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In Focus

Swimarathon 2024



Rtn Pauline Teo

By: Rotarian Pauline Teo, Major Project Chair

The Swimarathon 2024 held on 29th March 2024 was a resounding success, bringing together swimmers, supporters, and distinguished guests for a day of swimming and philanthropy. Organized by the Rotary Club of Singapore and Singapore Aquatics, the event marked a significant milestone with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for future collaborations between the two organizations, solidifying their shared commitment to community service and promoting aquatic sports.

Mr. Eric Chua, the Senior Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Community, and Youth (MCCY), graced the occasion as the guest of honour. A special highlight of Swimarathon 2024 was the appearance of Mr. Joseph Schooling, the esteemed Olympic Gold Medallist, who swam 20 laps in raising \$4,000.

The event saw a remarkable turnout, with a total of 191 swimmers taking part in the Swimarathon. Among them, 25 were dedicated Rotarian swimmers, exemplifying the Rotary Club's commitment to service and community involvement. Together, the participants swam an impressive total of 12,115 laps, raising over \$60,000. This money will go towards Singapore Aquatics in providing Swim Safe programme for the under-privileged children and the ISCOS ex-offenders re-skilled programme.



From left: President Dr Chan Siew Luen, Guest of Honour Mr Eric Chua, Singapore Aquatics President Mr Mark Chay, Olympic Gold Medalist Mr Joseph Schooling & Rtn Pauline Teo



Thumbs up for a wonderful event

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Swimarathon 2024 ... *contd*

By: Past President (PP) Perlita Tiro

On its fourth year since Rotary Club of Singapore launched the Swimarathon in 2016, PP Perlita Tiro participated once again this year. Although she confessed to not being a steady swimmer, she has been attending this fundraising event consistently. In the past, she encouraged not just Rotarians from other Clubs but also personal friends, to join the fun, while supporting the various organisations and their beneficiaries.

Actually, she had no plans to join this year's event, as it fell on Good Friday, meant to be a quiet day of prayer for her. However, PP Peter Tan sprang up with the challenge of contributing \$10 for every lap swam by any Past President. He continued further, but "for a Lady PP who just turns up in a swimsuit and dips into the pool, I'll contribute \$100". PP Perlita took the challenge, took the dip and even swam a short distance. She then countered PP Peter's offer to double the stake and she'd match it. Fun, all for a good cause. By the way, PP Peter was also the first to contribute \$1,000 to the Major Project (Equal), in response to PP Perlita's request in celebration of her birthday in August 2023.



PP Perlita Tiro



Cheering PP Perlita (extreme right) are Rtms Suzanne Ng, Hulya Ucer & Louisa Lee



PP Perlita Tiro in the pool

By: Rotarian Leonard Ong

On Good Friday (29.3.24), I had the joy of participating in the Rotary Club of Singapore (RCS) Swimarathon alongside a vibrant group of fellow Rotarians. Together, we embarked on a mission to make a splash for a good cause. With the sun just peeking over the horizon, we dove into the pool at 7 am, eager to avoid the bustling crowds and make the most of our Swimarathon experience.

Accompanied by my four aquatic boys, we set out to conquer the water, aiming to complete 160 laps collectively. As we glided through the clear pool waters, laughter and father-sons bonding filled in every lap, making each stroke a moment to cherish. It wasn't just about the physical challenge; it was about instilling in my children the importance of lending a helping hand to those in need and fostering a spirit of generosity and community service from a young age. Together, we swam not only for our own but also as a way to do our share in giving back to society.



Rtn Leonard Ong with his aquatic boys



Rtn Leonard Ong



A humble effort to do good! Well done!

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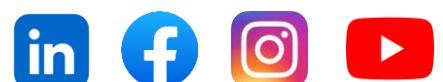
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Highlights of Swimathon 2024...



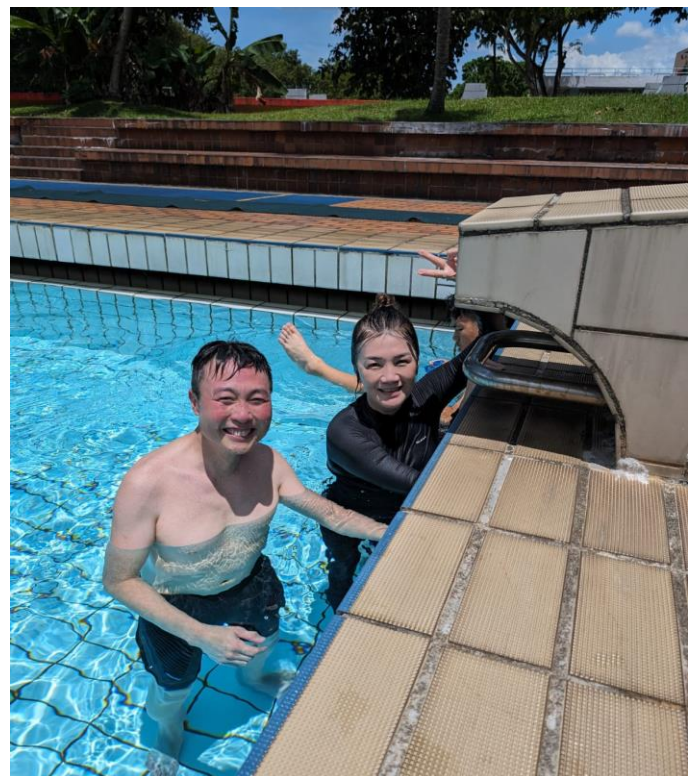
MEDIA COVERAGE



Highlights of Swimathon 2024...



