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ROTARY MEDICAL OUTREACH & PUMWANI MATERNITY HOSPITAL UPGRADE 2025 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PROJECT ENHANCING HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN KENYA

In January 2025, the Rotary Club of Singapore (part of District 3310) supported the District's Friendship Exchange Mission to Kenya, led by District Governor Dr. Yap Lip Kee and organized by District Friendship Exchange Chair PP June Jonet, with support from the Rotary Clubs of Queenstown, Garden City, Sentosa, and Singapore.

Mission Kickoff: Visit to Masai Mara & Fellowship in Nairobi

The delegation began their journey with a brief yet enriching visit to Masai Mara, immersing themselves in Kenya's breathtaking landscapes and cultural heritage. This visit provided a deeper understanding of the country's diversity and set the tone for a mission built on cross-cultural exchange and humanitarian service.

Upon returning to Nairobi, the team engaged in meaningful fellowship events hosted by local Kenyan Rotarians, reinforcing international camaraderie. Their visit also coincided with Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick's tour of Africa, amplifying the mission's impact.

Mission Highlights

1. Rotary Club of Kikuyu Medical Camp – January 2025

As part of Rotary Family Health Days, the Rotary Club of Kikuyu, supported by Rotary District 9212 and RFHA, conducted a comprehensive medical camp at Gichuru Dispensary, providing essential healthcare to over 2,000 patients in three days.

Key Services & Impact:

Cancer Screenings for Women – Led by DG Dr. Yap Lip Kee

Medical Assistance – Rotarians from District 3310 helped with patient registration, blood pressure checks, and support

Sustainability Efforts – A tree-planting initiative promoting environmental conservation

2. Gynaecological Surgery Camp at Pumwani Maternity Referral Hospital

Patients requiring specialized care were referred to Pumwani Maternity Referral Hospital, where keyhole surgeries were performed under Dr. Joseph Nyagi (RC Kirinyaga), with six major surgeries conducted daily over four days.

Additionally, Dr. Yap introduced telemedicine equipment to explore future telementoring collaborations, paving the way for a potential partnership with Safaricom Foundation.

3. Global Grant Project – Pumwani Maternity Referral Hospital Upgrade

A landmark initiative was the launch of a Global Grant Project aimed at upgrading Pumwani Maternity Referral Hospital, a 97-year-old institution serving Nairobi's mothers and newborns.

Project Goals & Benefits:

Infrastructure Enhancements – Installation of modern medical equipment in labor and neonatal wards

Capacity Building – Training hospital staff in partnership with the University of Nairobi's Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Improved Maternal & Neonatal Care – Expanding affordable healthcare access for low-income families

Measuring Impact:

50–99 children under 5 treated every six months

Reduction in neonatal and child mortality rates

20–49 maternal and child healthcare professionals trained every three months

Long-term hospital sustainability through local partnerships

This \$180,000 Global Grant Project is supported by Rotary International, Rotary Districts in Africa and Hong Kong, and various Rotary Clubs, including Singapore, Pandan Valley, Bandar Seri Begawan, and Kuching Central.

The CEO of Pumwani Maternity & Referral Hospital will oversee monitoring and evaluation to ensure transparency and long-term sustainability.



ROTARY’S COMMITMENT TO HEALTHCARE & GLOBAL SERVICE

Through medical outreach, hospital infrastructure development, and sustainability initiatives, Rotary continues to enhance healthcare access and improve community well-being in Kenya.

District 3310 Team Members:

- District Governor: Dr. Yap Lip Kee
- District Governor’s Lady: Dr Rachael Yap
- District Communications Chair: PP June Jonet (RC Kampung Gelam)
- Mr. Fariz (Spouse of PP June Jonet)
- PP Denise Wong (RC Queenstown)
- PP Linda Gouw (RC Queenstown)
- PP Florence Yuniwati Suryawan (RC Garden City) PP Karen Kang (RC Sentosa)
- PP Jimmy Ooi (RC Singapore)
- Rtn Jun Dong (RC Singapore)
- Rtn Lynn Chenyu (RC Singapore)

This initiative reaffirms Rotary’s dedication to humanitarian service, healthcare accessibility, and sustainable development, ensuring a brighter and healthier future for Kenya’s communities.

