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In Focus

Vocational Visit to the Istana Heritage Gallery

By: Rtn Joseph Chia

A group of Rotarians led by Director Sonali visited the Istana Heritage Gallery on 18 June 2022. The Gallery shows the history of the transition from the Colonial Governor's House to today's Istana. It displays state artifacts and gifts by foreign dignitaries to Singapore. It was an awesome visit. We learnt a lot of Singapore history during the visit.

Here is the feedback from our new member, Rtn Lionel Otsuka:

"I didn't take many photos as I was captivated by the enriching activity. I believe that such outings helped me have a better appreciation of the history of Singapore. It's been very enlightening. Would love more of such visits!"



Viewing the Istana Heritage Gallery



Standing from left: Rtns Lionel Otsuka, Shankar Tolety, Vineet Iyengar, Seated from left: PP Tan Chin Ngiap & Rtn Bala Venkatesan



Standing: Rtn Bala & Mr Krish Nagrani
Seated from left: Mrs Suvidha Venkatesan & Mrs Bianca Nagrani



PP Tan Chin Ngiap & wife, Irene



Vocational Service Director Sonali Sinha and Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet

In Memoriam...

In Loving Memory of Honorary Member (HM) Past President (PP) Bhagwan “B H” Melwani

By: HM PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan



HM PP Bhagwan “BH” Melwani
1923 - 2022

Our longest living active Rotarian, born in 1923, joined the Club in August 1954.

I suspect that as my late father and 'BH' were good friends, he had something to do with 'BH' joining this Club, the only one in Singapore at that time.

BH was always active, as the records show, chairing various Committees and holding many posts over these many years.

He was elected President in the Year 1975-1976. He introduced me to Rotary in 1975 and was my mentor for many years. A pillar & senior statesman of our Club of that time is no doubt. And not only in the Club but in the Rotary District and overseas.

A sincere & respected Rotarian who was admired for these qualities exemplifying the "4-Way Test". In his year in office, 1975-1976, in my estimate he was one of our most dedicated Presidents devoting his full energies to this task. He attended all Rotary weekly meetings, Board meetings, ALL four Committee meetings and nearly all other Rotary activities in Singapore and the District. Now if you are a busy man, with an active vocation, you will know how difficult this goal can be. For many years he also had a 100% attendance record in the Club!

In fact he was given the onerous task of 'reminding' us Members if our attendance fell short of the minimum required.

He supported many Rotary projects both locally and internationally through the International Service Committee (ISC) very generously. In his position in the community, BH introduced many good men into the Club as members. For many years his advice was sought by our seniors in selecting good members to posts, even as Presidents, and also in choosing appropriate projects for the Club to support.

Like his love for golf, 3 times a week for years, he only slowed down over the last 5 years or so. Really dedicated for a man of 99 years of age.

We shall miss his genuine friendship, dedication to the ideals of Rotary, and his genuine knowledge of the ways of the world. We will miss him but know that he has gone to a better place to join his lifelong partner, Laj, and many of his golfing and Rotary friends.

Past District Governor (PDG) Dr Ivor
Thevathasan
Centennial Governor
RI Year 2004-2005



Members celebrating HM PP Bhagwan's 95th birthday

In Memoriam...

In Loving Memory of Honorary Member (HM) Past President (PP) Bhagwan “B H” Melwani

By: Honorary Member Rtn Rewa Mirpuri

BH, as lovingly known by his friends and associates, was surrounded by his great values and qualities in all his activities and actions in his life.

