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ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



DRFC PP
Dr Shahul Hameed

Heartiest Congratulations PP Dr Shahul Hameed

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In Focus

PP Dr Shahul Hameed's Citation for The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award (RY 2020-2021)

The Distinguished Service Award is the Rotary Foundation's (TRF) highest Award for a Rotarian. This year, TRF received 54 nominations from Districts all over the world. Only 44 were chosen to receive this Award.

Past President (PP) Dr Shahul Hameed, from District 3310, is one of the chosen few, becoming the first Rotarian from Rotary Club (RC) of Singapore to receive this Award. The last Rotarian from our District to receive this Award was the late PDG Kenneth Chew from RC Pandan Valley in Rotary Year 2011-2012.



PP Dr Shahul Hameed at a project visit in Vietnam

Dr Shahul Hameed joined Rotary 26 years ago and served as President of the Rotary Club of Singapore in 2013/2014. He has served the District as Scholarship Chair, Grants Chair, Stewardship Chair as well as District International Service Chair. He is currently the District Rotary Foundation Chair for D3310 until June 2023. In 2017, he became the first Rotarian from D3310 to be appointed a Cadre Member of TRF and will continue to serve as Cadre Member until 2023.

Dr Shahul provided significant leadership at district or multidistrict Rotary Foundation training events including being invited Speaker for Rotary Foundation and Grants Seminars for Rotary Regions/Zones, Districts and Clubs in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Philippines, Nigeria and India. In February 2021, Dr Shahul was featured as one of the Speakers at Rotary's International Assembly (IA) Plenary Session for all incoming District Governors for RY2021/2022.

Dr Shahul's forte is leveraging on Rotary's Global Grants for Community Projects and Missions. To date, he has assisted RC Singapore, District 3310 and Clubs in the region in the application of more than 160 Global Grants. As of today, RC Singapore itself already has had **108** Global Grants approved. His depth of experience and connections in the Rotary world resulted in significant fund-raising efforts for Global Grant Projects all over the world including Vietnam, Bangladesh and Brazil. Most recently, in response to "Help India Breathe Again" initiative, Dr Shahul helped raise, in a matter of weeks, USD\$150,000 from Rotary Clubs in Taiwan, Japan, and Korea for 5 Global Grants for India.

In recognition for his contributions to the Community, and for his work with Global Grants, Dr Shahul has been conferred Honorary Memberships to 11 Rotary Clubs around the world, namely:

- 3 Clubs in Indonesia
- 7 Clubs in India
- 1 Club in Philippines

Dr Shahul is also the recipient of Rotary International's highest Award, the "Service Above Self" Award, Rotary Foundation's "Citation for Meritorious Service Award" and the Republic of Singapore's "Public Service Medal". I am now pleased to add TRF's Distinguished Service Award to this list of recognition.

Rajamohan Munisamy
District Governor D3310

Global Grant #211817 Report

Received from PP Dr Shahul Hameed

Official Banner of launch of
GG 211817

Covid 19 Response Brazil 2021.

Primary Partners:

RC Teresina Fatima & RC Singapore
District 4490
District 3310

**Significant Support from
Hua Qiao Foundation, Shanghai,
China.**

Special thanks to

Rtn Frank Yih

Chairman, Hua Qiao Foundation
and coordinator **Rtn Terry Chu**



COVID 19 Pandemic Response Rotary Global Grant #GG211817 Brazil 2021

Fornecimento de equipamentos, suplementos e educação preventiva para combate ao COVID-19 em comunidades de Teresina Brasil

Provision of equipment, supplements and preventive education to combat COVID-19 to communities in Teresina Brazil

Primary Partners:

- Rotary Club de Teresina Fátima
- Rotary Club of Singapore

DDF From:

- District 4490
- District 3310

Support by:



Official launch of GG 211817 Piauí, Brazil: Distribution of Gloves, Sanitisers and Sanitiser Stands and Covid 19 PCR Test Kits at local Hospital. Official media coverage by local television station.

