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In Focus

Photo Album of the Christmas Fellowship at Raffles Room, Tanglin Club on 22.12.21



Seated PDG Dr Philbert Chin (right), Rtn Paul Phua
Standing: PP Jimmy Ooi flanked by new members –
Rtns Tay Hoo Wee (l) & Douglas Baquetti (r)



From right to left: PP Dr Shahul Hameed, RIDN PDG Chew Ghim Bok, HM Mohan Vaswani, Rtn Robert & Mrs Julia Damjanovic



From right to left: IPDG Rajamohan Munisamy, Rtn Suresh Keerthi, IPP Dinesh Sharma, Mrs Leonica Munisamy, Mrs Rekha Sharma



From right to left: President Louis Lim, PP Perlita Tiro, Prof. Tan Cheng Han, Ms Christine Wong, 1st Lady Mrs Amabel Lim



From right to left: PP Tapan Rao, guests - PP Charlie Panday & Mr Looi Teck Keong, Rtn Louisa Lee & spouse Dr Yue Weng Cheu



From right to left: Rtns Ong Ting Yong, Mathias Boegner, Joseph Chia, Mrs Mamatha Mukundan & PP Mark Wang

The Christmas dinner and meeting were held, keeping in line with Social Distancing protocol in Singapore.

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Meeting Report

25th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 22.12.2021

After a sumptuous dinner at the Raffles Room, members proceeded to the Tanglin Club's Theatre where the meeting was conducted by President Louis Lim.

OPENING REMARKS

President Louis Lim extended a warm welcome to all present including R I Director-Nominee (RIDN) Chew Ghim Bok, PDG Dr Philbert Chin, Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Rajamohan Munisamy, Honorary Member Mohan Vaswani, spouses, guests and fellow Rotarians attending the meeting.

CLUB'S MAJOR PROJECT

President Louis reminded members of the Club's Major Project for this Rotary year (RY 2021-2022), the Share-a-Pot@Home programme to help the frail and lonely and to make them feel loved, sharing a pot of nourishing soup and make them happy. He noted that the target was at the half-way mark and called on members' support to contribute to the Major Project.

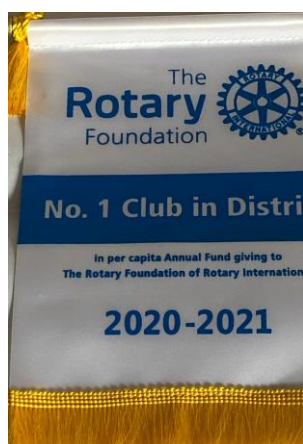
AWARD PRESENTATIONS

President Louis invited IPDG Rajamohan Munisamy who thanked President Louis for the opportunity to be come in person to recognize the Club and members for the outstanding contributions to the District last year.

First Award to be presented was the Rotary Citation, and IPDG Mohan read the message in the Award from RI President Holger Knaack as follows:



"Congratulations! Your club in your district has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2020-21. During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve your goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future."



The next recognition was for the Club's contribution towards The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in Rotary year 2020-21. IPDG Mohan noted that the Club always excels in this area, whether it is in Global Grant projects, Major Gifts, contributions to Polio Plus or just giving any amount to TRF. However, IPDG Mohan stated that last year was exceptional when the Club crossed the all-time giving of 3 million US Dollars. Last year alone, the Club's total giving was US\$1,159,918. This was of course with a record-breaking contribution of \$950,765 to the customised global

grant endowed fund. He presented the TRF Banner recognition for AF Per Capita Ranked 1 in the District. Your club achieved \$1,119 per capita which was the highest for at least in the last 5 years.

The Club also received the TRF Certificate of appreciation for support of End Polio Now for the second highest contribution in our District by contributing \$15,494 to the Polio Plus Fund.

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AWARD PRESENTATIONS... contd.

IPDG Mohan invited IPP Dinesh Sharma to come forward to receive the certificates and banner on behalf of the Club. He noted IPP Dinesh's leadership and that they were able to click whilst doing their work in Rotary.