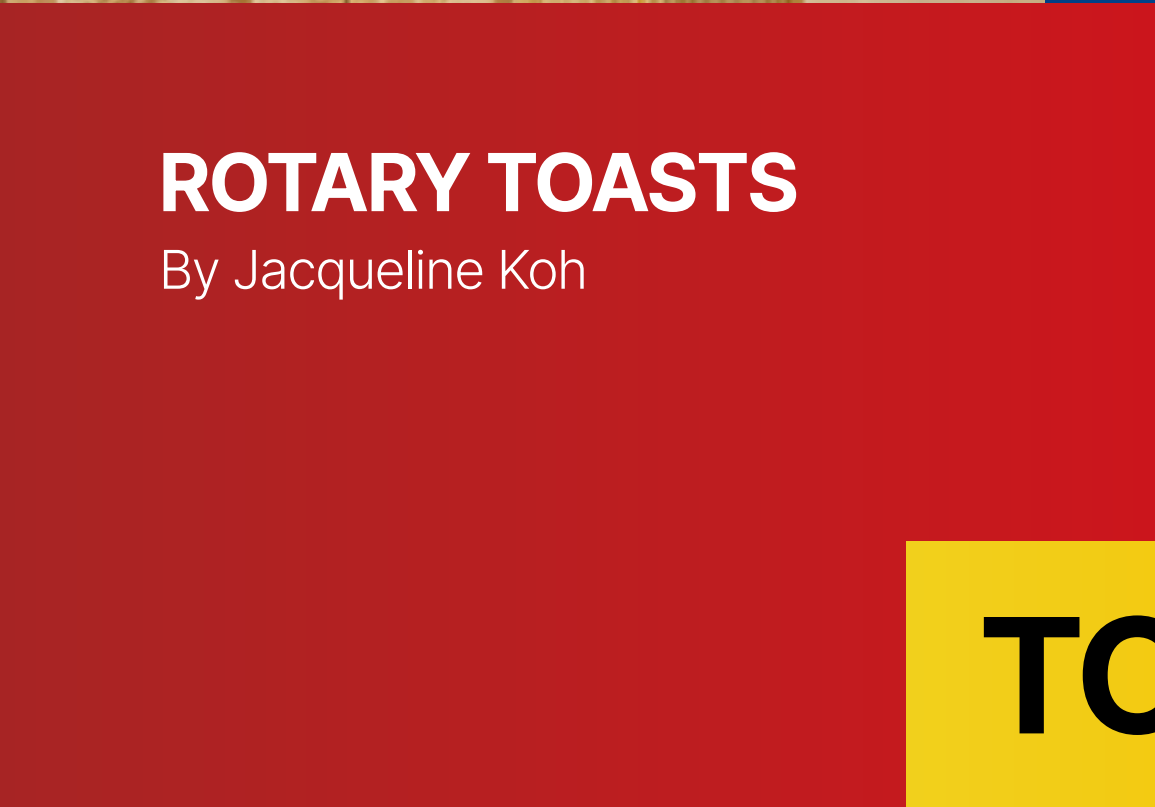


The 25th Weekly Meeting



WELCOME OF GUEST

By Lynn Yeoh



ROTARY TOASTS

By Jacqueline Koh

TO Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset, Hawaii
&
Rotary International

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Rotary Club of Stamford
Rtn David Michael Thomas



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PHF, PHF +6, 7 & 8



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Wilson Midjaja
PHF+2

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



Danielle Jiang,
Sarah Li An,
Timothy John

Mr. Jeremy Nixon



Disruption, opportunity or the new normal? Container shipping in 2025 and beyond

Container shipping, a backbone of global trade, has faced unprecedented challenges over the past few years, and the industry has been forced to adapt rapidly. As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, the key question arises: Is container shipping experiencing a disruption, an era of new opportunities, or the establishment of a "new normal"? Mr. Jeremy Nixon will share his thoughts on this topic.

