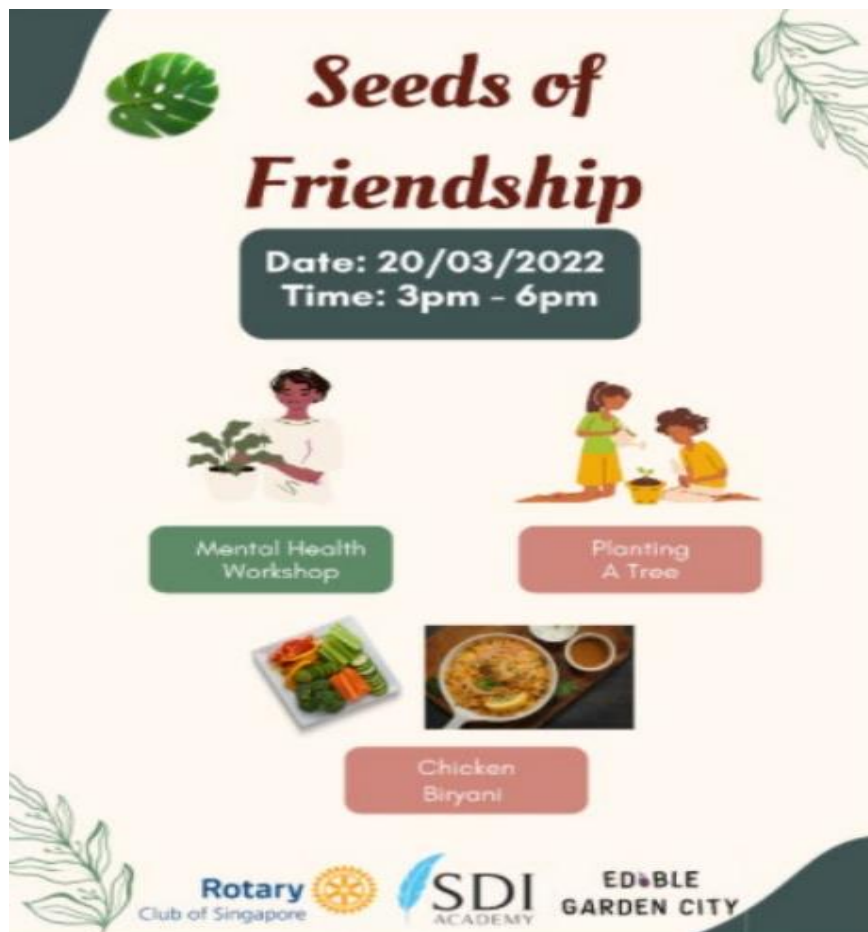


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In Focus

Project: Seeds of Friendship

Extract from Report written by: Director Louisa Lee and Rtn Charles Ho



Rtn Louisa Lee



Rtn Charles Ho

The Project Phase 1 was held on the 16th Jan 2022 from 0930hrs to 1200hrs at “ Edible Garden City “. Hosted and conducted by Mr. Bjorn Low (Executive Director & Co-Founder of Edible Garden City).

Activities in Phase 1 includes :

1. Tour of “ Edible Garden City “
2. Workshop (Hands-on by Participants: Rotarians from Rotary Club of Singapore) on planting the Moringa Tree)
3. Participants will bring home to continue to nurture into a Moringa Sapling and get ready for Phase 2 which was held on the 20th March 2022 at “ Terusan Recreation Centre “ .



Moringa has many important vitamins and minerals. The leaves have 7 times more vitamin C than oranges and 15 times more potassium than bananas. It also has calcium, protein, iron, and amino acids, which **help your body heal and build muscle**.