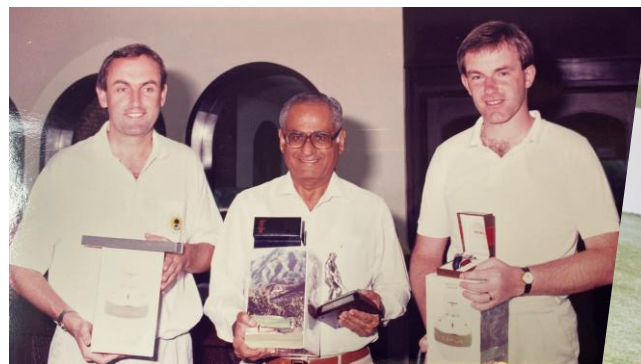
Having known HM PP Bhagwan Melwani for more than 50 years and having played Golf with him practically every morning for more than 30 years, I found him to be a Great Family member, a Great Rotarian, a Great Social Worker, a Great Sportsman, and a Great friend.

He was a great head of the family and was loved by them immensely for his cheerful, affectionate, and warm nature, love, and advice. With his live actions and activities in his life he imparted good values to them.

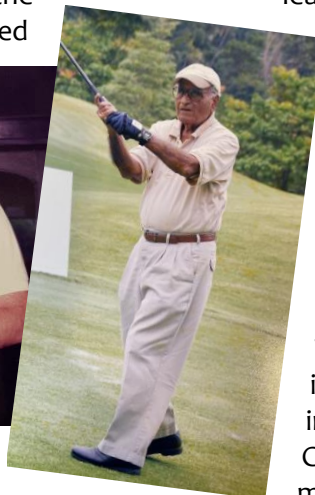
During his service of 68 years of his life in Rotary, and serving as President in 1975/1976, he fulfilled his duties sincerely and diligently. He was a great mentor, helpful in all charitable projects and earned the reputation of being bestowed the status of Honorary Member of Rotary Club of Singapore.

He was also benevolent and compassionate in many charitable projects and even created a Trust in India to help the poor and the needy from the great accumulation of funds from his donor friends.

BH was one of the founder members of Singapore Tourist Association where he served in the Board and helped increase tourism in Singapore under the leadership of Mr K M Byrne, the then MP and Minister of Labour and Law, which finally led



HM PP Bhagwan winning the Japanese Golf Club Championship



to the creation of Tourist Promotion Board in operation today.

As a sportsman, he played many sports in life and his passion was in Golf in which he participated in all Tournaments and won many prizes including a Great big trophy in the Japanese Golf Club Championship.

Truly a great friend of many. He introduced me to Rotary and was instrumental in the promotion of our Club's Books of Humour with many new marketing ideas and help in the sales of books to raise funds for the less fortunate. He touched my life

and the lives of many who needed his help.

HM PP Bhagwan Melwani was indeed a God's good man serving more than 75% of his life in good work and activities. He has left behind the fragrance of his noble life.

Blessed be his memory.



HM PP Bhagwan congratulating the newly installed President (RY1976-77), the late PDG Dr Robert Loh

In Memoriam...

A Tribute to Immediate Past President (IPP) Dinesh Sharma

At the Prayer Service on 20th June 2022

By Rtn Suresh Keerthi



IPP Dinesh Sharma
1949 - 2022

“Dear Rekha-ji friends and family we are here to celebrate a good man Dinesh Sharma whom I have known for decades.

His sudden demise has turned the emotions of his family and friends upside down.

He was a good family man with a lot of respect and love for Rekha-ji his family, children and grandchildren and cared a lot for his extended family. He never took any personal decision without involving Rekha-ji's consent. A disciplined and religious person, and he always felt as a beacon and pillar of the family and other groups.

As a human being, he was a soft spoken, kind person, always smiling positive. He led a simple life, was empathetic and cared about all around him.

Like many of us, Dinesh and I left home decades ago and settled in Singapore as our home. It was more than friendship that we built here. We built our family togetherness and brotherhood to support each other during good and difficult times.

Although a successful, very calm and composed, hardworking entrepreneur, he was a humble person and a great leader. He loved to listen and learn yet decided on what can get him to achieve his goal.

As an entrepreneur and a businessman, he loved his people, always encouraged, mentored, and motivated young people. He not only collaborated with them but empowered them to perform and reach their goals. He celebrated their success and gave credit where it was due.

