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# DG OFFICIAL VISIT & CLUB ASSEMBLY

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT: AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION AND INSIGHT

**1 October, 2025** – The Rotary Club of Singapore warmly welcomed District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed for his official club visit, marking a significant evening in the club's calendar. AG Thomas Wong introduced our distinguished guest, providing a comprehensive overview of Dr. Shahul's remarkable Rotary journey and achievements.

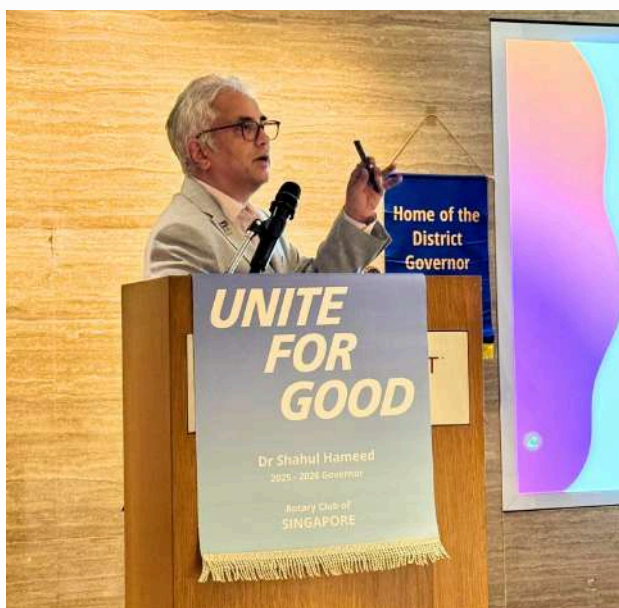
Before the formal meeting started, Dr. Shahul held a customary meeting with the Board. While it was very light hearted, it was clear that the District Governor had high expectations of his home club and the Board had no plans to disappoint.



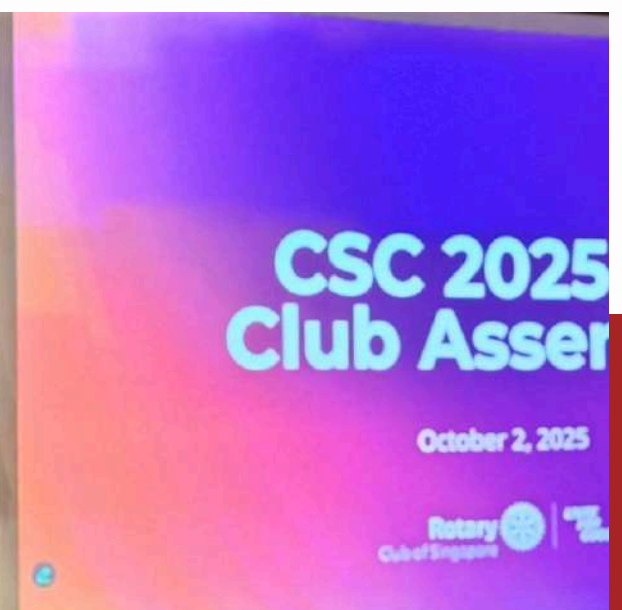
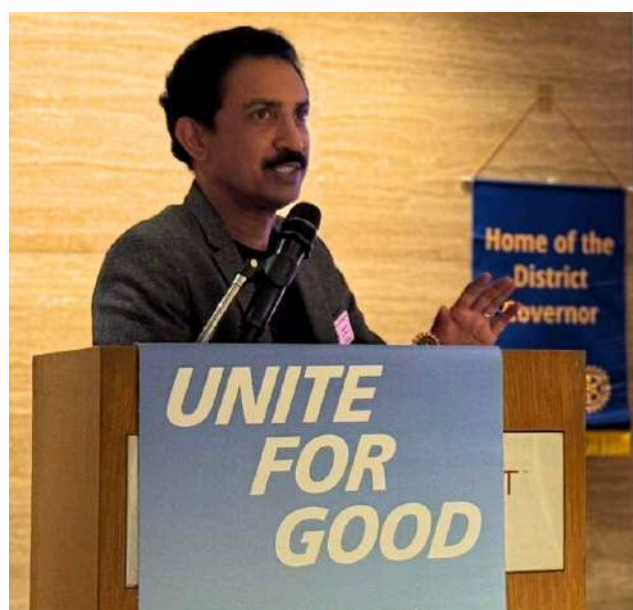
The main event was action packed as the Club Assembly provided all the service directors (Community, Vocational, International and Youth) and other board officers with an avenue to share recent accomplishments, highlighting their ongoing projects and future plans. All in all, the Club demonstrated its commitment to service.