CEO of Ocean Network Express (ONE)

Rotaract Club of Singapore President Celia Nathania and Rotaractor Neo Yuen Chuen:

THE ROLE OF CONTAINER SHIPPING IN GLOBAL TRADE AND THE PATH TO DECARBONIZATION

Container shipping serves as the backbone of global trade, providing essential transportation infrastructure that enables commerce on a massive scale. The demand for shipping is closely linked to trade volumes, which fluctuate based on economic conditions and market dynamics. Companies like Ocean Network Express (ONE) operate extensive global networks, connecting 120 countries through more than 244 port calls across 165+ service routes. However, the shipping industry now faces a pressing challenge: the need to decarbonize its operations while maintaining efficiency and reliability.

THE PROBLEM STATEMENT: SHIPPING’S DEPENDENCE ON FOSSIL FUELS

The modern trade network has been built on fossil fuels. In 2018 alone, 60,000 ships transported approximately 12 billion tonnes of cargo worldwide, contributing significantly to global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. As environmental concerns intensify, the industry is under increasing pressure to transition towards sustainable alternatives.

ONE’S COMMITMENT TO DECARBONIZATION

ONE has set ambitious decarbonization targets to reduce emissions intensity and achieve net-zero emissions. By 2030, the company aims to cut its Scope 1 GHG emissions by 70% per TEU-km (twenty-foot equivalent unit per kilometer) compared to 2008 levels. ONE has already achieved a 62% reduction from 2008 to 2023, putting it on track to meet its 2030 target. Looking further ahead, the company plans to achieve net-zero absolute emissions (including Scope 2 and 3) by 2050.

INNOVATIONS ENABLING A GREENER FUTURE

To support its decarbonization goals, ONE is investing in a range of technological advancements:

- 1. Advanced Hull Design – Optimized hull shapes reduce drag, improving fuel efficiency.
- 2. Smart Technology Integration – Digital solutions enhance operational efficiency, reducing unnecessary fuel consumption.
- 3. Energy-Saving Devices – Wind-assisted propulsion and other innovations help cut emissions.
- 4. Alternative Fuels – Research into biofuels, hydrogen, and ammonia as potential replacements for traditional fossil fuels.

TRANSITIONING TO ZERO-EMISSION VESSELS

ONE has outlined a phased approach to introducing zero-emission vessels:

- By 2030, the first alternative fuel-capable vessels will be deployed.
- By 2035, more than 20% of the fleet will consist of zero-emission vessels.
- By 2050, net-zero emissions will be achieved through a combination of biofuels, carbon offset mechanisms, and fleet-wide sustainability improvements.

CONCLUSION

The container shipping industry is at a critical juncture, balancing the need for global trade efficiency with the urgency of decarbonization. Companies like ONE are taking proactive steps to reduce their carbon footprint, leveraging technology and innovation to meet ambitious sustainability goals. While the path to net-zero emissions presents challenges, continued investment in green solutions and regulatory support will be key in shaping the future of sustainable shipping.



VOTE OF THANKS
PP Tapan

Joint CSC & VSC Meeting

The 8th VSC meeting took place on Thursday, 13 March 2025, at The Foundry, The Anvil Level 2. VSC Director Denis updated that the fund raising project with NeuGen has successfully reached its target amount of \$25,000 (\$18,000 raised by the club and 40% or \$7,000 matching by Tote Board)

VSC-YSC
NeuGen
Sponsored
Tuition Project
(RCS Uplift)



- **Fund-raising campaign target of \$18k was met on 25 February 2025**
- Recap: \$25k to sponsor tuition of 10 primary school students (children of ex-offenders)
- NeuGen has received 40% matching approval from Tote Board
- IshK Tolaram Foundation has approved USD5k grant to VSC for this project
- **Thank all Rotarians for their generous support to this very impactful project!**

Guest speaker Stephanie Chok, Executive Director of HOME, shared valuable insights on the challenges faced by migrant workers in Singapore and HOME’s efforts in crisis intervention, education, and training to support their well-being and employment prospects.

