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In Focus

Proceedings of 1st Meeting / Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2021-2022 – 7th July 2021



Honorary Secretary Rtn Jessica Lim opened the meeting with a warm welcome to members. She called on Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund who gave the meeting housekeeping rules and requested members to follow them.

SAA Rtn Claus called on members to join him in welcoming President Louis Lim as he takes the Chair. Members did so with a loud round of applause.

Rtn Jessica Lim

President Louis thanked members for the warm welcome and took the

opportunity to introduce his Board of Directors and to thank them for their acceptance to be on the Board.



Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund

Before continuing with his presentation, President Louis invited Toastmaster IPP Dinesh Sharma, who called on members to join him in a toast to the great organization - Rotary International.

After which, President Louis briefed members on the Board's formulation of plans and strategies for the Club with further team brainstorming sessions, and he hoped to further engage senior members. He noted the unprecedented circumstances which kicked off the new Rotary year and the Club would assume COVID-19 restrictions on mobility at least until the end of the year

IPP Dinesh Sharma

and would continue with virtual meetings. He added that there would not be any hosting fees imposed until resumption of physical meetings.

President Louis spoke of the continued focus to strengthen the Club; to undertake impactful community projects; to provide inspiring experiences for members and engagement with sense of purpose and fulfilment.



VP Ronald Wong

President Louis called upon the Club's Vice Presidents (VP) to address members, starting with VP Ronald Wong who would be supporting the Community (CSC) and Youth (YSC) Service Committees. VP Ronald noted that the CSC would be serving the local community and would ensure that the recurring projects would be continued with organizations such as the Society for the Aged Sick, among others. He spoke of the work undertaken by YSC which would require continued maintenance through the years and appealed to members to give their full support in the projects which would be embarked upon.

Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen

VP Dr Chan Siew Luen would assist with the International (ISC) and Vocational (VSC) Service Committees. He noted that Rtn Varun Gulati has experience

having chaired the ISC before and the Club would hear from VSC Chair Rtn Sonali Sinha. He therefore spoke on the other role, that of Major Project Chair. He highlighted details of the "Share A Pot" Major Project proposal to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the physical, mental and social frailty of vulnerable people, and ensuring the continuity of contact and care throughout pandemic situations. He added that more information would be shared at the weekly meeting on 28 July by Dr Wong Sweet Fun from the Khoo Teck Puat Hospital.

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President Louis Lim



In Focus

Proceedings of 1st Meeting / Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2021-2022 – 7th July 2021... contd

On Club Administration, Honorary Secretary Rtn Jessica Lim cited her focus on Club Meetings for the year. She planned to have meaningful meetings which would be engaging and inspiring. The meetings would address current and relevant topics to engage and exchange ideas with fellow members. Rtn Jessica advised that the Know Your Fellow Rotarian (KYFR) programme would continue during the weekly meetings.

She highlighted the broad topic themes for the speakers' programme and the line-up of speakers up to the month of August. Rtn Jessica introduced the Speaker Coordination Team led by Rtn Joseph Chia, Rtn Uttam Kripalani (Mentor), President Louis, VP Siew Luen, VP Ronald, Public Image & PR Director Rtn Ranga Somanathan and herself.

President Louis called upon the Club's two Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) to say a few words, starting with Rtn Dr Claus who noted that it was a pleasure to serve as SAA and looked forward to an enjoyable and memorable experience. He reminded everyone of Rotary's Four-Way Test message and then tongue-in-cheek, introduced his "4-Way" Beer Cooler!

Next SAA Rtn Vineet Iyengar addressed the Club and advised that he was working out ways

to make the meetings more interactive for members and will keep them informed.



Rtn Vineet Iyengar



Membership Director, Rtn Subhash Pritmani stated that the Club's membership stands currently at 173, however it was not just about getting new members to the Club, and maintaining the momentum, but it was equally important to keep the membership engaged. He urged members to invite their friends and associates to Rotary, and to help him help the Club!

Rtn Subhash Pritmani



Public Image & PR Committee as follows: Awareness – Position RCS as a fellowship of committed individuals who Serve to Change Lives Interest - Showcase key initiatives across the 4 service committees across "authentic platforms" Desire - Make our initiatives sociable & discoverable across social platforms Action - Demonstrate accountability and progression through one-on-one engagements

Rtn Ranga highlighted the authentic environments for Public Image & PR sectors and the Club's social handle across the audience segments. He informed members of the Committee's strategic priorities with both the authentic and social platforms.

Prior to closing the first Meeting/Club Assembly, President Louis advised that the Club was looking for someone to assist with the Club's website and other social media platforms and called on members to advise him if they were able to assist.

President Louis warmly thanked members for their support and attendance, before closing the Meeting/Club Assembly at 8.10pm.

Rtn Ranga Somanathan

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Club Assembly Report

2nd Meeting/1st Club Assembly Proceedings (Part 2) – 14th July 2021

Honorary Secretary Jessica Lim welcomed members to the 2nd weekly meeting and to the continuation of the Club Assembly.

