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You can give life, by giving blood.
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ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Supported by Singapore Sindhi Association, Singapore Gujarati Society,
Marwari Mitra Mandal (S'pore), Singapore Malayalee Association
Amber Neighbourhood Committee & Mountbatten CC Indian Activity Executive Committee

Date : 3 October 2021 (Sunday)
Time : 930am-330pm
Venue : Sindhu House
795 Mountbatten Road
Singapore 437795



To avoid waiting
in queue, scan
the QR Code to
register now!



(Near Tanjong Katong Road Junction. Bus Nos 12, 14 & 196
stop in front of Sindhu House)

- Please bring your NRIC/donor card/work permit/student card for registration.
- Donors aged 16 and 17, please bring signed parental consent form (www.hsa.gov.sg/parent_consent)
- Visit www.hsa.gov.sg/donor_criteria for donor criteria.
- Donors who have travelled in the past 4 months or recently been on medication, please call Singapore Red Cross on 6220 0183 / 91391544 to verify your eligibility!

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In Focus

Blood Donation Drive

By: Community Service Director, Rtn Peter Brock



Director Peter Brock

On Sunday 3rd October, over 17 Rotarians, with some family and friends for support, as well as local Rotaractors, joined with over 140 other people to support the Sindhu Association in their quarterly blood donation drive.

The Rotary Club of Singapore has been a longstanding supporter of this community event, which has been run by the Sindhu Association for 43 years. Our support includes providing volunteers to man the registration booth, as well as assisting with the rental fee for the hall. Not to mention the most important part of the day, donating blood!

In October, I'm happy to share that from the 143 potential donors, we managed 120 successful donations throughout the six-hour donation period. This is slightly less than the 140 donations made in July, but considerably more than previous years. Also, when considering the prevailing covid19 restrictions, this was a fantastic achievement.

This event happens four times a year with the next donation drive scheduled for Sunday 2nd January. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Singapore, the Community Service Committee, the Sindhu Association, and the people who receive the lifesaving blood, thank you to all of those who donated, and I look forward to seeing you, and your family & friends, again in January.



From left to right: Rtn Peter & Tanya Brock with YSC Director Mukundan A P

Blood Donation Drive Photo Album – A Big “Thank You” to the Wonderful Donors...



A young donor – Interactor
June Tan's brother



New members Rtns Madhu Naidu (left) & Deepti Sharma donating blood



Supportive spouses – Mrs Uma Somanathan (Rtn Ranga's wife) & Mrs Tanya Brock



Besides their tireless efforts – Rtns Mukundan AP (left) & Peter Brock donated their blood too!

Meeting Report

15th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 13.10.2021

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Jessica Lim warmly welcomed everyone to the Meeting and in the absence of the Sergeants-at-Arms reminded members of the usual house-keeping rules, before handing the Chair to President Louis Lim.

TOAST

President Louis invited a new member, Rtn Gerard Vinluan to be the Toastmaster for the meeting. As there were no overseas visiting Rotarians, Rtn Gerard called on members to join him in a toast to Rotary International.



Rtn Gerard Vinluan

SUPPORT THE CHALLENGE

President Louis noted that members felt that PP Dr Yap Lip Kee should be the District Governor (DG) for Rotary Year 2024/2025. He invited PP Dr Shahul Hameed to address the Club. PP Dr Shahul spoke in support of the Club's resolution to put forward PP Dr Yap's as the challenging candidate for DG 2024/25. He gave an account of the selection process for the election of DG.

Members voiced their whole-hearted support for PP Dr Yap and the Club's Resolution was unanimously adopted without any objections or abstentions.



PP Dr Yap Lip Kee

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Louis called on Rtn Suresh Keerthi who was assisting Membership Chair, Rtn Subhash Pritmani, currently away, to introduce the new candidates prior to their induction to the Club:



Rtn Anita Gannavarapu

Place of Work: SS Brand Solutions Pvt Ltd

Classification: Signage Products: Business Development

Proposer: PP Mark Wang

Mentor: PP Stan Low

Recommended Committee: Community Service

Rtn Anita is a business owner and investor. She is Director of the company as well as investor in Bitcoin machines, forex, crypto and real estate.

Rtn Anita moved to Singapore due to her husband Srinivas's work as Senior Director SupplyChain for APAC in Adidas. They are blessed with two children - an 11-year-old daughter and a 4-year-old son. The family has moved to 4 countries ever since they left India and Singapore is the 5th country in a row, where they hope to stay longer.

Rtn Anita added that she was associated with Rotary since her school days with Interact and was excited to be a member of the Rotary Club.

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS... contd.



Rtn Lee Chee Pin

Place of Work: Charlie Chan Capital Partners Pte Ltd
 Classification: Fund Management: Investment Advisory
 Proposer: Rtn Suresh Keerthi
 Mentor: President Louis Lim
 Recommended Committee: Vocational Service

Rtn Chee Pin is a Singaporean retiree and has 3 grown up children. He is currently in an advisory role for a local boutique asset management company. He has over 30 years' experience in financial industry, mainly in Treasury. He has worked with several American banks in Singapore, the longest was with Bank of America in Singapore for 16 years. He has worked in Hong Kong for two years as the Head of Group Treasury for Guoco Group, which was listed in Hong Kong. After returning from Hong Kong, he worked in various roles with a US Hedge Fund, a Private Bank, and a Registered Fund Management Company in Singapore. His last job was with UOB as the Global Head of Group Treasury.

