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8TH CLUB MEETING:

3 September 2025 – The Rotary Club of Singapore's weekly meeting commenced with the traditional warm welcome.

Visiting Rotarians added colour to the meeting, with notable presence from past district governors and members from neighboring clubs. A special moment occurred when PPM and Hassan presented a banner from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, symbolising Rotary's spirit of international friendship.

The President's report highlighted upcoming events, including the FRCS Flag Day fundraiser, the Step Up Challenge to End Polio, and exciting international trips to Malang, Japan, and Bhutan.





The meeting was also filled with milestones. President Sonali and VP Vineet received the Major Donor Crystal & Pin, a milestone in their generous giving. Volunteer and Rotarian daughter Mannita Tibrewal meanwhile received a token of appreciation for her volunteerism in the Public Image, Youth, and Community committees.



The evening's keynote speaker, Dr. Anton Ravindran, delivered a captivating presentation on the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence. A distinguished technopreneur with over three decades of experience, Dr. Ravindran provided a nuanced exploration of AI's impact on the future of work. He challenged the audience to view technological disruption not as a threat, but as an opportunity for growth and reinvention.



The presentation touched upon the ethical considerations of AI, discussing the critical need for responsible technological development. Dr. Ravindran explored emerging job roles such as AI ethicists, digital detox specialists, and AI trainers, painting a picture of a future where human and artificial intelligence work in harmony.

Dr. Ravindran's insights were particularly compelling, highlighting that AI will not simply replace jobs, but fundamentally reshape them. He emphasised that while 85 million jobs might be displaced, 133 million new roles will emerge, demanding continuous learning and adaptation from professionals across industries. The speaker stressed the importance of human skills like creativity, empathy, and complex problem-solving, which remain irreplaceable in an AI-driven world.

Rotarian Suresh Keerthi delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging Dr. Ravindran's enlightening talk and the thought-provoking discussion that followed. The meeting concluded on a high note, with members inspired and contemplative about the intersection of technology, human potential, and our collective future. As always, the Rotary Club of Singapore demonstrated its commitment to understanding and embracing innovative approaches that can create meaningful impact in our community and beyond.



Guest List:

1. Dr Anton Ravindran, Guest Speaker
2. Dr Ho Soon Teck, Guest of Celeste
3. Abir Barua, Guest of PP Dr Chan S L
4. Namra Deka, Guest of Xavier
5. Patricia Wang, Spouse of PP Dr Chan S L
6. Nandita Tibrewal, Spouse of Manish
7. Mannita Tibrewa, Daughter of Manish
8. Rajeev, Prospect (President Sonali)
9. Edith Somogyi, Prospect (HM Uttam)
10. Celeste Yim, Prospect (Hassan Moosa)
11. Zhu Shi En, Prospect (PP Mark)

Visiting Rotarians:

1. Henrik Rothaus Larsen (RC Nykøbing Mors, Denmark)
2. PP Lalit Sawhney (RC Delhi South)
3. Manivannan (RC Coimbatore Metropolis, guest of Navaneeth)

3RD CSC MEETING

By Rtn Eva Lee

4 September 2025 – The Community Service Committee (CSC) gathered for its third meeting of the Rotary year on 4 September at the Water Place Function Room, with Director Varun Gulati presiding and Eva Lee recording proceedings. The session ran from 7:00–8:30pm and opened with a warm welcome and roll call.

First, the committee reviewed ongoing efforts. Food From The Heart (FFTH) supported 209 families in July, underscoring the steady impact of our monthly distributions—each Rotary volunteering activity is estimated to save about S\$20 in costs. The Seniors Bowling Programme will proceed monthly with an estimated annual budget of S\$8,500; the team will track seniors' scores, average age-with-score, and recognise the top scorer with a small prize.



Looking ahead, CSC will meet NVPC on 1 October to explore a sponsored project. On the AAC Café initiative, FRCS advised that Rotary naming is not permitted for the café; alternative ideas include sponsoring coffee machines (with Rotary recognition), training FRCS seniors as baristas, and positioning the café as a club fundraising project.

