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Report on Global Grant 2341201 Cauayan City Blood Bank

By: District Governor Nominee (DGN) Dr Shahul Hameed



DGN Dr Shahul Hameed

Official Banner:

GG 2341201

Cauayan City Blood Bank

(USD\$30,197)

Primary Partners:

RC Cauayan (Sister Club)

RC Singapore

Beneficiaries:

Residents in Cauayan City (population 150,000)

Significant Support with DDF from

Districts 3770 & 3310

Special thanks to RC Singapore GG Committee Members

James Lee

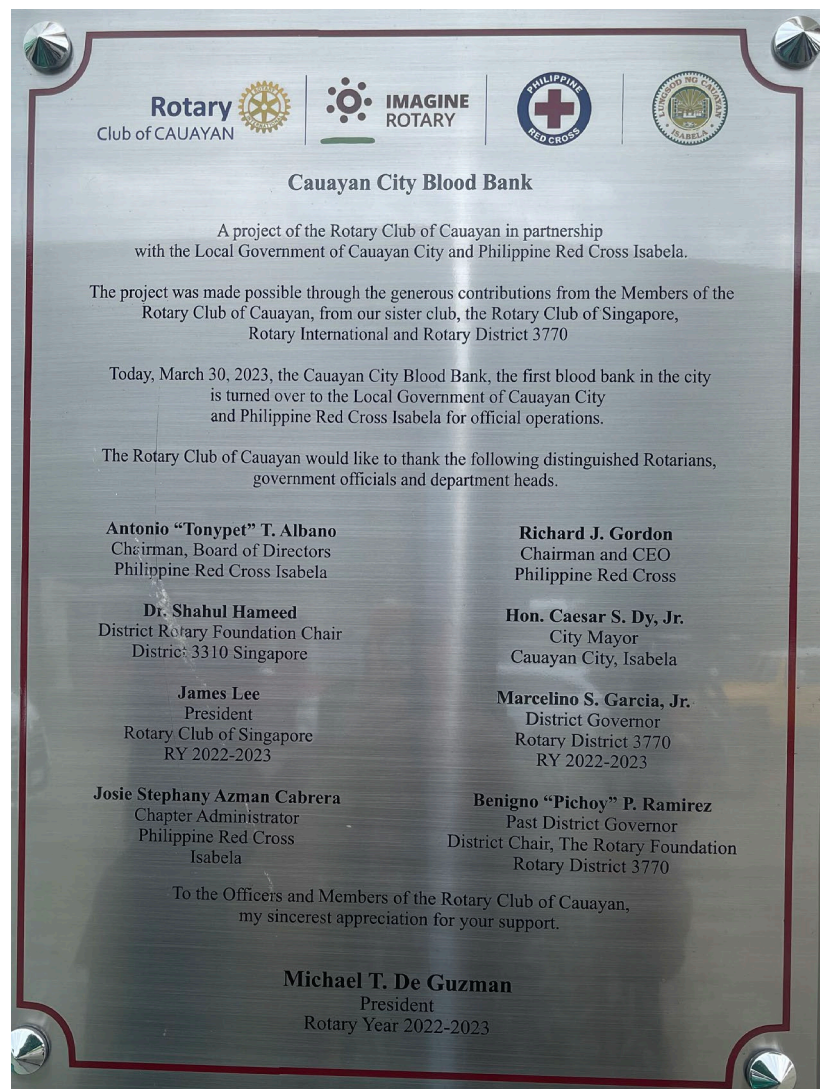
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Dr Chan Siew Luen

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Report on Global Grant 2341201

Cauayan City Blood Bank, Philippines ... contd.



In August 2023, PP Dr Oliver Hennedige & PP Dr Shahul Hameed visited Cauayan and had the opportunity to do a site visit & community needs assessment for a proposed Global Grant Project for a Blood Bank in Cauayan City. At that time there were no Blood Banks in Cauayan City despite having 2 hospitals in the City. The nearest Blood Bank was in the neighboring city of Santiago about 1 hour away. The covid pandemic heightened this problem as lives were lost while waiting to secure much needed blood for transfusions for patients in Cauayan City. A Global Grants project to finance equipment was soon submitted by RC Cauayan and RC Singapore and duly approved during RY 2022-2023. The USD\$30,197 project is to fund equipment at the Blood Bank. The construction of the Blood Bank was financed by the City Council and both Rotary Clubs received due recognition personally by the City's Mayor at the Installation Ceremony of RC Cauayan. The Blood Bank is administered and managed by Cauayan City Branch of the Philippines Red Cross.



