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# In Focus

## Installation of the 88<sup>th</sup> President James Lee and Board of Directors on 25 June 2022

A heart-warming and impassioned speech by our Guest of Honour, Ms Low Yen Ling, Minister of State (MOS), Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry of Trade and Industry, at the installation of the 88th President James Lee & Board Members of the Rotary Club of Singapore on 25th June 2022, was a fitting close to the successful fund-raising dinner event for our Major Project for the year.

Earlier in the evening, RCS incoming President James Lee called on the collective effort of every individual in the club to use their resources and expertise to do good locally and overseas to make the club impactful to the communities it serves.



Guest of Honour, Ms Low Yen Ling



President James Lee



From left to right: Directors Francesco De Liva, Vineet Iyengar, Mukundan A P, Varun Gulati, Hon Treasurer Ankit Khandelwal, VP Tom Wolf, President James, Ms Low Yen Ling, DG Joanne Kam, IPP Louis Lim, VP Andy Mankiewicz, PE Dr Chan Siew Luen, Directors Sonali Sinha, Jacqueline Koh, Jessica Lim, Ong Ting Yong



# In Focus

## Installation of the 88<sup>th</sup> President James Lee and Board of Directors on 25 June 2022... *contd.*



Master of Ceremony, VP Andy Mankiewicz OBE



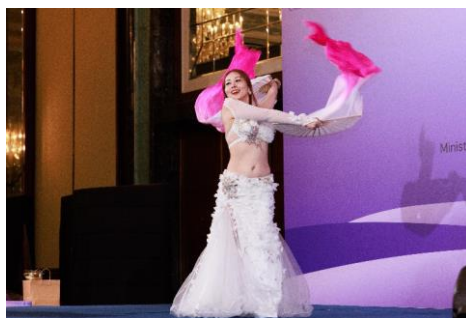
Outgoing President Louis Lim installing Incoming President James Lee



Rotarian of the Year – PP Paliath Mohandas



New minted Honorary Members –  
Rtms Uttam Kripalani & Joseph Chia



A Fund-Raising Performance by Rtn Mathias Boegner and Rtn Sissi Goh with President James Lee

# In Focus

## Installation of the 88<sup>th</sup> President James Lee and Board of Directors on 25 June 2022... *contd.*

In the fundraising segment led by VP Tom Wolf, the Rotary Club of Singapore raised a total of \$500,000 (half of which is from a 1 to 1 matching by the Tote Board) for FootballPlus (<https://www.footballplus.org/>) for two Seven-A-Side fields at 10 Kwong Avenue and for their programmes 'Champions Unlimited' and 'Stay in the Game'.



Fundraising by VP Tom Wolf





# In Focus

## Installation of the 88<sup>th</sup> President James Lee and Board of Directors on 25 June 2022... contd.

In the evening's finale, Minister of State (MOS) Low commended the Rotary Club of Singapore for its efforts in many local projects, such as Rotary Halal Kitchen for Willing Hearts providing 15,000 free meals daily and Share-a-Pot project to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the physical, mental and social frailty of vulnerable people. She also commended the club's effort in adopting Alexandra Village Food Centre (AVFC) to help the hawkers develop economic resilience through a digital group buy solution at low delivery costs and also in setting up an Interact Club with Yishun Health and National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) for youths to advocate for public health. She particularly pointed out the club's guidance through President James Lee for Bukit Gombak EAGLES Interact Club to develop them in leadership and serve the Bukit Gombak community.



MOS Low practicing her selfie skills with the Interactors and Rotaractors from Bukit Gombak with their advisor, RCS Pres James Lee

MOS Low concluded by wishing President James Lee, the fellow Board members, and all Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Singapore every success in achieving the vision for the Rotary Year 2022 to 2023 and beyond.



# Club Assembly Report

## Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly – 6 July 2022

### OPENING REMARKS & TOAST

President James Lee was greeted with a resounding standing ovation as he took to the lectern to chair the 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly for Rotary year 2022-2023. He welcomed members including District Governor Nominee (DGN) Dr Yap Lip Kee and Assistant Governor (AG) Mark Wang. President James advised that he has not received the full list of members who were serving District Officers hoped to have the list next week.

