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INSIGHT: UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

55 Years of Service to Youth, Rotary, Singapore, & Humanity: In Conversation with PDG Dr. Philbert Chin

By Rtn Anson Dichaves & PP Jimmy Ooi



What is your inspiration for the Youth Servant Leadership Award?

When an award in my name was suggested last year by IPP Sonali and the Board, my instinct was to give it to our youth. For an Interactor or Rotaractor deciding whether to keep showing up—whether Rotary is worth their time on top of school, family, and everything else pulling at them—that commitment can be fragile. A tangible award can change the calculation. It is something they can put on a university application; something that tells their parents that their time spent serving others was not a waste of a Saturday; and perhaps something that might even inspire a friend to join them.

If the award had remained focused on senior members, it would simply become another plaque on another wall. But when it is directed towards young people, it becomes a pipeline—it can help produce new Rotarians long after I am gone. That is the whole inspiration, really. I wanted the award to outlive the person whose name it carries.

I've heard that you are the co-founder of Youth Service as the fifth Avenue of Service globally. Could you share with us how this came about?

I have always been interested in youth development. I came up through the Sea Scouts, so when I joined the Rotary Club of Singapore, I was already deeply involved in youth work. I never let go of that connection.

Back in those days, Youth Service did not exist as a formal Avenue of Service. It was folded under Community Service. At the Rotary Club of Singapore, I was among those who pushed for youth development to become a separate avenue of service back in 1975.

A small group of us believed that young people deserved a distinct place within Rotary, and we worked to have it formally recognised. We lobbied the idea to the District, then to Rotary International (RI), and RI eventually agreed that youth deserved its own identity. This ultimately took shape as New Generations Service and, today, Youth Service.

I also founded the first community-based Rotaract Club in Singapore in 1972, which is today known as the Rotaract Club of Singapore City. And co-founded the first community-based Interact Club known as Interact Club of Bukit Gombak in 2015. For me, it was never simply about creating another programme. It was about recognising that young people are the leaders, and the future of Rotary.

How long have you been with Rotary? Why did you join the Rotary Club of Singapore?

I am now 96 years old, going on 97 in August. I have been a Rotarian for 55 years. I joined in 1971.

It really runs in the family. My father was one of the first-generation members of the Rotary Club of Singapore. He joined the club in 1937, so I grew up around Rotary and its values.

I am still active today, and I still pay my membership fees every year!

It was not really a single decision to join Rotary. It was something I grew into. I was already surrounded by its values and ideals long before I was old enough to formally call myself a Rotarian.

Joining the Rotary Club of Singapore felt less like choosing an organisation and more like formalising a relationship that had already been part of my life for many years.

What are some of the projects and achievements at Rotary that you are most proud of?

I became President of the Rotary Club of Singapore in 1979–1980. I introduced a number of awards in our club, including the Leo Cresson Presidential Award, which recognises Presidents for their hard work, leadership, and contribution to the club. I also authored the book commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Singapore, documenting an important part of our club's history.

In 1983–1984, I was District Governor of District 3310. During my term, we chartered 11 new Rotary clubs—a record in itself. (More importantly, PDG Dr Chin inspired and developed a generation of leaders who went on to serve Rotary and their communities).

I also became Rotary International President Representative thirteen times. I later became Chairman of the Council of Past Governors and, in May 2022, became the founding Chair of the Rotary Intercountry Committees ASEAN, with the aim of strengthening regional socio-cultural and service partnerships.

I was also involved in guiding the eventual separation of the joint Singapore–Malaysia Rotary Foundation into two national foundations. This was a significant transition, made possible through the dedication and collaboration of assistant governors and district leaders.

I subsequently served as Chairman and Principal Advisor of the Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore (FRCS). Under our collective leadership, FRCS helped drive multi-million-dollar fundraising campaigns to sustain local family service centres and youth support hubs as well as our Rotary House.

Can you share with us some of your achievements outside Rotary?