The pipeline is robust. MAD Cash will be pitched to VSC on 11 September, potentially removing the need for an Ishk Tolaram Foundation grant if supported. The Swim Marathon must be calendared before the Arena Pool's government demolition in Jan 2026 (targeting Nov 2025 or Mar 2026), with SAQ to lead and a budget provision for shelter. The SAS Chinese New Year celebration remains a full-club event with flexible timing around CNY. The Blood Donation Drive (requiring five volunteers and modest club outlay) is on hold for now. Additional activities in motion include Cricket for Guest Workers (equipment on hand; event team needed) and participation in the Pink Ribbon Walk in October (S\$40 registration).

A highlight of the evening was RACSC Mattias' pitch for Project Migrant Health Matters—a monthly health screening reaching ~200 migrant workers and focused on early detection of chronic illness. Baseline services include blood glucose tests (about S\$0.50 per test), eye checks with non-prescription readers, basic exercise, audiometry, and consults; the average cost is S\$404.50 per screening, with a four-month bridge ask of S\$1,600. Data from prior runs are compelling: 25% of screened workers were diabetic and 98% were previously unaware. The team will strengthen employer engagement (e.g., through MOM ACE and potential Employer Awards), and consider adding HbA1c and lipid panels, plus certified safety glasses where needed. The committee formally approved funding support for the next four months. In closing, members confirmed the next meeting at SAVH (courtesy of Rtn Vijaygopal) and adjourned at 8:30pm—with fellowship continuing afterwards. Rotarians interested in volunteering for FFTH runs, Seniors Bowling, and the Pink Ribbon Walk are encouraged to reach out to the CSC team.



HELP THE CHILDREN (HTC) PROJECT 2025 : SURABAYA, MALANG & BATU

By CSC Vice Rajesh Prabhakaran

Bathed in the gentle promise of early September, the Help The Children (HTC) 2025 journey to Malang & Batu unfolded as a tapestry of hope and compassion. From the 5th to the 9th, hearts were opened, and lives were touched, as we witnessed—up close—the extraordinary power of simple love and small kindnesses. These days will forever echo in our memories, a testament to how even the humblest gestures can ignite transformation and bring light to the lives of those in need.

In alignment with the unifying theme of “Unite for Good,” more than 60 volunteers—including members, friends, and families from over 20 local and international Rotary & Rotaract clubs, as well as representatives from the Ishk Tolaram Foundation and HuaQiao Foundation—convened in Malang/Batu to uphold the enduring Rotary principles of “Service Above Self” and “One Profits Most Who Serves Best.” This year’s HTC program recorded its highest volunteer participation to date, reflecting the increasing engagement and impact of this ongoing multiple Global Grant initiative.



On the morning of 5th September, overseas volunteers were formally welcomed at Surabaya Airport by representatives from the Rotary Clubs of Surabaya, Malang, and Batu. Under the guidance and support of PDG District 3420 Romy Junardy and accompanied by local military and police personnel, the group travelled to the Grand Mercure Hotel in Malang via mini-bus convoy for a luncheon reception.

At the venue, members of the host club RC Malang Central, District Governor 3310 Dr. Shahul Hameed, Pak Mohan Vaswani and his wife Ibu Kawita Vaswani, alongside members of the Tolaram family, greeted the volunteers. Attendees enjoyed distinguished local cuisine and traditional Betawi dance performances by students from Malang State University. RC Malang Central President Septyanti delivered welcoming remarks on behalf of her club and extended appreciation to partner clubs for their dedicated support of the HTC project.

RC Singapore President Sonali Sinha emphasised the collaborative spirit underpinning the long-standing project, highlighting its benefits for future generations and its potential to create lasting memories. The event concluded with a banner exchange among the Rotary clubs, marking an auspicious beginning to the two-day programme.



The group proceeded to the HTC 2025 launch venue, which was held at MI 2 AL Ma'Arief Singosari primary school. Upon arrival, they were greeted by the school's students, who delivered an impressive and well-executed musical band performance. All attendees gathered in the courtyard, where students assisted in draping each guest with a kain batik sarong. This was followed by a coordinated dance and movement routine, during which guests and students participated together, fostering the Rotary spirit of Unite for Good. The expressions of joy on the students' faces reflected genuine happiness throughout the event. Subsequently, a brief ceremony took place in which doves were released, symbolising new beginnings, peace, and harmony.