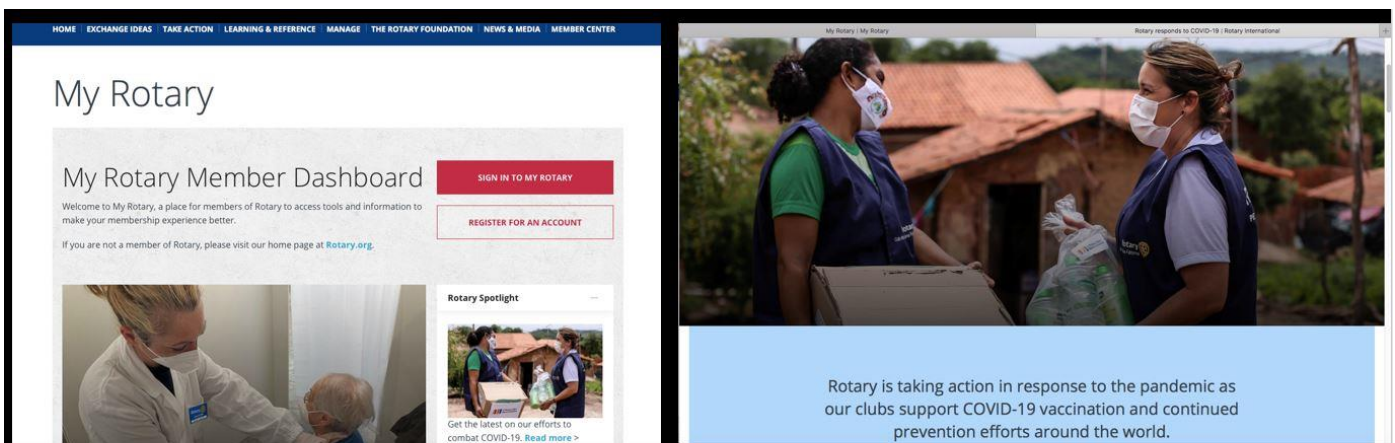


Distribution of Gloves, Sanitisers and Sanitiser Stands and Covid 19 PCR Test Kits at local Hospital

Global Grant #2111817 Report ... contd.



Distribution of Masks, Hand Sanitisers, Liquid Soap and Cleaning Agents to Homes in Porto Centro Village in Piaui, Brazil. These were distributed to 350 Families benefitting 1750 people in the area.



Rotary is taking action in response to the pandemic as our clubs support COVID-19 vaccination and continued prevention efforts around the world.

**This Project is currently highlighted as the
Cover Picture
on MyRotary website showcasing
Rotary's efforts in the Covid 19 Pandemic response**

Meeting Report

43rd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 19.5.2021

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider opened the meeting and invited President Dinesh Sharma to continue the proceedings. He warmly welcomed Honorary Members (HM) PP Bhagwan Melwani and Rtn Mohan Vaswani, members and Guest Speaker, Ms Imane Jamal Eddine. He further welcomed PP Ramesh Chari (RC Bangalore Orchard) and his fellow Presidents Roger Ng (RC Bugis Junction) and Teck Sheng (RC Jurong Town).



President Dinesh Sharma

President Dinesh advised that he received a message from HM PP Raymon Huang who was in good spirits, however back in hospital but hoped to be back home soon.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Pauline Teo

President Dinesh called upon one of our new members, Rtn Pauline Teo, who invited members to raise a toast to the oldest Rotary Club in Singapore coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

HON SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honorary Secretary Brigitte reminded members that the International Service Committee (ISC) meeting would be held virtually on Thursday, 20 June hosted by ISC Director Varun Gulati.

Next, Rtn Brigitte called on members to join her in sending best wishes to President Dinesh and First Lady Rekha for their Wedding Anniversary on 22 May.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dinesh reminded members of the coming events:

- 30th District Conference which would be held virtually from 21 to 23 May.
- Synergy Rotary Friendship Alliance meeting which would be hosted by the Club on 30 May (at 8.00pm). He advised that the Alliance comprised of 16 Rotary Clubs from 14 countries and added that Past RI President Raja Saboo would be addressing this meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



- President Dinesh spoke of the COVID-19 situation in India and advised the Club's focus to enhance the infrastructure and capability of Rotary Hospitals and COVID Centres; supply of medical equipment to hospitals and vaccination drive in collaboration with local Rotary Clubs and through Global Grants (GG). He gave a summary of the Club's GGs in response to the COVID situation in India/Nepal.
- President Dinesh further highlighted the contributions members have made to The Rotary Foundation/Global Grants.
- He showed some photos of the ongoing Food from the Heart project on 15 May, when several Rotarians participated in the food distribution to the needy.

