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In Focus



Appeal for the Major Project 2020-2021

EVERY **\$1,500** DONATED WILL HELP PRODUCE **6,000 MEALS** A MONTH FOR YEARS TO COME

The Rotary Club of Singapore has chosen Willing Hearts as our Major Project partner for the year 2020-21. Willing Hearts is a secular non-affiliated charity that operates a soup kitchen that prepares, cooks and distributes about 9500 daily meals across Singapore, 365 days a year. Beneficiaries include the elderly, the disabled, low-income families and migrant workers in Singapore.

To expand its outreach to more families in need of daily meals, Willing Hearts will be moving to a larger campus at Telok Kurau. The main soup kitchen will be expanded to provide 20,000 Halal-certified meals daily. In subsequent phases, there will be additional kitchens to cater to vegetarian and other dietary needs.

The pandemic has made the situation more urgent and the increase in need for a daily meal is tremendous. The Rotary Club of Singapore is cognizant of this problem and has dedicated the Major Project of the Rotary Year 2020/21 to provide the new soup kitchen with equipment to prepare 20,000 meals a day.


The Major Project Committee has studied the list of equipment needed and has identified a set of equipment costing \$166,220.00, for sponsorship. This has been documented in a Memorandum of Understanding signed between Willing Hearts and the Rotary Club of Singapore. As part of the agreement, Rotary Club of Singapore will have naming rights for the new kitchen.

Every year, our members have made significant contributions to various causes bringing positive impact to many beneficiaries. This year, in the pith of the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to appeal to all members to support this Major Project in bringing meals to the underprivileged in Singapore. **Every \$1,500 donated will help produce 6,000 meals a month for years to come.**

Thank you in advance for your support and consideration.

You may use the following methods to submit your donations:

SCAN WITH YOUR BANK APP



PayNow:
 UEN: S61SS0037C
 Account Name: Rotary Club of Singapore
 Remarks: <Name>-MP2020-21

Bank Transfer:
 Account Name: Rotary Club of Singapore
 Account Number: 970-345-873-0
 Bank Name: United Overseas Bank Ltd
 Bank Code: 7375
 Branch Code: 068
 Remarks: <Name>-MP2020-21

101 Club's Global Grants Approved by The Rotary Foundation

100th Approved Global Grants

approved 26 March 2021

GG 2095018
Project Neona
Colombo, Sri Lanka

USD \$191,953

Provide funding for 65 pediatric cardiac surgeries, specialized training for obstetricians and radiologists for diagnosing early cardiac abnormalities and hands-on training for 30 nurses in pediatric cardiac ward



Primary Partner: RC Colombo West, D3220
Primary Contact: Shahul Hameed

101st Approved Global Grants

approved 28 March 2021

GG 2119692
Gift of Life (2 decades)
Shanghai, China

USD \$123,999

Provide funding for 30 pediatric congenital cardiac surgeries, including those affected with HIV, adding to 640 surgeries already done over last 20 years



Primary Partner: RC Shanghai, D52
Primary Contact: Shahul Hameed

Meeting Report

35th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 24.3.2021

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) Rtn Vineet Iyengar called the meeting to order and then invited President Dinesh to start the meeting.

President Dinesh called the meeting to order and welcomed Honorary Members, Past Presidents, members, prospective members and guests including PP Ramesh from Rotary Club of Bangalore Orchard.

President Dinesh further welcomed the Speaker none other than Rtn Ranganathan “Ranga” Somanathan. He added a number of new members were actively participating in Club events this Rotary Year.



President Dinesh Sharma

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Sachin Kagliwal

President Dinesh called upon a new member, Rtn Sachin Kagliwal, who invited members to raise a toast to Rotary International, an organisation serving humanity and making the world a better place!

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Youth Service Committee meeting on 25 March at 6.50pm will be hosted by Director Dr Ganesh Ramalingam;
- PP Tapan Rao will be hosting a Zoom meeting for the Club Rotary Foundation Committee on 30 March from 8.00 to 9.00pm.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EOGM)

President Dinesh noted that following the resignation of Rtn See Mee Lee as President Elect (PE) for Rotary year 2020/21, members' approval was required for the following:

To consider and approve the following:

- Announcement of President Nominee 2020-2021 (President 2022-2023)
- Announcement of Members of the Board by President Elect Louis Lim
- Submission of 2019 Club Constitution to Registry of Societies

President Dinesh gave notice to the EOGM which would be held after the weekly meeting of 7 April 2021.

Meeting Report

35th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 24.3.2021

APPEAL FOR THE MAJOR PROJECT 2020-2021

President Dinesh made an appeal to members for the Major Project to provide kitchen equipment for the beneficiary Willing Hearts in order to provide more meals to the needy.