The event continued inside the school hall, where the Principal and Rotary Club Singapore President, Sonali Sinha, formally welcomed attendees and expressed appreciation for their presence and contributions towards positively impacting young lives. District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed delivered an inspiring address, urging students to remain committed to their aspirations, work diligently, stay in school, and strive to become Indonesia's future leaders, builders, and changemakers. District Governor Dyah Anggraeni of District 3420 subsequently spoke, sharing her initial impressions of the initiative and highlighting the collaboration between multiple clubs, supported by global grants, united for a shared purpose.



A Pianica & Percussion performance by students from SDK Aletheia followed, engaging the audience with their harmonious music. Subsequently, school item kits were distributed to 106 students from five schools participating in the HTC program, and the enthusiasm and gratitude shown by the recipients was notable. The program concluded with a Song of Gratitude performed by students of SDK Yohanes Kalipare, during which attendees showed their support by illuminating their phone flashes and joining in the atmosphere. Following the formal proceedings, some guests visited the living quarters of beneficiaries to gain insight into the challenging conditions in which they live and study. The guests then left for Batu to check in and grab some me time before heading out for the Gala Dinner held at the Golden Tulip Hotel.



The Gala Dinner featured exceptional traditional dance performances from both East and West Java, providing attendees with insight into the region's rich cultural heritage. The evening began with a welcome address by District 3420 AG Anita Darkim, who also presented plaques to Pak Mohan Vaswani and other honorary members of RC Malang Central. Subsequently, RC Singapore President Sonali Sinha and District Governor Dyah Anggraeni of District 3420 extended their gratitude to all attendees, including the host club RC Malang Central and Pak Mohan Vaswani & Ibu Kawita Vaswani, for their generosity and support. Additional school supply kits were distributed to students, particularly those from the province of Papua. Recognition plaques were also awarded to all host and participating Rotary Clubs. The first day concluded with enthusiastic audience participation in the traditional Ngibing cultural practice, where many mimicked the dance movements of the Javanese performers. The event also included a performance by Jingga band, during which Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their families showcased their musical talents.



Day 2 of the visit commenced with a bus journey from Batu to Malang to tour the Bhakti Luhur Foundation. Operated by the Association of Board of Missionary for Laymen (ALMA), the foundation addresses the needs of children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are differently abled or experience developmental disorders arising from physical, psychological, mental, or social factors.



Dr. Shahul Hameed, DG, personally guided guests through the well-maintained facilities. Attendees observed numerous amenities established through multiple Global Grants from the Rotary Foundation in collaboration with various local and international Rotary Clubs. The foundation offers education, skill development workshops, clinical therapy, and community-based rehabilitation, including on-campus accommodation options. Skills and products crafted by the children were exhibited, with many guests purchasing items produced by the students. The program also featured musical performances by students, which were met with an emotional response from attendees. The event concluded with a request from the ALMA sisters for assistance in expanding the organization's mental wellness facilities.

After enjoying a local lunch, our group attended a significant event of the trip—the inauguration of the Ishk Tolaram Eye Center in Batu. The proceedings began with cultural performances, the Indonesian National Anthem, and multi-faith prayers. Dr. Shahul Hameed, Board Member of the Ishk Tolaram Foundation, welcomed dignitaries and guests, describing the opening of the center as a lasting contribution to service and support for the community. He emphasized that the facility represents a legacy dedicated to compassion, hope, and inclusive care. The guest of honor, Mr. Nurochman, Mayor of Batu, delivered an address, after which the plaque signing and flower cutting ceremonies took place. Visitors were then given a guided tour of the Eye Center's facilities. Day two concluded with a formal dinner and entertainment hosted by Pak Mohan and Ibu Kawita at their villa, where gifts were exchanged among various Rotary clubs and guests participated in social activities.



On Day 3, the group began with an early morning “End Polio Now” walk organized by the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Malang & Batu to promote polio awareness within the local community. Afterward, visitors checked out and gathered for a farewell lunch at the villa of Pak Mohan and Ibu Kawita. Guests experienced Reog Ponorogo, a UNESCO-recognized heritage performance and a distinctive traditional art from East Java. The program also included a session of laughing yoga led by JP, a guest from Singapore. During farewells, participants reflected on the transformative experiences and memories gained during the trip and expressed their intention to return and continue this tradition annually.