One of the organisations closest to my heart is RSVP Singapore, the Organisation of Retired Senior Volunteers, which I founded under the direction of then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong.

I served as its President from its inception in 1998 until my retirement in 2012, helping pioneer the senior volunteerism movement in Singapore. I wanted retired senior citizens to be seen not simply as people who needed care, but as active contributors to society—people with knowledge, experience, time, and a desire to make a difference.

Under that vision, the programme grew significantly. We eventually moved from Mackenzie Road to the busier hub at Junction 8, enabling us to reach and engage even more seniors.



PDG Dr. Philibert Chin at his Presidency Installation cum Golden Jubilee 1979-1980



Installation as District Governor 1983-1984

I also founded Singapore's first Parent-Teacher Association. It started almost by accident. After my son got into some trouble at St Michael's School, I went to speak with the principal. During our conversation, I suggested the importance of closer cooperation between parents and the school. The principal supported the idea and, rather unexpectedly, appointed me President of the association on the spot! Other schools soon followed St Michael's example, and the concept eventually became a nationwide model.

As a doctor, another achievement particularly close to my heart was being an early advocate for hospice care in Singapore. It was not well received initially. There was significant institutional resistance. Eventually, hospice care became an accepted and established part of healthcare in Singapore. (PDG Dr. Chin also co-authored chapters on active living for the commemorative book *Ageing in Singapore: The Next 50 Years*).

Could you introduce us to your family?

Rotary really is a family affair for us. My father was a first-generation member of the Rotary Club of Singapore in 1937. My brother is also an active Rotarian in Malaysia. So, between the two of us, there is a strong family thread running through the Rotary movement.

I have five children, and I am incredibly proud of all of them. I am also deeply thankful to my wife, who worked incredibly hard to raise our children and quietly supported every one of my commitments over the years. Her support has been an important part of everything I have been able to do, and perhaps I do not say that often enough.

Service is rarely an individual journey. Behind every person who gives their time to others, there are usually family members who make that service possible.

Can you tell us something about you that we may not know?

I was the first Asian member of the Tanglin Club. This came about after then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew encouraged the club to open its membership as part of Singapore's broader efforts towards multiracialism and social integration in the post-colonial era. It was an important moment in Singapore's history, and I was privileged to be part of that change.



With PRIIP Bhichai Rattakul at our club installation 1997



With elder brother PRID Tan Sri Datuk James Peter Chin

What are you working on right now?

One of the major pieces of work I am involved in right now—and probably the one I am most energised by—is the Rotary Intercountry ASEAN Committees.

This is where much of my thinking about the future of Rotary comes together.

For a long time, Rotary's structure has routed almost everything through a single global hierarchy: clubs report to districts, districts to zones, and zones to the Rotary International Board. That structure works, but it can sometimes be slow.

What I am working towards is closer and more independent regional collaboration among ASEAN Rotary clubs and districts—something closer to a recognised regional section that can coordinate projects, share resources, and represent Rotary's collective voice within ASEAN.

ASEAN has three broad areas of focus: political, economic, and social.

I believe Rotary can contribute significantly to the social dimension, which is

sometimes overlooked. Rotary has the people, networks, experience, and commitment to make meaningful contributions to communities across the region.

The future of Rotary should not only be about what we can do individually as clubs. It should also be about what we can accomplish together across borders.

All the questions in our magazine are based on the Guide to Daily Living that you authored and which was adopted by the district. Can you share with us the inspiration behind it?

My Guide to Daily Living is based on the Object of Rotary and is built around four important principles:

1. **Reflection and Meditation** You have to take time to genuinely reflect and meditate on what you are doing and, more importantly, why you are doing it. Without reflection, you can never truly become a good leader.
2. **Relationships** The people closest to you need to know that they matter—not simply because you tell them, but because of the time and attention you actually give them. Success means very little if we lose the people who matter most along the way.
3. **Vocation** If you carry out your vocation properly, you are not simply working. You are practising a form of service through your work. Whatever profession or responsibility we have, we should use it to contribute something meaningful to society.
4. **Community and International Service** Finally, it is about spending real time serving others, both close to home and beyond our borders. Community Service and International Service remind us that our responsibility extends beyond ourselves. We are part of a much larger community, and we all have something to contribute.