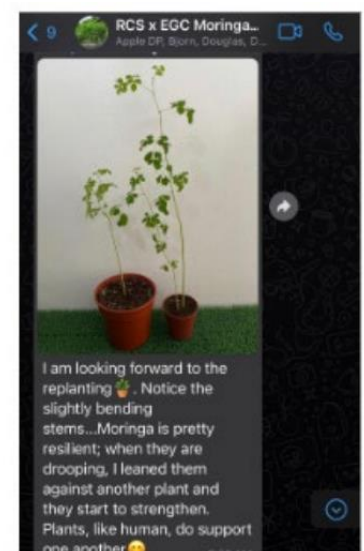
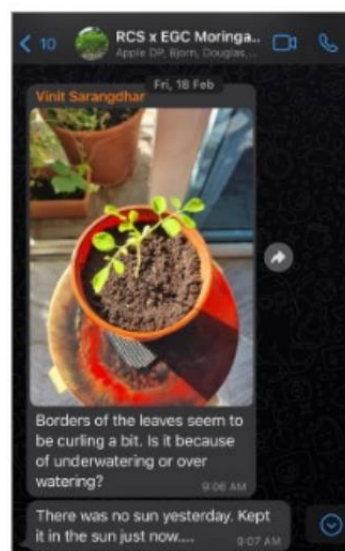
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Project: Seeds of Friendship... *contd.*

Photos of Phase 1 : Tour of “Edible Garden City”



Testimonials from Participants of Phase 1:



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Project: Seeds of Friendship... contd.

Project Phase 2 :

The Project Phase 2 was held on 20th March 2022 at the “ Terusan Recreation Center “ . Participants were Miss.Louisa Lee , Director of Environment & Sustainability of Rotary Club of Singapore ; Mr.Sazzad Hossain , Founder & CEO of SDI Academy and Mr. Bjorn Low , Co-Founder & Executive Director of Edible Garden City . Rotarians and Migrants .

Rotarians sponsoring Migrants for the Workshop and A Biryani Meal . Rotarians who attended the Phase 1 , brought their Moringa Saplings which they have nurtured it at their home respectively since 16 Jan 2022 . A total of 14 Moringa Saplings had been planted . Thanks to the effort by the Rotarians and Migrants who has worked under the Hot Sun .

This Pilot Project has achieved the Goal of Cultivation of Bonding with the so called “ Forgotten Community “ in our society “ The Migrants “ .

Plans are in progress to replicate this on an even larger scale across more Workers (Migrant) Dormitories and Recreation Centres likely to be in month of August 2022 to commemorate Singapore ‘s National Day and a tribute to our Nation’s Builders. Rotary Club of Singapore will also extend this to all rest of the Rotary Clubs around Singapore to participate in this meaningful Project in August 2022 .

Activities in Phase 2 includes :

1. Meet and Greet Migrant Buddies
2. Tour of “ Terusan Recreation Centre “ conducted by Mr. Nicholas of JTC .
3. Workshop of “ Mental Wellbeing “ and “ Plant Care “
4. Transplanting of Moringa Friendship Tree Saplings .
5. Biryani Meal with Migrants Buddies
6. Set up Face Book group for Buddies to continue to update the progress and status of Moringa Trees .

Photos of Phase 2 : Tour of Terusan Recreation Centre



In Focus

Project: Seeds of Friendship... *contd.*

Photos of Mental Wellbeing & Plant Care Workshop



Photos of Transplanting of Moringa Friendship Tree Saplings



Photos of Biryani Meals with Migrant Buddies



In Focus

Project: Seeds of Friendship...*contd.*



Photos of Facebook Group: Gardening in Dormitory (SDI & EGC & Rotary)



Project Facilitators:
 (Left to Right) Director of Environment & Sustainability Rtn Louisa Lee, Executive Director & Co-Founder (Edible Garden City) Mr Bjorn Low, Founder & CEO (SDI Academy) Mr Sazzad Hossain



Meeting Report

34th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 23.3.2022

OPENING REMARKS

President Louis Lim opened the 34th weekly meeting held at the Raffles Room at the Tanglin Club. He extended a warm welcome to all guests including former members PPs Dr Peter Wyss and Keith Harrison who were present.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Louis invited Membership Chair Rtn Subhash Pritmani to introduce two new candidates who were inducted to the Club:



Rtn Prashant Kanodia

Place of Work: Prashant and Nituna Ltd

Position: Founder CEO

Classification: Investment Management – Family Office

Proposer: Membership Director Subhash Pritmani

Mentor: PP J K Ong

Recommended Committee: Community Service

Rtn Prashant is a Chartered Accountant and did his MBA from IIM, Ahmedabad (India). He has worked at Blackstone in the real estate investment group for 13 years. He also worked at Goldman Sachs prior to that as an investment banker. He is a Singapore PR and holds a UK Passport. Since 2020, he is managing his own investments.