Rtn Chee Pin stated that he was honoured to be a member of the Club and looked forward to doing some charitable work.



Rtn Rohan Sunil Vaswani

Place of Work: Godrej Properties Limited (Singapore Branch)
 Classification: Real Estate: Business Development
 Proposer: Rtn Suresh Keerthi
 Mentor: PP J K Ong
 Recommended Committee: Youth Service

Rtn Rohan Vaswani is the Senior Manager in charge of International Business for Godrej Properties Ltd. and has been in Singapore for about 4 years.

Rtn Rohan advised that he comes from a family of Rotarians. His late grandfather was based in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, was an active Rotarian and President of the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru, District 3310. His father, based in Mumbai, is a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay, District 3140.

Rtn Rohan stated that during school days, he was also a Rotaractor, and he was looking forward to giving back to society in his own little way through the Club.

15th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 13.10.2021

GUEST SPEAKER: MR GAURAV KRIPALANI

TOPIC: HOW COVID KILLED THE ARTS

To introduce the Guest Speaker Mr Gaurav Kripalani, President Louis called on Rtn Aarti Wadhwa who advised that Gaurav concluded his tenure as Festival Director of the Singapore International Festival of Arts (SIFA) for 2018 – 2021. Originally a three-year appointment, he was asked to stay on for an extra year to helm the national arts festival through Covid. In May this year, he presented a hybrid festival of 60 shows, over 200 performances in person and online – which was one of the largest arts festivals to take place anywhere in the world since the onset of this pandemic. Concurrently, Gaurav is the Artistic Director of Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT) and has produced over 100 plays during his 25-year history with the company. Under Gaurav's artistic direction, SRT was the first Singaporean theatre company on Broadway in 1998. This was for *Golden Child*, which went on to earn three Tony Award nominations.



Guest Speaker,
Mr Gaurav Kripalani

Gaurav also recognises the importance of education with SRT being one of the biggest commissioners and producers of children's theatre in Southeast Asia through SRT's The Little Company, as well as SRT's learning and engagement programmes with schools. In 2020, SRT partnered with Rotary to create an educational platform to address cyber-bullying in schools.

Gaurav noted that he has had the opportunity and privilege to address the Club on a couple of occasions, however he noted that this time was probably the most important for the Arts, hence the title of the talk, because the situation was dire. He started by giving a brief overview of SRT and the arts landscape and its importance in Singapore. He spoke of how Covid dealt a massive blow to the arts and not just in terms of finances, but that a generation of young people who have had to stop their engagement with the arts, as well as the struggle to hire talent back to the arts since they have left the industry.

Gaurav also spoke about "Silver Linings", he noted that many have suffered due to Covid and not just in the arts, but this has given us the opportunity to do things differently by creating online content. He spoke of the collaboration with other theatre companies. He concluded by adding that whilst these were challenging times, great things were in store, and he called on members to support the Arts and buy a ticket! Gaurav graciously answered queries posed to him by members and shared his opinions on various topics including a possible collaboration with Rotary for the RI Convention in Singapore.

President Louis called on Rtn Adnan Ansari who thanked Gaurav for his very touching and emotional talk which was greatly appreciated.

END POLIO NOW (EPN) DRIVE

Rtn Adnan Ansari reminded members of the annual programme to End Polio. He added that polio cases have been reduced to 99.9% with just two countries reporting cases of wild poliovirus – Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He reminded members of the Club's End Polio Drive to be launched on World Polio Day on Sunday, 24th October, and end on 24th 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.

Meeting Report

16th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 20.10.2021

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Jessica Lim called the meeting to order and invited Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar to inform members of the Zoom meeting rules, before handing the Chair to President Louis Lim. President Louis warmly welcomed guests and visiting Rotarians from Kuching Central and Colombo West.

TOAST

President Louis called upon new member, Rtn Chugani to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Colombo West coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

Rtn Chugani advised that the Colombo West club is the largest club in District 3220 which was chartered in 1961. The club pioneered many projects for the community ranging from providing hydroelectricity, solar lighting, shelter, and donation of wheelchairs. He was pleased to welcome to the meeting, DGN Jerome Rajendram who was President of the Colombo West club during Rotary year 2013/2014.



Rtn Mohandas
Chugani



WORLD POLIO DAY – 24TH OCTOBER 2021

President Louis reminded members of the Club's fund-raising to eradicate polio. He noted that in Singapore, we are blessed that we do not see this disease but in other countries, it does exist.

He further highlighted to members the District event on 24th October. He added that the Club as well as the District will have many End Polio Now (ENP) programmes and he called for members' generous support by purchasing the ENP merchandise such as the bomber jackets and wristwatches.