These principles are simple, but if we live by them consistently, they can guide us towards a meaningful and purposeful life.

What is your closing message to our readers?

Know your reason for joining Rotary.

Rotary works best when people join because they genuinely care—not simply for networking or business opportunities. Some people join Rotary to sell and make business, and I believe that misses the point entirely. If you do not genuinely care about something, you are unlikely to remain passionate about it long enough to build something that lasts.

Rotary is about service. It is about people. It is about giving something of yourself to make life better for others. Find your reason to serve, and hold on to it. If we do that, Rotary will continue to make a difference—not just during our lifetime, but for generations to come.

A Lifetime of Service and Recognition

PDG Dr. Philbert Chin's remarkable contributions to Singapore and society have been recognised through numerous honours and achievements.

Among his notable recognitions are:

- *Public Service Medal (PBM) — conferred in August 2006 by President S.R. Nathan.*
- *Public Service Star (BBM) — awarded in August 2019 by President Halimah Yacob in recognition of his enduring contributions to the community.*

His contributions extend across medicine, senior volunteerism, education, youth development, community service, and Rotary. Yet perhaps the most enduring measure of his legacy is not found in the titles or awards he has received, but in the people he has inspired and the leaders he has helped develop.

Turning 97, with nearly six decades of Rotary service behind him, PDG Dr. Philbert Chin continues to look forward rather than backward, work continues, the purpose remains, and the next generation is always waiting to be inspired.



Setting up first community based Interact Club of Bukit Gombak with Mayor Low Yen Ling 2015

THE YOUTH ISSUE SPECIAL FEATURE

PDG Dr. Philbert Chin Servant Leadership Award Winner Rotaract Category - Estelle Lim Rotaract Club of Bukit Gombak

By Rtn Anson Dichaves



How do you feel about winning the award?

I was pleasantly surprised, especially knowing there were many talented individuals across Rotary applying for the same award. I am deeply grateful to my parents and friends, who supported me throughout this journey, as well as to Rotary for providing me with opportunities to hone my leadership skills. Without the guidance of fellow Rotarians and the wisdom they have shared with me over the years, I would not be the person I am today.

What are your winning projects?

During my time in the Bukit Gombak EAGLES Interact Club (BGEIC), my friend Chenxin and I served as the project directors of Project Healthfest 2023, which aimed to promote healthy living among members of the public. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to defer our plans by two years. We used that additional time to strengthen the project by planning more activities and expanding our reach to 100 participants, including families, seniors, and youths. The project was recognised as the Best Interact Project in Singapore.

Can you introduce your club to us?

The Rotaract Club of Bukit Gombak (RACBG) is a community-based Rotaract club with members aged 19 to 28. Established in 2018, our members are mostly former Interactors from BGEIC who remain passionate about serving the community and building meaningful relationships.

Beyond our ongoing community service initiatives, RACBG provides members with opportunities to develop their skills and gain valuable insights from Rotarians through professional development workshops and programmes.

What are the signature projects of your club?

Our club offers a smorgasbord of projects, and we continually strive to develop new initiatives each year based on the evolving needs of the community. During Rotary Year 2025–2026, one of our projects involved partnering with FRCS Family Service Centre to celebrate Christmas with families and children. Another project that I am involved in is a mentorship programme, which pairs Rotaractors with Rotarians. The rotarians serve as mentors who provide guidance, encouragement, and advice as the rotaractors navigate different stages of life.

Could you introduce yourself?