He believes that service to the society and most needy should be the core mission in his life. He would like to volunteer his time to serve and learn on how to make the maximum impact. He hopes Rotary will give him the platform to learn about the various causes and looks forward to a life-long relationship.

Rtn Prashant was accompanied by his wife, Nituna who is an audiologist in Singapore, and they are blessed with two children.



Rtn Eric Govier Lynge

Place of Work: Sports Marketing Surveys Asia

Position: Director

Classification: Sports Industry: Research

Proposer: Membership Director Subhash Pritmani

Mentor: PP Sajjad Akhtar

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service

Rtn Eric comes from a family of Rotarians – his father was a Rotarian, and his wife Lucia is a Rotarian as well.

He is a fan of the media industry, the sports industry and specifically the golf industry and has built a career in all three disciplines. He has lived in Asia for over 32 years after obtaining an MBA from the Thunderbird School of International Management. He has experience working with reputable media owners and sporting federations in the APAC region and has built great connections with respected individuals across a broad swath of industries.

Meeting Report

34th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 23.3.2022

PRESENTATION OF ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR (2019-2020) AWARD:

President Louis was pleased to invite PP Keith Harrison who was back in Singapore for a short visit to come forward to receive his Rotarian of the Year Award plaque which was presented for Rotary year 2019-2020. PP Keith who had relocated to the Philippines was unable to personally receive the Award earlier.

Upon receiving the Award plaque, PP Keith stated that he was extremely honoured and touched to have received this huge honour. He added that while he had resigned from the Club due to his relocation, he ensured that moved to sister club, Rotary Club (RC) of Makati to maintain his relationship and to stay connected to RC Singapore.



President Louis with PP Keith

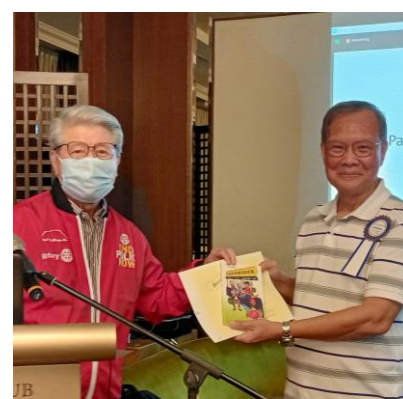
We take the opportunity to warmly congratulate PP Keith who was elected President Nominee of RC Makati for Rotary year 2023/24.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. VINCENT CHONG

TOPIC: RECONNECT WITH NATURE

As noted by PP Peter Tan who introduced the Guest Speaker Dr Vincent Chong, he is not new to Rotary. Dr Chong was a member of the Club between 1989 to 1998. He is a retired Professor of Radiology at the National University of Singapore and continues as a visiting consultant to the NUS Health System. Dr Chong is eminently qualified and was bestowed with a Gold Medal Award in Glasgow from the International Society of Cancer imaging. He is the editor of the blog platform of the organisation “Age Well Everyday” that focuses on healthy living, aging well and savouring the joy of living.

Dr Chong’s presentation highlighted the important relationship between Nature and Health. The focus of Dr Chong’s talk and beautiful illustrations showed how and why Nature can help us live longer and healthier. Dr Chong proved this point based on research over the past 30 years.



PP Stan Low presenting Guest Speaker, Dr Vincent Chong with the Club’s mementos

To extend the Club’s vote of thanks, President Louis called upon PP Stan Low who noted how quiet the room was during the talk as members gave full attention to Dr Chong. PP Stan warmly thanked Dr Chong, adding that golfers always connected with nature and trees!

PLEASE HELP END POLIO NOW:

PP Stan took the opportunity to appeal to members to support The Rotary Foundation’s End Polio Now programme by purchasing the bomber jackets which cost S\$105.00 each.

