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Food from the Heart – Saturday, 20 March 2021



CSC Director Dr Irina Francken (in green) and Rtn Kannan Krishnan organizing the delivery of food to beneficiaries



Rtn Anindya Dutta helping with the deliveries of food packages

Rise Against Hunger – Saturday, 27 March 2021



Migrant workers receiving the packets of rice



Sincere thanks to PP Dr Yap Lip Kee for this initiative, and new members, Rtms Mukundan A P and Srihari Sikhakollu for their assistance

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Willing Hearts - Saturday, 3 April 2021



CSC Director Dr Irina Francken, Rtn Suhaimi Zainul-Abidin and wife Sulyana, Rtn Peter & Tanya Brock, Rtn Toshio & Yuki Omiyama



The Rotary team preparing the vegetable for the Willing Hearts' Soup Kitchen

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Blood Donation Drive - Sunday, 4 April 2021



Our Club's Blood Donors – Rtns Peter Brock, Mukundan A P, Nara Narasimhan (left to right)



L to R: Rotaractor Bernice Bernales, Mrs Tanya Brock, Rtn Francesco De Liva & Rtn Mukund



L to R: Rtn Ranga & wife Uma, Rotaractor Beatrice & Rtn Mukund



Rotaractor Bernice, CSC Dir Irina & Rtn Mukund

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Jolly Walk - Sunday, 11 April 2021



22 Rotarians and their families, (in groups of 8) enjoyed a walk along the Kallang River on a lovely Sunday morning



Avid photographer, PP Dr Yap Lip Kee with Rachael enjoying the walk

Certificate of Appreciation from Rotary Club of Bali Kuta in RI District 1420



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

THIS PRESENTED TO

RC SINGAPORE

in grateful recognition of valuable contributions as donor (SID 5000) for the Disaster Relief in "Nusa Tenggara Timur - Indonesia".

LUH BUDIARTINI
Club President

The Club was recognized for its swift response to aid the victims of the torrential flooding in Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia

Meeting Report

37th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 7.4.2021

OPENING REMARKS

The Meeting was opened by Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider who reminded members of the meeting rules before inviting President Dinesh Sharma to take the Chair.

President Dinesh warmly welcomed Honorary Members PP Bhagwan Melwani and Rtn Mohan Vaswani, as well as Past Presidents, members and prospective members. He further welcomed the Guest Speaker, Mr Sun Yu-Li and thanked him for accepting the Club's invitation to speak at the Meeting.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



President Dinesh called upon a new member, Rtn Nara Narasimhan to raise a toast to Rotary International.

Rtn Nara Narasimhan

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vocational Service Committee meeting on 8 April will be hosted by Director Dr Chan Siew Luen;
- A reminder for members that the Extraordinary General Meeting would take place after the weekly meeting.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Dinesh Sharma

- President Dinesh wished PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas a Happy 80th Birthday on 7th April.
- Next physical meeting will be held on Wednesday, 28th April at The Pavilion, Conrad Centennial Singapore. A reminder for members that the Extraordinary General Meeting would take place after the weekly meeting.
- The next Synergy Rotary Friendship Alliance Meeting will be held on Sunday, 30th May 2021 and would be hosted by the Club. Members were cordially invited to participate in this meeting.
- On the Club's Major Project, President Dinesh advised that the week's donations received amounted to \$6,301 which brings the total collection to \$44,402.00. He thanked members for their donations and called on members to support the project to provide kitchen equipment for beneficiary Willing Hearts.

Meeting Report

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GUEST SPEAKER: MR SUN YU-LI

**TOPIC: THE CONVERGING POINT OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCE:
THE DISCOVERY OF UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE**

President Dinesh called on Rtn Hassan Moosa who introduced Mr Sun Yu-li as one of Singapore's leading artists and the External Judge for the Club's Artisan of the Year Award. Mr Sun was a noted architect turned artist particularly famous for his sculptures. He has put Singapore on the world map with his overseas installations and exhibitions.



Speaker
Mr Sun Yu-li

Prior to his presentation, Mr Sun advised that he came to Singapore in 1981, was born in China, settled in Taiwan and was educated in USA. He recounted how he met his wife which led him to settle in Singapore, adding tongue-in-cheek that it was another way of bringing in foreign talent!

Mr Sun showed a video which highlighted his beautiful artwork. He added that his art expressions was the unintended consequence of his pursuit of the "truth". He spoke of his development of the "Universal Language" in search of the universal platform upon which all knowledge fields converge; a search for the original state of form. Mr Sun's art has simple shapes and forms, but there is deeper meaning behind them; using the Universal Language he has discovered, his creations begin with the dot, forming a line, then progressing to a plane, and finally into volume.

To extend the Club's vote of thanks, President called on Vocational Service Director Dr Chan Siew Luen recalled his first meeting with Mr Sun which he described as "almost metaphysical", when he was invited to be a judge for the Artisan of the Year Award. He added that it was a great honour that Mr Sun accepted the invitation and thanked him as well for an enthralling presentation.

The weekly meeting was closed and guests were requested to log out of the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EOGM)

After the departure of guests, the EOGM was called to order at 7.55pm by President Dinesh Sharma who thanked members for their attendance. It was noted that the quorum requirement was met.

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:

Members present at the EOGM approve the following:

- President Nominee 2020-2021 (President 2022-2023)
- President Nominee Designate 2020-2021 (President 2023-2024)
- Members of the Board nominated by President Elect Louis Lim
- Submission of 2019 Club Constitution to Registry of Societies

Minutes of the EOGM will be circulated to all members shortly.

Meeting Report

38th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 14.4.2021

OPENING REMARKS



Rtn Vineet Iyengar

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar started the proceedings by wishing a Happy New Year to celebrating Indians present before handing the Chair to President Dinesh who called the meeting to order.