Hello! It is a pleasure to meet you. My name is Estelle, and I am the Immediate Past President of the Rotaract Club of Bukit Gombak (RACBG). In my free time, I enjoy fencing and dancing, and I am currently learning to play basketball. On weekends, I attend church at Trinity Christian Centre, while on weekdays I am at the hospital completing my internship as a Year 4 medical student at the National University of Singapore (NUS). I also enjoy meeting new people and travelling to experience different cultures and perspectives. Above all, I value building meaningful relationships with those around me and supporting others in reaching their fullest potential.

What are you focusing on this year?

Aside from providing guidance as the Immediate Past President, I will be serving as the Professional Development Director. In this role, I hope to identify and develop the skills Rotaractors need to remain adaptable in an ever-changing world. I also look forward to supporting the new Board of Directors as they lead the club and its various initiatives.

On a personal level, I will be focusing on preparing for my final-year medical school examinations. My goal is to become a competent and compassionate doctor whom patients can trust.

What are your dreams and goals?

I hope to give my best in every responsibility entrusted to me and, in doing so, make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. As I begin my career, I aspire to continue giving back to society—whether by serving as a doctor on medical mission trips or contributing to the local community. I believe that every act of service, no matter how small, has the power to create lasting change, and I hope to inspire others to use their own talents to do good.

What is your message for readers?

In keeping with the Rotary Year 2026/2027 Theme, “Create Lasting Impact,” my hope is that readers will carry a heart for servant leadership wherever they go. May they lead with humility and integrity, work as a team to provide others with hope in an uncertain future, and ultimately inspire more individuals to continue the good work.

THE YOUTH ISSUE SPECIAL FEATURE

PDG Dr. Philbert Chin Servant Leadership Award Winner Interact Category - Janelle Pang of Victoria Junior College Interact Club

By Rtn Anson Dichaves



How do you feel winning the award?

I feel very thankful for the award, it's been a blessing to be able to serve in VJC Interact! I am heartened, as similar to Dr Philbert Chin, I hope to serve, love and lead in service to others.

What are your winning projects?

My winning project is Winds of Compassion Pinwheel project in collaboration with Singapore Hospice Council where i engaged both cohorts in my junior college to contribute to a meaningful pinwheel exhibition that seeks to raise awareness on bereavement and palliative care.

Can you introduce your club to us?

Victoria Junior College Interact Club is a club that strives for vibrancy in service and aims to deeply embody the interact spirit of 'service above self' where every member seeks to serve and loves doing so with a deep sense of purpose and simply, a heart for others.

Every week, our different homegroups interact with different communities in Singapore such as individuals living with disabilities, the elderly and children.

What are signature projects of your club?

Interacting with migrant workers! This engagement was started by our seniors and we continued it, wanting to make a lasting impact on the migrant worker community. In our last community service with them, we planned and organised various station games that included arts and craft as well as carnival games to encourage them to relax and unwind

Could you introduce yourself?

Hello! I am Janelle Pang, i joined the Victoria Junior College Interact Club in 2025 and I believe that everyone has a calling to serve together.

What are you focusing on this year?

While I am focusing on completing my A levels, I have also just finished an interact cross-border collaboration with a club in India, the club of Benhur, and had an online session of cultural exchange.

What are your dreams and goals?

I hope to be a pillar of support and trust to those around me; to be a safe space and a beacon of light to others. I am blessed to be a blessing!

What are your message for readers?

To all readers, why do we do what we do? This question, albeit simple, forms the fundamental grounding of all we do.

Purpose drives action. but purpose has to go beyond us in order to be sustained. There is a great calling and purpose for each and every one of us!

Building Leaders, Creating Lasting Impact: Interact Leadership Training Seminar 2026

By Rtn Anson Dichaves



The Rotary Club of Singapore's Interact Leadership Training Seminar (ILTS) 2026 brought together 146 Interactors from Interact Clubs across the island for an immersive two-day programme on 25 and 26 July, held at MDIS, 501 Stirling Road.

