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# In Focus

## World Understanding And Peace Day

### Day – 23.2.24

Following is a summary and excerpts of key points from the speech made by Guest of Honour (GOH), Dr Janil Puthuchery, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Health at the World Understanding and Peace Day (WUPD) dinner held at the Goodwood Park Hotel celebrated by all Rotary Clubs in Singapore:



*Guest of Honour (GOH), Dr Janil Puthuchery, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Health*

#### Global Situation

The current global situation has turned more challenging, and we are seeing an increasingly fragmented world. These geopolitical uncertainties abroad do not only impact the global economy, but can also have a polarising effect on all societies.

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## World Understanding And Peace Day Dinner–

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### Singapore's Approach

These troubling developments are a sobering reminder that we cannot take our lasting peace and social harmony for granted. Singapore needs to continue to approach potentially divisive issues with tolerance and respect towards one another's views. The social harmony we enjoy today did not come about by chance, but through many years of patient effort and deliberate engagement with community organisations and volunteers. Community organisations and volunteers play a vital and important role in building a cohesive Singapore society.

### Let Us Work Together

Our racial and religious harmony is vital for Singapore's social cohesion, and we want to ensure a cohesive Singapore where everyone is proud to call home. No Government can sustain peace and harmony by its efforts alone, and there are many ways for us to work together. One of the many ways is through partnerships with OnePeople.SG (OPSG). OPSG is an organisation championing social harmony initiatives through community engagement programmes like Workplace Diversity Programme, Experiential Conversation and Regardless of Race Dialogues or joining as a volunteer to promote racial harmony and social cohesion.

### Conclusion

I am encouraged, having observed the dedication and passion of Rotarians in supporting and bringing cheer to our people. Let us continue to work together as a society, extend our helping hands to those in need, and amplify the ripples of kindness, hope, peace, and joy in our communities. Together, let us build bridges of understanding, promote inclusivity, and champion those in need.

I thank Rotary Singapore for inviting me to this wonderful celebration. Let us make every day a World Understanding and Peace Day.



GOH Dr Janil Puthucheary (left) meeting with Rotary Club Presidents and District officials

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## Photo Album of the World Understanding and Peace Day Dinner...



Full attendance at the WUPD dinner



Arrival of GOH Dr Janil Puthucheary accompanied by District Governor Dr John Chen & Past District Governor Chew Ghim Bok



Official welcome by President Dr Chan Siew Luen



Toast to all guests



Dance performance



Religious leaders giving inter-faith blessings for peace

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## Photo Album of the World Understanding and Peace Day Dinner...



Interactors and Rotaractors assisting at Reception



President Dr Chan Siew Luen (left) and Hon Secretary Suzanne Ng with Interactors & Rotaractors



From left: PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas, PE Tom Wolf, Rtn Vivek Chhabra, PP Tan Chin Ngai, Rtn Subhash Pritmani & PP Stan Low



From left: Rtn Leonard Ong, Dr Rachael Yap, PP Louis Lim, PP Perlita Tiro, PDG Dolly Yeap, PE Tom Wolf, PP Stan Low, Rtn Denis Hew, Rtn Terry Lobaton & spouse Glen Cabrey



From left: Rtns Xavier Lee, Chng Weilong (partially hidden), PP Alan Tan, Rtn Francesco De Liva, PP Stan Low, Seated from right: IPP James Lee, Director Ong Ting Yong & Rtn Jasbir Koh



Two Past Presidents (PPs) together – Mark Wang & Mansoor Hassanbhai

# Meeting Report

**28<sup>th</sup> Weekly Meeting for Rotary Year 2023-20234 held on 28.2.2024.**

## Opening Remarks

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Dr Don Chen opened the meeting and invited President Dr Chan Siew Luen to take the Chair. President Siew Luen called the meeting to order and welcomed Honorary Member (HM) Uttam Kripalani as well as District Governor Nominee (DGN) Dr Shahul Hameed.

## Welcome of Guests

To officially welcome guests of members and Visiting Rotarians as follows, President Siew Luen called upon new member, Rtn Lynn Yeoh:

### Guests:

Speaker Mr Viswa Sadasivan and his guests Ms Jenny Seet and Ms Gracelyn Tan

Family Members of Rotarians:

First Lady Patricia Wang, Mrs Irene Henedige, Mr Claus Rettig, Sam (spouse of new member Rtn Shari SR)

Ms Sandy Moser (guest of PE Tom Wolf)

Major Francis Ng, Mr Kishin Aswani, Mr Nicholas Choy, Mr Ramasamy Jayapal, Mr Thangaraj Muthu, Mr Shaun Roache, Mr Bjoern Lindemann, Ms Hannah Thomas, Mr Glenn Walsh

### Visiting Rotarians:

PP Joan Soriano – RC Rizal West (Sister Club)

Rtn Tony Tanada – RC New Manila East

Rtn Javier Revilla Diez – Hannover, Germany

PP Saradha Krishnamurthy – Inner Wheel Club of Madras Metro

## Toast

Toastmaster was none other than DGN Dr Shahul Hameed who introduced PP Joan Soriano is no stranger to the Club.

PP Joan added that she was in Singapore for work, but it was impossible not to have a visit to our Club.

