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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Honorary Member & Past President
Dr Patrick Chin
(1926 – 2023)

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In Focus

In Memory of Honorary Member & Past President Dr Patrick Chin ...

Following is an extract of the eulogy delivered by PP Stan Low at the Memorial Meeting for Honorary Member (HM) and Past President (PP) Dr Patrick Chin held on Wednesday 17th April 2024.



PP Stan Low

“President Dr Chan, I am humbled that you asked me to deliver this eulogy.

Dear Lillian and family, Ladies and Gentlemen and my fellow Rotarians.

Our late Honorary Member, Dr Patrick Chin, was inducted into our club in January 1959. His classification was Dental Surgeon. I believe he was the first Dental Surgeon of our Club.

Rotarian Patrick immediately threw himself into serving the communities, both locally and internationally. In 1982, Patrick was elected President of our Club. Serving on his committees were HM PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan as Vice-President, Past President JK Ong as Chairman of Youth Service and Jamshid Medora as Honorary Treasurer.

Jamshid’s father was our Past President Keki Medora (1956-1957). He was a good friend of a successful medical practitioner, Dr Ang Swee Hian. One day, Dr Ang said to PP Keki that his daughter Lillian was going to marry a young dentist. He would appreciate any help from Keki who then went home and announce that henceforth, his whole family would be treated by this young man called Dr Patrick Chin. Very quickly his reputation spread, and soon, all the Parsis in Singapore became Patrick’s patients.

*In his professional life, he was a much sought-after dental surgeon. Many of his patients were from the diplomatic community, besides the Parsis. He was well-known for his expertise, and would even give his patients a 6-month warranty for crowns that he made and fixed. If it should fall off, Dr Chin would put it right. No questions asked. No charge. He practiced **Rotary’s 4-Way Test** all the time.*

In today’s world, fully connected by the Internet, it is hard to imagine that in 1983, the most advanced form of communication was the fax machine. There were no Wi-Fi and no mobile phones. And then Japan was a very expensive place to visit for Singaporeans.

Despite all these challenges, President Patrick successfully organized our Club’s first visit to our Japanese sister clubs in Kagoshima, Wakayama East and Kobe East. A large delegation of 47 Rotarians and spouses went on this International Service Committee’s inaugural project visit to Japan.

In Focus

In Memory of Honorary Member & Past President Dr Patrick Chin ... contd

I spoke to one such Rotarian who went on this ground-breaking visit. He is our former Past President Safdar Hussain. Saf and his wife Amina remember this trip very clearly. They remembered it fondly partly because our Japanese hosts and our own delegation, were constantly being entertained by our Singing First Lady, Lillian.

Another Rotarian who went was Past President JK Ong and spouse Beng Hoo. PP JK said President Patrick was always leading, and always jovial. He creates friendships with all whom he met. President Patrick personifies what we Rotarians always believe in **“He benefits most who serves Best”**.

Patrick and Lillian brought up 4 wonderful children. Their elder son, Calvin recalled an incident when he was quite young, and Patrick was driving along Orchard Road when it was a two-way street. They saw an accident on the other side of the road. A motor-cyclist and his pillion rider were both knocked down and lying on the road. Patrick stopped his car, and ran across to assist the two injured persons, pulling them to the side. He examined them quickly, and then came back to the car and drove off without saying a word. HM Patrick was putting into practice, our Rotary’s motto of **Service Above Self**.

HM Patrick enjoys the outdoors. Their elder daughter Fiona recalled an incident when they were on holiday in New Zealand. They caught some fishes in a lake. But they were staying in a hotel with no dining facilities and no means to cook their catch, Patrick saw the disappointed faces of his children and thought hard. A few minutes later, Patrick made a U-turn and drove to a fish and chips shop they had passed by earlier that day. Patrick went into the shop, started telling the owner a joke, and then began negotiating to clean and cook their catch. Later that evening, they drove back to the shop to collect their piping hot, perfectly cooked fish with a mountain of French fries. Fiona claimed it was one of the most memorable meals they had in their lives.

