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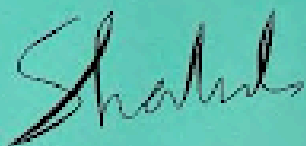


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## Celebrating Our Healthcare Heroes

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# CELEBRATING OUR HEALTHCARE HEROES 2025

**By Rtn Agnes Kwek (PP, Queenstown)**

As we usher in the new Rotary Year 2025/26 under the inspiring leadership of District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed and the theme Unite for Good, the Rotary Club of Singapore proudly united with 19 other Rotary Clubs across Singapore to honour the heart and soul of our healthcare system — our nurses.

**Celebrating Our Healthcare Heroes 2025** reached more than 13,500 nurses, recognising their tireless dedication with Gerber Daisies and a special treat — Harley Davidson rides!



**Gerbers ready for distribution**

## Participating Rotary Clubs:

RC Singapore (Host Club), RC Bugis Junction, RC Changi, RC E-Club of 3310, RC Garden City, RC Jurong Town, RC Marina City, RC Novena, RC Pandan Valley, RC Peace Builders Singapore, RC Queenstown, RC Sentosa, RC Singapore East, RC Singapore Heartlands, RC Singapore North, RC Singapore West, RC Suntec City, RC Tanglin, RC Tanjong Pagar.



**Institute Of Mental Health attended by RC Jurong Town, RC Marina City, RC Queenstown, RC Sentosa, and RC Singapore**

## Healthcare Institutions Honoured:

Institute of Mental Health, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, and all hospitals and institutions under SingHealth, including Singapore General Hospital, Changi General Hospital, Eastern General Hospital, Sengkang General Hospital, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, National Cancer Centre Singapore, National Dental Centre Singapore, National Heart Centre Singapore, National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore National Eye Centre, and 10 SingHealth polyclinics.

At **Singapore General Hospital**, Guest of Honour **Senior Minister Tan Kiat How** joined the celebration, while RC Singapore invited 12 Harley Davidson owners to give nurses a memorable ride — a joyful and symbolic tribute to their unwavering service.



Rotary District 3310 was proudly listed on the official billboard as a sponsor of the Gerber Daisies. In line with Minister for Health Mr. Ong Ye Kung's encouragement, participating clubs amplified the message on social media with the hashtag **#thanknurses**.

In a touching finale, RC Singapore West presented the **ITE Nursing Student Bursary**, ensuring that the next generation of nurses is supported. Collections exceeding the costs of Gerber Daisies and posters will be donated to the **NUS Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies**.

Through fellowship, service, and heartfelt appreciation, Rotary Clubs in Singapore came together to *Unite for Good* – honouring those who give so much of themselves to care for others.



**Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (received by their CEO and Chief Nurse) attended by RC E-Club 3310, RC Pandan Valley, RC Sentosa, and RC Singapore**



**Ng Teng Fong General Hospital attended by RC Singapore East and RC Singapore**



**Tan Tock Seng Hospital attended by RC E-Club 3310, RC Pandan Valley, RC Marina City, RC Singapore Heartlands, and RC Singapore**





**Changi General Hospital attended by RC Marina City, RC Pandan Valley, RC Jurong Town, and RC Singapore**



**Singapore General Hospital attended by PDG Joanne Kam RC Suntec City**



**Harley's Owners Group provide the exciting motorbike rides**

## Editorial:

We would like to extend our warmest thanks to Rtn Agnes for leading such an extensive outreach program that involved so many Rotary Clubs in Singapore. She has truly showcased how People of Action make things happen!



**Rotary D3310 is a proud sponsor of the initiative**





**National Neuroscience Institute enjoy the festive and warm vibe of the activity**



**GOH Senior Minister of State Mr Tan Kiat How at Singapore General Hospital. Attended by RC Bugis Junction, RC Garden City, RC Jurong Town, RC Marina City, RC Novena, RC Peace Builders, RC Queenstown, RC Sentosa, RC Singapore East, RC Suntec City, RC Tanjong Pagar, and RC Singapore**



# ISC KICKS OFF ROTARY YEAR WITH PURPOSE

**By ISC Director Navaneeth Rajkumar**

**31 July 2025** – The International Service Committee (ISC) held its first meeting of Rotary Year 2025/26 on 31 July 2025 at Mughal Mahal, Singapore, under the leadership of Chair Navaneeth Rajkumar. Members were warmly welcomed and introduced to the core committee, including Vice-Chairperson Vinit Sarangdhar, Treasurer Chor Thien Tan, Secretary Colin Miles, and Member Engagement lead Ira Mehra, with Past Presidents Tapan Rao and Mark Wang serving as advisors. The Treasurer's report highlighted healthy finances, with 53 paying members and a \$10,000 buffer that could support disaster relief initiatives, alongside generous sponsorships such as IPP Tom Wolf's contribution of wine for all ISC meetings this year.



A key discussion point was the committee's focus areas for 2025/26: increasing engagement with sister and partner clubs and launching learning sessions to deepen understanding of these relationships. The "Know Your Partner Club" initiative will invite clubs to present their history, culture, and projects via Zoom, fostering stronger ties and encouraging member participation in overseas visits. The meeting also formalized new region champions, ensuring every ISC member is connected to at least one region and actively engaging with 1–2 clubs to strengthen communication and collaboration.