Meeting Report

43rd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 19.5.2021

K S MEHTA AWARD – Essay Competition

President Dinesh invited the Award Chair Rtn Uttam Kripalani to inform members about this Award in memory of the late Rtn K S Mehta who was the Club's longest serving Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rtn Uttam advised that the essay competition was opened to Interactors who were encouraged to write an essay of not more than 1,000 words on the topic "World Understanding and Peace". Based on the marks collated, the first and second places were won by students from the Global Indian International School. He added that the essays would be published in one of the upcoming issues of Crossroads.



Rtn Uttam Kripalani

President Dinesh advised when the Award presentation to the winners would take place. He further informed members about the creation of the Award funding.



PE Louis Lim

INSTALLATION OF THE 87TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Dinesh called on PE Louis Lim who noted that everyone was looking forward to a physical Installation Dinner however this would not be possible. He added instead, a virtual Installation would take place on Saturday, 19th June and further details will be made available and he called for members' support.

GUEST SPEAKER: MS IMANE JAMAL EDDINE

TOPIC: THE ROLE OF LEADERS IN EMPOWERING WOMEN AT WORK

To introduce the Speaker, President Dinesh called on Rtn Francesco De Liva who mentioned that he met Ms Imane in November 2020 and was so impressed that it was one of the reasons why he joined Microsoft! Ms Imane is Microsoft Singapore's Country Head for Customer Success and is responsible for ensuring customers cloud onboarding, success and value realisation.



Speaker
Ms Imane Jamal Eddine

Ms Imane spoke passionately of her firm belief in the role of leaders in empowering women at work citing her personal experiences as a 18-year old girl from Morocco. She recounted that she only spoke Arabic and French, traveled to Japan and received a scholarship to a Japanese University. She is a graduate from Tohoku University in Japan with a Master's Degree in Electrical and Communication Engineering. Ms Imane advised that she became a Japanese citizen and spent 10 years in Japan before relocating to Singapore.

Ms Imane shared some statistics which noted that 47% of women entered the work force; 33% would reach mid management and only 21% achieve senior level. She shared her belief that "to achieve a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world, we need women". Ms Imane noted that leaders could do more, and hiring women should not be thought of as a diversity and inclusion hire. Instead, she added that leaders should enable women to be themselves and support them.

President Dinesh called upon Rtn Louisa Lee who warmly thanked Ms Imane for sharing her colourful life journey. Rtn Louisa added that we needed to hear more from such women leaders. She noted Ms Imane's humility, and thanked her once again for the wonderful and inspiring presentation.

Meeting Report

43rd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 19.5.2021

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Dinesh called on Membership Chair, VP Suresh Keerthi to introduce the new members, Rtns John Forster, Ingo Kleinschmidt, Jens Ruebbert and Shankar Tolety, before he inducted them to the Club.



Rtn John Forster

Place of Work: EtonHouse International School

Classification: Education: Secondary School

Proposer: Rtn Mukundan A P

Mentor: PP Philip Leong

Rtn John is British and moved to Singapore in 2015. He is Head of Secondary School at Eton House International School. He hopes to start an Interact Club in his school. Rtn John noted that teaching leads to service and added that whilst with the British Council, he went to Myanmar and Jordan for service work there.



Rtn Ingo Kleinschmidt

Place of Work: Piereos Capital

Classification: Financial Services: Strategy Consulting

Proposer: Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider

Mentor: PP Perlita Tiro

Rtn Ingo is German and Director of Piereos Capital. He was a Rotaractor in Cologne and was a member of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong from 2012 to 2020. Rtn Ingo thanked members for accepting him to the Club. Rtn Ingo added that he has been in Asia for the last 10 years, and whenever in Singapore, he made it a point to visit our Club.



Rtn Jens Ruebbert

Place of Work: LLBW - Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg

Classification: Banking: Corporate and Investment

Proposer: Rtn Tom Wolf

Mentor: PP Stan Low

Rtn Jens is the Managing Director and Regional Head Asia/Pacific of LLBW. Rtn Jens stated that he was extremely honoured and proud to be a member of the Club and was looking forward to contributing to the community in Singapore. He advised that Singapore was the only he worked in twice, first from 1997 to 2000 and now again since 2018.