Next, President James called on members to join him in a toast to Rotary International.



President James Lee

### PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION

President James started by outlining the current issues faced by the Club, of Membership Engagement and attendance; Secretariat and the Board spending time and effort to get members to meet the minimum meeting attendance; need to clarify the Club's future direction and focus.

He stated that the focus for the Rotary year (RY) was to be a vibrant and inclusive Club that value-adds the Community it serves. President James spoke on member engagement and advised that the Club's programmes were circulated for the year, adding that for 2023 there would be focus for online professional development as well. He added that the plan would be to have more women in the Club and to have a range of diversity of members in terms of age, race, and nationalities. President James highlighted the key strategies to address issues and focus on more local projects, global grants for Singapore, ASEAN and Asia; and create opportunity for members' participations and give clarity in expectation and commitment for members.

President James played a short video of Hon. Member PP Raymon Huang who spoke on the importance of fellowship, and his missing the fellowship. President James spoke of the gathering of the Rotary family as the Club transits from an online platform to physical meetings and noted that certain items would have to be addressed. He noted that members have been given the information on the calendar of events for their participation for the coming months.

President James reiterated the Proposed Club Meetings for RY 2022-2023 as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – Club meeting, fellowship and speaker

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Club meeting with emphasis on Community Service (CSC) and International Service (ISC)

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Club meeting with emphasis on Vocational Service (VSC) and Youth Service (YSC)

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – No meeting in lieu of local projects or networking meeting (on Saturdays) or Service Fellowship or meeting.

5<sup>th</sup> Week Saturday or once a quarter – Club updates and Tea with members on Saturday afternoon.

2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – Deepavali Party and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter – Christmas Party at HM Mohan Vaswani's

Next, President James spoke on Venues and Dues, and the need for payment for minimal numbers and accountability and expectation for members. He added to ensure sustainability of Club meetings, members would have personal accountability to attend at least twice a month and advance collection of dinner meeting dues would be collected for half yearly dinner meeting fees. He added that any leftover of funds would be towards Service Committee projects/fellowships. President James further mentioned that there would be exceptions for members who have mobility issues, members who are overseas. He added that these guidelines would be reviewed by the Board which would be deliberated. (For more details, kindly contact President James.)

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### PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION... contd.

President James also presented a comparison of the meeting venues between Tanglin Club and InterContinental Hotel and gave reasons for the choice of venue at InterContinental. He advised that the Grand Hyatt would be closed for renovations till first quarter of 2023. He added that decision to use InterContinental Hotel was finalized quite late and some meeting dates were not available, therefore certain weeks would be held at Tanglin Club or Hyatt.

President James sought members' support and understanding for the Board as there were many decisions to be made. President James opened the floor for comments and questions.

PP Stan Low was pleased that focus would be given to fellowship, which he stated was the bedrock of Rotary. He noted the fellowship from service committees on Thursdays and called for the Board to consider and encourage the Thursday committee meetings. President James responded that committees are opened to conduct these separate meetings and the focus to get members to return to the weekly meetings in large numbers. He noted that ISC would be having additional service meetings.

### SERVICE COMMITTEES' OVERVIEW OF PLANS

#### Community Service Committee (CSC)



Rtn Sonali Sinha

President James presented the CSC plans on behalf of Director Sonali Sinha, highlighting the four themes of focus, namely Single Parents/Family Violence Survivors; Intellectual/Physical Disabilities; Underprivileged Elderly and Migrant Workers.

The CSC core team and project coordinators were introduced, as well as the organisations which CSC were planning to work with for the coming year. President James noted that CSC's projects was about "Service Above Self" our Rotary motto and he strongly encouraged members to participate. He added that the following week Rtn Sonali would present more details of each project and how the Club and members could be involved.