I remember he always delegated and gave credit to Rekha-ji as his Human Resources head for choosing the right people who served his organisation to date. Recently she recruited for Rotary, none other than Linda Lim.

Last year, our Hon. Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider and I, as Vice President, worked so closely with him in Rotary when he was President. He was very efficient and decisive, had list of jobs to accomplish and did so. A great leader who took his people with him to achieve his goal.

Besides the family, I presume I was the last person he spoke to. On Sunday the 12th he called me at 5 pm and I told him I was driving. Then he said would speak later.

At 9 pm he called and spoke an hour about what he planned to do during retirement (asked how I adjusted to retirement). He said he might move back to Dehra Dun, India, mentor young start-ups and SMEs on their entrepreneurial journey and create a foundation. I asked him what type of foundation -whether for women, children, or education. He told me he will check the next day with Rekha-ji. He suggested we meet following Saturday at Tanglin for lunch and discuss more in detail, but little did he know that God had scheduled his journey for a meeting, far away from all of us.

I remember a quote which says, “We all love life since it is full of Hopes, but Reality is still Death”.

We will always remember him and will remain in our hearts and be present among us.

He was a good man and May his soul Rest in Peace, Om Shanti.

In Memoriam...

A Pictorial Tribute to IPP Dinesh Sharma



Conducting all the Club's virtual meetings



Signing of the letter of collaboration for the Public Health Ambassador Programme with the Saw Swee Hock school of Public Health, NUS



Signing of the MOU with Major Project beneficiary, Willing Hearts



Stepping Up to End Polio



At the Installation with Guest of Honour, R I President Elect Shekhar Mehta



World Understanding & Peace Day Meeting on 23.2.21



Completion of the Club's Major Project with the launch of the Rotary Kitchen at Willing Hearts on 12.5.22

Meeting Report

42nd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 8.6.2022

OPENING REMARKS

President Louis Lim opened the meeting. Guests and visiting Rotarians were warmly welcomed by Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani.

TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNERS

Toastmaster Rtn Atul Merchant called on members to join him in raising a toast to the Rotary Club of Dhanbad Midtown in District 3250 coupled with the toast to Rotary International. He invited visiting President Pranav Kumar who was attending the meeting with his wife Rtn Kumari Madhulika to address the Club.

Following this, President Louis called on visiting Rotarians to come forward to exchange Club banners.



From left: Rtn Peter Koh, President Louis Lim, Rtn Chris Loat (RC West Vancouver Sunrise), Rtn Hans Vanoorbeek (RC Brussels Int'l) & Pres. Pranav Kumar (RC Dhanbad Midtown)

SISTER CLUB EVENT & FUND-RAISING INSTALLATION DINNER

President Louis reminded members of the Sister Club even on Friday, 24 June at the Grand Hyatt Singapore followed by the Soccer Carnival at 10 Kwong Avenue, which would take place in the morning of Saturday, 25 June, and the Club's Installation Dinner in the same evening at the Shangri-La Hotel.

PRESENTATION OF PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF) RECOGNITIONS

President Louis called upon the following members to come forward to receive their PHF Recognitions and thanked them for their support of The Rotary Foundation programmes.



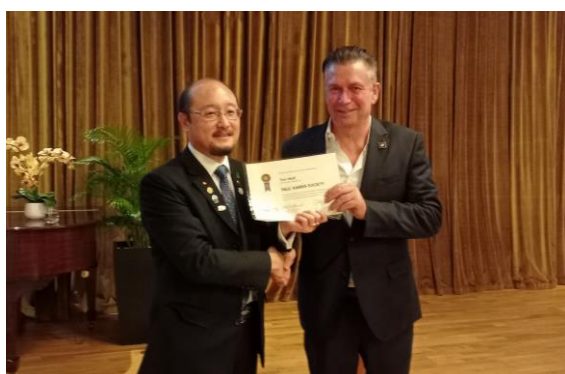
President Louis Lim presented Rtn Sean Leas (left photo) with his PHF Certificate and Pin, whilst PP Peter Tan received his PHF +7 Lapel Pin (right photo)

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PRESENTATION OF PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY RECOGNITIONS

President Louis also thanked the following members who have elected to personally contribute US\$1,000 or more each year to Rotary's Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, PolioPlus Partners or the Humanitarian Grants programmes, and presented them with their Paul Harris Society Certificates.



