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In Focus

Youth Service Committee Activities

Following are reports received from YSC members
IPP James Lee & Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien

Healthfest 2023 Report:

Reflecting on Healthfest 2023, a day of unity and giving back.

Big thanks to our partners Bukit Gombak EAGLES Interact Club (BGEIC), Rotaract Club of Bukit Gombak (RACBG), and the amazing Bukit Gombak Community Volunteers for their unwavering support.

Together, we are creating a healthier and stronger community.

Stay tuned for more incredible health adventures and opportunities to make a positive impact ahead!

Following are photos from the Healthfest:



IPP James Lee



Our enthusiastic BGEIC Interactors & RACBG Rotaractors



Guest of Honour, Minister of State Ms Low Yen Ling trying out the games



Other Healthfest activities – handicraft sessions, health talks and demonstrations

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Youth Service Committee Activities ... contd.

RACSGCity Probationer Befriender Programme Update Report:

A meeting was held on 28 October 2023 at the Novena Square. Attended by: Rotaractors Ee Hsuen and Harshita from Rotaract Club of Singapore City (RACSGCity), George and Jean from Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) and President Dr Chan Siew Luen, PAG Philip Leong and Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien.



Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien

The Rotaractors are happy to update that majority of their members have expressed interest in the probationers' programme.



Clockwise from left: Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien, MSF staff George & Jean, Rotrs Harshita & Ee Hsuen, PP Philip Leong & Pres. Dr Chan Siew Luen

They plan to partner with 1 or 2 probationers (vetted and preselected by MSF) and convince these probationers to join them in engaging and helping a group of seniors in the Sembawang area. Basically, to do good and stay out of trouble.

It is a project that will potentially work both ways as the Rotaractors themselves have much to learn from these probationers.

Timeline: they hope to have the first official session with the probationers in December.

The Rotaractors are all busy with their exams now (most are 1st or second year students in local and overseas universities) and hope to kickstart the project with briefing and training sessions with MSF soon after that.

At the YSC meeting held on 26.10.23 –
From left: Rtns Chng Weilong, Wilson Widjaja,
Louisa Lee (Chair), Jeyanthi Mala Rama Krishnan,
Ong Ting Yong, President Dr Chan Siew Luen
(partially hidden), Agnes Kwek, Jacqueline Koh & PP
JK Ong



Meeting Report

18th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2023-20234 held on 22.11.2023.

Welcome of Guests and Visiting Rotarians

President Dr Chan Siew Luen started the meeting and invited Rtn Gabrielle Rettig to welcome Guests of members and visiting Rotarian:

Guests:

Speaker, His Excellency (H E) Mr Darius Gaidys, Ambassador of Lithuania to Singapore

Ms Diana Narbutaite, from Embassy of Lithuania

First Lady Patricia Wang, Mrs Tanya & Bailey Brock (wife & son of Rtn Peter)

Ms Linda Sim Li Bao

Mr Adrian Raj Angappan

Mr V J Africa

Mr Shaun Roache & Ms Grace Roache

Exchange Students from Amity Global Institute:

Shaurya Mathur, Sphurti Agrawal, Alaidao, Ansh, Daiwik Jain, Buddu Shishzr,

Parth Middha, Akshita, Armon Chapna



Rtn Gabrielle Rettig

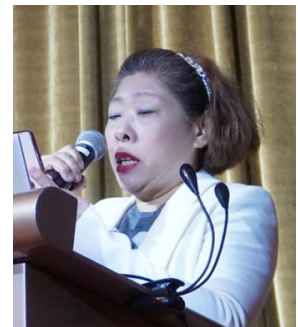
Visiting Rotarian & Rotaractor:

Rtn Prof Ralph C Schimmer – Rotary Club of Zurich

Rotaractor Khushu Jain – Rotaract Club of Delhi Mavericks

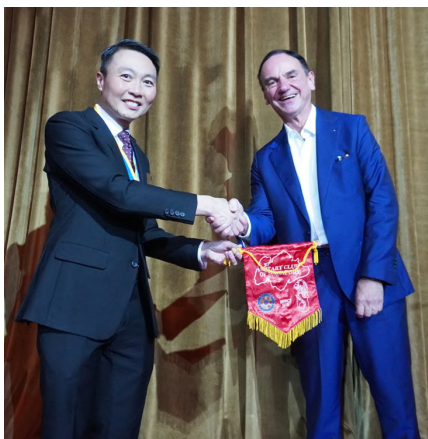
Toast to Rotary International

Toastmaster Rtn Agnes Kwek invited members to join her in raising a toast to the Republic of Lithuania coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



Rtn Agnes Kwek

Presentation of Club Banner



President Siew Luen invited visiting Rtn Professor Ralph Schimmer to accept a Club banner.

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Meeting Report

Proceedings of the 18th Weekly Meeting ... *contd.*

President's Announcements

- Youth Service Committee meeting for 23.11.23 was cancelled.
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 6.12.23 with two Agenda items – adoption of the nominations of President Nominee and Board of Directors as presented by PE Tom Wolf and adoption of the audited statement of accounts (upon availability).
- Please note the Club's Christmas Party will be held at Hon Member Mohan & Kawita Vaswani's residence on Friday, 15.12.23.
- World Understanding and Peace Day (WUPD) dinner on 23.2.24 at Goodwood Park Hotel with Guest of Honour, Dr Janil Puthuchery, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information, Ministry of Health.

