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DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.

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In Focus

Interview of Honorary Member Rtn Rewa Mirpuri

By: Honorary Member (HM) Rtn Joseph Chia



HM Rtn Joseph Chia

Hi Rtn. Rewa, Welcome to our “Meet the Members” program.

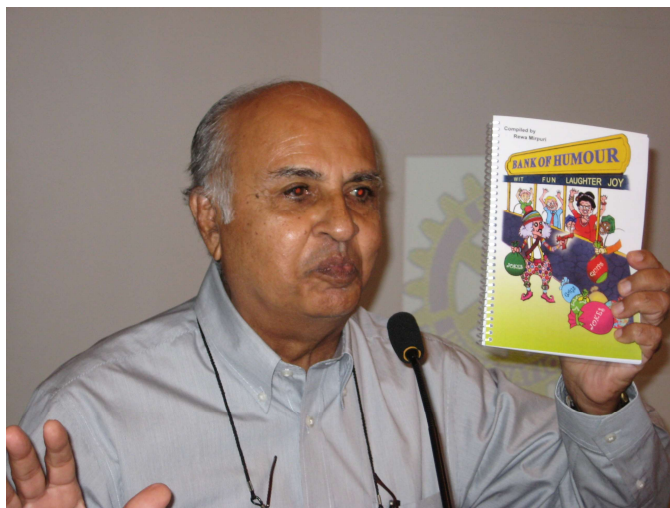
I understand that you've been one of our long-standing members. Could you please share with us your journey in Rotary and your experience as a member?

1. What has kept you as a member for so many years?

With 56 years of membership, my Rotary journey has been immensely enjoyable. The camaraderie and fellowship that fill all Rotary Clubs worldwide have been a constant source of delight. Our Rotary Club of Singapore is like a mini-United Nations, boasting members from various corners of the globe. Interacting with these wonderful individuals and experiencing their warm hospitality when visiting their countries has not only been pleasurable but also an enriching experience.

2. In a few words, can you describe your most meaningful experience as a member?

Our Club holds a special place in my heart because our members exhibit exceptional helpfulness and care towards one another. Together, we've initiated numerous impactful projects to assist the less fortunate and the needy. One project particularly close to my heart is our Club's Book of Humour, which not only brings joy to many readers but also serves a noble cause.



HM Rewa Mirpuri always ready with a joke from the Book of Humour

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3. What advice would you give to new members to derive the maximum benefit from their club experience?

I wholeheartedly recommend new members to join this vibrant, mini-United Nations, where they can relish international exposure, enjoy great fellowship, and actively participate in charitable projects. It's a surefire way to infuse more happiness into your life. On this cheerful note, let's all delve into a Book of Humour. Share some laughs and extend a helping hand to those in need.

Thank you, and have a wonderful day.



Wonderful fellowship!

From left: HM Rewa Mirpuri, HM Joseph Chia, Mrs Maria Chia & Mrs Geeta Mirpuri

Meeting Report

20th Weekly Meeting & Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Rotary Year (RY) 2023-20234 held on 6.12.2023.

President Dr Chan Siew Luen called the meeting to order and invited Rtn Denis Hew to raise the customary toast to Rotary International.



Rtn Denis Hew

President's Announcements

- A reminder that the Club's Christmas Party will be held at Honorary Member Mohan & Kawita Vaswani's residence on Friday, 15.12.23. Service Committees that are having meetings will start at 6.00pm, followed by dinner and fellowship at 7.00pm.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM):

There being the required quorum for the AGM, President Siew Luen conducted the AGM as follows:

• Formal adoption of President Nominee Sonali Sinha (President for RY 2025/2026)

The nomination of Rtn Sonali Sinha as President Nominee (President for RY 2025/2026) was unanimously adopted.

• Formal adoption of Board of Directors for RY 2024/2025

The nominations of the following Rotarians as Members as the Board of Directors were unanimously adopted:

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| ▪ Vice President: Rtn Jens Ruebbert | ▪ CSC Director: Rtn Raj Kumar P S |
| ▪ Vice President: Rtn Inderjit Singh Tulsi | ▪ VSC Director: Rtn Dr Denis Hew |
| ▪ Secretary: Rtn Pauline Teo | ▪ ISC Director: Rtn Rupesh Agrawal |
| ▪ Treasurer: Rtn Ankit Khandelwal | ▪ YSC Director: Rtn Chng Weilong |
| ▪ TRF Director: Rtn Keizo Fujitake | ▪ Director of Environment: Rtn Suresh Hathiramani |
| ▪ Public Relations: Rtn Xavier Lee | ▪ Director of Technology: Rtn Colin Miles |
| ▪ Membership Director: Rtn Ronald Wong | ▪ Chair of standing committee – Speaker Selection: Rtn Gabriele Rettig |
| ▪ Director of Meetings/Events: Rtn Ong Ting Yong | ▪ Sergeants at arms: Rtn Jeff Lim & Sarah-Tabea Sammel |
| ▪ Major Project Chair: Rtn Subhash Pritmani | |

• Adoption of Financial Statements for RY 2022/2023

The audited Financial Statements for Rotary Year 2022/2023 as presented at the AGM were unanimously adopted.