He announced that Rtn Tom Wolf had pledged \$50,000 towards the Major Project, matching members' donations dollar for dollars. President Dinesh warmly thanked Rtn Tom for his generosity and contribution to the Major Project as well as all other members who have made their donations, and he called on members to support the project.



Rtn Tom Wolf

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



KYFR speaker PE Louis Lim noted that at last week's meeting, PP Alan Tan had claimed to be an "accidental" President. He felt the same way as he was taking the Club's Presidency one year earlier!

PE Louis spoke of his Rotary involvement starting as President of Interact Club of Swiss Cottage Pre-University (1989/90); Vice President of Rotaract Club of Singapore city (1995/96). Followed by joining the Club

in 2011 and serving as Honorary Secretary on the Boards of PPs Jimmy Ooi, Dr Shahul Hameed, Perlita Tiro and Garry Taylor.



PE Louis Lim

He was awarded the Public Service Medal (PBM) in August 2006, followed by the Public Service Star (BBM) in 2019 by the President of the Republic of Singapore. PE Louis is a lawyer in private practice. He paid tribute to his Rotary mentors, PP Mansoor Hassanbhai, PP Stan Low and VP Suresh Keerthi during his Rotaract days. PE Louis added that if not for Rotary values, he would not have learnt about paying forward. He noted that the Club would soon celebrate its 95th anniversary as members continue to serve and act with humility to give hope to beneficiaries and help others.

GUEST SPEAKER: ROTARIAN RANGANATHAN "RANGA" SOMANATHAN

TOPIC: IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR AND MEDIA HABITS

President Dinesh called on Rtn Mukundan A P to introduce his fellow Rotarian Ranga who joined the Club in November 2020. Rtn Ranga is Co-founder and Curator of RSquared Global Ventures. He is a graduate in Statistics and post-graduate in Marketing Management. Rtn Ranga is a seasoned leader in Media and Marketing area in Asia, and is sought after for his views on latest developments in Media and consumer insights.



Speaker
Rtn Ranga Somanathan

At the start of his informative presentation, Rtn Ranga provided some statistical information on worldwide trends and behaviours. He noted that even if it had to be virtual, Singaporeans stayed stronger together and showed their care for others. Rtn Ranga also shared five shopping behaviour trends and cited how the pandemic might change consumer behaviour. He further highlighted how the pandemic had shaped the media habits, and added that two media forms which potentially could make a huge comeback. In summary, Rtn Ranga added, to be relevant, one should create seamless online and offline experiences; build brand loyalty through meaningful and sustainable solutions and be present in their moment of collective and mindful consumption. (A copy of Rtn Ranga's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

Rtn Arnaud Pallini noted that it was a privilege to propose a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club to Rtn Ranga for his very rich presentation and added that he had picked up some very good pointers as well.

Last Week

36th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 31.3.2021



A full house at the Club's 2nd physical meeting on 31 March 2021 at The Pavilion, Conrad Centennial Singapore

OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order by Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Bertrand De Mil who invited President Dinesh to start the Meeting.

President Dinesh welcomed Honorary Members PP Bhagwan Melwani, PP Chiang Shih Fang, Past Presidents and guests who were attending the meeting on Zoom.

To formally welcome guests of members, President Dinesh called upon PP Jimmy Ooi who welcomed members' spouses – 1st Lady Mrs Rekha Sharma, Mrs Dolores Low, Mrs Rachael Yap, Mrs Zerine Medora, Mrs Niharika Gulati and Mrs

Mamatha Mukundan. Also given a welcome were Mr Jaspal Singh, guest of PP Dr Yap Lip Kee and Mr Jens Ruebbert, guest of Rtn Tom Wolf.



PP Jimmy Ooi



President
Dinesh Sharma

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



PP Dr Yap Lip Kee

Toastmaster, PP Dr Yap Lip Kee called on members to join him in a toast to Rotary International and to our Club formed in 1930.

Last Week

36th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 31.3.2021

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider advised that the wine served at both the World Understanding and Peace Day and the evening's events were sponsored by none other than President Dinesh.

Rtn Brigitte called for members support for the following two Community Service projects:

- Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen on 3.4.21
- Blood Donation Drive on 4.4.21



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP KITS

President Dinesh noted that due to virtual meetings, the membership kits for new members could not be presented. However, these kits were given separately on two occasions at the Rotary office.

He was pleased to do so again at the weekly meeting, and called upon new members – Rtns Francesco De Liva, Hayden Hughes, Sachin Kagliwal, Sean Leas, Sean Lim and Srihari Sikhakollu.