PE Tom Wolf about to plunge into the pool with Olympic gold medalist, Mr Joseph Schooling



The amazing team of President Siew Luen and First Lady Patricia



In the pool as well – Rtn Sean Leas, PN Sonali Sinha & Rtn Vineet Iyengar (from left)



District Governor Elect (DGE) Dr Yap Lip Kee completing his laps – steadfast & relaxed!

Meeting Report

32nd Weekly Meeting for Rotary Year 2023-20234 held on 3.4.2024.

Welcome of Guests

President Dr Chan Siew Luen opened the meeting and welcomed DGN Dr Shahul Hameed and Honorary Member Uttam Kripalani.

He then called on Rtn Toshio Omiyama to officially welcome guests of members. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Guests:

Speaker, His Excellency (H E) Allaster Cox, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore
 First Lady Patricia Wang
 Ms Phoebe Koh & Mr Kynan Koh (Rtn Pauline Teo's children)
 Ms Dominique, Mr Ivan Sim, Dr Saurabh Rastogi, Mr Dennis Lin,
 Mr Shawn Sugendran, Mr Thangaraj Muthu



Rtn Toshio Omiyama

Toast

There were no visiting Rotarians. Toastmaster Rtn Hulya Ucer invited members to join her in a toast to Australia coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



Rtn Hulya Ucer

Swimarathon Report

A brief video on the successful Swimarathon 2024 was shown, and President Siew Luen called on Rtn Pauline Teo, Major Project Chair to report on the event. Rtn Pauline thanked President Siew Luen who mooted the event for this Rotary year and her Advisor PP Deepak Nagrani as well as members who participated. She highlighted some statistics of the Swimarathon which raised about S\$59,000 for this one-day event for the beneficiaries, Singapore Aquatics and ISCOS.

President Siew Luen made special mention of Rtn Pauline's family and friends who were present at the Meeting. He advised that they provided the backbone for the Swimarathon from the logistics, registration, counting of laps at the beginning of the event to the very end.

April – Environment Month

President Siew Luen advised that starting at this meeting, the Club would have short talks on the Environment Month theme and called on Rtn Allard Nooy whose talk focussed on the topic "Sustainability, Conservation, and Adapting to the New Net-Zero Reality". Rtn Allard noted that transition to net zero was underway, but not happening fast enough. He spoke of growth in key climate technologies and solutions that were becoming available which could reduce global emissions, however the pace of scaling these technologies has not kept up with projections for a warming planet. Rtn Allard highlighted sustainable municipal solid waste disposal and gave a comparison of energy derived from municipal solid waste production against oil and coal. He spoke about waste to energy technology and processes, as well as key drivers of clean energy. Rtn Allard shared the critical challenges and the need to meet these challenges.



Rtn Allard Nooy

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Meeting Report

32nd Weekly Meeting for Rotary Year 2023-20234 held on 3.4.2024.

Induction of New Members

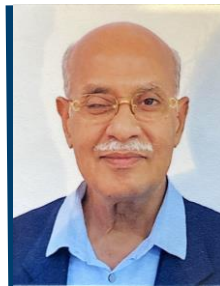
President Siew Luen had the pleasant task of inducting four new members to the Club as follows:



Francis Ng Teck Beng

Place of Work: The Salvation Army
Position: Secretary for Communications (Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar & Thailand)
Classification: Charity: Salvation Army
Proposer & Mentor: DGN Dr Shahul Hameed
Recommended Committee: Youth Service

Joined Rotary: Bayan Baru (1985-86), Malacca (1986-88), Ipoh-Kinta (1988-95), Petaling Jaya (1995-96), Tebrau (1996-2000), Petaling Jaya (2000-03), Georgetown (2003-09), Kuching Central (2009-2020), Petaling Jaya (2020-23), Singapore (3.4.24)



Jaikishin Sugnomal Aswani (Kishin)

Place of Work: Sugnomal Sdn Bhd
Position: Managing Director
Classification: Fabric Distribution
Proposer: DGN Dr Shahul Hameed
Mentor: HM Mohan Vaswani
Recommended Committee: International Service
Joined Rotary: Singapore (3.4.24)