IPDG Mohan noted 3 significant contributions which he recognised, the first being IPP Dinesh's assistance in organising the successful 2020 World Understanding and Peace Day celebration with a few other clubs' Presidents at Conrad Hotel. Next, IPDG Mohan added that the Club was the first in the District to update the Standard Rotary Club Constitution post Council On Legislation 2019 with Registry of Societies, which other clubs in Singapore could then take the example and get their club constitution updated. Lastly, the Club decision to contribute to the TRF customised global grant endowed fund, which was not an easy feat, but IPDG Mohan noted that IPP Dinesh achieved them with members' input and blessings.

IPDG Mohan presented the District Governor's 2020-21 Special Award to IPP Dinesh Sharma in appreciation and recognition of his outstanding and exemplary service as Club President in District 3310.



IPP Dinesh Sharma (left) receives the District Governor's 2020-21 Special Award from IPDG Rajamohan Munisamy



IPDG Rajamohan Munisamy presents the Award Certificate to Rtn Suresh Keerthi

The next award that IPDG Mohan presented was the District Governor's Award for Membership which he decided to create as an additional award outside the 4-membership awards. He presented the award to recognise Rtn Suresh Keerthi for his outstanding contributions made in membership development by being a champion of change in membership attraction and engagement in Rotary Year 2020-21.

IPDG Mohan noted that as the Club membership chair, Rtn Suresh not only attracted 40 members to join the Club but also helped other Rotary clubs by passing on the members who could not join your club for various reasons. He added that this kind of contributions cannot be seen if only numbers were taken, before presenting the Award Certificate to Rtn Suresh Keerthi.

For the finale of the Award presentation, IPDG Mohan presented the prestigious The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) Distinguished Service Award to PP Dr Shahul Hameed. This special Award will be featured in the next issue of the bulletin.

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PRESENTATION OF THE PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF) RECOGNITIONS

President Louis presented the PHF recognitions to the following members in acknowledgement for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation's programmes:



Director Louisa Lee
PHF Pin +1 & +2



Director Mukundan AP
PHF Pin +1



Rtn Joseph Chia
PHF Pin +5

PRESENTATION OF ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR (RY 2020-2021)

President Louis called on IPP Dinesh Sharma who advised that the Rotarian of the Year Award for Rotary Year (RY) 2020-2021 was presented at the last Installation. However, the Award trophy could not be presented to the recipient, none other than PP Mark Wang.

It was with pleasure that IPP Dinesh invited PP Mark to come forward to receive the Rotarian of the Year Trophy and Plaque. Tongue-in-cheek, IPP Dinesh remarked that many members call PP Mark the "Marco Polo" of the Club, who still managed to visit several overseas clubs even during the Covid-19 period.



PP Mark Wang receives the Rotarian of the Year Trophy from IPP Dinesh



DGND Dr Yap Lip Kee

ADDRESS BY DGND DR YAP LIP KEE

Prior to inviting District Governor Nominee Designate Dr Yap Lip Kee to address the Club, President Louis acknowledged the presence of Rotary International Director Nominee (RIDN) PDG Chew Ghim Bok who would take office during the RY 2023-2025. President Louis noted that it was a distinction for Singapore to have RIDN Ghim Bok as we have not had anyone serving the RI Board since the 1960s. He then gave a brief introduction of RIDN Ghim Bok's achievements.

Next, President Louis noted that the last time the Club had a District Governor was when Hon. Member PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan served (in RY 2004/05) DGND Lip Kee gave a brief presentation going back in time to highlight the inspirations he received from the late PDG Dr Robert Loh and Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul. DGND Lip Kee recounted the process for his nomination and subsequent challenge to serve as District Governor for RY 2024/25. He noted the implications to the Club which would involve several years of hard work as the lead Club in Singapore and the District to ensure the support for the Host Organising Committee of the RI Convention in Singapore in 2024; in organizing the District team training and presidents-elect seminars and conferences, which would have the support of FRCS and the continuation of support for The Rotary Foundation. DGND Lip Kee ended his presentation with grateful thanks to the Club's great leaders for their constant support and further Rotarian leaders and members, with special thanks to RIDN Ghim Bok and to RC of Bugis Junction for their unflinching support.

