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7TH CLUB MEETING:

A Night of Fellowship and Insights on Cancer Care

By PIPR Director VJ Africa

27 August 2025 – Our 7th club meeting was called to order by President Sonali, who warmly welcomed members and guests to an evening of camaraderie and learning. The formal welcome of guests was conducted by Rotarian Vineet Sarangdhar, who introduced a distinguished lineup of attendees, including our guest speaker Dr. Akhil Chopra, several family members of Rotarians, club prospects, and visiting Rotarians from clubs in India, Russia, and Australia. Special mention was made of Professor Alexei Svetlikov from the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, White Nights, who extended an open invitation to all for their club's 25th anniversary celebration in November.

The meeting featured a vibrant exchange of Rotary banners, with PP Stan presenting a banner collected from RC Malacca during their recent installation ceremony. This tradition of banner exchange continues to strengthen our bonds with Rotary clubs around the world and serves as a reminder of our shared commitment to service.



President Sonali's report highlighted a week filled with Rotary fellowship and collaboration. She recapped a successful gathering with past presidents from RC Makati Paseo de Roxas, as well as a delegation's visit to Kuala Lumpur for the installation of the RC KL DiRaja club and the signing of a new sister club agreement. She also reminded everyone about the ongoing End Polio Step Up Challenge, encouraging participation and donations to support Rotary's global health initiatives.



Looking ahead, President Sonali announced several upcoming events, including the Youth Service Committee meeting, a trip to Shenyang from 10–17 September, and a fully booked visit to Malang in early September. Members were also invited to consider joining the International Rotary conference in Bhutan this December, with details available via the club's WhatsApp group.

The highlight of the evening was an engaging keynote by Dr. Akhil Chopra, Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist at OncoCare Cancer Center. Dr. Chopra traced the evolution of cancer care over the past 50 years, from the early days of surgery and chemotherapy to today's advances in precision medicine, immunotherapy, and artificial intelligence. He emphasized the importance of early detection, personalized treatment, and holistic patient care, offering hope for the future of cancer management.

The meeting concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by IPDG Dr. Yap Lip Kee, who praised Dr. Chopra's accessible and insightful presentation. President Sonali closed the meeting by inviting members to continue their fellowship and announced that next week's meeting will feature a discussion on "Agentic AI: Are they here to augment our capabilities or to replace them?"





Guest List:

1. Dr Akhil Chopra, Guest Speaker
2. Sherry Xu, Guest of Dir Jeyanthi
3. Dr Rachel Pereira, Spouse of IPDG Dr Yap
4. Patricia Wang, Spouse of PP Dr Chan
5. Anjana Rajesh, Spouse of CSC Vice Rajesh
6. Zerine Medora, Spouse of Jamshid
7. Bharoti Pande, Prospect (President Sonali)
8. Wan En, Prospect (Chong Zhi Cheng)
9. Wong Jun Jie, Prospect (PP Frank)

Visiting Rotarians:

1. Richelle Oyebabe (RC Goodna)
2. Alexei Svetlikov (RC St Petersburg White Nights)
3. PE Dafyd (RC Raffles City)


2ND YSC MEETING: YSC ADVANCES PLANS FOR EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

By Rtn Eva Lee

28 August 2025 - The Youth Service Committee (YSC) held its second monthly meeting on 28 August 2025 at the Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd., with an agenda that underscored the committee's growing role in guiding Rotaract and Interact clubs. Members reviewed the minutes of the inaugural meeting and finalized preparations for the upcoming Rotaract Club of Singapore (RACSG) Installation on 30 August. This installation, open to Rotarians and youth members, promises to be a lively occasion of fellowship and service spirit.



The meeting also focused on the work of the Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC). Advisors outlined ideas for collaboration among Interact clubs, including project exchanges, End Polio Now fundraising walks, tree-planting initiatives, and social media engagement through Instagram and TikTok to boost visibility. Plans are underway for large-scale Interact meets and programme exchanges, aimed at strengthening connections across schools and building long-term community impact.



Reports from Rotarian advisers highlighted progress from three Rotaract clubs and nine Interact clubs under YSC's guidance. At RACSG's first board meeting, members discussed signature projects like Project Bethelax and Project Pinay, as well as fundraising avenues through corporate and foundation grants. Meanwhile, the RI Interact Board meeting emphasized cross-club and cross-border collaborations, project sustainability, and the inclusion of engaging activities such as "Dine in the Dark" to inspire greater youth involvement.

A highlight of the session was the presentation of the Career Symposium proposal by RACSG City. Set to be hosted at Singapore Management University between 3–7 December 2025, the event will bring together 200 students, university mentors, and industry professionals for panel discussions and networking over dinner. With a modest budget of \$2,900 and strong alignment to YSC's mission of youth empowerment, the symposium promises to prepare participants for a fast-changing job market while strengthening Rotary's visibility among young leaders.

Looking ahead, the committee confirmed the collection of hosting fees and discussed upcoming initiatives, including quarterly joint meetings with Rotaractors and Interactors, as well as the introduction of the Rotary Youth Protection Certificate. The next YSC meeting is scheduled for 25 September 2025, with a renewed emphasis on inclusivity by inviting youth representatives to attend. Through these efforts, the YSC continues to serve as a vital bridge between Rotary and the next generation of changemakers.