President Louis Lim presenting Rtns Tom Wolf (left) and Uttam Kripalani with their Paul Harris Society Certificates

GUEST SPEAKER: PROFESSOR PATRICK LOH TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO HOME CULTIVATION SYSTEM

To introduce the Guest Speaker, President Louis called on Rtn Andy Mankiewicz who noted Prof. Loh's extensive resume. With his usual skill, Rtn Andy successfully condensed his introduction by citing Prof. Loh's key academic, leadership and advisory roles. Prof. Loh is currently a professor at the College of Lifelong and Experiential Learning; and the School of Science & Technology of the Singapore University of Social Sciences, to name a few. He was also appointed Research and Development Scientific Advisor to Panasonic Factory Solutions Asia Pacific in Singapore.



From left to right: President Louis Lim, Rtn Joseph Chia & Speaker, Professor Patrick Loh

Prof. Loh gave an overview of the agriculture technology which he hoped would encourage and inspire the future generation to take up this industry for the betterment of the environment. He outlined the technology used for crops cultivation including intelligent lighting with temperature, humidity and carbon dioxide levels are controlled. Prof. Loh showed a brief video of the home cultivation system designed for compact living spaces with a hassle-free set-up. He cited the benefits of the Home Cultivation System in providing a sustainable, eco-friendly, and resilient environment.

President Louis called upon Rtn Joseph Chia who thanked Prof. Loh for his insightful talk to the Club.

Meeting Report

43rd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 15.6.2022

OPENING REMARKS

President Louis Lim called the meeting to order and acknowledged the Club's appreciation of the generosity of Rtn Tom and Ivonne Wolf for allowing the use of their home for this meeting, as well as PP Alan Tan for the catering of the dinner.

President Louis advised that the meeting was in memory of IPP Dinesh and a celebration of his life. He called for a minute of silence in memory of IPP Dinesh Sharma, Honorary Member PP Bhagwan Melwani, and Mrs. Laxmi Kripalani.

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE IPP DINESH SHARMA

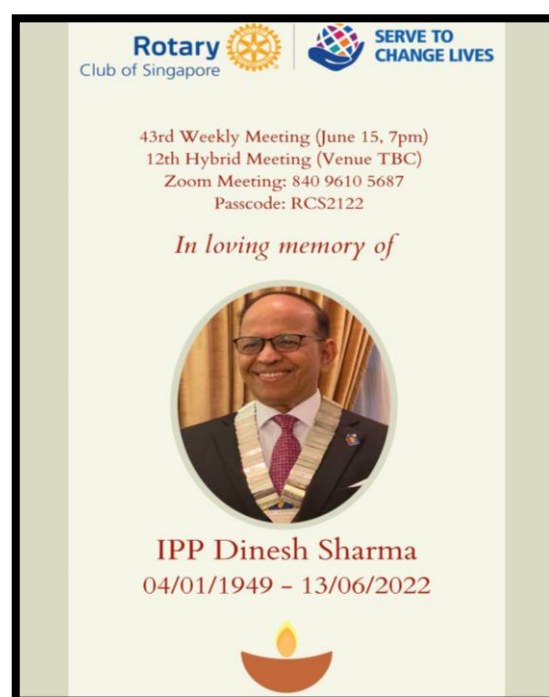
There was an outpouring of tributes to IPP Dinesh, starting with President Louis who stated that if not for IPP Dinesh's kind demeanour, calmness, and patience, he would not have taken the position of President. He gave great comfort and support throughout his term, citing examples of his help and he owed a debt of gratitude to him. President Louis recounted receiving the devastating news of the sudden passing away of IPP Dinesh. He noted IPP Dinesh's enthusiasm as Chair of the MC&D Committee in processing the many candidates who joined the Club. He further spoke of IPP Dinesh's pride and job of the Club's Major Project (RY 2021-2022) to provide a halal kitchen to the beneficiary, Willing Hearts to provide meals for the needy. President Louis added that he together with IPP Dinesh, PP Stan Low and Rtn Subhash Pritmani attended the launch and blessing of the kitchen (on 12.5.22). In his memory, President Louis called on members to join him in a toast to IPP Dinesh.

