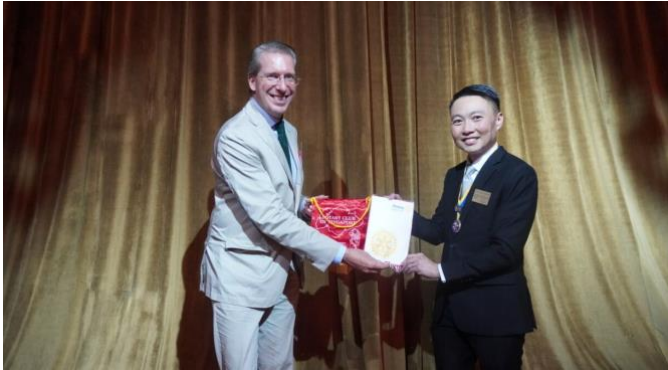
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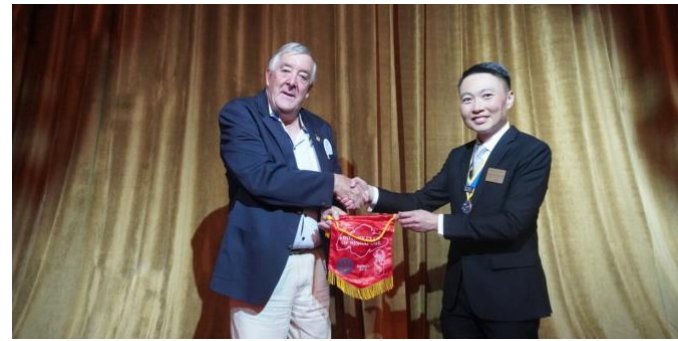
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Proceedings of the 14th Weekly Meeting ... *contd.*

Exchange of Banners



From left: President Siew Luen exchanged club banners with Rtn Florian Laszlo (RC Wien) and Rtn Xavier Sentamu (RC Kiwatu)



President Siew Luen presented Club banners to Rtn Christopher Puttock & Rtn Peter Rentsch from RCs Honolulu Oahu & Cobram

What Happened Last Week?



VSC Director Vineet Iyengar receives the Club's award at ISCOS Appreciation Night on 20.10.23



World Polio Walk led by Rtn Peter Brock (2nd from left) on 21.10.23



Ongoing Food from the Heart Project held on 21.10.23

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Distinguished Speakers' Series

Speaker: His Excellency (H.E.) Dr Norbert Riedel, German Ambassador to Singapore

Topic: What about Germany? Opportunities and challenges in a changing world

PE Tom Wolf was given the pleasant task of introducing our distinguished guest and his friend, the German Ambassador to Singapore H.E Dr Norbert Riedel.

Following H.E. Ambassador Riedel's introduction, President Siew Luen inducted him as an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Singapore and invited him to address the Club.

H.E Ambassador Riedel shared invaluable insights on the ever-evolving geopolitical landscape that shapes our world. His perspective on global challenges left a deeper understanding of the complexities faced in the world. Following his succinct talk, H.E. Ambassador Riedel answered queries posed to him by members, which further highlighted his knowledge and diplomatic prowess.

President Siew Luen called on IPP James Lee who warmly thanked HM Dr Norbert Riedel. Following is an extract of IPP James's vote of thanks to H.E. Ambassador Riedel on behalf of the Club:

"It is my distinct honour and privilege to extend our heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency, the German Ambassador, Dr Norbert Riedel, for his incredibly insightful, honest yet inspiring address today. His words have shed light on Germany's unique geopolitical challenges and their unwavering commitment to surmount them.

The Ambassador's discussion on Germany's pursuit of carbon neutrality and its determination to reduce reliance on fuel sources is indeed commendable. This commitment to sustainable energy sources not only sets a remarkable example but also signifies their dedication to environmental preservation on a global scale.

We appreciate the Ambassador's candid insights into how Germany navigates the complexities of managing trade and relationships in this volatile global situation.

We are impressed with German government's 10-point plan to modernize the economy. We applaud their efforts to streamline processes and encourage investment in their nation, which has already yielded promising results.

Germany's strong partnership with Singapore and ASEAN in the energy sector is a remarkable example of international collaboration. Their commitment to innovation and modernization is evident and promises a brighter future for both regions.

Lastly, the Ambassador highlighted the excellent collaboration between Singapore and Germany, which is not just about economics but also about fostering a strong bilateral relationship. This collaboration, built on trust and mutual respect, is a beacon of hope for international relations. In conclusion, we express our deepest gratitude to the German Ambassador for enlightening us on these critical matters. His words have left us inspired and reassured about the future of Germany and the strong partnership with Singapore. Let us continue to support and strengthen these ties for the betterment of both nations.

Thank you, Your Excellency, for your time, your openness in sharing and wisdom. We look forward to your future continued participation in our Rotary Club to enrich our conversation and mindsets and most important our lives."