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Louis called on Membership Chair Rtn Subhash Pritmani to introduce the new candidates prior to their induction to the Club:



Rtn Douglas Renan Baquetti

Place of Work: North Blue Trade Pte Ltd

Position: Managing Director

Classification: Trade: Consultancy Services

Proposer: PP Jimmy Ooi

Mentor: PP Philip Leong

Recommended Committee: Community Service



Rtn Robert Rada Damjanovic (Rob)

Place of Work: NXP Semiconductors Singapore Pte Ltd

Position: Senior Sales Director, South Asia Pacific

Classification: High Technology: Sales & Marketing

Proposer: Director Subhash Pritmani

Mentor: PP Perlita Tiro

Recommended Committee: Community Service



Rtn Tay Hoo Wee (Ah Wee)

Place of Work: Asia Media Academy Pte Ltd

Position: Director

Classification: Entertainment: Film Production

Proposer: PP Jimmy Ooi

Mentor: PP Mark Wang

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service



President Louis (extreme right) inducts Rtn Douglas Baquetti, Rtn Rob Damjanovic (with wife Julia) & Rtn Tay Hoo Wee (l to r)

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FIRESIDE CHAT WITH GUEST SPEAKER: PROFESSOR TAN CHENG HAN **TOPIC: CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

President Louis called upon PP Perlita Tiro to introduce the Speaker, Professor Tan Cheng Han, who is the Chairman of Caritas Singapore. PP Perlita advised that Caritas Singapore is the official social and community arm of the Catholic Church in Singapore and the umbrella body for 28 Catholic charities and organisations whose work touched the lives of many regardless of race or religion. PP Perlita highlighted Professor Tan's voluntary work, followed by the introduction of his career. Prof. Tan is Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law at the City University of Hong Kong School of Law. From 2001 to 2011, he was Dean of the NUS law school and was the Chairman of the school's E W Barker Centre for Law and Business from 2012 to 2019. He was appointed Senior Counsel in Singapore in 2004 and has been a Visiting Professor at various Law Schools in Germany, China and Japan. Prof. Tan's present appointments include being Chairman of Singapore Exchange Regulation Pte Ltd, Tokio Marine Life Insurance Singapore Ltd, and he is also a member of the Singapore Business Federation's Board of Trustees, the Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools, the Hong Kong Law Reform Committee and the Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training. He has written many academic papers across a wide range of areas.



*Guest Speaker,
Prof. Tan Cheng Han*

Prof. Tan thanked members for inviting him to share his Christmas message, adding that Christians celebrate Jesus's birth as it is a sign of God's love so that we would have eternal life with Him. He emphasized three integral points to the meaning of Christmas.

Firstly, that for there to be a Christmas, Mary would have had to say "Yes" to God's invitation to bear the baby Jesus, as a leap of faith. Similarly, Prof. Tan noted that sometimes we are drawn to the prompting of our heart which may have a divine intervention or through our collective conscience. Secondly, Prof. Tan stated that the Christmas story was an "action story" that faith must be accompanied by concrete action to others. Third element of the Christmas message was the sacrifice and cost, as without the death of Jesus there would not be a Christmas. He added that we would have to be prepared for some the difficulties which follow, and to stay the course, despite the cost. He noted that ultimately, the crux of the Christmas message was God's love, which led to the birth of Christ that we celebrate on the 25th day of December.



*Moderator VP/PN Dr Chan Siew Luen (left)
with Prof Tan Cheng Han*

Prior to the fireside chat, Moderator VP/PN Dr Chan Siew Luen advised that both he and Prof. Tan were schoolmates and their families have maintained close ties over the years. He informed members not to be alarmed if some of the questions posed seem awkward. The discussions were held on the similarities of Rotary and Caritas in the service of the community. Also discussed were sensitive issues such as homosexuality and the commercialisation of Christmas.