Sportingly modelling the jackets during the meeting

were Rtn Adnan Ansari, PE James Lee, Rtn Nirmal Singh as well as PP Stan (left to right).



Meeting Report

35th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 30.3.2022

TOAST

Upon opening the meeting and extending a warm welcome to all present, President Louis Lim called on Environment & Sustainability Director Rtn Louisa Lee who invited members to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Marina City represented by visiting Rtn Ambaree Majumder coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



Rtn Louisa Lee

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Louis informed members of the following coming events:

- Fellowship event on 8 April from 5.30 to 7.30pm at an Orchard area venue to be advised.
- District Training Assembly (DISTAS) Meeting on 19.4.22 and official visit by Rotary International President Nominee (RIPN) Dr Gordon McNally who will be in Singapore for a site inspection as his term as RI President would be ending with the RI Convention in June 2024 in Singapore. This meeting will be hosted by the Club with President Louis as the Presiding Officer.
- The Club is privileged to be the sponsoring club for the Rotary Intercountry Committee ASEAN (RICCA) Charter Assembly to be held from 13 – 15 May 2022. We are honoured to have the presence of Guest of Honour President Halimah Yacob and RI President Shekhar Mehta as well as all the ASEAN heads of mission to witness the RICCA Charter. Attendance is limited to 500 only – do register now at www.rotaryICCASEAN.org

GUEST SPEAKER: MAESTRO HANS GRAF

TOPIC: ORCHESTRAS AND SOCIETY IN DIFFICULT TIMES

President Louis invited Rtn Jens Ruebbert to introduce the Speaker, Maestro Hans Graf who assumed the title of Chief Conductor of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra since July 2020. His collaboration with the SSO has been described as “solidly musical” (*Bachtrack*) and an “inspired partnership” (*The Straits Times*). Maestro Graf was formerly Music Director of the Houston Symphony (2001–2013). He has appeared with most major orchestras in the US, Canada and in Europe. He is a regular guest with the Sydney and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras, the Seoul, Hong Kong and Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestras. A frequent conductor at the Salzburg Festival since 1983, Graf has also participated in many festivals and has led many performances at the Vienna State Opera since 1981, and at the opera houses of Munich, Berlin, Paris and Rome, among others. He is a Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Légion d'honneur and was awarded the Grand Decoration of Honour of the Republic of Austria.



L to R: Pres. Louis, Rtn Jens Ruebbert, Mrs Rita Graf, Maestro Graf & Mr Chng Hak-Peng (CEO, SSO)

In his talk, Maestro Graf shared his personal views on various aspects and orchestra differences in Singapore and in the region, the competitive nature of orchestras as well as politics in the world of music. He spoke of the history of European music and its composers. Maestro Graf gave invaluable insights on leadership of orchestras based on his illustrious career and experience. To conclude his talk, Maestro Graf graciously answered queries posed to him by members attending the meeting physically as well as virtually.

President Louis called upon Rtn Mathias Boegner who warmly thanked Maestro Graf for his profound insights gained in his outstanding career and life, he added that Rotarians as art lovers extend deep thanks for his talk.

Meeting Report

36th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 6.4.2022

OPENING REMARKS

Prior to the start of the virtual meeting, President Louis Lim invited Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani to formally welcome guests. After which President Louis called on members to join him in a toast to Rotary International (RI).

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Louis reminded members of the following coming events:

- District Training Assembly (DISTAS) Meeting on 19.4.22 will be the official visit by Rotary International President Nominee (RIPN) Dr Gordon McNally. The meeting will be held at Grand Hyatt Singapore and only 40 tickets will be available for Club members, so please book early! **The weekly meeting of Wednesday, 20.4.22 is cancelled.**
- The Club is privileged to be the sponsoring club for the Rotary Intercountry Committee ASEAN (RICCA) Charter Assembly to be held from 13 – 15 May 2022. The Club will host a closed meeting for members only with RI President Shekhar Mehta on 13 May at the ParkRoyal Collection Marina Bay. Tickets are priced at \$120 per person.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

President Louis inducted the following new member to the Club:



Rtn Vinesh Kumar Natali

Place of Work: Meinhardt Singapore Pte Ltd

Position: Global Head / Group Director

Classification: Construction Industry: Project Management and Engineering

Proposer: Rtn Subhash Pritmani

Mentor: PP Stan Low

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service

Rtn Vinesh is truly an international citizen, born in the Fiji Islands and now a citizen of New Zealand. He holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of New South Wales, Sydney Australia and later went onto complete his Executive Master of Business Administration from University of Otago in New Zealand.