The delegation for this visit was led by President Dr Chan Siew Luen, Primary Contact for this GG IPP James Lee and past District Rotary Foundation Chair and District Governor-Nominee Dr Shahul Hameed and Mrs Michelle Hameed. During the visit, the Singapore Team reviewed the Blood Centre's KPIs and Mission/Vision as well as witnessed a Blood Donation Drive held at the Centre on Friday, 4th August 2023. The Team acknowledges that the Blood Bank is still in the infancy stage and functions currently as a Blood Collection Centre, facilitating up the collection of a modest maximum capacity of 120 bags of 450ml blood and ability to do only plasma separation. Subject to demand and supply, both RC Singapore and RC Cauayan look forward to upgrading the Centre in the future with a full Blood Bank capabilities, increasing its capacities to better serve the residents of Cauayan City, Philippines. (Report by Dr Shahul Hameed)

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Meeting Report

12th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2023-20234 held on 11.10.2023.

Opening Remarks

Sergeant-at-Arms Priveen Suraj called the meeting to order and invited President Dr Chan Siew Luen to take the Chair.

Club Survey

President Siew Luen called on Director Lionel Otsuka who requested members to participate in a survey and to provide feedback on the Club's speakers' program. The survey comprised of 2 questions:

- i) What topics are you keen to know more?
- ii) How was your experience today?

Results of the survey will be shared later.



Rtn Lionel Otsuka

Welcome of Guests and Visiting Rotarians

To welcome guests and visiting Rotarians, President Siew Luen called on Rtn Jun Dong "JD" Ng:

Guests:

Speaker, Mr S. Devendran from Sree Narayana Mission

Ms Sandra Leong, Chief Executive Officer, EQUAL

Mr Low Kee Hong, Executive Director, Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home

Mrs Jessie Huang, Mr Melvin Huang & Ms Shirlena Huang, family members of our late HM PP Raymon Huang

First Lady, Mrs Patricia Chan

Ms Grace Roache, Ms Linda Lin, Ms Periyasamy Tamarasi, Ms Selvi Natchiyar

Mrs Min Fan Springford

Visiting Rotarians:

Rtn John Crozier Springford – RC Menorca Balearics, Spain

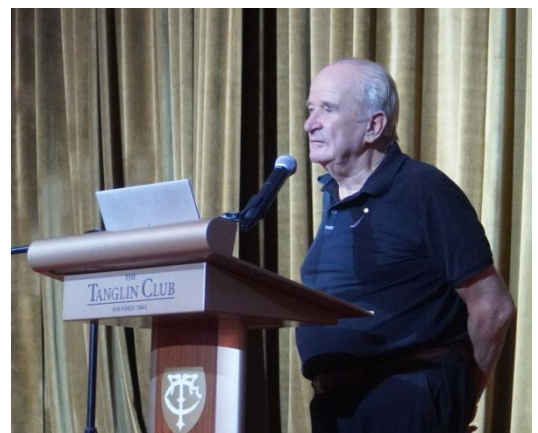
Rtn John Ross MacDonald – RC St Catharines, Canada



Rtn JD Ng

Toast

Toastmaster Rtn Allard Nooy invited visiting Rtn John Crozier Springford from Rotary Club Menorca Balearics to address the Club. Following which, Rtn Allard called on members to join him in a toast to the Menorca Balearics club coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



Visiting Rtn John Crozier Springford

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Proceedings of the 12th Weekly Meeting ... *contd.*

Exchange of Banners



Visiting Rtn John Springford receives a Club banner from President Siew Luen



Exchange of banners with visiting Rtn John Ross MacDonald from Rotary Club of St Catharines, Canada



Our member Rtn Sarah-Tabea Sammel presents a banner from Rotary Club of Berlin International the only English-speaking club in Berlin, Germany

President's Announcements

- Club Bulletin *Crossroads* – President Siew Luen advised that the first issue of *Crossroads* was emailed to members and that the bulletin would be available on a weekly basis, whenever possible.
- RCS Polo Shirts- Last call for members to order the Club's Polo Shirt to enjoy the early bird special.
- Vocational Service Committee (VSC) Meeting - on 12 October at 7.00pm at One & Co, 20 Anson Road
- Major Project Contribution – President Siew Luen thanked family members of the late Honorary Member PP Raymon Huang for their donation of \$10,000. Noting their father's support for children's needs, the family decided that the donation would be contributed to this year's Major Project.

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At Home with Horses

President Siew Luen invited Ms Sandra Leong who is the CEO of EQUAL who provided a concise update for the Major Project. She highlighted the number of beneficiaries served and continuing to serve at the Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home. She spoke of the equine-assisted learning goals of self-awareness, self-management and responsible decision-making as well as relationship skills and family bonding for the children. Sandra also shared stories of children engaged in the program and the transformation they underwent. It was noted that \$91,000, which was 42% of the target \$215,000 have been raised.