President Louis invited members to come forward to say a few words:

PP Stan Low noted that IPP Dinesh was such a good reader of people and gave the example of the hiring of the Secretariat staff and several candidates were arranged. He added that IPP Dinesh was astute and hired our own Linda Lim, this was a reflection of his skill and foresight.

PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas recalled working with IPP Dinesh for one year and half, and he was so dedicated and clear minded as we worked on the Club's Constitution and By-Laws and was planning to continue with updating the SOPs. PP Mohan noted IPP Dinesh's legacies particularly with The Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) when he was Co-Chair of EYA about 19 years ago, he negotiated with ASME, and a MOU agreement was signed that the Club would be fully involved but not responsible for the finance of the Award and there were so many other legacies.

Rtn Tom Wolf recounted his meeting with IPP Dinesh, and added that he has met many entrepreneurs, but he was always smiling and still a best leader. He cared about everybody and Rtn Tom added that he was a good model for presidents of the future.



Meeting Report

43rd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 15.6.2022

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE IPP DINESH SHARMA... *contd.*

Rtn Suresh Keerthi advised that he has known IPP Dinesh since 1997 and have been very close friends. He added that IPP Dinesh was a humble, open-minded person who did not engage in bickering. Rtn Suresh noted that IPP Dinesh was a great leader, mentor, and motivator as well as a great friend. Rtn Suresh gave insights that IPP Dinesh recruited university graduates and interns when he started his business and they still work for him for more than 20 years, as he ensured that they met their goals. Rtn Suresh recounted his last conversation with IPP Dinesh about retirements and sought his advice as he envisioned a vacuum in his life, and his plans to start a foundation.

PE James Lee mentioned how resourceful IPP Dinesh was, working with him for his installation IPP Dinesh built his Zoom background at home so that it would be the same as everyone's. PE James further added that as a Board Member in 5 Boards, he noted IPP Dinesh contribution in settling the Charles Rudd Fund as well as sorting matters such as the Club's finances. Any challenges presented to IPP Dinesh, he solved them and was a role model for many members.

PP Tapan acknowledged the presence of Mr Teh from Willing Hearts who was present at the meeting. PP Tapan recounted his conversation with IPP Dinesh about a Global Grant for Willing Hearts of about \$40,000 and subsequently added that the Club would do the entire kitchen, with the Club Major Project for about \$200,000. PP Tapan added that IPP Dinesh was receptive to ideas, similarly with the Endowment Fund; he was able to put ideas together and grow to the next level.

PDG Dr Philbert Chin who advised that he has known IPP Dinesh for a long time and had earmarked him for presidency of the Club and he said he would do so and when he sold his business, he agreed. PDG Philbert noted that IPP Dinesh would not say no when he was called to help with the ASEAN project and helped to raise funds for the foundation and raised the amount of \$150,000. PDG Philbert added that he would miss IPP very much.

Rtn Dr Rupesh Agrawal spoke via Zoom, and shared IPP Dinesh's WhatsApp message which he wanted to create a project of impact and he would probably do a project for education in India.

Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani mentioned that IPP Dinesh was a positive person and would come by when he was in Rotary office for a visit, when he had a project or idea, and he was so persuasive and noted that nothing was impossible. HM Mohan noted that IPP Dinesh would be missed, that he is loved, and God be with him.

TOAST

President Louis invited members to join him in a toast to Rotary International.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

President Louis and members warmly wished Host, Rtn Tom Wolf a very happy Birthday on 23 June.

IN MEMORY OF HM PP BHAGWAN MELWANI & MRS LAXMI KRIPALANI

Before closing the meeting, President Louis informed members of the prayer session for Mrs Laxmi Kripalani and the celebration of the live of HM PP Bhagwan and he encouraged members to attend these events.

PP Dr Shahul Hameed advised that HM PP Bhagwan was a Rotarian for 69 years and was checking with Rotary International if he was the longest serving Rotarian.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

Best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Vishal Nanwani
Veena Rangarajan
Anita Gannavarapu
Bharat Mandloi
Tom Wolf
Sri Sikhakollu
Dr Hoon Sing Keow
Edward Loy
Imane Jamal Eddine
DGN PP Dr Yap Lip Kee

Anniversary

Best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Klaus & Lisa Duss
PP Mansoor & Maria Hassanbhai
Dr Denis & Mely Hew
Jamshid & Zerine Medora
Leonard Ong & Yee Fuang
Colin & Carol Miles
HM Dr Patrick & Lillian Chin
Sonali Sinha & Vineet Iyengar
Toshio & Yuki Omiyama
Hulya Ucer & Raj Chotrani

Committee Meetings

Service Committee Meetings for Rotary Year 2022-2023 will be held on

2nd Wednesday – CSC & ISC

3rd Wednesday – VSC & YSC

This Meeting

6 July 2022

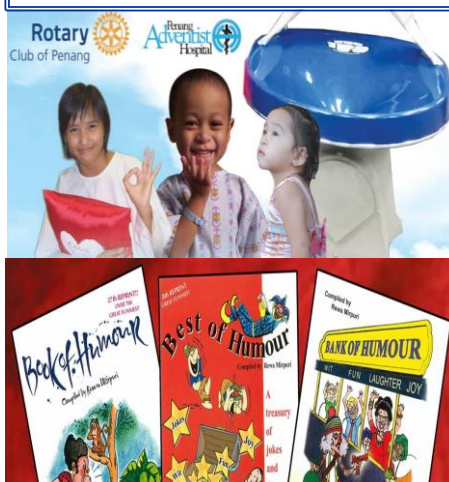
**First Club Assembly
Rotary Year 2022/2023**

Chaired by

President James Lee

**At InterContinental Singapore,
Bugis Junction, 80 Middle
Road, S188966 from 7.00pm**

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Next Meeting

13 July 2022

**Community & International
Service Committees'
Presentations**

Coming Rotary Events

July

6 Jul – 1st Club Assembly for RY 2022-2023

16 Jul – Visit to the Society for the Aged Sick, 130 Hougang Ave. 1, S538900 at 2.00pm

August

**Membership & New Club
Development Month**

September

Basic Education and Literacy

October

**Community Economic
Development**

November

Rotary Foundation

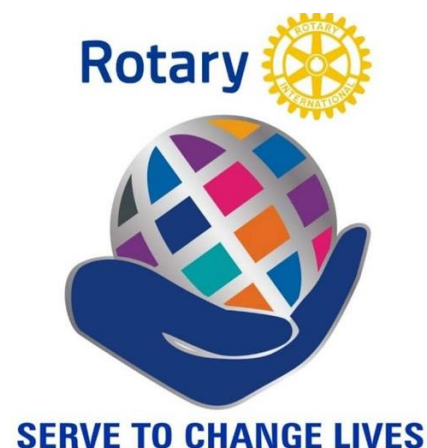
December

Disease Prevention and Treatment

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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