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In Focus

Public Health Ambassador Programme

A letter of collaboration for the Public Health Ambassador Programme was signed between the Club and Training Partner – Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore on 23 April 2021.

The objective of the Programme is to train a group of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors to advocate good public health measures to help bring the COVID-19 pandemic under control as well as prepare for any future pandemics.

The launch of the Programme will be held on 5 June 2021, with a Webinar on “Why Hesitate? Everything you want to know about COVID19 vaccination, from 9.00am to 10.00am. This will be followed from 10.00am to 1.00pm by an online closed-door training workshop for about 120 Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors.



Ms Low Yen Ling

The Guest of Honour for the Programme

Launch is Ms Low Yen Ling, Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Community, Culture and Youth, Mayor Southwest CDC



Signing of the letter of collaboration

*Seated: President Dinesh (left) & Prof Teo Yik Ying,
Dean – SSH School of Public Health*

Standing: VSC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen (left) & Dr Steven Ooi

In Focus

Public Health Ambassador Programme... contd.



Members having a discussion with Prof Teo Yik Ying



From left to right: Rtn Arnaud Pallini, Dir. Siew Luen, Pres. Dinesh, Rtn Ranga Somanathan, Prof. Teo, Dr Steven Ooi, Rtn Nara Narasimhan



From left: Rtns Louisa Lee, Siew Luen, Pres Dinesh, Prof Teo, Dr Ooi & Rtn Mukundan A P

Meeting Report

39th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 21.4.2021

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-At-Arms Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet opened the Meeting and reminded members of the meeting rules before inviting President Dinesh Sharma to take the Chair.

President Dinesh called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani, as well as members, visiting Rotarians and prospective members. He further welcomed the Guest Speaker, Ms Divya Patel, the Chief Operating Officer of Ishk Tolaram Foundation.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



PP Perlita Tiro

Toastmaster, PP Perlita Tiro called on members to join her in a toast to the Rotary Club of Bali Benoa and the illustrious organisation, Rotary International.

President Dinesh invited PP Wanda from the Rotary Club of Bali Benoa to address the Club. PP Wanda took the opportunity to thank the Club and to Ishk Tolaram Foundation for the contributions and support during the recent flood disaster.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Youth Service Committee meeting chaired by Director Dr Ganesh Ramalingam to be held on 22 April;
- Rtn Brigitte called on members to join her in wishing President Dinesh a very "Happy Birthday" on 24 April.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

WHAT'S HAPPENING



- President Dinesh highlighted the events which have taken place during the week, starting with the Community Service project "Food from the Heart" on 17 April when members distributed food to 59 homes in the North Bridge Road vicinity.
- On Sunday 18 April, the Jolly Walkers participated in a walk at West Coast Park, participated by a large number of members with families and friends.
- Next President Dinesh advised that the Club's latest Global Grants (GG) were approved by The Rotary Foundation and he invited PP Dr Shahul Hameed, District Rotary Foundation Chair to share a summary of the Global Grants.
- PP Dr Shahul gave a brief summary of the latest Global Grants being undertaken including GG 2119692 Gift of Life in Shanghai, China to provide 30 paediatric congenital cardiac surgeries and GG2095018 Project Neona, Colombo, Sri Lanka for 65 pediatric cardiac surgeries, specialised training for obstetricians, radiologist and hands-on training for 30 nurses. PP Shahul spoke of the good relations with the Rotary Clubs (RC) in China and the strong support from partner clubs like RC Kuching Central, Cauayan, Teresina Fatima (Brazil), Muar and Kampong Gelam as well as Ishk Tolaram Foundation for all the support given.

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Dinesh had the pleasant task of inducting three new members. He called on Membership Chair, VP Suresh Keerthi to introduce the new members, Rtns Maria Carmel Afan (Iya), Pauline Teo Puay Lin and Leonard Ong Keng Yang before inducting them to the Club.



Rtn Maria Carmel Afan (Iya)

Place of Work: LinkedIn Singapore Ltd

Classification: Sales Management – Professional Networks

Recommended Committee: International Service (ISC)

Proposer & Mentor: PP Perlita Tiro

Rtn Iya recently relocated to Singapore from San Francisco. She manages a regional corporate sales team for LinkedIn.

Rtn Iya noted that she spent a 4-month long courtship with the Club and was grateful to be accepted into the Club, adding that she would update her LinkedIn page to say that she is now a Rotarian!