Rtn Venkat Sai Shankar Tolety (Shankar)

Place of Work: Technetics Group Singapore Pte Ltd

Classification: Manufacturing: Operations Management

Proposer: VP Suresh Keerthi

Mentor: PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas

Rtn Shankar is a Singaporean and works as Plant Manager at Technetics Group. Rtn Shankar added that it was a pleasure and honour to be part of the Club. He stated that his interest in community work was influenced by his father and his wife. He was looking forward to being of service to the community through Rotary.

Meeting Report

44th Club Meeting/4th Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 2.6.2021

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar welcomed members to the meeting and the final Club Assembly for this Rotary year before inviting President Dinesh to start the meeting.

President Dinesh called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed Honorary Members PP Bhagwan Melwani and Rtn Mohan Vaswani, Past Presidents and members to the 4th and final Club Assembly.



President Dinesh Sharma

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



VP Colin Miles

President Dinesh called on Toastmaster VP Colin Miles who led members in a toast to Rotary International.

HEARTIEST CONGRATUALIONS TO PP DR SHAHUL HAMEED

President Dinesh extended heartiest congratulations to PP Dr Shahul Hameed who was bestowed with The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) Distinguished Service Award for Rotary Year 2020/2021. This is the highest Award to any Rotarian from TRF.



Meeting Report

44th Club Meeting/4th Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 2.6.2021

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 4TH AND FINAL CLUB ASSEMBLY FOR ROTARY YEAR 2020-2021 – 2.6.2021

Prior to the start of the Club Assembly, guests were requested to log out of the meeting as the proceedings are for members only.

1) Confirmation of 3rd Club Assembly Minutes held on 27.1.2021

2) President's Report

3) Club Committees' Reports:

- Club Administration - Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider
- Membership - Vice President Suresh Keerthi
- Public Image/PR - Director Sonali Sinha
- Club Rotary Foundation (CRFC) - PP Tapan Rao

4) Service Committees' Reports:

- Community Service Committee (CSC) by Director Dr Irina Francken
- Vocational Service Committee (VSC) by Dr. Chan Siew Luen
- International Service Committee (ISC) by Director Varun Gulati
- Youth Service Committee (YSC) by Dr. Ganesh Ramalingam

5) Honorary Treasurer Manish Tibrewal's Report

6) Q&A Session on President's report and Committees' reports

7) Closing remarks

President Dinesh closed the 4th and final Club Assembly at 9.00pm.

Minutes of the Club Assembly will be circulated to members separately, when completed.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Tan Ching Khoon
PP Stan Low
PP Dr Oliver Henedige
Vishal Nanwani
Jessie Ang
Bharat Mandloi
Tom Wolf
Srihari Sikhakollu

This Meeting

16 June 2021
From 7.00 to 9.00pm
Meeting Programme

1. K S Mehta Award
2. Rotary Virtual Youth Exchange
3. Approval of Club's Audited Financial Statement – 30.6.2020

Next Meeting

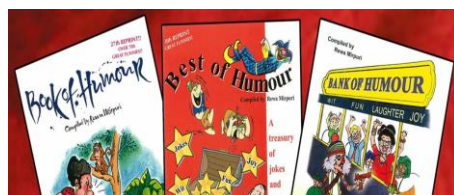
23 June 2021
From 7.00 to 9.00pm

**Meeting Cancelled
in lieu of the Installation of
87th Board of Directors**

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Pauline Teo & Ricky Koh
PP Tapan & Prabha Rao
Suhaimi Zainul-Abidin & Sulyana
Mali & Lakshimi Malaiappan
Dr Rudi & Fides Ackermann
Jasbir Koh & Kok Keong
PP Mansoor & Maria Hassanbhai
Asheesh & Subina Khaneja



Coming Rotary Events

June

Rotary Fellowships Month

19 Jun – Installation of the 87th Board
23 Jun – Meeting cancelled
30 Jun – Final meeting for RY2020-21

July

Rotary Fellowships Month

7 Jul – 1st Club Assembly for RY 2021-2022

August

Membership & New Club Development Month

September

Basic Education & Literacy Month

October

Economic & Community Development Month

November

Rotary Foundation Month

December

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

Committee Meetings

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 3 June 2021

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 10 June 2021

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 17 June 2021

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 24 June 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

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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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

Directors

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

