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# In Focus

## Introducing our District Governor Dolly Yeap Siew Keat



DG Dolly Yeap

Dolly Yeap Siew Keat was invited to join Rotary in 2001. From then on, she continued to serve in both the local and international community. As she served, she began to love what she was doing. She is active in raising funds for those in need. Dolly is indeed a true Rotarian at heart and has been active in engaging with Rotarians at both club and district levels. She is from the Rotary Club of Kulai, Johor, Malaysia. In 2016 she was appointed the District Chair for the End Polio Now Campaign. During her tenure, the District was the highest contributor to PolioPlus in Zone 6B for three consecutive years. In addition, she also encouraged Rotarians to organise the Greatest Meal to End Polio. She was also involved in supporting the local orphanages, Breast Cancer Support Group, Calvary Boys Home, Rotary Club of Kulai Education Fund, Rotary Club of Kulai Foundation and Cheshire Homes (Johor), just to name but a few. In 2018, she was voted to become the District Governor to serve in Rotary Year 2021-22. She is the First woman Governor of District 3310, 30 years after its inception.

She completed her Degree in Bachelor of Arts at the University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and obtained her Diploma in Hotel Management from Switzerland. For the past ten years before her retirement, she was working in the hospitality industry. She had the opportunities to work with EVA Airways, Hong Kong Wing Onn Travel Service Ltd, HK Ananda Travel (Malaysia), Fairwind Holidays (Singapore & Malaysia), Hotemart Travel Services Sdn Bhd, and City Development Limited Hotels (Singapore).

Dolly was the Organizing Chair for the President-Elect Training Seminar & District Training Assembly in 2014. She was Assistant Governor for two years, District Family of Rotary Committee Chair, and from 2016 to June 2019 for three consecutive years the District Polio Plus Subcommittee Chair. She was Secretary to the District Training Team and a Facilitator. She was a member of the District 3310 Learning and Development Committee in the Rotary year 2019-20.

She is a recipient of several awards, of which the highest is the Rotary International Service Award for a Polio-free World, and the 2019-20 Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service Award. Dolly attended several Rotary Institutes, including those in Manila, Bangkok, Taipei and in Yogyakarta, and assisted in the Kota Kinabalu Rotary Institute, Sabah, Malaysia, and the Virtual Rotary Institute held in Singapore. She attended the Rotary International Conventions held in Sydney, Australia, and the Virtual Rotary International Conventions in 2019 and 2020.

She is blessed with two children. Her daughter Denise participated in Rotary activities of her club and the district. Both are very supportive of their mum's "Doing Good to the World". During her free time, Dolly enjoys yoga, meditation, and walking.



# Meeting Report

## 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 29.9.2021

### OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Jessica Lim opened the Meeting and invited Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund who was back in Germany, to remind members of the house-keeping rules, before handing the Chair to President Louis Lim.

### TOAST

President Louis called on new member, Rtn Imane Jamal Eddine who invited members to join her in a toast to Rotary Club of Hannover coupled with the toast to Rotary International. Representing the Hannover club was Rtn Alik Hertel who advised that the club was about 85 years old and the oldest of 5 clubs in Hannover. He added that the club has 120 members of whom 75 were active.

President Louis advised that he met Rtn Alik as Rotaractors in 1995 as Rotaractors and recalled having Rotaract Club meetings at Honorary Member PP Alfred Wong's office and have maintained their relationship. President Louis further advised that Rtn Alik then went on to marry the Rotaract Club of Singapore City's President!



Rtn Imane Jamal Eddine

### END POLIO NOW (EPN) DRIVE

President Louis invited Rtn Adnan Ansari whom he advised would be leading the Club's End Polio Drive to say a few words on the Club's EPN Drive. Rtn Adnan informed members that the Club would be organizing a Step to End Polio event tentatively to be launched on World Polio Day on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, and end on 24<sup>th</sup> December. He added that registration for the Drive's walks would be US\$50.00 or S\$70.00. He urged all members to invite their families and friends to give significant contributions to the End Polio Now programme and to purchase the EPN tee-shirts when they become available.



Rtn Adnan Ansari



Rtn Vineet  
Iyengar

### HAWKER CENTRE PROJECT

President Louis called on Rtn Vineet Iyengar who highlighted the Vocational Service Committee's (VSC) discussions with the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) and SG Digital Office (SDO) to support the needy as well as to support the hawkers at the Alexandra Village Food Centre with a group buy activity of 100 meals to be distributed to needy families in the vicinity.

VSC Director informed members that the Committee was seeking \$1,000 for the purchase of the meals for the distribution to the needy families. She advised that a QR code would be included in the project poster for their donations.