Rtn Pauline Teo Puay Lin

Place of Work: 8VI Holdings Ltd

Classification: Operations Management - EdTech

Recommended Committee: Community Service (CSC)

Proposer: VP Suresh Keerthi

Mentor: PP Stan Low

Rtn Pauline is the Executive Director of 8VI Holdings Ltd, a financial education company focusing on value investing. She was a Rotaractor with the NTU Rotaract Club from 1996-1998. Rtn Pauline was a former Civil Servant in Singapore, a senior lecturer, female financial investment writer and a mother of two children.



Rtn Leonard Ong Keng Yang

Place of Work: Walmart International

Classification: Human Resources Management - Retail

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service (VSC)

Proposer & Mentor: PP Mark Wang

Rtn Leonard is currently an Asia function head of Walmart International. Prior to Walmart, he was with Merck & Co., a respected biopharmaceutical company as a function head of Asia Pacific. He is an engineer in training and a lifelong learner. Rtn Leonard attended several post-graduate programmes. He is an alumnus of NUS, UPen Wharton Business School, Peking University and Tsinghua University.

Rtn Leonard noted that it was a privilege to be a member of the Club, citing that he received numerous emails and WhatsApp messages to join the various fellowships and project activities.

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GUEST SPEAKER: MS DIVYA PATEL, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ISHK TOLARAM FOUNDATION

TOPIC: THE STORY OF ISHK TOLARAM FOUNDATION

President Dinesh thanked Ms Patel for accepting the invitation to speak at the meeting, and noted that the Ishk Tolaram Foundation (ITF) provides US\$5,000 each to all the Service Committees for projects. He called on Community Service Director Rtn Dr Irina Francken to introduce Ms Patel. Prior to joining the Foundation, Ms Patel worked at Ashoka, a global non-project organisation. She had also worked for IBM for about 10 years, both in London and Singapore.

Ms Patel highlighted the Foundation's mission to provide access to quality education healthcare and skills training to underserved individuals in Indonesia, Nigeria, Singapore and Estonia. She explained ITF's philosophy of giving back to the communities and particularly in improving their quality of life. She further advised that the ITF's founder, our Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani retained his grandfather's name, Tolaram and together with his parents Ishwari and Khanchand, forming the word 'IshK' in naming the Foundation. She added that 'Ishq' is also the Sindhi word for 'love'. Ms Patel gave an overview of the Foundation's Programmes – IshK Limb Centre, IshK Peduli Anak Indonesia and IshK Skills Hub. She gave examples on the Grants provided and partnerships undertaken to achieve a shared vision for individuals served. She noted the close relationship with Rotary, partnering the Help the Children projects and through Global Grants as well as the Rotary Discretionary Fund for the Club's four Service Committees and for needs based support. She also briefly mentioned on Investments in using its assets for good, looking at supporting start-ups and which are aligned to the Foundation's values. She also spoke of the impact the Foundation has made to lives.

Director Varun Gulati warmly thanked Ms Patel for her excellent presentation, taking us through the Foundation's story, adding that many members have participated in the Nigerian and Indonesian projects. He noted that the Foundation's values were aligned with Rotary, and hoped to do a lot more projects together.

MAJOR PROJECT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2020-2021

President Dinesh advised that total collections towards the Major Project came to \$104,607.92 so far. He thanked members who have sent in their donations and appealed for every member to participate. He added that arrangements were made with Foundation of Rotary Clubs (S) Ltd. (FRCS) for donations to receive 2.5 times tax exemption. He noted that an admin fee would apply, however PP Dr Yap Lip Kee would be donating and equivalent amount to FRCS for this.

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



President Dinesh called upon KYFR speaker, Rtn Miha Hribernik to address the Club. Rtn Miha noted that he was the only Slovenian member of the Club and shared more details about his country. He noted that whilst Slovenia has a population of 2 million, it has 48 clubs with the oldest club, Maribor, was formed in 1930 and revived from 1990 onwards.

Rtn Miha spoke of his life journey, adding that he has a BA in International Relations and MSc in International Security. He has worked/studied in 8 countries. He shared his professional journey, and since 2014 has been employed at Verisk Maplecroft and from 2018 is currently the Asia Pacific research manager.

On his Rotary journey, Rtn Miha advised that he volunteered at Willing Hearts, but otherwise was not very active in volunteering/social activities and wanted to change that so he joined the Club in December 2019. He is currently serving as the ISC Treasurer and CSC 2nd Deputy Chair.

Next, Rtn Miha shared that he and his wife, Weijun were expecting their first born in about a month's time!



Speaker
Ms Divya Patel



Rtn Miha Hribernik

Meeting Report

40th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 28.4.2021

OPENING REMARKS



Rtn Brigitte
Holtschneider

Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte called the hybrid meeting to order and added that President Dinesh has again sponsored the wine being served at the meeting, which was greatly appreciated by members present.