The Annual General Meeting was closed by President Siew Luen with a reminder that the next meeting's speaker is Mr Benjamin Jeyaraj William, Secretary General/CEO of Singapore Red Cross, whose talk is entitled "Singapore Red Cross – Serving the Vulnerable in Singapore and Beyond".

Proceedings of TEDx Talk held on 6.12.2023 at the Churchill Room, The Tanglin Club.



Following guests were present at the Club's TEDx Talk:

- Mr Matthew Ong (Speaker)
- Ms Mallika Kripalani (Daughter of HM Uttam Kripalani)
- Ms Periyasamy Tamilarasi (guest of Rtn Sean Leas)
- Ms Grace Roache (guest of Rtn Sean Leas)
- Mr Shaun Roache (guest of Rtn Sean Leas)
- Ms Monica Patel (guest of Rtn Terry Lobaton)
- Mr Harish Parameswar (guest of Rtn Varun Gulati)
- Ms Sandy Yeung (guest of Rtn Hayden Hughes)

Introduction of the TEDx Speakers

PP Stan Low introduced the Speakers, starting with Mr Matthew Ong speaking on the topic "Stories children need and where to find them", then followed by the Club's Honorary Member Uttam Kripalani on "Golf is a four-letter word".



PP Stan Low

Matthew Ong

Matthew is the co-founder of Learning Playground and an international-award winning educator based in Singapore. His eclectic approach to education leads him to explore a range of ideas across industries and various disciplines. For his creativity and innovative approach to learning, he was awarded the President's Award for Teachers in 2018. After more than 20 years as an educator, he remains committed to his simple quest: to make learning meaningful and joyful for children.

Uttam Kripalani

An avid golfer with two Holes-in-One, he will share with us some insights on golf.

He is a regular speaker, debater, management trainer and Emcee. He was recently elected to become an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Singapore.

He is the Founder and Chairman of Galaxy Insurance Consultants Pte Ltd and has over 62 years of Insurance experience.

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Proceedings of TEDx Talk held on 6.12.2023 at the Churchill Room, The Tanglin Club... contd.



Mr Matthew Ong delivering his talk



Honorary Member Rtn Uttam Kripalani with his entertaining talk on "Golf is a four-letter word"

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Birthday Celebrants

RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

HM PP Koh Choon Hui & Xavier Lee for 12 Dec
PPs Mansoor Hassanbhai & Garry Taylor for 14 Dec
Aarti Wadhwa for 15 Dec
VP Frank Pao & Sanjeev Shah for 16 Dec
Prashant Kanodia for 17 Dec



Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Robert & Jenny Chien, Doulat & Kavita Bhojwani, Gabrielle & Claus Rettig for 11 Dec
HM Rewa & Geeta Mirpuri for 12 Dec
PP Sajjad & Ruby Akhtar for 15 Dec



This Meeting

13 December 2023

Speaker: Mr Benjamin Jeyaraj William, Secretary General, Singapore Red Cross

Topic: "Singapore Red Cross – Serving the Vulnerable in Singapore and Beyond"

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Next Meeting

20 December 2023

Lunch Meeting @ Tanglin Club

Speaker: Mr Emil Tan, Cyber Strategist & Market Lead, Booz Allen

Topic: Cybersecurity Matters: Navigating the Digital World

Coming Rotary Events

December – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 Dec – Christmas Celebration at Hon. Member Mohan & Kawita Vaswani's residence

27 Dec – Weekly meeting cancelled in view of the Holiday Season

January – Vocational Service Month

3 Jan – Weekly meeting cancelled in view of the Holiday Season

February – Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 Feb – World Understanding & Peace Day / Rotary's anniversary.

March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

7-10 Mar – District Training Assembly @ Johor Bahru

29 Mar – Swimmarathon

April – Environmental Month

18 Apr – The Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) presentation

May – Youth Service Month

17-19 May – 33rd District Conference @ Kuching

25-29 May – Rotary International Convention, Singapore

27 May – Host Hospitality Night

June – Rotary Fellowships Month

22 Jun – Installation of the 90th President & Board of Directors

Register Early




INSTALLATION OF 90TH PRESIDENT & BOARD

JUNE
 Saturday 22nd at 6:30 pm
 2024

Capella Singapore, 1 The Knolls, Sentosa Island,
Singapore 098297

Dress Code
Black Tie (1930 Great Gatsby)

SCAN TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR 90TH INSTALLATION DINNER (22 JUNE 2024)
 UEN No. S61SS0037C

Early Bird
\$198/pax
(Till Christmas Day)

Regular Price
\$238/pax

This registration is only for Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Singapore or by Invitation only.

To enjoy the early bird discount, please register before 24 December 2023 using the following link:
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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:

1. Have I spent some time in self-examination?
2. Have I spent quality time with my family?
3. Have I given my best to my work?
4. Have I given some time to someone near and far?

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023/2024

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