Second son Laurence wanted to pursue a non-academic career. He was not sure how his learned Dad would take it. But instead, Patrick just said if that is what you want to do, then do it well. At the tender age of 18, Laurence joined Singapore Airlines, worked hard and rose up the ladder in the airline industry. Patrick was just that kind of a guy. He was always open-minded and encouraging.

Youngest daughter Sharon, like all loving daughters, knew her Dad’s weakness. He loved good food. He had a sweet tooth so they would ply him with apple cakes, orange butter cakes, ice cream, and lemon pies. But Patrick is not a glutton. He loves to share his passion. He would often hold dinners for special friends and loved ones. Dolores and I were often the beneficiaries too.

HM Patrick has this knack of making memorable moments for everyone. Even during his last few days. My wife and I were alerted that Patrick’s time was near. We quickly went to see him at the hospital. His eyes were closed but his caregiver says he knew we were there and could hear what we were saying to him. We knew he was interested in Rotary events, and we told him what’s happening. Then I accidentally mentioned that in our club, some Rotarians missed his jokes. He suddenly opened his eyes, wide, and chortled somewhat loudly. We guessed he was laughing. A short while later we left him to rest.

Sadly, a few days later, on 21st December last year, with life-long partner Lillian and their family members by his side, our Honorary Member Past President Dr Patrick Chin left us.

Patrick, may you **Rest in Peace.**”

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Remembering Honorary Member & Past President Dr Patrick Chin ...



Enjoying Christmas fellowship with friends



HM PP Dr Patrick Chin (3rd from left) with RCS members during the visit of then RI President Ron Burton

What Happened – 6.4.24 & 11.4.24



At the Membership Learning Seminar



Club Trainer IPP James Lee



Attendees of the Past Presidents' Sharing Session with the Board & Membership Learning Seminar on 6.4.24



At Vocational Service Committee (VSC) Meeting on 11.4.24

Meeting Report

33rd Weekly Meeting for Rotary Year 2023-20234 held on 17.4.2024.

Opening Remarks

President Dr Chan Siew Luen noted the presence of distinguished members PDG Dr Philbert Chin, Honorary Members Paul Phua and Uttam Kripalani (on Zoom), DGE Dr Yap Lip Kee and DGN Dr Shahul Hameed.

Welcome of Guests

President Dr Chan Siew Luen called on newly inducted member, Rtn Linda Lin to welcome guests of members.

Guests:

Speaker, Mr Ashish Wadhvani

Family of HM/PP Dr Patrick Chin – Mrs Lillian Chin, Mr Laurence Chin and spouse Shireen,

Ms Sharon Chin (spouse of Rtn Dr Melvin Tan),

Mr Adam Chin & his guest Ms Chloe, and Ms Diana

First Lady Patricia Wang, Mrs Janet Phua, Mrs Dolores Low

Mr Niels Nielsen (spouse of Rtn Aarti Wadhwa)

Rotaractor Kyleigh Krames (from District 5170, in Los Altos, California)

Ms Joanne Ang, Ms Aditi Jalan, Ms Sara Hayduchok, Mr Ceaser Wesala, Mr Shawn Sugendran, Mr Jack Sim, Mr

Peter Koh (previous member), Ms Bernie Ng



Rtn Linda Lin

Toast

There were no visiting Rotarians. Toastmaster Rtn Rajan Alwani invited members to join him in a toast to Rotary International.

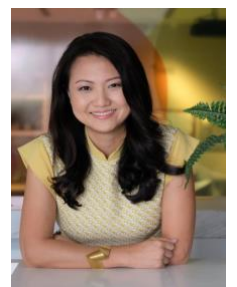


Rtn Rajan Alwani

April – Environment Month

In keeping with the Environment Month theme, President Siew Luen invited Youth Service Director Louisa Lee to speak on the topic. Rtn Louisa briefly introduced herself for the benefit of new members. She added that PP Louis Lim appointed her as the Club's first ever Director of Environment and Sustainability in Rotary year (RY) 2021/22 – the year that Rotary International made the environment a new 7th area of focus.