Rtn Francesco De Liva



Rtn Hayden Hughes



Rtn Sachin Kagliwal



Rtn Sean Leas



Rtn Sean Lim



Rtn Srihari Sikhakollu



NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EOGM)

President Dinesh announced the following nominations and requested members should they have candidates for the mentioned positions to submit them accordingly before the **Extraordinary General Meeting (EOGM) to be held on 7 April 2021.**

Nominations for:

President Nominee (2020-2021) / President 2022-2023 – **Rtn James Lee**

President Nominee Designate (2020-2021) / President 2023-2024 – **Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen**

Incoming Board of Directors (2021-2022) as follows:

President Louis Lim

IPP Dinesh Sharma

VP Ronald Wong

VP Dr Chan Siew Luen

Hon Secretary Jessica Lim

VSC Director Sonali Sinha

YSC Director Mukundan A P

ISC Director Varun Gulati

Director Ranganathan Somanathan

President Dinesh announced the EOGM's Agenda for 7 April 2021, which would include the above Nominations as well as the approval for submission of 2019 Club Constitution to the Registry of Societies.

Last Week

36th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 31.3.2021

MAJOR PROJECT 2020/21

President Dinesh warmly thanked members who donated to the Major Project, adding that the target amount to be raised is S\$166,000. He advised that to-date \$15,900 was received which was matched by Rtn Tom Wolf and the total amount stands at \$31,800.

He advised that a list of new donors would be updated every week and called on members' support for the Club's Major Project.

101 GLOBAL GRANTS APPROVED

President Dinesh advised that the Club's 101 Global Grant was approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF). He thanked the Club Rotary Foundation Committee (CRFC) Chair, PP Tapan Rao, TRF Chair VP Suresh Keerthi with special thanks to District Rotary Foundation Chair, PP Dr Shahul Hameed for their efforts.

He added that the face masks on the tables are from the Club and CRFC committee in appreciation of the support to The Rotary Foundation and Global Grants.

GUEST SPEAKER: MS CHERYL CHUNG

TOPIC: TRAFFIC LIGHT REFLECTIONS – HOW GOVERNANCE AND TECHNOLOGY EVOLVE



Speaker, Ms Cheryl Chung replying to questions posed to her, as President Dinesh looks on

President Dinesh called upon Rtn James Lee to introduce the Speaker, Ms Cheryl Chung who is the Programme Director, Executive Education Singapore Futures at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

Ms Chung gave an insightful presentation on technology and governance and how they have evolved through her interesting reflections on traffic lights. She illustrated how this aspect of technology has improved living in a city and how it could be optimised for living in the future. (A copy of Ms Chung's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

President Dinesh invited PE Louis Lim to extend the vote of thanks to Ms Chung. He requested Ms Chung to engage members in future planning and invited her to be a member, adding that Membership Chair, VP Suresh would undoubtedly be contacting her!

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Terry Lobaton
Director Dr Irina Francken
Nick De Boursac
Ivan Lew
PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas
Mukund A P
Deblina Chatterjee
Adnan Ansari
Etienne Chenevier
Jeff Rajack

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Hena Hoda & Gautam Hazarika

PP Dr Oliver Hennedige

Committee Meetings

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 1 April 2021

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 8 April 2021

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 15 April 2021

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 22 April 2021

Last Meeting

7 April 2021

From 7.00 to 8.30pm
The Extraordinary General Meeting will be held after the weekly meeting - for Members only

Speaker: Mr Sun Yu-li, one of Singapore's leading artists

Topic: The converging point of humanities and science; the discovery of universal language

Next Meeting

14 April 2021

From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Mr Chew Ming Fai, Deputy CEO and Director-General of Public Health Singapore National Environment Agency (NEA)

Topic: Sustainable Singapore – Overview about the SG Green Plan

Coming Rotary

April

Maternal and Child Health Month

18 Apr to 27 Apr – DISTAS

May

Youth Service Month

21 to 23 May – District Conference

June

Rotary Fellowships Month

19 Jun – Installation of the 87th Board



GIFT OF LIFE

Children with cardiac problems to get help from Rotary's District 3300 & 3310

A full set of 3 editions - Book of Humour, Best of Humour & Bank of Humour, come in a beautifully designed box housing this set for only \$25.00

Please order a few sets of books for the Gift of Life Project, and place your orders with:
Hon. Member Rtn Rewa Mirpuri @
tel: 6241 9157 or
email: rewamirpuri@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?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020/2021

President	Dinesh Sharma
Immediate Past President	Deepak Nagrani
President Elect	Louis Lim
Vice President (Membership)	Suresh Keerthi
Vice President (Digital Technology)	Colin Miles
Hon. Secretary (Administration)	Brigitte Holtschneider
Hon. Treasurer (Finance)	Manish Tibrewal
<i>Directors</i>	
Chair, Community Service	Dr Irina Francken
Chair, Vocational Service	Dr Chan Siew Luen
Chair, International Service	Varun Gulati
Chair, New Generations Service	Dr Ganesh Ramalingam
Director (Public Image & PR)	Sonali Sinha