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



President Louis called on KYFR Speaker, Rtn Pauline Teo who joined the Club in April 2021. Rtn Pauline Teo started her KYFR presentation advising that she is the Executive Director of 8VI Holdings Ltd. which is a listed company and that her role was to inspire more people to take charge of their financial wealth. Before 2011, Rtn Pauline was a civil servant for 10 years, and believed in education that it would transform people, even when at the Ministry of Defence and Civil Service College. Rtn Pauline added that she authored 2 books entitled "Value Investing for Women" and the other "Invest Like Buffett – For Parents, to make for more people to understand financials which were really important. She further shared that she is a mother a girl and boy aged 21 and 18 years that keeps her going to set a good example for them.



Rtn Pauline Teo

Next, Rtn Pauline spoke on her Rotary journey, adding that she serves as honorary secretary to the Community Service Committee. She further shared some photos of events taken from when she was a Rotaractor. Rtn Pauline ended her KYFR presentation by stating that being a Rotarian was probably in her blood since she was 18 years old; adding that today, she thinks it would be for a lifetime!

Meeting Report

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FIRESIDE CHAT WITH GUEST SPEAKER: MR DOUGLAS GOH

TOPIC: ROTARY & SDO COLLABORATION FOR DIGITAL UPLIFT OF MICROBUSINESSES, AND SENIORS AT THEIR WORKPLACES

To moderate the Club's 6th Fireside chat, President Louis called on Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar who introduced the Speaker Mr Douglas Goh. Mr Goh is Director (Strategy & Planning) SG Digital Office, Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA). In his introduction, Rtn Vineet informed members of Mr Goh's illustrious career in the Singapore Navy where he held several command departments. He has been bestowed with National Day Awards for Public Service in the military and the Commendation Medal as well.

The SG Digital Office (SDO) was set-up in June 2020 to mobilise a whole-of-nation movement to accelerate Singapore's digitalisation by building on and ramping up existing efforts to equip every individual and business, including our seniors and small businesses, with digital tools and skills to participate meaningfully in the new social and economic environment post COVID-19.



*Guest Speaker,
Mr Douglas Goh*

Mr Goh shared insights of their anchor programmes of Hawkers Go Digital and Seniors Go Digital which were both launched in 2020. He highlighted the achievements such as the boost of hawkers' adoption of e-payments with transaction volume and value growth. He further noted that SDO has exceeded its reach of and adoption targets for seniors in its first year with high satisfaction level and sustained learning. Mr Goh also spoke on other measures and initiatives to support hawkers' digitalisation.

Mr Goh summarised what was being done to enhance the seniors go digital curriculum to embrace an enriched digital lifestyle. He sought support as corporate partners to extend their outreach to seniors and digitally less savvy employees as part of their new SDO@workplace initiative introduced last month.

Following Mr Goh's presentation, a lively discussion was held among members with Mr Goh and his team members present.

President Louis called on Vocational Service Chair, Rtn Sonali Sinha to extend the Club's vote of thanks. Rtn Sonali warmly thanked Mr Goh for taking the time to speak to the Club on all the initiatives. She shared that at the start of the Rotary year with the concern of the digital divide and how to assist businesses, the Committee reached out to SDO/IMDA team who were so supportive and were looking forward to scaling the hawker centre project to perhaps more centres. Rtn Sonali thanked Mr Goh and his team once again.

Before closing the meeting, President Louis reminded members of the signing ceremony for the Club's Major Project for the year, the Share A Pot@Home programme with Yishun Health on Wednesday, 27th October from 4.00 to 6.00pm followed by a webinar to launch the programme.

INVITATION FROM RC COLOMBO WEST

Visiting Rotarian DGN Jerome Rajendram spoke of his club's fund-raising event for the End Polio programme and invited members to participate in a virtual gold tournament to be held from 14th to 20th February 2022. He added that the club hoped to raise \$1.5 million with this event. More details will be circulated upon receipt.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Moshood Olaniyan

Manish Tibrewal

Louisa Lee

PP Alan Tan

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Hon Treasurer Nara & Sasirekha Narayanan

Dr Hoh Sek Tien & Julie

Vishal & Sonam Nanwani

PP Garry & Grace Taylor

John & Lorna Forster

PP Jimmy & Jane Ooi

Suresh & Meera Keerthi

Don & Navya Dominic

Terry Lobaton & Glen Cabrey

VP Ronald & Joyce Wong

Anita & Srinivas Gannavarapu

Committee Meetings

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 4 November 2021

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 11 November 2021

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 18 November 2021

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 25 November 2021

This Meeting

3 November 2021
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Ms Priscilla Gan, Director, Volunteer Resource Optimisation, National Council of Social Service

Topic: Be The Change You Want to See

Next Meeting

10 November 2021
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Ms Lama Majaj, Principal Art Therapist at Extraordinary People in Singapore

Topic: To be advised

Coming Rotary Events

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

DIWALI GREETINGS



**Many Good Wishes
To You On Diwali!**
**Our Lives Become Beautiful
When We Put Our Hearts Into
Whatever We do.**
**May The Diwali Offer You
Prosperity, Health, And
Wealth.**

HAPPY DIWALI

**From President Louis Lim &
Members of the Board of
Directors**

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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