Speaker H.E. Ambassador
Dr Norbert Riedel

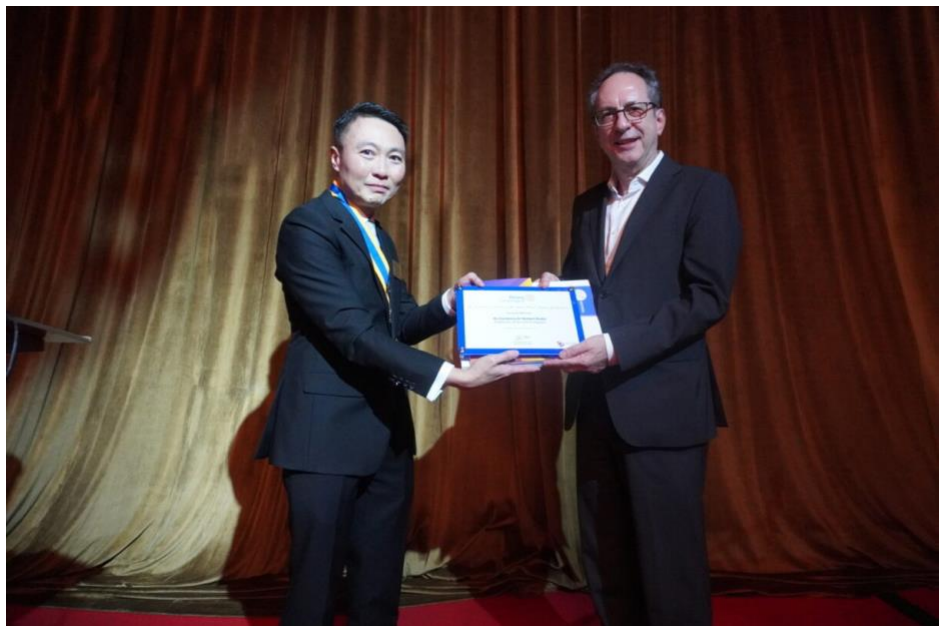
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Pictorial Highlights of the Meeting...



PE Tom Wolf introducing H.E. Ambassador Riedel



President Siew Luen inducts H.E. Ambassador Dr Norbert Riedel as an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Singapore



IPP James Lee extending the Club's vote of thanks



From left to right: Rtn Peter Brock, PE Tom, IPP James, Hon. Member Uttam Kripalani, Pres. Siew Luen, H.E. Ambassador Riedel, Rtn Jens Ruebbert & PP Stan Low

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Birthday Celebrants

RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

Moshood Olaniyan for 4 Nov
Manish Tibrewal for 5 Nov



Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

PP Jimmy & Jane Ooi for 1 Nov
Suresh & Meera Keerthi for 1 Nov
Don & Navya Dominic for 3 Nov
Terry Lobaton & Glen Cabrey for 4 Nov



This Meeting

1 November 2023

Speaker: Dr Gowreeson Thevendran, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Island Orthopaedics

Topic: Debunking Myths about Joint Health

Next Meeting

**8 November 2023
Deepavali Dinner Party**

Speaker: Mr Abhra Bhattacharjee, Development Director & Head of Foundation, Tanglin Trust School

Topic: To be advised

Coming Rotary Events

October – Economic & Community Development Month
November – Rotary Foundation Month

4 Nov – Deepavali lunch/visit for Sree Narayana Mission residents to Little India (11am – 2.30pm)

8 Nov – Deepavali Dinner Party, Churchill Room, Tanglin Club

15 Nov – 2nd Lunch Meeting

December – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January – Vocational Service Month

February – Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 Feb – World Understanding & Peace Day / Rotary's anniversary.

March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

7-10 Mar – District Training Assembly @ Johor Bahru

29 Mar – Swimmarathon

April – Environmental Month

May – Youth Service Month

17-19 May – 33rd District Conference @ Kuching

25-29 May – Rotary International Convention, Singapore

27 May – Host Hospitality Night

June – Rotary Fellowships Month

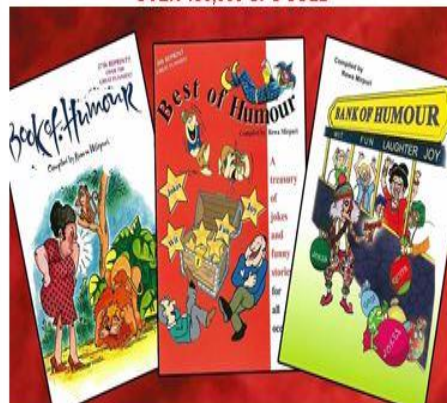
22 Jun – Installation of the 90th President & Board of Directors

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JUNE
Saturday 22nd at 6:30 pm
2024

Capella Singapore, 1 The Knolls, Sentosa Island,
Singapore 098297

Dress Code
Black Tie (1930 Great Gatsby)

SCAN TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR 90TH INSTALLATION DINNER (22 JUNE 2024)
UEN No. S815S0037C

Early Bird
\$198/pax
(Till Christmas Day)

Regular Price
\$238/pax

This registration is only for Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Singapore or by Invitation only.

To enjoy the early bird discount,
please register before 24 December 2023 using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/qg8rSsJC1Ub5Evv49>

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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