Linda Lin Ern Ling

Place of Work: Citibank NA
Position: Vice President
Classification: Wealth Management: Private Banking
Proposer: Rtn Sean Leas
Mentor: PP J K Ong
Recommended Committee: Community Service
Joined Rotary: Singapore (3.4.24)



Shaun Kevin Roache

Place of Work: Rokos Capital Management
Position: Chief Economist, Asia
Classification: Macroeconomic Research: Investment Management
Proposer: Rtn Sean Leas
Mentor: PP Stan Low
Recommended Committee: Youth Service
Joined Rotary: Singapore (3.4.24)



From left: President Siew Luen with new members – Rtns Francis, Kishin, Linda & Shaun

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Meeting Report

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Distinguished Guest Speaker Series

**Speaker: His Excellency (H E) Allaster Cox,
Australian High Commissioner to Singapore**

Topic: Singapore – Australian relations in a strategic context

The honour of introducing H E Allaster Cox fell to Rtn Pauline Teo. Prior to his appointment as Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, H E Allaster was the First Assistant Secretary Strategy & Development in the Office of Southeast Asia, following his posting to Jakarta as Deputy Head of Mission. H E Allaster has had a long career in Foreign Affairs and Trade working mainly on Southeast Asia, including in Canberra as Division Head for Southeast Asia, and overseas as Ambassador to Vietnam and Brunei Darussalam.

Before giving his speech, H E Allaster thanked the Club for the invitation to address the meeting and advised that when he was last in Indonesia, he was a member of the Rotary Club of Jakarta South, and he was keen on all things Rotary and congratulated the newly inducted members.

H E Allaster gave an engaging and in depth talk speaking on the strategic context of Singapore and Australia's relations, touching on subjects such as geostrategic competition, particularly the US-China competition; the increasing multipolarity; challenges to establish rules and norms of international affairs; security, trade. He further spoke on climate change and energy transition as well as demographic shifts and increasing uncertainty and volatility. H E Allaster highlighted Singapore and Australia's shared interests in regional stability; ASEAN effectiveness, prevention of conflict, as well as free and open trade and freedom of navigation; respect of globally agreed rules and norms; successful transition to net zero economy; food and energy security; defence access and training; education and skills, health and aging; partnerships in research, technology and commercialisation. H E Allaster kindly graciously answered questions posed to him from members.



Speaker, H E Allaster Cox



From left: VP Frank Pao, President Siew Luen, HE Allaster Cox, PP Stan Low, PE Tom Wolf & Director Rajkumar



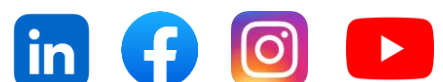
President Siew Luen presents the Club's tokens of appreciation to H E Allaster Cox

Prior to calling on Rtn Rajan Alwani to extend the Club's vote of thanks, President Siew Luen announced that H E Allaster had agreed to become the Club's Honorary Member. Rtn Rajan Alwani warmly thanked H E Allaster for his very insightful talk in Singapore – Australia relations.

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Birthday Celebrants

RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Mukundan A P for 8 April
Deblina Chatterjee for 8 April
Adnan Ansari for 9 April
Ramu Arivuvvel for 10 April
Etienne Chenevier for 12 April
Jeff Lim for 12 April
Jeff Rajeck for 13 April
Dr Hans Schniewind for 14 April
HM Paul Phua for 15 April
Dr Devakumar Nair for 17 April
Dr Suresh Mahtani for 18 April
Dr Melvin Tan for 21 April
Matei Iurascu for 21 April

Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Priveen & Surya Santakumar for 8 April
Andy & Akiko Mankiewicz for 16 April
Vijai & Kala Parwani for 20 April
PP Dr Winston & Julia Oh for 21 April



Next Meeting

**17 April 2024 –
Lunch Meeting @ 1.00pm**

**Memorial for
HM PP Dr Patrick Chin**

Speaker: Mr Ashish Wadhvani,
Co-Founder & Managing Partner,
IvyCap Venture Advisors

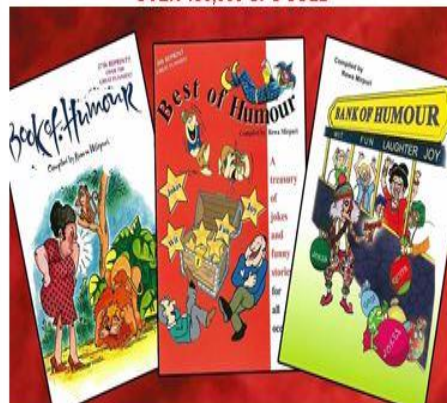
Topic: India – The Change Within

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Following Meeting

24 April 2024

Speaker: Dr Daniel Fung, CEO of
Institute of Mental Health (IMH)

**&
Club's Hari Raya Celebration**

Coming Rotary Events

April – Environmental Month

20 Apr – Food from the Heart (FFTH)
food distribution

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**

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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