Designed to equip the next generation of Rotary's youth leaders with the skills, values, and confidence to lead their clubs and communities, ILTS 2026 opened each morning with icebreakers and team-building sessions facilitated by Brand Connexions, setting an energetic tone for two full days of learning.

Day One began with a Guest-of-Honour address by District Governor Dolly Yeap (RI District 3310), followed by a Presidential Address from President Rajkumar of the Rotary Club of Singapore, who also extended appreciation to ILTS supporters. The morning's leadership and team-building sessions were followed by a session on Rotary Youth Protection led by Rtn. Jacqueline — a timely reminder of the safeguards that underpin Rotary's youth programmes.

The afternoon turned practical, with PP James and Rtn. Ting Yong walking participants through Rotary's structure, Service Learning, and the Project Contest, before Rtn. Jeyanthi shared insights from the Major Project – Senior Connect initiative. The day closed with ICC President (25/26) Mark Gwee sharing his experience leading an Interact Community Club.

Day Two shifted focus toward broader themes of alumni legacy, global citizenship, and civic participation. PP Picasso shared Rotary alumni reflections, while CP Anil spoke on "Youth Peacebuilding in a Warming World." Ms Germaine Tay of IMDA introduced participants to the Digital for Life movement, and Rtn. Irene led a session on fundraising for community projects — practical grounding for Interactors looking to run their own initiatives.

The seminar's civic thread continued with ICC Elections conducted by the YSC Team. The incoming ICC President Roy Roy Sng Yew Hean of Hwa Chong Institute shared "The leadership modules and project sharing by the Rotarians were exciting and engaging,, plus, I was able to make so many new connections from other schools...(it's) extremely heartwarming to see how Interact Clubs across Singapore exhibit the spirit of "Service Above Self" by helping those in their community."

The programme closed with Rotaract Presidents Natasha, Ashlynn, and Dhaniyah sharing their own journeys from Interact to Rotaract — a fitting note on which to send 146 young leaders back to their schools and communities.

ILTS 2026 was made possible with the support of the Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore, Interact Clubs in Singapore, Rotaract Clubs in Singapore, Rotary COTTON:ON Youth Fund, IshK Tolaram Foundation, and MDIS.





(D1) Guest of Honor Speech D3310 DG Dolly Yeap



(D1) Presidential Address by President Rajkumar



(D1) Rotary Youth App Launch by YSC Director Dr. Mukund



(D1) Rotary Youth Protection by District's Chair Jacqueline



(D1) About Rotary PP James Lee and Rtn Ting Yong



(D1) Inspiration talk by PDG Dr. Philbert Chin



(D1) Major Project RCS Connects Seniors talk by Rtn Jeyanthi



(D1) Outgoing ICC President Mark Gwee sharing



(D1) Rotarian volunteers in Action



(D2) Team Building by Brand Connexions



(D2) Lunch with Rotarians, Volunteers, and Teacher Advisers



(D2) Rotary Alumni by PP Picasso



(D2) Youth Peacebuilding by CP Anil



(D2) Digital for Life Movement by IMDA



(D2) Fund Raising For Community Projects by Rtn Irene



(D2) Incoming ICC president Roy Sng Yew Huan of HCI and Board of Directors



(D2) Rotaract sharing by RACBG President Ashlynn



(D2) Rotaract sharing by RACS President Dhaniyah



ITLS Organising Committee Lead by YSC Director Dr. Mukund





THE YOUTH ISSUE SPECIAL FEATURE

Interact Leadership Training Seminar 2026: Q&A with YSC Director Dr. Mukundan AP

By Rtn Anson Dichaves



Why was ILTS adopted in place of ILTC this year?