Guest Speaker

13 March 2025

Ms Stephanie Chok
Executive Director, HOME

Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics (HOME) is a Singapore-based charity founded in 2004. HOME provides immediate crisis intervention as well as long-term support such as education and training programmes to enhance the wellbeing and employment prospects of migrant workers.

Stephanie will speak in more detail about what they do and explore areas of collaboration between VSC and HOME.





“We believe in justice, equality, empowerment, and dignity for all migrant workers...”

Founded in 2004, HOME is dedicated to supporting and empowering low-wage migrant workers in Singapore. We are guided by 3 pillars: Welfare, Empowerment, and Advocacy.

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As of June 2024, there were:

442,900

Work Permit holders in the CMP (construction, marine shipyard and processing sectors)

294,800

migrant domestic workers, mostly female, who work and live in employers' homes

Total no. of Work Permit Holders : **1,138,200**

Temporary, low-paid migrant workers on renewable work permits that are employer-tied

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What are some issues faced by migrant non-domestic workers?

SALARY ISSUES

\$16 per day: Average basic salary of Bangladeshi construction worker

are either underpaid or not paid full, or not paid in accordance to statutory entitlements (esp OT); kickbacks, illegal deductions and wage manipulation

WORKPLACE INJURIES

Unreported injuries, not accessing work-related compensation and medical care

- 36 fatal injuries in 2023; 3 workers a month die on the job
- 580 major injuries; 50 a month
- Major injuries refer to severe non-fatal injuries, which include amputations, blindness and fractures
- 19 deaths in 1st half of 2024
- Most dangerous sector: Construction

POOR LIVING & WORKING CONDITIONS

INDEBTEDNESS

Bangladeshi construction worker: basic salary = \$450 a month; \$12,000 in recruitment fees first timer; 26 times more than salary

Excessive migrant recruitment fees in order to get an overseas job (exacerbated by kickbacks for work pass renewals).

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What are some issues faced by migrant domestic workers (MDWs)?

SALARY ISSUES

- Low pay
- Unpaid or underpaid
- Excessive recruitment fees, salary deductions for 2-8 months

LACK OF REST DAYS

Not all MDWs have weekly rest days. They're also frequently overworked due to a lack of labour protections (excluded from Employment Act).

WELL-BEING ISSUES

- Inadequate food
- Confiscated phones
- Cramped sleeping arrangements
- Lack of privacy & constant surveillance

ABUSE

Physical (slapping, beating), verbal (screaming, name-calling names) and sexual abuse from employers & agents

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How does HOME provide assistance?

1

Direct support for migrant workers in need

2

Raising awareness on migrant worker issues

3

Advocating for migrant workers' rights

4

Empower and educate migrant workers



JOINT CSC-VSC MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2025

CSC Director Raj informed that CSC is working with PPIS (The Indonesian Students Association in Singapore) and New Life Stories (a charitable organisation which supports children of incarcerated parents) to bring 20 children to a Hari Raya celebration with the Rotary Club of Singapore on 9 April 2025 at the Singapore Flyer.

In addition, together with CSC, the PPIS also shared on the upcoming project called PPIS Peduli Kartini. This is the first social project by PPIS with the aim of providing free medical check up and breast cancer screening for migrant domestic workers on 11 May 2025 in Singapore.

PPIS Peduli Kartini: Introduction

PPIS Peduli Kartini is our first social initiative targeting on migrant domestic workers by giving **free medical check up and breast cancer screening** to celebrate women empowerment spirit inspired by RA Kartini.



With more than **100,000** Indonesian domestic worker in Singapore, only **7,900** of them are **registered** in the embassy database. With average monthly salary of **\$700**, health facilities are **not reachable** for them.

Cases like **Musripah** and **Septia Kurnia** are happening everyday in Singapore. Every decades, Indonesian domestic worker are haunted by health cases, a risk carried out by **low screening and awareness** from both workers and employers.

Pekerja Migran asal Malang Koma di Singapura, Dipulangkan Lewat Batam

In collaboration with the medical school of **Universitas Negeri Malang** with the guidance from **Rotaract Club of Singapore City**, we aim to reach **500** female Indonesian domestic workers in Singapore to have free medical check up.