She spoke of the milestones in her Sustainability Journey starting in 2020 with the TEDxDuxtonhill Countdown; in RY 2022/23 there were 2 major projects – moringa friendship tree and hold a hand project and replanted the seedlings at a migrant centre. In April 2023, co-organised the RCS Plant Rich project together with Rtns Mohandas Chugani, Yogesh Dodani and Rtn Allard Nooy's wife Anne. In November 2023, her company DP Dental became the first dental practice in Singapore to be B Corp Certified. She explained what B Corp meant for the company and the meaning of sustainability. Rtn Louisa highlighted her passion and personal daily commitment for the environment and sustainability.



Rtn Louisa Lee

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Meeting Report

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Memorial for Honorary Member/Past President Dr Patrick Chin

President Siew Luen called upon PP Stan Low who delivered the eulogy in loving memory of HM/PP Dr Patrick Chin (extract of the eulogy from page1).



Observing a minute of silence in remembrance of HM PP Dr Patrick Chin at the memorial meeting on 17.4.24



From left: PP Stan & Dolores Low, Mrs Lillian Chin, President Siew Luen, Rtn Dr Melvin & Sharon Tan



President Dr Chan Siew Luen with family members of HM PP Dr Patrick Chin

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Speaker: Mr Ashish Wadhvani

Co-Founder and Managing Partner, IvyCap Ventures Fund, India

Topic: India – The Change Within

Rtn Vinit Sarangdhar introduced Ashish Wadhvani. Ashish has over twenty-five years of experience in Venture Capital, M&A, and Strategy Consulting. During his career, he has led and managed investments of over USD 400m and also a NASDAQ listing. In addition, he has worked on about 15 M&A transactions and advised over 40 companies on business strategy and growth, implementing new business models, mergers, and acquisitions across Asia, India, and Europe. He sits on the board of several privately held companies in India and Asia. Ashish's expertise spans Technology, Energy, and Manufacturing verticals.

Ashish covered key factors which are driving and will continue to drive the change in India for the next two decades. They include rising consumer, physical infrastructure, digital infrastructure, India's position as China plus one in manufacturing, technology and innovation super-cycle, emerging industries, increasing corporate scale and profitability, and the X-factor – optimistic and enterprising breed of entrepreneurs.



Speaker, Mr Ashish Wadhvani



President Siew Luen presents to Mr Ashish Wadhvani the Club's token of appreciation

Ashish then went on to explain four key macro themes which are offering tremendous opportunities for investing through the venture capital route: Evolving consumer preferences and spending, Make in India, Digital transformation of Industries, Emerging technologies for the world. The presentation was peppered with insightful examples and statistics.

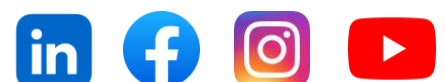
Rotarian Vivek Chhabra summarized the key points of the presentation and thanked the speaker after which President Dr Chan felicitated the speaker.

- Summary by Rtn Vinit Sarangdhar

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Birthday Celebrants

RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Luiz Andrade for 22 April
Shaun Roache for 22 April
Gaby Rettig for 29 April



Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Luiz & Camila Andrade for 23 April
Dr Rupesh & Kajal Agrawal for 27 April
Sanjeev & Seema Shah for 30 April



This Meeting

24 April 2024

Speaker: A/Prof Daniel Fung,
CEO of Institute of Mental
Health (IMH)

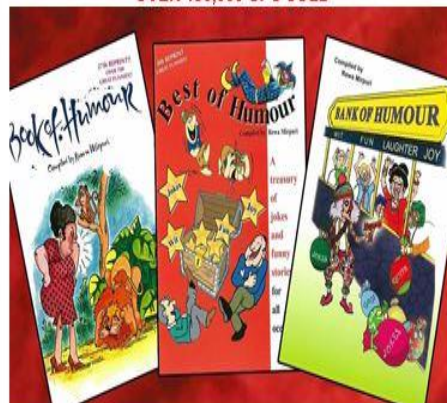
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Next Meeting

1 May 2024

**Meeting cancelled
in view of public holiday –
Labour Day**

Coming Rotary Events

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**

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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