The term camp traditionally suggests an activity-based programme centred primarily on experiential learning, team building and informal interaction. While these elements remain important, the 2026 programme was designed as a more structured leadership-development platform incorporating facilitated discussions, expert presentations, practical workshops, Rotary orientation, service-learning, project development and opportunities for reflection. The designation seminar therefore more accurately represents the academic, professional and participatory character of the programme. ILTS was not simply a change of name; it reflected a broader shift towards developing informed, responsible and service-oriented youth leaders who are prepared to contribute meaningfully within their schools, communities and the wider Rotary family.

What were the principal changes introduced this year?

One of the most significant developments this year was a more intergenerational, youth-led organising model. Rotaractors and Interact Coordinating Committee members moved beyond attendance to take on real responsibilities — programme management, registration, communications, presentations, emceeing, logistics, documentation and participant engagement.

This let Interactors observe leadership in practice, gave Rotaractors a chance to mentor the next generation, and strengthened continuity across Interact, Rotaract and Rotary by treating young people as partners, not just participants.

Rtr. Karthikeyan's appointment as Vice-Chair was key to close Rotary-Rotaract coordination. Together with Ryan, Ashlynn and the wider team, extensive behind-the-scenes work went into refining presentations, resolving operational challenges and ensuring smooth delivery.

MDIS's support as venue sponsor was another major factor — a professional educational setting that elevated the learning environment and reflected the value of institutional partnership in youth development.

Acknowledgements

Sincere thanks to our District Governor for supporting Youth Service and Interact. Heartfelt thanks to President Rajkumar for his guidance and confidence throughout ILTS's planning and delivery.

Deep appreciation to every speaker for their knowledge and insights, to all supporting Rotarians, and to our teacher advisers, whose guidance is fundamental to every Interact Club's success.

Special recognition to Rtr. Karthikeyan, our Vice-Chair, whose dedication and constant coordination were central to organising ILTS. To Ryan and Ashlynn, for late-night programme reviews and presentation prep. To Rtr. Esther and her team, for seamless registration. To Ryan and Naisha, our emcees, for their confidence and hospitality on stage.

Thanks to the Youth Service Committee — Jane, Vasudha, PK, Mee Lee and Deepa — for always stepping up. To Jeyanthi, for caring for the team through demanding mornings. To Divika, for creating the appreciation frames for speakers, guests and sponsors. To Eugene, for overseeing event logistics. To Jerel, Gavin and Alicia, for documenting ILTS through photos and video, preserving its lasting record.

Finally, thanks to every team leader, volunteer, Rotarian, Rotaractor, Interactor, teacher adviser and supporter who made ILTS 2026 a success.

Leadership is expressed not through titles, but through service. In preparing and delivering ILTS 2026, the organising committee showed us all what Service Above Self truly means.

5TH WEEKLY MEETING

Confronting the Obesity Global Epidemic: Lessons from Singapore by Dr. Shanker Pasupathy

By Rtn Anson Dichaves



On the 29th of July, the Rotary Club of Singapore welcomed Dr. Shanker Pasupathy—General Surgeon, Digestive Centre, Mount Elizabeth Hospital — for a thought-provoking talk on one of the defining health challenges of our time.

Some striking takeaways:

1. Obesity rates have doubled globally among adults in the past 30–40 years, and quadrupled among adolescents. Singapore's own obesity rate has climbed from around 5% in 1992 to roughly 12.7% today — with significant variation across ethnic groups.
2. The health expenditure impact on Singapore is estimated at \$250–300 million a year once indirect costs like absenteeism are factored in.
3. Perhaps the most important message: obesity is not a failure of willpower or discipline — it's a biological condition driven by genetics, stress, sleep, and environment. As Dr. Shanker put it, medicine only develops treatments for conditions with real biological causes — and the last 20 years of GLP1 innovation, from early diabetes drugs to today's therapies achieving over 20% weight loss, proves exactly that.

4. Singapore has strong foundations — food labelling, Healthy SG, rich national health data — but stigma, limited insurance coverage, and consistency of program like the "War on Diabetes" momentum faded post-pandemic, remain real obstacles.
5. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Shanker for a candid, science-driven conversation that challenged assumptions and reminded us that solving obesity in Singapore could offer a blueprint for the world.