Rtn Sonali Sinha

## 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 29.9.2021

### **FIRESIDE CHAT WITH GUEST SPEAKER: MR KEVIN EDMUNDS** **TOPIC: BUSINESSES AS CHAMPIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The Moderator for the Club's 5<sup>th</sup> Fireside chat was Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam who started the proceedings by introducing the Guest Speaker Mr Kevin Edmunds, the Regional Manager (Asia) with Peterson Projects & Solutions where he oversees business development, team growth, client engagement and project delivery in 19 regional offices. A seasoned sustainability expert, Mr Edmunds has devoted his entire career to one goal – helping businesses and communities transition to low-carbon, circular and net-zero economies that embrace nature-based solutions. He possesses almost thirty years' experience advising multilateral agencies, governments, statutory bodies, listed companies, family businesses and start-ups across a diverse range of sectors. A passionate advocate for sustainability and climate stewardship, Mr Edmunds has featured as speaker at over 500 events and served on the executive / advisory committees of numerous business chambers, trade and industry associations, public consultations, and government agencies.



Guest Speaker,  
Mr Kevin Edmunds

Highlighting the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Mr Edmunds spoke on how these policies shape markets and business behaviours. He noted the vital roles that all businesses, whatever sector, or size, could play to safeguard the planet for future generations. He shared the significance of the Sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategies and reporting, adding that stakeholders' engagement was critical. Mr Edmunds further disclosed some climate risks, opportunities and financial impacts as well as leveraging on sustainable finance.

To close his presentation, Mr Edmunds gave his key "Take-Home" messages:

- Be proactive, take it from the top (leadership is key!)
- Engage your *people*
- Engage your *value chain* (clients, customers, suppliers, contractors, regulators)
- Engage your *community* (green groups, community groups, start-ups, innovators, educators . . .)
- Be systematic, proportionate, step by step
- Participate in Government initiatives
- Adopt recognised standards and protocols where relevant
- Buy certified products and supplies
- Invest in green tech / social enterprises where you can
- Communicate; share your successes and lessons learned!

Moderator, Rtn Dr Ganesh noted that sustainability depended on everyone, through actions with Rotary Clubs, governments, and organisations, but ultimately it begins with us. He invited members to pose their varied questions on Environmental, Sustainability and Governance issues which were expertly answered by Mr Edmunds.

Environment & Sustainability Director, Rtn Louisa Lee was invited to address the Club. She warmly Mr Edmunds for sharing of his vast knowledge.

Rtn Louisa informed members of the first Focus Group Meeting on Environment & Sustainability which would be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October together with previous speaker, Mr Bjorn Low. She further advised of ESRAG's plant-based diet programme which would also start on 1<sup>st</sup> October and encouraged members to participate in both events.

# Meeting Report

## District Governor Dolly Yeap's Official Visit & 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 6.10.2021

### OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar called the proceedings to order and warmly welcomed DG Dolly Yeap and Assistant Governor (AG) Deepak Nagrani to the Club. He reminded all present of the Zoom meeting house-keeping rules, and then invited President Louis Lim to take the Chair.

### TOAST

President Louis extended a warm welcome as well to DG Dolly and AG Deepak, before calling on Toastmaster, PP Perlita Tiro.

PP Perlita stated that it was her honour and privilege to raise a toast to the Rotary International and to Rotary Club of Kulai to which DG Dolly belongs. She advised that the Kulai Club was founded 39 years ago located in Johor, Malaysia. The club and is very active in community service, contributing tremendously to COVID related projects throughout Malaysia.



PP Perlita Tiro

### APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION

President Louis called on IPP Dinesh Sharma to share an important announcement.

IPP Dinesh announced that in April 2021 the Club adopted the new Constitution 2019-2022 which was to be approved by the Registry of Societies (ROS) and was submitted accordingly. He added that there were a series of questions from ROS and finally it was adopted without any change. IPP Dinesh added that the Club has become the first in the District to have the new Constitution after about 12 years.



IPP Dinesh Sharma

He added that the Club's By-Laws have also been approved and the work in progress is the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) would be worked upon, and as approved by President Louis, the team would continue and seek assistance from PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas as well.

IPP Dinesh took the opportunity to thank previous Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider for all her help in getting the Constitution presented to the members and the final submittal to ROS.

President Louis thanked both IPP Dinesh and Rtn Brigitte for their efforts working on the Club's Constitution which have come to fruition.

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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR DOLLY YEAP'S ADDRESS TO THE CLUB



AG Deepak Nagrani

President Louis called on AG Deepak Nagrani who was given the honour to introduce DG Dolly Yeap.

In his eloquent introduction, AG Deepak referred to Henry Longfellow's poem on Florence Nightingale which captured the heroic image of her going from room to room with a lamp and good cheer.

AG Deepak added that the poem encapsulated his admiration of DG Dolly, who is one of his great Rotary heroes! He called on members to welcome DG Dolly, the first woman District Governor of District 3310 to the Club. (A copy of DG Dolly's official biography can be found on pages 1 of this bulletin.)