President Dinesh warmly welcomed DG Rajamohan and Mrs Nica Munisamy, Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani, charming spouses, Guest Speaker Mr Magnus Grimeland, guests and members to the Club's 40th and significant meeting. He thanked members for their support since the very first meeting on 1st July 2020 and the excellent attendance at the weekly meetings.



President
Dinesh Sharma

WELCOME OF GUESTS OF MEMBERS & VISITING ROTARIANS



PP Stan Low

President Dinesh invited PP Stan Low who welcomed Guests and Visiting Rotarians as follows:

Guests: Mr Magnus Grimeland & Ms Andrea Haju Howe (Antler), Mrs Nica Munisamy, 1st Lady Rekha Sharma, Mrs Dolores Low, Mrs Zerine Medora, Mrs Prabha Rao, Mrs Yvonne Wolf, Mrs Rachael Yap, GG Scholar Yuta Momose, Dr Steven Ooi, Mr Cedric Chew, Mr Ingo Kleinschmidt & Mr Jens Ruebberth.

Visiting Rotarians: DG Rajamohan Munisamy (RC Pandan Valley) & PP Frank Lim (sister club, RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja)

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Atul Merchant

Toastmaster, Rtn Atul Merchant was pleased to raise a toast to Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja coupled with the toast to Rotary International. He noted that the Club has had a sister club agreement with the Kuala Lumpur DiRaja club since 1993 and has undertaken many projects.

Rtn Atul invited visiting Rotarian, PP Frank Lim to address the Club. PP Frank who has been in Singapore since the Chinese New Year holidays visiting his daughter and his recent second grandchild. He spoke of the good relations between the two clubs and gave a brief history of this relationship and joint projects.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



- President Dinesh spoke of the Vocational / Youth Service Committees' joint project – Public Health Ambassador Programme which saw the signing of a letter of collaboration on 23 April 2021 between the Club and the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore.
- Another Jolly Walk was held on 25 April at the Pasir Ris Park with 19 Rotarians and families.
- Members' Engagement – President Dinesh introduced the "RCS Interest Groups (RIGS) to further enhance friendship, fellowship and service.

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EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY)

District Rotary Foundation Chair, PP Dr Shahul Hameed's report on EREY and the Club's commitment to The Rotary Foundation will be featured in the future issues of the bulletin.

In his presentation, PP Dr Shahul acknowledged the contributions made by the IshK Tolaram Foundation and added that President Dinesh had contributed US\$10,000 on the occasion of his birthday on 24th April as well as a PHF for 1st Lady, Rekha.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF) PRESENTATIONS

President Dinesh called upon the following members to receive their Paul Harris Fellow recognitions and thanked them for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation:



Rtn Francesco De Liva
PHF Cert & Pin



Rtn Vineet Iyengar
PHF Cert & Pin



Rtn Uttam Kripalani
PHF Pin +4



PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas
PHF Pin +6

PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP KITS

President Dinesh invited new members Rtns Iya Afan and Pauline Teo who were inducted on 21st April to come forward and receive their membership kits. He once again warmly welcomed them to the Club.



Rtn Iya Afan



Rtn Pauline Teo

MAJOR PROJECT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2020-2021

President Dinesh thanked members who have already contributed towards the Club's Major Project to provide kitchen equipment for beneficiary, Willing Hearts. He appealed to members who have not yet donated to kindly do so; the target to be met is \$166,000.00.

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Service Above Self Award

President Dinesh called upon PP Dr Shahul Hameed who read the following Citation submitted for Past President (PP) Tapan Rao which was read by PP Dr Shahul Hameed as follows:

Tapan Kumar Rao, joined Rotary in 1999 in India. He became a Member of Rotary Club (RC) of Singapore in 2004 and served as President in 2011/2012.

He is also an Honorary Member, RC Purulia, RC Hooghly Kolkata, RC Midnapore and RC Domkal Mushidabad in West Bengal and Honorary Member, RC Bhubaneswar Royal in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

In RC Singapore, his passion is the eradication of avoidable blindness, basic education and literacy through e-learning, water and sanitation hygiene and paediatric heart surgeries.

He has been involved in Eye projects in Cambodia, India and Nigeria and Literacy and WASH in Schools and communities in India. Through the Global Grants of the Rotary Foundation, Tapan has been involved with 28 approved Global Grants for RC Singapore and District 3310 Clubs for 16 Clubs throughout India and Nigeria under these areas of focus.

Rotary service activities:

Organised 15 Rotary Eye Camps from 2002 to 2018 with several Rotary Clubs in India and Cambodia. Tapan was also involved with the initiation of the Gift of Sight Program where Eye Surgeons were flown from India to Cambodia to provide training for local doctors as well as perform consultation, checkups and free surgeries.