5th weekly meeting Ringing of Bell by President Rajkumar



Honorary Secretary Liesa Desisca



Welcome of Guests by Rtn Suresh Keerti



Rotary Toasts to RC West U & Rotary International by Rtn Dr. Hans-Juergen



Banner Exchange with RC West U



**Flower for the Nurse Day Hero
Rtn Agnes Kwek**



**TRF Presentation Major Donor Level 2
to RC Garden City PP Florence
Suryawan**



**TRF Presentation New Endowed Fund
PP Tapan Kumar Rao**



**TRF Presentation Major Donor Level 2
Tan Chor Thien**



**TRF Presentation Major Donor Level 1
PP Peter Tan**



Sharing by Rtn Linda Lin



Dr Shanker Talk



Vote of Thanks by Rtn Dr. Denis Hew



Token of Appreciation



Speaker Committee with Dr Shanker



Family Day @Queenstown Planning



All Together Now



MAJOR PROJECT UPDATE

It's a Durian Block Party for our Well-Deserved Grandparents

By Jeyanthi Rama Krishnan



The Rotary Club of Singapore, together with Cheng Hong Welfare Service Society (CHWSS), recently held its first Durian Block Party with more than 40 grandparents (beneficiaries) on the 25th of July at Block 57 Lengkok Bahru and it was a resounding success, thanks in no small part to some of the best quality durians around. Not just Durian, we have mangosteen, a full buffet, and lots of laughter and happy moments. The turnout spoke for itself: the durians were gone in record time, and our beneficiaries left grateful, happy, and already asking when we'd be back, and come back we will! One grandparent (beneficiaries) mentioned it brings back happy memories of good old Kampung days.

Beyond the durians, what made the day special was the spirit of genuine connection. President Rajkumar and first lady Selina, together with VP Dr. Claus and his wife Shuying rolled up their sleeves to serve on Saturday, joined by Rotarians Jeyanthi, Mukund, Agnes, Deepa, Ting Yong, Mee Lee — a wonderful, warm mix of members coming together to engage directly with our beneficiaries. As one of our members put it best: this wasn't just a durian party — it was fellowship in its truest sense. We also thank volunteers from CHWSS and Bruce Mathieu.



PEOPLE OF ACTION: LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Interact Club of Hwa Chong Institution 23 July

Attended by President Raj Kumar, PP Jimmy Ooi, Rtn Dr. Mukund, Rtn Mee Lee See, Rtn Deepa Navaneeth, and Rtn CT Tan.



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Interact Exchange 23 July 2026



1st YSC Meeting 23 July 2026



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RC Jurong Town Installation 24 July 2026



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VSC & TalenTtrust Mentorship Programme with Total Well Being SG 28 July 2026 5th session: Marketing & Brand Strategy



Mentors: Rtn Anson Dichaves, Rtn Divika Jethmal & Rtn Ronald Wong

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Senior Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Law & Ministry of Social and Family Development



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DATE 19-20 September
Departure: 19 Sept 2026
Time: 8am
Newton Food Centre

TRIP TYPE Self-Drive (Own Vehicle) Or Car Pooling

DURATION 2 DAYS 1 NIGHT

WHO Rotary Clubs, Rotarians & Spouses

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DAY 1 DRIVE & DISCOVER

- Newton Food Centre
Gather & Flag Off
After-office departure
- PONTIAN
Scenic stop & local delights
- BATU PAHAH
Lunch & fellowship
- MALACCA
Check-in & evening leisure

MALAKA INSTALLATION EVENT
Fellowship Dinner, Cultural Performances & Fun Activities

DAY 2 EXPLORE & RETURN

- MALACCA HERITAGE TOUR
Explore UNESCO World Heritage City
Jonker Walk, A Famosa, Stadthuys & more
- RETURN JOURNEY
Depart Malacca & drive back with wonderful memories