The highlight of the announcements was the much anticipated formal introduction of the President Nominee candidate, Rtn. Jens Rubbert, as proposed by the Nomination Committee.



PE Raj also announced the nominated Board for Rotary Year 2026–27. The lineup was met with cheers and applause, reflecting a perfect blend of experience and youthful energy — a true representation of the year PE Raj envisions.

As per Rotary tradition, these nominations will be formally confirmed at the Annual General Meeting in December, provided there are no challenges from the floor. This meeting marked the official announcement of the nominations for the upcoming leadership roles.

Amidst the celebrations, a special induction ceremony was held to officially welcome Jeremy Anthony to the Club. Rtn Denis Hew, Jeremy's father, beamed with pride, but it was clear that everyone shared in the joy of having Jeremy officially onboard.







President Sonali introduced the evening's proceedings, setting the stage for the district governor's address. The meeting was attended by club members and their spouses, creating a warm and supportive atmosphere for the important visit.

Dr. Shahul's keynote address was a masterclass in Rotary leadership and purpose. He emphasized that true Rotary leadership is about inspiration, not control. The Governor introduced his "triple three guide" concept, focusing on three key tools (awareness, knowledge, action), three pillars (innovation, continuity, partnership), and three objectives (strengthening clubs, creating lasting change, and uplifting the Rotary Foundation).



A significant portion of Dr. Shahul's talk centered on the importance of creating lasting change through Rotary projects. He shared powerful examples from his experience, illustrating how Rotary can transform lives beyond short-term charitable efforts. The Governor challenged members to think deeply about project impacts, not just immediate outcomes.



The District Governor also addressed the critical issue of membership, presenting a color-coded analysis of club sizes across the district. He highlighted the challenges faced by smaller clubs and encouraged a strategic approach to membership growth and club sustainability.

A passionate advocate for the Rotary Foundation, Dr. Shahul spoke extensively about the power of endowment funds. He shared a vision of building a substantial endowment that could generate ongoing support for impactful projects, encouraging members to consider leaving a lasting legacy through planned giving.



President Sonali delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude for the Governor's inspiring address. She particularly appreciated his insights on project impact and the potential for creating meaningful, long-term change through Rotary's work. The evening concluded with a group photo, capturing the spirit of fellowship and shared purpose.





## Guest List:

1. Michelle Hameed, District First Lady
2. Maria Hassanbhai, Spouse of PP Mansoor Hassanbhai
3. Dolores Low, Spouse of PP Stan Low
4. Patricia Wang, Spouse of PP Dr Chan Siew Luen
5. Yvonne Wolf, Spouse of IPP Tom Wolf



## Visiting Rotarians:

1. Thomas Wong, AG



The spouses of our members enjoyed a delightful and creative session, making elegant memory wire bracelets adorned with Amethyst and Rutiled Quartz, guided by Maria Hassanbhai. Following their activity, they joined the meeting to listen to DG Shahul's inspiring address, marking a wonderful blend of fellowship and creativity.



# 4TH CSC MEETING

**By Rtn Eva Lee**

**2 October 2025** – The CSC gathered at the **Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH)** for an inspiring evening hosted by Rtn. Vijay Vijaygopal, featuring a unique Dine in the Dark experience. Members gained firsthand insight into the challenges faced by the visually impaired – a meaningful reminder of empathy and inclusion in community service.

## PROJECT UPDATES

CSC Chair Varun Gulati led discussions on current and upcoming initiatives:

- Bowling with Beneficiaries (11 Oct) – Volunteers needed for a fun, engaging afternoon.
- Deepavali Celebration – Planned with Sri Narayana Mission, now moved to November to avoid schedule clashes.
- Society for the Aged Sick – Donation of 150 bento meals from Fullerton; plans for a CNY project in the works.
- New Life Stories – Global Grant application in progress; coordination ongoing with district leaders.
- Mad Cash Project – Explore joint project proposed with VSC, supporting 10 beneficiary groups.





## YOUTH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Learn Dialects Mobile App – Monthly sessions planned with YSC to connect youth and seniors through dialect learning.
- Toy Buffet / Food from the Heart (FFTH) – Toy collection drive and pop-up fair scheduled for 14 November.

## MIGRANT WORKER INITIATIVE

Plans are underway to revive the successful sports and social program with the Hope Initiative Alliance, which previously improved well-being and community ties among migrant workers through cricket and leadership activities.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The CSC will explore future collaborations for the Cancer Society Night Walk, Breast Cancer Walk (11 Oct), and the upcoming Swimmarathon aimed at raising significant funds for community causes.