Venue: Sembawang Recreation Center
Date: 11 May 2025
Time: 09.00 – 14.00 SGT
Number of volunteers: 75 pax
Number of beneficiaries (expected): 500 pax

Current Stakeholders:



Little Heart Big Smile: Community Service with New Life Stories

9 April 2025 | Place at Singapore Flyer

<https://www.ppisingapore.com> @ppisingapore PPI Singapore @ppisingapore PPI Fambam

Little Heart Big Smile is a community service event in collaboration with the **Rotary Club of Singapore**, celebrating Eid with children from **New Life Stories**, an organization supporting children of incarcerated parents. This event embodies **HEART values**—humility, excellence, adaptability, resilience, and teamwork. Volunteers will gain hands-on experience in social service while making a positive impact on the children's lives.

Who are we?
The Indonesian Students Association in Singapore (PPIS) is an organization that facilitates activities for Indonesian students in Singapore. PPIS operates under the Education Attache of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore (KRI Singapore) and oversees the 12 PPI Universities around Singapore.

Event Details
Venue: Plume Singapore Flyer
Date & Time: 9 April 2025, 1815-2100
Number of beneficiaries: 20 pax
Number of volunteer from PPIS: 20 pax
Event crew: 8 pax (5 CS, 3 DM)
Volunteer reporting time: 17.15 SGT

Activity Details
Wearing the pinning & fabric
Experiencing the local culture and heritage of Indonesia, the children will wear a different Indonesian dress (Korset, Kemaman, Baju Kurung, and Batik Korpri). After that, they will color the fabric samples of the Indonesian people of the world.

Word Scrambled
A series of 10-15 words are given a set of 5-7 letters and must form as many English words as possible within a time and words can be of any length, but must use only the given letters.

GARDENS GEANSRD → SAND RANGE

Art Installation
A series of 10-15 words are given a set of 5-7 letters and must form as many English words as possible within a time and words can be of any length, but must use only the given letters.

Performance Details
Song Performance
• Basic Singing
• Indonesian songs (Javan, Balinese & gonggong)

Karaoke Dance
Traditional dance from Aceh, Indonesia, represented the spirit of collaboration.

Flashmob
AFT flashmob with the kids, Rotary Club of Singapore and PPI volunteers.

Budget Details
Estimated total budget: \$3000

Remarks
PPIS XXX believe in the spirit of collaboration. Therefore, we invite you to collaborate with us in giving back to the community through funding and volunteering contributions. As what we have done before at Singapore Society for the Aged, we believe to foster further impact by teaching different layer of underserved community of children with incarcerated parents.

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Budget for the Medical check from RCS

\$3000

Raj \$ 1000
President Tom \$ 1000
Balance \$ 1000

NEED SUPPORT !

Food From the Heart



The Food From the Heart food distribution event for March took place on Saturday, March 15th, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Volunteers and beneficiaries gathered at Block 9, North Bridge Road, Singapore 190008, to participate in this meaningful initiative.

This monthly distribution aims to support families and individuals in need by providing essential food supplies, fostering a spirit of community care and giving. A heartfelt thank you to all volunteers and donors who contributed their time and resources to make this event a success. Your generosity helps bring warmth and nourishment to those who need it most.



Member Satisfaction Survey

As we work towards the milestone of 100 years of the Rotary Club of Singapore in 2030, we seek your input in helping us be the best possible version of ourselves. Member opinions have always been the cornerstone of our club's strength and resilience.

Please answer a short survey with 16 questions, including open-ended sections. The survey is anonymous.

<https://www.jotform.com/form/250544733222450>

The survey is open for 2 weeks, closing on March 31st.

Your participation, especially in the open-ended questions, will provide value in shaping our club's evolution. Every voice matters in this dialogue about our future.

It ensures our legacy of service continues with renewed relevance and impact for all members.



26th Weekly Club Meeting & EGM

EGM for Members only 7:00 PM to 7:20 PM

TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 1:

Use of Excess RI Convention Funds

Resolution 2:

Inclusion of Membership Types and Additional Member Type in Bylaws

Members to come from 7:20 PM onwards.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 01. Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 02. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 03. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 04. 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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