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Bonding & Fellowship
- Scenic Drives & Sightseeing
- Local Cuisine Experiences
- Heritage & Culture

JOHOR BAHRU **PONTIAN** **BATU PAHAH**

MALACCA **INSTALLATION EVENT**

COSTING

- Hotel: SGD120 per room per night with all taxes + heritage taxes Single / Twin
- Inclusive of fellowship Myongee Lunch
- Transport sharing with those driving up
- Installation fee pay directly

Contact Person: (Dr) Thangaras
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WHO CAN JOIN? Rotarians, Rotaractors, Family & Friends

MODE OF TRIP Self-Drive / Own Vehicle

ACCOMMODATION 1 Night Stay in Malacca

MEMORIES Good times, Great friendships, Lasting impact!

TOGETHER WE DRIVE, TOGETHER WE GROW

Rotary Club of Singapore **CREATE LASTING IMPACT**

ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

Join us for a meaningful and fun fellowship walk with our furry companions.

Bring your pets, your family, and your Rotary spirit.

Enjoy fellowship, fresh air, and community bonding

Together, we strengthen Rotary friendship

HELD AT BOTANIC GARDENS

26 SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY
8:00AM - 10:00AM

Let's walk together and celebrate fellowship with our furry friends!

OKTOBERFEST NIGHT

15 OCTOBER 2026

PAULANER BRÄUHAUS SINGAPORE

EXCLUSIVE ROTARY DEAL

A special Oktoberfest celebration arranged exclusively for Rotary Club of Singapore members and friends.

SPECIAL PRICE **\$88 ONLY**

USUAL PRICE **\$160**

SUBSIDISED BY: AG TOM WOLF

A generous subsidy to encourage fellowship and participation.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Authentic Oktoberfest atmosphere
- Live Bavarian music and entertainment
- Premium Paulaner brews
- Traditional German food and festive vibes
- A great evening of Rotary fellowship

VENUE DETAILS

Paulaner Bräuhaus Singapore
9 Raffles Boulevard,
#01-01, Millenia Walk,
039596

SEATS & REGISTRATION

- 30 seats reserved for Rotary Club of Singapore
- 10 seats already taken
- Limited seats available - first come, first served

LIMITED SEATS!

TO REGISTER: PM ROTARY SPIRIT DIRECTOR THANGARAJ DIRECTOR
Book early to avoid disappointment.

Rotary District 3310 **END POLIO NOW**

END POLIO

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

TOGETHER, WE END POLIO

Join us on any occasion to end Polio.

WALK CLIMB DANCE STEP UP

ORDER NOW!

RM50 / SGD18 PER TSHIRT

YOUR CONTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN

CONTRIBUTION TO POLIO FUND UNDER MY ROTARY WEBSITE: **RM30 / SGD10 PER TSHIRT**

PLEASE BANK: **RM20 / SGD8 PER TSHIRT**

TOTAL PRICE: **RM50 / SGD18 PER TSHIRT**

RM30 / SGD10 goes to Polio Fund via My Rotary website.
RM20 / SGD8 goes to our club/district account to support End Polio awareness campaigns, events and administrative costs.

PLEASE BANK TO
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TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE LASTING IMPACT. #EndPolioNow

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

First: Is it the **TRUTH**?

Second: Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Third: Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Fourth: Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

A GUIDE TO DAILY LIVING

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first the precept of the guide.

First: Have I spent some time in self examination?

Second: Have I spent quality time with my family?

Third: Have I given my best to my work?

Fourth: Have I given some time to someone near and far?

- The first question prompts us to evaluate ourselves and our ability to serve.
- The second reinforces our commitment to the family, our intimate community of life and love.
- The third question requests us to commit ourselves to work excellence and the practice of high ethical standards.
- The fourth question reminds us of our duty to lend a hand, rendering compassionate service and working for world peace.

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