### International Service Committee (ISC)



Rtn Varun Gulati

President James further presented ISC plans on behalf of Director Varun Gulati starting with the introduction of his key office bearers and noted that ISC's theme was "Let's Travel" with visits to projects of the last 2 years as well as new projects. Also highlighted were:

- The Committee would also look at streamlining sister clubs/friendship clubs further.
- Book of Humour (BOH) App to be downloaded by all members and will be promoted in Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore.
- Set up Art Auction committee and execute it in January 2023.
- Make an International visit calendar in July for all to plan trips.
- Retain all Country champions and add more for new countries.
- Monthly hybrid meetings of Country champions for fellowship and better coordination.
- Appoint Past Presidents (PPs) as strategic advisors for specific subjects.
- Website to be updated with links of sister club certificates, travel docket and key contacts.



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## Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly – 6 July 2022

### Vocational Service Committee (VSC)



Rtn Jacqueline Koh

Director Jacqueline introduced the Committee's office bearers; project leads and advisors. She shared the Japanese concept of Ikigai – “a reason for being” which could represent VSC better, to embrace passion and mission and to empower profession and vocation.

Rtn Jacqueline outlined the following VSC programmes and projects:

- Vocational Leadership Awards – The Entrepreneur of the Year Award to be held in November 2022, led by PP Alan Tan and the Artisan of the Year Award to be presented in June 2023, led by Rtn Louisa Lee.
- Vocational Sharings led by Rtn Dr Denis Hew who will start this programme on 20.7.22 with his own sharing with the implications as to what his profession has to do with Rotary.
- Vocational visits led by Rtn Angela Lim, to include family members and fellowship, starting with the a revisit to the Hawker Project at Alexandra Village in July 2022.
- Vocational Mentorship led by Rtn Hulya Ucer working with Spectra Secondary School to create mentorship/internship/practicum opportunities for Normal Technical students with the assistance from Rotarians and local businesses.
- Vocational Support led by Rtn Sonali Sinha, to initiate a project with the Industrial & Services Cooperative Society Ltd (ISCOS) under the Skills Assistance Subsidy Scheme.
- VSC Signature Project – A tribute to fellow Rotarians, to bring out the history of the Club on a video and publications, led by Rtn Tay Hoo Wee and herself.

### Youth Service Committee (YSC)



Rtn Mukundan A P

Director Rtn Mukundan A P who was leading the Committee for a second term, introduced his YSC Board. He highlighted the YSC's objectives:

- Strong connectivity and consistent relationship with all Interact Clubs including the two new Interact Clubs – Sembawang and Eton House.
- ASEAN Interact Joint Projects – following the recent RICCA conference there were several invitations to participate in joint projects.
- Creating impactful projects to empower the youths to create strong branding and image
  - International Understanding project connect
  - Continue the projects from previous year

Rtn Mukund outlined YCS's calendar of events from July 2022 till June 2023 as follows:

- July - starting with the Interact Leadership Training Camp (ILTC) from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July which will be a physical camp the GIS campus and various Interact and Rotaract Board installations.
- August – Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC) 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting; Interact/Rotaract Board installations and Rotary Club of Singapore Banner Design Competition.
- September – Rotary Youth Community Service Award for Interact Clubs; Asian Project and Interact Exchange with Bangkok.
- October – Outbreak Scene Investigation by Sembawang Interact Club and Republic Polytechnic to all schools in north of Singapore, and 2<sup>nd</sup> ICC Board meeting.
- November – Project Bakti Luhur and Rotarian/Teacher Advisor Training session.
- December – ICC Project



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### Youth Service Committee (YSC) ... contd.

- January 2023 – Teacher Advisors' Meeting and ICC 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting.
- February – Cyber Security Workshop conducted by Rtn Sean Lim, Project Accendo III and the ICC Major Project.
- March – Bukit Gombak Eagles Interact Club and Rotary Club of Kuching Central International project and the K S Mehta Memorial Award.
- April – Interact Virtual Exchange with Rotary Club of Colombo.
- May – Stress Management Workshop with Singapore Children's Society and National Youth Corps.
- June – Disease Detective Camp II with National Centre of Infectious Diseases.

Rtn Mukund who looked forward to members engaging with Interactors whom he noted they looked upon Rotarians as role models.

Next, President James noted the importance to help new members understand what Rotary was about, and hence the initiative to have three Directors looking into Membership – with Rtn Francesco De Liva's focus on membership recruitment, Rtn Ong Ting Yong on membership events and Rtn Vineet Iyengar who will be responsible for membership engagement. He advised that the membership engagement would start with a seminar on 30 July for all new members during the past 2 years.