What Happened Last Week?

- Recognition at the Society for the Aged Sick Appreciation Night on 17.11.23 for the Club's contributions over the years. For the benefit of new members, President Siew Luen advised that the Club helped to start in 1968.
- Food from the Heart held on 18.11.23 where members assisted in the distribution of food to about 90 families on the 3rd Saturday of the month. President Siew Luen added that it was one of the prerequisites for potential members to participate and have a feel for the community.
- On 19.11.23 there was an airport send off for the FootballPlus children who are heading for training in Dortmund, Germany. The FootballPlus programme was last year's Major Project undertaken during IPP James Lee's term.

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Presentations

President Siew Luen presented PHF pins to the following members and thanked them for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation:



Photos from left: Rtns Sonali Sinha (PHF+4), Vineet Iyengar (PHF+4), Andy Mankiewicz (PHF+3) & Gabriele Rettig (PHF)

Installation of the 90th President and Board of Directors and Fund-Raising Dinner

Members were reminded of the Club's **Installation Dinner on Saturday 22.6.24 at Capella Singapore**, Sentosa Island. Tickets for the early bird registration are \$198 per person till 25.12.23, after which the regular price charged will be \$238 per person. Do Register Early!

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Proceedings of the 18th Weekly Meeting ... *contd.*

Distinguished Guest Speaker Series

Speaker: H E Mr Darius Gaidys, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania in Singapore

Topic: Lithuania: open country for co-creating global solutions

The honour of introducing the Speaker fell to Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind who noted that His Excellency Ambassador Gaidys is a lawyer by training in his hometown Vilnius with further training from Stanford and Yale Universities and at the University College in London. H E Ambassador Gaidys has a wealth of experience in his ambassadorial role having served in various overseas assignments including Great Britain, United States, and the Balkans.



Speaker, H E Mr Darius Gaidys

H E Ambassador Gaidys gave a brief overview of Lithuania geographical position which he described as similar to Singapore being at the crossroads of Europe. He explained why investors should consider doing business in Lithuania, citing many worthy features which highlighted the high quality of projects and expertise available. He noted that Lithuania was addressing global needs in various industries with added competitive advantages. H E Ambassador Gaidys further advised of the governmental support given in focus areas fuelling information and communication technology (ICT), life sciences and smart industry. He added that the ultimate goal was to have

an economy driven by an innovative tech core, supported by a user-friendly environment and openness for global collaboration. He showed performance statistics in foreign direct investments and shared that there was a green corridor for large scale investments. Although a small country, Lithuania has highly qualified talents and has a community with entrepreneurial spirit. At the end of his talk, H E Ambassador Gaidys graciously answered questions posed to him from members.



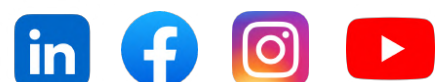
From left: Pres Siew Luen, H E Mr Darius Gaidys & Rtn Jeff Rajeck

Rtn Jeff Rajeck extended the vote of thanks to the distinguished speaker whom he noted peppered his talk with fun facts of Lithuania's offerings to the world. He added that members have gotten to know more about Lithuania if considering investing abroad.

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Birthday Celebrants

RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Shamin Vaswani for 27 Nov
 Robyn Schlesinger for 28 Nov
 Carlo Van den Akker for 1 Dec
 Deepa Navaneeth for 1 Dec
 Jayant Gadgil for 2 Dec



Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Jayant & Smita Gadgil,
 Vijay & Anusha Krishnamurthy
 for 27 Nov

Suresh & Anita Hathiramani for 28 Nov

Vivek & Simmi Chhabra for 29 Nov

Peter & Tanya Brock for 30 Nov



This Meeting

29 November 2023

Speaker: Dr Anuradha Rao,
 Consultant, Educator, Trainer,
 Founder, CyberCognizanz

Topic: Cybercrime and You: Staying
 Safe in a Smart Nation

Next Meeting

6 December 2023
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Speaker: HM Uttam Kripalani &
 Matthew Ong (Co-founder of
 Learning Playground)

Topic: To be Advised

Coming Rotary Events

November – Rotary Foundation Month

December – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

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

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

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

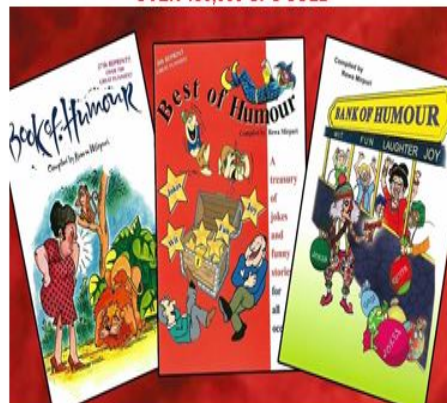
22 Jun – Installation of the 90th President & Board of Directors

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PRESIDENT & BOARD**

_____ JUNE _____
 Saturday 22nd at 6:30 pm
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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.

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