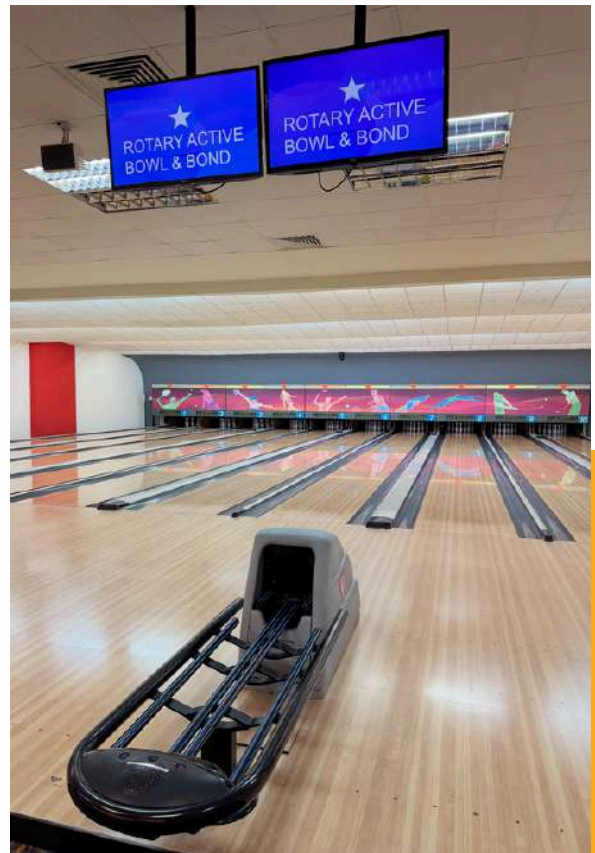


RC SINGAPORE AND ACTIVE SENIORS IN A SPIRITED BOWLING SESSION

By Rtn Eva Lee

6 September 2025 - The Rotary Club of Singapore, through its Community Service Committee, successfully organised a vibrant bowling and engagement session for 30 active seniors from the Yong En Care Centre. The event, held at the Singapore Swimming Club Bowling Center last 6 September from 12pm to 2pm, was designed to foster intergenerational connection and promote active aging. Rotarian volunteers gathered to execute a well-structured agenda to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience. Upon the seniors' arrival, volunteers warmly greeted them and guided them to the venue for a bento set lunch, where meaningful conversations began to flow.

Following the lunch, the friendly Bowling commenced across ten bowling lanes, with a thoughtful ratio of one Rotarian to four seniors, ensuring personalized attention and language support where needed. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and encouragement, both from those actively participating and others cheerfully observing.



The event culminated in a group photograph with the Rotary banner, capturing the joyful spirit of the afternoon. With clear lines of communication established with leads from both Yong En Centre and the Singapore Swimming Club, the initiative exemplified a perfectly executed community partnership dedicated to bringing joy and engagement to valued seniors.



FRCS FLAG DAY

By YSC Director Mukundran A P

6 September 2025 – This year's Rotary Flag Day organized by the Foundation of Rotary Clubs in Singapore (FRCS) took place on Saturday 6 September 2025 with three MRT stations – Bishan, Bugis and Jurong East chosen as meeting points.

Despite the more stringent regulations involving Government-aided school students below 18 years old participating in street canvassing for donations, the task force managed to secure student participation from seven institutions namely Junior Pioneer Junior College (JPJC), Anglo-Chinese Junior College (ACJC), NPS International (NPS), Hwa Chong Institution (HCI), Nanyang Junior College (NYJC) and Global Indian School (GIS) as well as Singapore Polytechnics and some sign-ups via Giving.sg. It recorded a total of 140 registered volunteers. For students below the age of 18 years old, Parental Consent Forms were signed.



In addition, Rotarians from various clubs also showed up to engage and support the Interactors and Rotaractors to sell flags to raise funds for various community programs organized by FRCS-sponsored Family Service Centre and Active Ageing Centre and to defray some FRCS expenses. Clubs were also encouraged to each contribute \$1000 or more towards the Rotary Flag Day donation as a 250% tax deduction for a minimum \$10 contribution will be granted.

The key objective of the Rotary community coming together to bond and share the efforts to fulfil a common community cause is invaluable. Many Interactors have expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate as they shared their wonderful and unforgettable experience. Likewise, the Rotarians were touched by the positive attitude, hard work and dedication of the youths who will be the pillars of our nation-building going forward.

Highlight of this year's Rotary Flag Day is the recognition for the first time the Top 10 collectors from various institutions. Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to them during the SG60 Celebration Dinner held at the Grand Hyatt on 27 September 2025.



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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