Tapan was involved with the formation of the Eye Surgery Clinic within the Pursat Provincial Hospital in Cambodia with the complete purchase of equipment and training of the local doctors through Rotary Matching Grants and Clubs' contribution.

From 2012 to 2019, Tapan has been the champion of about 50,000 cataract surgeries for the communities in East India through Rotary Clubs in Zone 6A, India.

He has provided expertise and advice in the setting up and running of 8 Rotary Eye Hospitals in East India and the first Rotary Eye Hospital in Africa (Lagos).

Tapan has been involved with the provision of 2,500 toilets in India and champions the eradication of open defecation and implementation of hygiene standards across schools and communities. He is also deeply involved in the Rotary International Literacy Movement in India and working towards implementing e-learning in 500 Schools in India.

Tapan is a dedicated Rotarian. In the name of Service, he will gladly drop all other commitments to meet, plan, discuss and travel to other countries so that the less able and less fortunate among us in society can benefit and have a better life. This is evident in all his Rotary service-related travels for the past 23 years.

Having spent his formative years in Calcutta, attending school and observing first-hand the various inequalities in society, Tapan gained inspiration from the time he spent volunteering alongside Mother Teresa at the Order of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta. Through the Order he gained a great insight to the poor and destitute people in Society. He now works towards making villages in India certified "Avoidable Blindness-free", as well as making India "open-defecation" free. His motto for service to the community, as personally advised by Mother Teresa herself, is to always find himself "a significant cause and all else, including money and funding, will follow."

After the reading of Rotary International "Service Above Self" Award Citation, President Dinesh called upon District Governor (DG) Rajamohan Munisamy to present the Award's recognition to PP Tapan Rao.



PP Tapan Rao



DG Rajamohan Munisamy

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GUEST SPEAKER: MR MAGNUS GRIMELAND, FOUNDER & CEO, ANTLER

TOPIC: TECH FOR IMPACT: ENABLING & INVESTING IN EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE



Members listening intently to Speaker Mr Magnus Grimeland

To introduce the Speaker, President Dinesh called on Rtn Vineet Iyengar who noted that Mr Magnus Grimeland was not only the Founder and CEO of Antler, but also taught others how to climb glaciers, been a Navy commando, a scholar at Harvard University and co-founder of Zalora, as well!

Mr Grimeland spoke of Antler's mission to fundamentally improve the world by enabling and investing in the world's most exceptional people to build the defining companies of tomorrow. He highlighted why it was the best time now to build on this mission and as more than ever exceptional people have an obligation to innovate.

He also gave reasons for startups failures such as limited analyses of the idea, lack of stress testing with customers and experts or inexperience which end up with pursuing ideas with no true market need. Mr Grimeland noted that startups were frequently unsuccessful with fundraising and run out of cash. He added that teams were often put together hastily and lacked complementary skill sets.

Mr Grimeland summarized how Antler founded, supported and built companies with founders all over the world. It has assessed over 70,000 founders since 2018 and built 300 new companies in 3 years and building 200 new companies in 2021. He added that the organization builds companies at scale with the top 1% of founders, and drive better investment decisions through Fusion, Antler's Technology and Data platform. He advised that the Antler portfolio companies are supported by a network of experts in their fields of technology, entrepreneurship, business and academia; creating a positive impact on a global scale.

President Dinesh invited Rtn Horst Hagemann who warmly thanked Mr Grimeland for his insightful presentation.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Winston Khoo

Hena Hoda

Daniel Beyeler

PP Dr Shahul Hameed

Uttam Kripalani

This Meeting

12 May 2021
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Mr Tan Tin Wee, Chief Executive, National Supercomputing Centre (NSCC)

Topic: Time is now for a BioDefence Force in every country & every city: defending humanity from existential and bioterrorist threats

Next Meeting

19 May 2021
From 7.00 to 9.00pm
4th Hybrid Meeting
At Conrad Centennial Hotel

Speaker: Ms Imane Jamal Eddine, Country Head, Customer Success at Microsoft Singapore

Topic: To be confirmed

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Noshir & Roshan Mistri

Ujjal Nandi & Li Phing

Anindya & Anisha Dutta

Subhash & Kanak Pritmani

Mahesh & Hanisha Bolimbala

PP Mohan & Vatsala Mohandas

Deepu & Miriam Joseph



Coming Rotary

May
Youth Service Month
21 to 23 May – District Conference

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

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 May 2021

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



President Dinesh and the Board of Directors wish all Muslim members Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri

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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