To add to the "spirit of Rotary", PP Alan Tan would support the Club and Presidency, he would donate 24 bottles of wine to the Club. President James noted that InterContinental Singapore had waived corkage for 5 bottles at each meeting. He warmly thanked PP Alan for his generous donation!

### Membership Recruitment Committee



Director Francesco De Liva highlighted the following aspects of membership recruitment in the Club:

- Path to become a member, explained the process, and shared the changes and accountabilities for the proposers and the increase of six physical meetings for the candidate's attendance.
- Candidate backlog as of 4 July 2022. There was no membership target for the year.
- Bring a friend – requested that if you have recently joined the Club, to allow some time to know about Rotary before introducing a friend.
- Icebreaker programme – 11 matches were organized with more than 350 icebreaker meetings held.

Rtn Francesco De Liva

- Icebreaker migration to MatchWithBruno.com – as agreed by the Board to inspire meaningful connections for other organisations.

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### Membership Events Committee



Rtn Ong Ting Yong

Director Ong Ting Yong shared the following Membership Events details:

- Members Engagement Seminar to be held on Saturday, 30 July from 2.00pm to 5.00pm at the InterContinental Singapore (Bugis) which would be compulsory for all new members of the past 2 years.
- Highlights of the Seminar would include sharings by President James and PP Dr Shahul Hameed on The Rotary Foundation, presentation of the Rotary Brochure and Calendar of activities for the year. The Committees' Showcase with short background information on the various committees including their key projects and plans. Not forgetting Fellowship Opportunities with round table discussions; generation of key project ideas and a Vocation as Service sharing by PDG Dr Philbert Chin.
- National Day Party – planned for Saturday 13 August which will be a celebration with senior Rotarians and an “invite a Friend Day” meeting.
- Deepavali Party – on Saturday 29 October which will also be an End Polio fund raising dinner party.
- Christmas Party @ Pak Mohan's – tentatively on Wednesday 21 December.

### FOOTBALLPLUS – Major Project 2022-2023



VP Tom Wolf



VP Andy Mankiewicz

At the request of VP Tom Wolf who attended the meeting whilst in Germany, President James called upon VP Andy Mankiewicz to present the review of the Club's Major Project on his behalf. Before the update, VP Andy thanked VP Tom and his Family Office staff, Rtn Lee Chee Pin and final thanks to all members who have participated and donated.

VP Andy gave an overview of the fundraising for the Club's Major Project for beneficiary FootballPlus which received over \$265,000 and would be matched dollar-for-dollar by the government, up to \$250,000. He further provided a breakdown of the donor profiles and donations received. VP Andy added that the follow up to ensure proper governance would be looked into for the project as well.

VP Tom added the outstanding amounts pledged would be received soon, and the target of \$500,000 was reached. He noted the need to ensure that the funds would be used in the way Rotary wants it to be used and will work with FootballPlus on this.

PP Stan Low enquired if there was an opportunity for members who did not attend the Installation Dinner to be able to contribute towards the Major Project, as it is part of the members' duty to do so. VP Tom replied that the whole year was for the Major Project to make it better, and not just for fund-raising but would also to include other participation from members. President James assured PP Stan that the remaining group of members who did not attend the Installation, would be engaged.

President James shared when he took on the presidency and invited the two VPs, little did he imagine that the half a million dollars would be raised within a day and was pleased to note that more Rotarians would take part and be involved in the Major Project.

On behalf of the Club, President James sent deepest condolences to VP Tom and his family on the passing away of a family member in Germany and thanked him for attending the meeting online to talk about the Major Project.