CELEBRATING THE 13TH INSTALLATION OF ROTARACT CLUB OF SINGAPORE

By Jacqueline Koh, Chair Rotarian Advisor to Rotaract Club Singapore and District Youth Protection Officer

30 August 2025 – Along with your theme of Detective Mystery Night, we are investigating a powerful force: the contagious nature of a smile.

Congratulations to Incoming President Grace Tang and the newly installed 13th Board of the Rotaract Club of Singapore.

Remember, "when you think you can't, Smile, there is a bigger plan." Your leadership is that plan, and we can't wait to see the wonderful change you will unlock.

This celebration also allows us to connect the clues of 2024-25. A brilliant case was closed by Outgoing President Celia Nathania and Outgoing Project Chair Neo Yun Chuen, whose work on the Unlocking Career Success and Well-being series solved the mystery of how to achieve gold-standard excellence, bringing home the District 3310 2024-25 GOLD Professional Development Project Award!

Through Rotaract, we discover "something deeper that the world can't destroy." It's in the friendships built, the communities served, and the understanding spread. With Rotary International's resources, that positive impact grows even deeper. Lead with heart, choose joy, and let's continue to Unite For Good.

You certainly got a reason to smile.



VSC CAREER SHARING TALK

By Rtn Lee Chee Pin

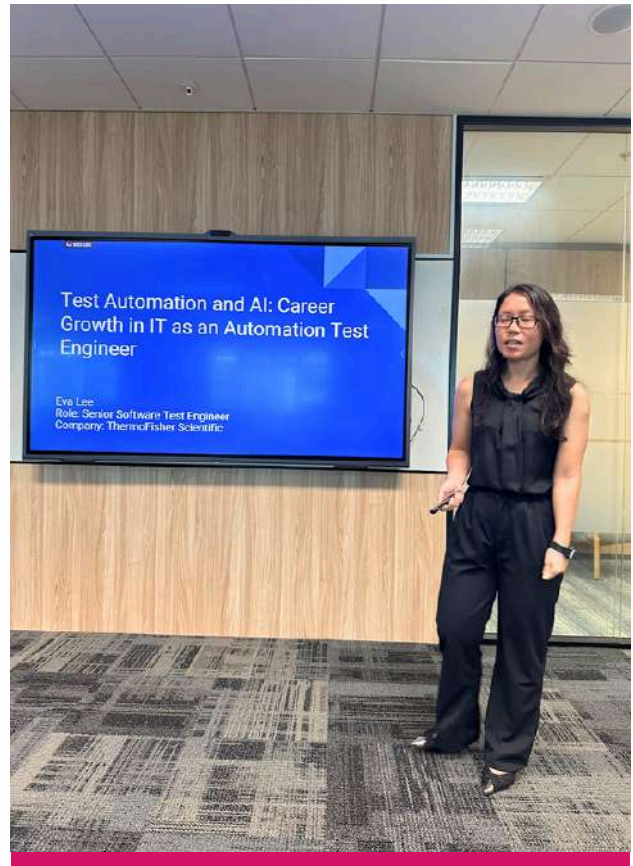
30 August 2025 - VSC held its Career Sharing Talk #2 on 30th August, an event jointly organised with **Junior Achievement Singapore**.

The first one was about career opportunities in Finance. The second event was about Software Engineering and IT.

We had our very own Rotarians to speak on a broad range of new job opportunities: Danielle on Opportunities in Fintech, Colin on Career in Crypto, Eva on Software Testing and Vlad on the bits and bytes in Gaming Industry.

The audience were students from Sec 3 to JC who got a peek into their future career paths and benefitted from the insights of our experienced speakers. The Q&A session was lively and engaging. The students were eager to find out more about these less traditional roles especially amidst future disruptions brought about by AI.





3RD BOARD MEETING

By President Sonali Sinha

2 September 2025 - At the September 2nd Board meeting, President Sonali opened with strong updates on club attendance, which remains healthy at nearly 63 on average, and membership, with 5 new proposals in the process of being approved and an active pipeline of 17. The Board discussed outstanding dues, approving flexible arrangements for members facing challenges, and granted a Leave of Absence request. Updates were also shared on upcoming fellowships and engagement events, including the End Polio Walk, Oktoberfest, and Rotary Learning Day. Membership processes and the Club Directory were reviewed to ensure alignment with PDPA requirements, and the Board agreed to remove year of birth information from the directory.

Committee chairs reported on upcoming programs: the Active Aging Bowl & Bond initiative for seniors, progress towards the TRF fundraising target, ongoing Polio initiatives, and plans for the Rotary Crossroads bulletin with new features like a Membership Corner and a first 100-Day report for this Rotary Year. The Board also confirmed participation in the FRCS Flag Day on September 6 and the FRCS SG60 Commemorative Dinner on September 27. The meeting closed with appreciation to members for their contributions and commitment to strengthening fellowship and service.



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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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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