Several impactful project updates were shared. The Nari Shakti / Atma Nirbar project in India has successfully placed 75 underprivileged students in well-paying jobs, with the ISC pledging SGD 5,000 for the next round. The second Spine Project with RC Mumbai SOBO, supported by a Global Grant, has already conducted 4 spine camps and 68 surgeries. Project Agos in the Philippines, executed by RC Marbel with SGD 10,000 funding from ISC, brought clean water connections to 107 households. The committee also approved a SGD 500 donation to RC Kuching Central's pickleball fundraiser and discussed potential collaborations such as a portable water purification system with RC Marbel.

Looking ahead, members were encouraged to attend upcoming sister and partner club installations and to participate in fellowship opportunities such as the Shenyang Organic Farm visit and anniversary celebrations. Chair Navaneeth closed the meeting with thanks to all attendees, setting the tone for a year of active engagement, meaningful service, and international collaboration.





# LINDY HOP FELLOWSHIP

**By PIPR Director VJ Africa**

**30 July 2025** - July's fifth Wednesday took a turn, twist, and hop as Rotarians, friends, and family got their dancing shoes on to some Lindy Hop.

Thanks to the generosity of Rtn CT Tan and the masterful and (extremely) patient guidance of Mdm Lim Sing Yuen, we all had an opportunity to learn new dance moves, exercise a little (or a lot), and enjoy each other's company. This was definitely a fellowship unlike any other.

I am happy to report that all Rotarians were able to walk out the door exhausted, exhilarated, and with dignity intact.

Hope to see you in our next fellowship (with your dancing shoes)!



# 1ST VOCATIONAL VISIT TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SINGAPORE

**By VSC Vice Deepa Navaneeth**

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**1 August 2025** – Our members had the pleasure of visiting the National Library of Singapore for a special vocational trip organised in collaboration with the Embassy of Mexico last 1 August 2025. This year Singapore and Mexico celebrate their 50 years of diplomatic relations. The tour was expertly curated by Stephen Milan, whose engaging presentation brought the exhibitions to life.

Around 20 members from the Rotary Club of Singapore participated, joined by ambassadors from Spain, Venezuela, and Panama, making it a truly international gathering.

We were privileged to view two remarkable exhibitions:

- **Untold Stories** – This exhibition featured the works of four Chinese Malay artists who, in 1953, embarked on a seven-week journey across the Pacific region, including Bali, Sumatra, and Java. During their travels, they captured over 1,000 photographs showcasing the region's rich traditions and culture. These photographs were forgotten for decades until 2016, when a collection was rediscovered in a shoebox. Recognised for their cultural significance, they are now preserved and displayed by the Singapore government in the Museums and Library. Each image transports viewers back in time, offering a rare glimpse into the past.





- The Art of Miguel Covarrubias** – A celebrated Mexican artist, Covarrubias was not only a painter but also a writer, anthropologist, cartoonist, and map draftsman. This exhibition showcased 26 of his works depicting the everyday life of people in the Pacific, particularly Bali. Highlights included his renowned “Pageant of the Pacific” – six intricately detailed maps illustrating the region’s trade, economy, transportation, housing, flora, and fauna.





The visit was an enriching and educational experience, celebrating the cross-cultural connections between Asia and Latin America. It was a wonderful opportunity for our members to deepen their appreciation of art, history, and anthropology.





Our heartfelt thanks to **PP Tom** for making this visit possible, and to **Director Grace** for entrusting me with the privilege of organising vocational visits for this Rotary year.



**Paintings by Miguel Covarubius – Bali women and Pageant of the Pacific Map**

# RI INTERACT CLUB USHERS IN 63RD BOD

**By YSC Director Mukund A P**

**1 August 2025** – The Performing Arts Centre at Raffles Institution was abuzz with excitement on 1 August 2025, as members, guests, and well-wishers gathered for the Installation Ceremony of the 63rd Board of Directors of the Raffles Institution Interact Club. The event marked both a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing 62nd Board and a warm welcome to a new chapter of youth leadership under the guidance of incoming President Lee Zhiqin Isaac.



The ceremony was graced by Rotary Club of Singapore President Sonali Sinha, Youth Service Committee Chair Rtn. Mukund, and RI Advisor Dr. Hoh Sek Tien, who together represented the strong partnership between the Interact Club, its sponsoring Rotary Club, and its school leadership. Their presence underscored the importance of continued mentorship, guidance, and support in nurturing young leaders.



The afternoon began with an atmosphere of camaraderie as members and guests arrived, exchanging greetings and reminiscing over past projects. Formal proceedings opened with speeches that reflected on the club's achievements over the past year — from impactful community service initiatives to collaborative projects with other Interact Clubs in Singapore. Heartfelt tributes were paid to the dedication and resilience of the 62nd Board, whose leadership navigated both challenges and opportunities with grace.



The installation of the 63rd Board was the centrepiece of the event, with each new officer stepping forward to pledge their commitment to uphold the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". President Isaac, in his inaugural address, shared his vision for the year ahead — one that focuses on building stronger community connections, enhancing leadership skills among members, and continuing the club's proud tradition of meaningful service.



Adding colour to the programme were performances and multimedia presentations that showcased the club's journey, achievements, and aspirations. The blend of formality and youthful energy created an uplifting atmosphere, reminding everyone of the unique role Interact plays in bridging service and friendship.

The ceremony concluded with light refreshments, providing an opportunity for Rotarians, advisors, Interactors, and guests to mingle and discuss upcoming initiatives. The gathering reinforced the shared commitment to empowering youth, strengthening partnerships, and making a positive impact both within and beyond the school community.

With a renewed sense of purpose and a dynamic new team at the helm, the Raffles Institution Interact Club is set to continue its legacy of leadership, service, and inspiration in the year ahead.





# 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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