VP/PN Siew Luen extended the vote of thanks to Prof. Tan for his talk and presented him with a Book of Humour, which he advised has funds for many of the Club's projects.

Before closing the Meeting, President Louis exchanged club banners with PP Charlie Panday from Rotary Club of Reservoir Hills, South Africa.

Meeting Report

26th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 5.1.2022

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Jessica Lim opened the Club's 26th meeting and called on Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund who extended New Year greetings before inviting President Louis Lim to conduct the meeting.

TOAST

President Louis invited PP Jimmy Ooi to raise a toast to the Speaker's Club – Rotary Club of Istanbul coupled with the toast to Rotary International. The Istanbul Rotary Club was founded on February 8, 1956 as the first Rotary Club in Istanbul. It is the largest Rotary Club in Turkey as well as one of Europe's three largest clubs with 250 members.



PP Jimmy Ooi

PUBLIC HEALTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM (2022)

President Louis informed members that the Club will team up with the National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) as part of our Public Health Ambassador Program for 2022. A "Disease Detective Camp" will be conducted for our Interactors and Rotaractors in June 2022.

A Letter of Collaboration will be signed by President Louis on behalf of the Club and Prof Leo Yee Sin, Executive Director of NCID on 17 January 2022 at 4pm in NCID. Rotarians who would like to join this event at NCID premises are requested to contact VP/PN Dr Chan Siew Luen.

GUEST SPEAKER: ROTARIAN ALPER AMELEK

TOPIC: INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP – DEVELOPING AN ENVIRONMENT OF COLLECTIVE CREATIVITY

President Louis called upon new member, Rtn Mathias Boegner to introduce the Speaker, Rtn. Alper Amelek from the Rotary Club of Istanbul, the oldest and largest club in Turkey. Rtn Alper is an established public speaker, a TEDx speaker, part-time University lecturer and CEO of two companies. Rtn Alper is also a musician, composer and writer. He wrote several books and composed many music pieces. He also composed a Rotary Anthem.



Rtn Alper Amelek

Rtn Alper shared some insights on developing an environment of collective creativity with a research project with the Bahcesehir University. He spoke of the need to prepare one's soul for creativity and the importance of observations and use of imagination. As requested by Rtn Alper, members participated in an interesting test practice on creativity.

On behalf of President Louis and members of the Club, Rtn Rajeev Mukul thanked Rtn Alper for a unique and inspiring insight on a brilliant topic.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Dr Hoh Sek Tien
PP Peter Tan
Suresh Hathiramani
Ankit Khandelwal
Priveen s/o Santakumar
Sudhir Tiku
Elizabeth Chee
Vivek Chhabra
Lee Chee Pin
Chong Zhi Cheng
Deepu Joseph
Ravi Machiraju
President Louis Lim

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

John & Shavonne Goeres
Willi & Hannelore Hess
HM PP Koh Choon Hui & Anne
Louisa Lee & Dr Yue Weng Cheu
Ranga & Uma Somanathan
Alex & June Lega
Horst & Debra Hagemann

Committee Meetings

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 6 January 2022

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 13 January 2022

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 20 January 2022

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 27 January 2022

This Meeting

12 January 2022
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Mr Hugh Lim, Executive Director, Centre for Liveable Cities, Ministry of National Development

Topic: Making Singapore Liveable in the era of Climate Change

Next Meeting

19 January 2022
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Rtn Hayden Hughes, Chief Executive Officer, Alpha Impact

Topic: Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets: Lessons for the Modern Day Investor

Coming Rotary Events

January
Vocational Service Month

February
Peace & Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month

23 Feb – World Understanding & Peace Day

March
Water & Sanitation Month

April
Maternal & Child Health Month

May
Youth Service Month

June
Rotary Fellowships Month

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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?



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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