# 4TH BOARD MEETING

**By President Sonali Sinha**

**7 October 2025** – The Board met at Silversea Katong for a productive session led by President Sonali Sinha. After approving the previous minutes, members discussed updates, plans, and key initiatives for the year ahead.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Building on discussions from the Board Retreat, the team refined the Club's Strategic Plan using the Rotary International Framework. The focus was on leveraging the Club's strengths – active committees, impactful projects, and strong fellowship – while addressing challenges like membership retention and volunteer balance.

## OUR SHARED VISION

***“To be a dynamic, diverse, and trusted Rotary Club that unites people of action to create lasting impact in Singapore and beyond.”***

Committees will continue refining their goals and track progress through a shared project tracker.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Two new members joined the Club, and there are 31 prospects in the pipeline. Engagement remains strong, with many new Rotarians actively taking part in meetings and service activities.

To celebrate our 95th Anniversary, the Board approved a 50% discount on entrance fees for spouses and children of members, valid until March 2026.

The Board also explored creative ways to bring in younger professionals, including partnerships, digital outreach, and reconnecting with former Rotaractors.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Hon. Treasurer Pia Bruce shared that the Club's finances remain strong and stable. The Board discussed maintaining healthy reserves and exploring options to manage funds more efficiently for better returns.

## BOOK OF HUMOUR UPDATE

Rtn. Varun Gulati shared that 8,000 copies of the Book of Humour have been sold, and a refreshed edition is ready to launch subject to the content being reviewed. The Book of Humour Trust aims to support more service projects in the coming year.

The meeting ended on a cheerful note, with thanks to Rtn. Hitansh Vij for hosting.



# END POLIO WALK

**By Rtn Deepa Navaneeth**

**On September 28th**, members of our club joined fellow Rotarians from across District 3310 for an inspiring End Polio Now Walk at the Singapore Botanic Gardens. Altogether, around 15 additional members from other clubs participated, making it a wonderful show of unity and commitment toward Rotary's global mission to eradicate polio.

The morning walk was filled with fellowship, reflection, and meaningful conversations about the importance of Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. PDG Lip Kee led the group through the beautiful garden trails, highlighting several remarkable sculptures along the way.





A special moment came when we came across the “Passing of Knowledge” sculpture, created by a Rotarian artist. The piece depicts a continuous stream of water connecting two figures, a powerful symbol of how knowledge and wisdom are passed from one generation to the next. This artistic expression beautifully captures the spirit of Rotary, reflecting our hope that the values of the Four-Way Test will continue to guide human relationships and inspire future generations.

It was truly an uplifting morning of learning, fellowship, and purpose, a reminder that every step we take together brings us closer to a world free of polio.





# FRCS SG60 DINNER – CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

**By President Sonali Sinha**

**27 September 2025** – The Rotary Club of Singapore showed its strong support for the Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore (FRCS) at the SG60 Dinner, with members turning out in full force and proudly occupying three tables at the event.

Held at the Grand Hyatt Singapore, the evening celebrated 60 years of Rotary service in Singapore, bringing together clubs from across the island for a night of fellowship, inspiration, and shared pride.

Our Club was recognised and felicitated for its impactful contributions to Singapore over its 95-year history, a testament to our legacy of service and leadership in the community.



A special highlight of the evening was the recognition of our Interactors from GIIS (Global Indian International School), who received an award for raising the highest amount of donations during the FRCS Flag Day event – a proud achievement reflecting their energy and commitment to service. We were also delighted to have GIIS Principal, Ms. Melissa Maria, join us for the celebration.

Guests were treated to vibrant performances, inspiring stories, and even a live batik art experience symbolising unity and compassion. The dinner also provided a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the signature projects of other Rotary clubs in Singapore, strengthening bonds within the Rotary family.

It was a truly memorable evening celebrating Rotary's enduring spirit of service — Together for Good!





JOURNEY THROUGH LEARNING:

# 3RD VOCATIONAL VISIT TO BRASS LION GIN DISTILLERY

*By Rtn Deepa Navaneeth*

**4 October 2025**

The club's third vocational visit took place at the Brass Lion Gin Distillery, organized by Rtn Deepa Navaneeth. Members were treated to an engaging and educational experience, gaining insights into the intricate art of gin distillation and the use of botanicals in crafting unique flavors.



A highlight of the afternoon was an inspiring address by Ms. Jamie Koh, founder of Singapore's first gin distillery, who shared her entrepreneurial journey and the challenges of building a homegrown brand. Participants also enjoyed a guided tasting session and the opportunity to craft the iconic Singapore Sling cocktail.

It was an enriching afternoon that blended learning, fellowship, and inspiration, truly embodying Rotary's spirit of professional growth 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?

**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

## 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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-26



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