DGN Dr Shahul called on members to join him in raising a toast to our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Rizal West coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

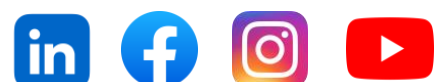


*DGN Dr Shahul Hameed introducing PP Joan Soriano*

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## What Happened Last Week

### Food From The Heart (FFTH) Project



Participants of FFTH Project on 17.2.24 designated as Rotary Day of Service



Fellowship with RC Peace Builders members who joined in the Club's FFTH Project

## Induction of New Members

The following members were inducted to the Club by President Siew Luen:

### Rajpal Singh Sethi

Place of Work: Buglerock Capital Pte Ltd  
 Position: Executive Director  
 Classification: Wealth Management  
 Proposer: Rtn Sean Leas  
 Mentor: To be advised  
 Recommended Committee: International Service  
 Joined Rotary: 28 Feb 2024



Pres. Siew Luen hands the membership kit to Rtn Rajpal Singh Sethi

### Shari Sr

Place of Work: Robstack  
 Position: CEO  
 Classification: Software Services: Real Estate Design  
 Proposer: Rtn Sean Leas  
 Mentor: To be advised  
 Recommended Committee: Community Service  
 Joined Rotary: 28 Feb 2024

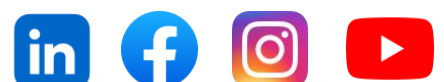


Rtn Shari SR receives her membership kit

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## Guest Speaker Series

**Speaker: Mr Viswa Sadasivan, CEO of Strategic Moves Pte Ltd**

**Topic: “Crisis Communication: EQ not IQ”**

Rtn Jeyanthi Mala introduced the Speaker, Mr Viswa Sadasivan who oversees the strategic development and provides his company’s vision and drive. He is personally involved in providing strategic consultancy and Master Class coaching sessions for key decision makers from both the private and public sectors in Singapore and the region. Mr Sadasivan has over 30 years of television experience and has served as a Nominated Member of Parliament. He has a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University.



*Speaker, Mr Viswa Sadasivan*

Mr Sadasivan’s talk addressed the rising risk of crises affecting organisations’ reputation, operations, and stakeholder trust. Aimed at leaders responsible for guiding their organizations through crises, Mr Sadasivan highlighted the importance of pre-crisis goodwill and a human-centred approach.



*Speaker, Mr Viswa Sadasivan*

Citing his personal experience and real-world examples, namely the SMRT train breakdown of 2011 which showed that they were unprepared for this crisis. He described what had happened and the consequences of inappropriate and insensitive communication errors which took place.

Next was the SQ 006 Taipei crash, Mr Sadasivan shared essential strategies for effective crisis communications and the lessons from the ill-fated SilkAir crash in Palembang. He noted that the key lesson, was the need to take moral responsibility and leaders have to focus on winning the moral high ground and to show empathy. Mr Sadasivan also showed a brief video of the late Dr Abdul Kalam, former President of India and former Project Director of Indian Space Research Organisation, which he added, was crisis communication at its best and a powerful lesson about leadership.

To conclude his talk, Mr Sadasivan took the opportunity to answer some very difficult questions posed to him by members.

President Siew Luen then called upon Rtn Dr Don Chen who extended the vote of thanks to Mr Sadasivan on behalf of the Club.



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Kannan Krishnan for 5 March

Andeline Goh for 7 March

Colin Miles for 8 March



## Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Amit & Seema Chatterjee for 2 March

PP Stan & Dolores Low for 4 March

DGN Dr Shahul Hameed & Michelle for 5 March

Adnan Ansari & Zinia for 7 March

Jacqueline Koh & Clifford Low for 9 March

DGE Dr Yap Lip Kee & Rachael for 10 March



## This Meeting

6 March 2024

**Speaker:** Past Rotary International (RI) President Gary Huang

**Programme:** District 3310 Rotary Foundation Donor Recognition Night

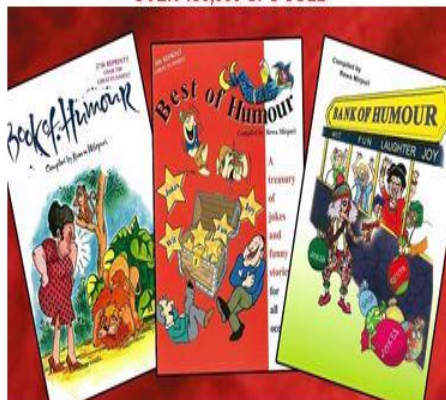
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## Next Meeting

13 March 2024

**Speaker:** Rtn Sissi Goh

**Topic:** Legacy Planning – because you can't get up from your grave

## Coming Rotary Events

**March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month**

**6 Mar** – TRF Donor Recognition Dinner @ Churchill Room

**7-10 Mar** – District Training Assembly @ Johor Bahru

**29 Mar** – Swimmarathon

**April – Environmental Month**

**May – Youth Service Month**

**17-19 May** – 33<sup>rd</sup> District Conference @ Kuching

**25-29 May** – Rotary International Convention, Singapore

**27 May** – Host Hospitality Night

**31 May** – The Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) presentation

**June – Rotary Fellowships Month**

**22 Jun** – Installation of the 90<sup>th</sup> President & 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:

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.

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