DG Dolly Yeap

DG Dolly thanked AG Deepak for the very kind introduction. She advised that since taking office, she had visited about 20 clubs across the District almost all virtually, which she added was a little disappointing as she would prefer face-to-face meetings to enjoy the interaction and fellowship better. She hoped that would be possible soon in the future. She added that it was always an honour to visit the Club, it being the oldest and biggest club in the District. She noted that the Club has done a great deal in reaching out to those in need in our Rotary District and beyond our boundaries.

In addition, DG Dolly noted the Club's contributions to The Rotary Foundation with the largest funding to the Global Grants mechanism. She acknowledged the continued strong support in the activities of the District as well as funding to projects which was very much appreciated. She was touched by the Club's response to the District call for funding on the COVID pandemic response fund which raised the target of M\$300,000 within a short period of 10 days. She added that Club members with its international contributors raised the largest contributions and thanked the Club. DG Dolly also thanked PP Dr Shahul Hameed, the District Rotary Foundation Chair and PP Mark Wang for being instrumental in achieving the target as well as members of the Task Force.

DG Dolly was pleased to announce the appointment of PP Perlita Tiro as the Assistant Ambassador for empowering girls in the District for the Singapore region. She looked forward to the Club leading in this programme. DG Dolly acknowledge the efforts of PP Dr Yap Lip Kee for leading the District International Committee; PP Jimmy Ooi as Chair for the District Vocational Training Team; PE James Lee, District Interact Chair for his contributions to the training team and youth programmes; Rtn Mukundan A P for Youth Service; Rtn Varun Gulati for International Service District projects. She was pleased to see PDG Dr Philbert Chin whom she added was a pillar in setting up her club, Kulai and thanked him for his support as well as that of Hon. Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani in District projects.

DG Dolly congratulated all members of the Club for upholding the Rotary Spirit – high and mighty of the Club and Rotary and each year the Club shines in different ways, each President is unique in strengthening the foundation of the Club and bringing it to greater heights. She added her belief in the unity of the Club which creates harmonious atmosphere to excel in projects and outreach more.

President Louis warmly thanked DG Dolly for her address, adding that it would not have been possible without all the contributions of members and gave a shout out to members of the previous and current Board, senior Rotarians, and every member. He added that it takes the whole team to make the Club successful!

President Louis continued the Club Assembly proceedings with his President's Report followed by the Service and Club Committees' reports which will be minuted and circulated to members separately.

# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:**

VP Dr Chan Siew Luen  
Dr Omkar Shrestha  
Jens Ruebberth  
M M Patel  
PP Jimmy Ooi

## Anniversary

**RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:**

VP Dr Chan Siew Luen & Patricia  
Marcelo & Daniela Monteiro  
Varun & Niharika Gulati  
Rajeev & Preeti Mukul  
Frank & Fancy Pao  
Winston & Jolene Khoo

## Committee Meetings

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**  
Thursday, 7 October 2021

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Thursday, 14 October 2021

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Thursday, 21 October 2021

**YOUTH SERVICE:**  
Thursday, 28 October 2021

## This Meeting

**13 October 2021**  
**From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

**Speaker:** Mr Gaurav Kripalani,  
Artistic Director, Singapore  
Repertory Theatre

**Topic:** How COVID killed the Arts

## Next Meeting

**20 October 2021**  
**From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

**Speaker:** Mr Douglas Goh, Director  
Operations, SG Digital Office

**Topic:** Rotary & SG Digital Office  
(SDO) Collaboration for Adopt-A-  
Hawker Centre & SDO@Workplace

## Coming Rotary Events

### October

**Economic & Community  
Development Month**

**28 Oct** – Teacher Advisor Training &  
Fellowship from 18.45 to 19.45 hrs

### November

**Rotary Foundation Month**

**25 Nov** – Teacher Advisor Training &  
Fellowship from 18.45 to 19.45 hrs

### December

**Disease Prevention & Treatment  
Month**

### January

**Vocational Service Month**

### February

**Peace & Conflict Prevention /  
Resolution Month**

### March

**Water & Sanitation Month**

### April

**Maternal & Child Health Month**

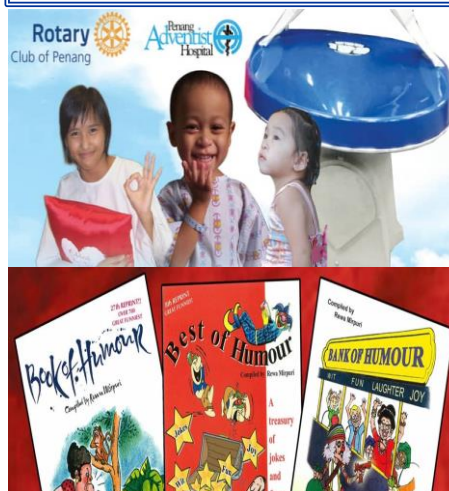
### May

**Youth Serviced 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?

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## 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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