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## Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly – 6 July 2022

### Public Image & PR Committee



Rtn Ranga  
Somanathan

Director Ranga Somanathan shared the priorities of the Committee as there were a lot of activities and noted the importance to highlight these, in order to inspire others to be part of the community. He advised that this was being done through:

- Club website updates
- Amplify via social handles such as FaceBook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn
- Club bulletin

On the Website updates, Rtn Ranga advised that every month, align with each Committee Chair /representative to capture initiatives and post on website. He requested members to use the following link to update their Committees' key initiatives : <https://gettix2u.com/rcsingapore/>

Rtn Ranga noted that it was difficult to get press coverage as there were several service organisations pitching their stories, unless there were VIPs in attendance. Therefore, this year without pitching a story, to proactively engage journalists with senior Rotarians and President James and potentially have them cover the Club's stories due to their familiarity and engagement with the Club.

### Remarks from the Floor

- Hon. Member Rtn Uttam Kripalani reminded President James of the LKY Musical on 9 September. President James advised that this fellowship event was included in the Club's calendar and would be publicized at the VSC meeting.
- PP Stan Low noted that the programmes are fantastic, however there are some financial issues involved and for this purpose to ask members present if they agree with the programmes in order for President James and for the Board to proceed. There were no objections both from members present and there were no objections received from members online as well.
- PP Tapan Rao requested that the meeting timing be kept. President James agreed and suggested the meeting would be one and a half hours.
- IPP Louis requested the Past Presidents to agree to serve in the MC&D Committee as he only received about 5 to 6 replies.

### Any Other Business

President James advised that there were two matters for members' attention:

- The formation of the Nominating Committee would be set up to look for the Club's President Nominee. Information to be circulated to members.
- Another Committee to be formed would be the Organising Committee for the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club in two years' time. President advised that VSC's signature project would be largely featured in this Anniversary celebration. He added that this project would be a documentary video capturing the members who have made an impact in Singapore.

### PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

President James thanked members for their time, advice, efforts and feedback to make the Club more vibrant. He assured members that the Club would be better and that it would not be possible if not for IPP Louis and his Board to build on the successes of his Board and that of each President before him, to be a vibrant and engaging Club.

The Meeting/Club Assembly ended at 8.25pm.

# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:**

Ranga Somanathan  
Vineet Iyengar  
Andreas Duerst  
Sachin Kagliwal  
Varun Gulati  
Miha Hribernik  
HM PP Raymon Huang  
President James Lee  
Ronil Sujan

## Anniversary

**RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:**

Hon. Member PP Raymon & Jessie Huang  
  
Mohandas & Kavita Chugani  
  
Aarti Wadhwa & Nielsen Niels



## This Meeting

**20 July 2022  
At Grand Hyatt Singapore**

**Vocational & Youth  
Service Committees'  
Presentations**

## Next Meeting

**27 July 2022  
No meeting in lieu of  
Member Engagement  
Seminar on  
30 July from 2.00-5.00pm  
At InterContinental  
Singapore (Bugis)**

## Coming Rotary Events

### July

**23-24 Jul** – Interact Leadership Training Camp at GIIS Campus  
**27 Jul** – No meeting in lieu of Membership Seminar  
**30 Jul** – Member Engagement Seminar at InterContinental Singapore (Bugis) from 2 to 5pm  
**31 Jul** – RC Mumbai South Installation

### August

### Membership & New Club Development Month

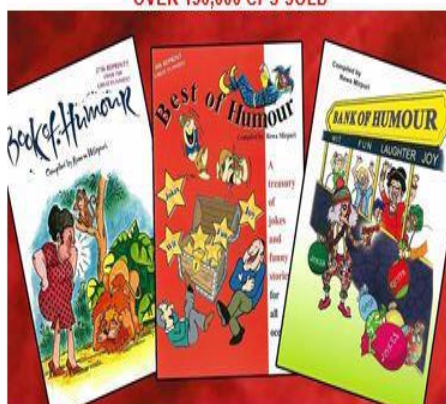
**4 Aug** – RC Rizal West Installation  
**6 Aug** – Visit to Rotary Club of Cauayan (Installation)  
**7 Aug** – Lunch meeting with Rotary Clubs in Manila  
**10 Aug** – No meeting in lieu of Saturday Morning Tea Meeting  
**13 Aug** – National Day celebration (meeting up with senior Rotarians and invite a friend/prospective member)  
**13 Aug** – RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja Installation  
**20 Aug** – Food from the Heart – Blk 4 North Bridge Road  
**31 Aug** – No meeting in lieu of service project

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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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