President Dinesh welcomed members to the Club's 38th meeting and thanked the Speaker, Mr Chew Ming Fai, the Deputy CEO and Director-General of Public Health, Singapore National Environment Agency (NEA) for speaking at the meeting on an interesting topic close to our hearts.



President
Dinesh Sharma

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Srihari Sikhakollu

Toastmaster, new member Rtn Srihari Sikhakollu invited members to raise a toast to the great institution that is Rotary International.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honorary Secretary Brigitte made two announcements:

- The International Service Committee (ISC) meeting on 15 April would be a hybrid meeting at the High Street Centre hosted by ISC Director Rtn Varun Gulati.
- Members were requested to update their particulars for the Who's Who Directory for Rotary Year (RY) 2021-2022. Closing date for these updates will be 30th April 2021.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

WHAT'S HAPPENING



President Dinesh noted that the Club remains vibrant despite COVID-19 restrictions. He highlighted the many activities which took place during the past few weeks which are featured in this bulletin's IN FOCUS article.

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MAJOR PROJECT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2020-2021

President Dinesh advised that donations towards the Major Project for the week, came to \$19,005.92 and the total so far was \$82,413.84. He thanked members who have sent in their donations and reminded that the target amount to be raised was S\$166,000.

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



KYFR speaker for the week was Rtn Ronald Wong who advised that Rotary was always in the family and from young, he would follow his father on projects. He noted then that there was a lot of fellowship and what struck him was the closeness of the Rotarians. Therefore, Rtn Ronald added that he followed in those footsteps.

Rtn Ronald spoke briefly about his career as Partner, Financial Accounting and Advisory Services at Ernst & Young LLP. He also introduced his family. He and his wife, Joyce have three children. Rtn Ronald further shared that he is an avid aviation enthusiast, and in fact is able to pilot small engine planes.



Rtn Ronald Wong

On Rotary, Rtn Ronald added that he was always a member of Community and Youth Service Committees which has inspired him to help the youth build their leadership and to give back to the community. He noted that Rotary was about fellowship and working together. Rtn Ronald added that last year, he chaired the Youth Service Committee and recalled one of the Committee's highlights was the Stop Hunger Now project which saw the participation of 500 Interactors, sponsors and Rotarians.

GUEST SPEAKER: MR CHEW MING FAI

TOPIC: SUSTAINABLE SINGAPORE – OVERVIEW ABOUT THE SG GREEN PLAN

To introduce the Speaker, President Dinesh called upon Rtn Tom Wolf. Mr Chew currently holds the appointment of Deputy CEO and Director-General of Public Health at the Singapore National Environment Agency (NEA). Prior to joining NEA, he was the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) where he held various portfolios. He also served a short stint with a Big Four Public Accounting Firm. Mr Chew graduated from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Economics and a Master of Social Sciences. He is a member of the Illinois Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He attained his Master in Public Health with the NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health in 2018.



Speaker,
Mr Chew Ming Fai

Mr Chew have a brief overview of the SG Green Plan 2030 which was a national sustainability agenda to really the nation; to build on sustainability efforts of preceding decades with sustainability as a new engine of growth. He noted that the Green Plan was a long term and living plan that would evolve as well as contribute towards global sustainable development and climate action efforts. He spoke on various aspects of the Five Pillars of the Green Plan – City in nature; Sustainable Living; Energy Reset; Green Economy and Resilient Future.

Mr Chew noted the Government would take the lead in pursuing sustainable development through the refreshed “GreenGov. SG” initiative. He added that Government Ministries would create platforms and look for opportunities to work with partners and Singaporeans to co-create solutions to realise the Green Plan. He further highlighted how individuals and businesses could play their part.

President Dinesh called on Rtn Louisa Lee who warmly thanked Mr Chew for his comprehensive presentation, noting that 2030 was only 9 years away and that we were only borrowing the planet from our future generation.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Dr Hans Schniewind
Pia Bruce
Paul Phua
Dr Devakumar Nair
Dr Suresh Mahtani
Matei Iurascu
Dr Melvin Tan
Luiz Andrade
Sean Lim
President Dinesh Sharma

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Andy & Akiko Mankiewicz
Bruno & Adriana Massote
Vijai & Kala Parwani
PP Dr Winston & Julia Oh
Luiz & Camila Andrade
Kimio & Nobuyo Somemiya
Sanjeev & Seema Shah

Committee Meetings

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 6 May 2021

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 13 May 2021

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 20 May 2021

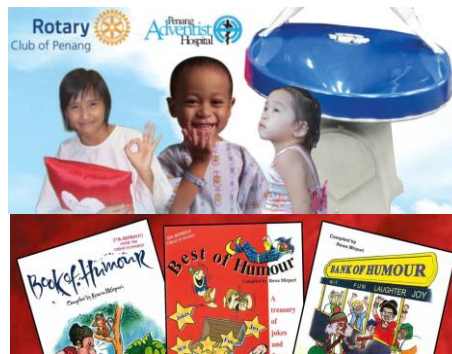
YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 27 April 2021

This Meeting

28 April 2021
From 7.00 to 9.00pm
3rd Hybrid Meeting
At Conrad Centennial Hotel

Speaker: Mr Magnus Grimeland, Founder and CEO, Antler

Topic: Tech for Impact: Enabling & Investing in Exceptional People



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Next Meeting

5 May 2021
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Mr Karthee Vidya, CEO & Founder, Team Everest

Topic: To be confirmed

Coming Rotary

April
Maternal and Child Health Month

May
Youth Service Month
21 to 23 May – District Conference

June
Rotary Fellowships Month
19 Jun – Installation of the 87th Board

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.

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