Rtn Vinesh is married to Falguni Natali who is a qualified accountant and currently works for AECOM. They are blessed with two children, Aaryan and Shaanon currently studying in the UK.

GUEST SPEAKER: MR. BENJAMIN WONG

TOPIC: THE FUTURE OF FINTECH

To introduce the Speaker Mr Benjamin Wong, President Louis called on Rtn Ramu Arivuel. Mr Wong is the Co-Founder and CEO of TranSwap Pte. Ltd. and is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Queenstown. PP Benjamin has a successful career in the corporate world as well as lecturing experience as a professional lecturer and trainer in various universities both locally and overseas.

PP Benjamin advised that his presentation was on a lighter note for better understanding and learning. He added that “the future of FinTech is about You; giving back the power to You – Empowering you to Omnipresent, Omniscience and Ubiquitous”! He gave a “live demonstration” of consent-based data sharing by opening a bank account in the UK through FinTech initiatives. A copy of PP Benjamin’s informative presentation is available from the Secretariat.



*Guest Speaker,
Mr Benjamin Wong*

To extend the Club’s vote of thanks to PP Benjamin, President Louise called upon Rtn Srihari Sihakollu.

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RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

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Dr Hans Schniewind
Pia Bruce
Paul Phua
Dr Devakumar Nair
Dr Suresh Mahtani
Matei Iurascu
Dr Melvin Tan
Luiz Andrade
Sean Lim
IPP Dinesh Sharma

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Andy & Akiko Mankiewicz
Bruno & Adriana Massote
Vijai & Kala Parwani
PP Dr Winston & Julia Oh
Luiz & Camila Andrade
Dr Rupesh & Kajal Agrawal
Sanjeev & Seema Shah

Committee Meetings

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 7 April 2022

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Saturday, 16 April 2022 from 3.00 to 4.30pm @ FRCS

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 21 April 2022

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 28 April 2022

This Meeting

13 April 2022
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Ms Ranganayaki Thangavelu, Deputy Executive Director, Beyond Social Service

Topic: Social Inclusion as an Antidote to Poverty

Next Meeting

20 April 2022
Weekly Meeting Cancelled

In lieu of DISTAS Meeting on Tuesday, 19 April at Regency Hyatt Singapore

Coming Rotary Events

April
Maternal & Child Health Month

May
Youth Service Month

13 May – Meeting/Dinner with Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta at ParkRoyal Collection Marina Bay

13-15 May – Rotary Intercountry Committee ASEAN (RICCA) Charter Assembly

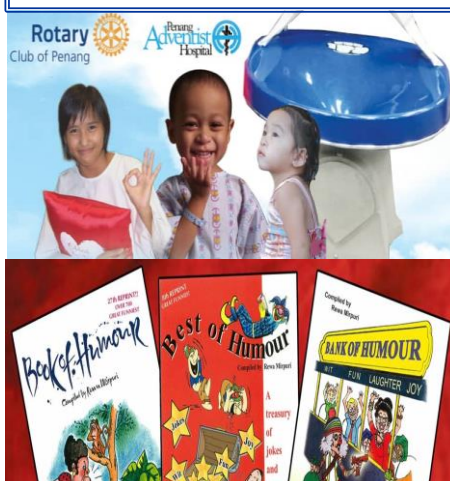
June
Rotary Fellowships Month

1 Jun – 4th Club Assembly for RY 2021-2022

4-8 Jun – Rotary International Convention in Houston, Texas, USA

25 Jun – Installation Dinner at the Shangri-la Hotel

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- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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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?

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