Ms Sandra Leong

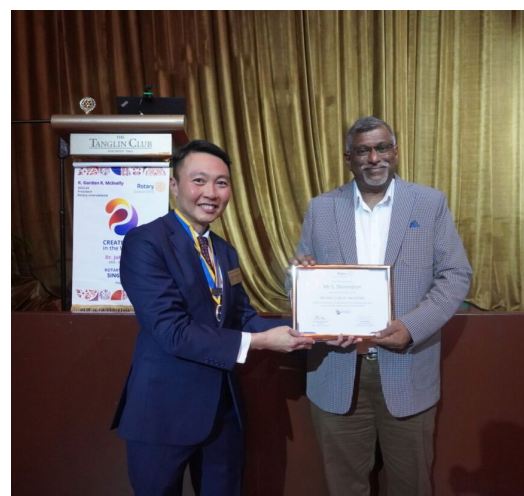
Next, Mr Low Kee Hong, Executive Director, Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home spoke of the children's equine journey such as get to know the EQUAL staff, meeting and feeding the horses, horse riding time as well as sharing the event with the children's parents. Mr Low shared some of the children's notes regarding the horse therapy as well as notices given by the Home's staff of how the children improved in their behaviour since interacting with the horse.

Speaker: Mr S. Devendran, CEO, Sree Narayan Mission (SNM)

Topic: *The eldercare landscape in Singapore and how we can help the disadvantaged elderly*

To introduce the Speaker, President Siew Luen called upon a new member, Rtn Jeyanthi Mala.

In his presentation, Mr Devendran noted that our population was ageing rapidly and in response to this, Singapore's healthcare system shift was heading from hospital to community care towards better health. He spoke about the Healthier SG Initiative which creates a network of community organisations, healthcare and eldercare organisations, family doctors and social service organizations to address the needs of residents. He advised the role of nursing homes as well as individual's role in Healthier SG. Mr Devendran explained the reality of the nursing home situation in Singapore and what was expected in the coming years with the ageing population.



President Siew Luen presenting the Club's memento to Speaker Mr S. Devendran

Mr Devendran summarized that as a social service agency, SNM was committed to provide a range of social services for the underserved regardless of race, language or religion. It runs a nursing home, welfare home and senior care centres as well as various community programs. He highlighted the volunteer opportunities in the areas of emotional wellness, physical wellness, capacity building, particularly the use of technology for seniors to be digitally ready, and other skill-based opportunities.

On behalf of the Club, Director Vineet Iyengar extended the vote of thanks to Mr Devendra for his insightful talk.

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Happy Birthday, President Siew Luen!

Prior to the close of the meeting, Hon. Secretary Suzanne Ng informed members of President Siew Luen's birthday which falls on 13th October. She added that not only was it his birthday on that date, but both he and First Lady Patricia would be celebrating their Wedding Anniversary!



Many happy returns of the day, President Siew Luen & wishing you and Patricia more wonderful years of wedded bliss!

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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants for October:

PP J K Ong
Wilson Widjaja
HM Rewa Mirpuri
Alex Lega
Lionel Otsuka
Pauline Teo
Robert Chien
Jean Khoo
President Dr Chan Siew Luen
Dr Omkar Shrestha
Jens Ruebbert
M M Patel
PP Jimmy Ooi

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants in October:

Vimal & Rekha Narayanan
Dr Suresh & Priti Mahtani
President Dr Chan Siew Luen & Patricia
Marcelo & Daniela Monteiro
Angela Lim & Steven Neoh
Varun & Niharika Gulati
VP Frank & Fancy Pao
Kevin & Lena Pang
Winston & Jolene Khoo
Yogesh & Dishita Dodani
Dr Hoh Sek Tien & Julie
Vishal & Sonam Nanwani
PP Garry & Grace Taylor

This Meeting

18 October 2023 Fireside Chat Lunch Meeting

Speaker: Ms Jia Ling Lim, Asst. Head, Marketing & Partnerships, BeLive Technology

Topic: Future of E-Commerce

Next Meeting

25 October 2023

Speaker: Hon. Member, His Excellency Dr Norbert Riedel, Ambassador for Germany

Topic: To be advised

Coming Rotary Events

October – Economic & Community Development Month

19 Oct – ISC Meeting

24 Oct – YSC Meeting

24 Oct – World Polio Day

November – Rotary Foundation Month

4 Nov – Deepavali lunch/visit for Sree Narayana Mission residents to Little India (11am – 2.30pm)

December – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January – Vocational Service Month

February – Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

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

March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

29 Mar – Swimathon

April – Environmental Month

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

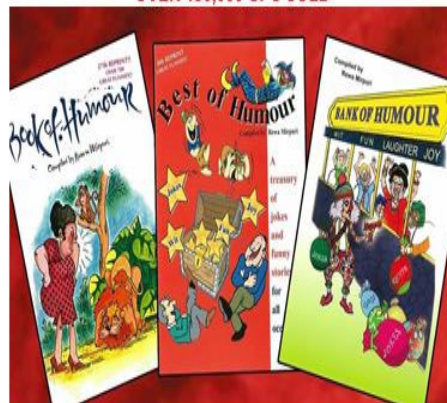
22 Jun – Installation of the 90th President & Board of Directors

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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.

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