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar reminded members of the meeting rules and shared some tips on getting more familiar with Zoom, before handing the Chair to President Louis Lim.

TOAST

President Louis invited Toastmaster PP Stan Low who called on members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary International, our favourite organization!

President Louis took the opportunity to apologise to PP Stan for the error in the einstallation magazine which inadvertently omitted listing PP Stan as the Rotarian of the Year for Rotary Year 2013-2014. He further thanked PP Stan for his gracious understanding.



PP Stan Low

CLUB'S DISTRICT OFFICERS

President Louis recognized the following Club members who were serving the District and beyond, and thanked them for spending more time and serve to save lives:

- PDG Dr Philbert Chin Council of Past Governors
- Hon. Member, PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan Council of Past Governors
- **PP Dr Shahul Hameed** District Strategic Planning Committee & Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (RY 2020-2023)
- **PE James Lee** District Strategic Planning Committee Enhance Participant Engagement, Interact Committee Chair, Rotary Community Corps Committee Regional Chair (Singapore), Learning & Development Committee, Training Leaders-Building Successful Clubs
- **PP Dr Yap Lip Kee** District Strategic Planning Committee International Service (Chair)
- PP Jimmy Ooi Rotary Foundation Committee Vocational Training (Chair)
- PP Perlita Tiro District Alumni Network Group Adviser
- **PP Deepak Nagrani** Assistant Governor (Group 11)
- PP Mark Wang International Service, Regional Chair (Singapore)
- **MM Patel** Rotary Foundation Committee, Scholarships Regional Chair (Singapore)
- Mukundan A P Interact Regional Chair (Singapore)

PROJECT UPDATES

President Louis shared a project updates report which was received from PP Dr Shahul Hameed, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair which gave highlights on two Global Grants (GG) 2126413 to provide life support ventilator systems for COVID-19 response in Bhopal, India. The other GG 2119357 was for provision of medical cabins for rural community in Ogun State, Nigeria.

President Louis thanked Rtn Tom Wolf, Hon. Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani and the Ishk Tolaram Foundation for their support in these projects.

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1st Club Assembly Proceedings (Part 2)

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC)



Rtn Peter Brock

Director Rtn Peter Brock introduced his CSC team and shared his plans and its priorities for RY 2021/22 for members' engagement, contribution, collaboration, fellowship and remembrance of the Committee's work which benefits those less fortunate – to *Serve to Change Lives*. He advised that the Committee would continue with existing projects to achieve deeper impact and collaborate with other Service Committees, Rotary partners and external agencies. Rtn Peter added that the Committee would engage with the community to listen to their needs.

He highlighted how members could contribute through their attendance at meetings, events, projects and fund-raising and encouraged all members to participate. Rtn Peter added that the CSC would continue with its programmes with Willing Hearts, Food from the Heart and Blood

donation drives. Rtn Peter noted the use of Sunshine funds for small events like "kopi friends" and other outings to bring sunshine to beneficiaries and aimed to have at least one such event each month. Adding that since sunshine fund was from Youth (YSC) and Community Service Committees, Rtn Peter hoped to have a collaboration with YSC to bridge the elderly with our youths. He further listed other beneficiaries and projects which the Committee would be exploring for the year.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (VSC)



Rtn Sonali Sinha

Director Rtn Sonali Sinha recalled when she spoke with PDG Dr Philbert Chin who shared Rotary's other motto "One Profits Most Who Serves Best" which showed how to serve the community through vocations, and she added that the Club has a diverse group of members.

She highlighted the VSC Themes:

Employability – projects with the ISCOS for reformed offenders and AIDHA for foreign domestic helpers and other projects.

Digital Inclusion – to assist members of the community such as hawkers to support their business and senior citizens to deal with digital change.

Governance – Expansion of the Four-Way Test to a large scale and build a workshop with partners and develop toolkits for ethical improvements and to meet challenges.

Entrepreneurship – trying to help enhance entrepreneurship – to offer mentoring to businesses and offer Rotarians' guidance and coaching support. The Friends of VSC would continue with successful entrepreneurs invited to share their insights.

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award & Artisan of the Year Award – both Award are ongoing. Joint Projects – The Committee would continue to work jointly on the Public Health Ambassador programme.

Last but not least, Rtn Sonali introduced the VSC Core Team to members.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (ISC)



Director Rtn Varun Gulati shared the innovative ways in which ISC hoped to promote the Club during the year despite the COVID situation - with various types of projects and collaboration with other Club Committees and within the District. He added that efforts would be made to make ISC's work enjoyable with opportunities for fellowship and networking, as well as assignments which would use each members' expertise.

Rtn Varun Gulati

He advised that the Committee would plan, implement and evaluate projects and help identify signature projects that would increase the Club's impact on the Community. He added that a signature project committee would be formed.

1st Club Assembly Proceedings (Part 2) ... contd

Rtn Varun stated that the Committee would work with other Clubs, organisations, volunteers and Committee members to maximize the impact of the projects through the assistance of ISC's Country Champions, Area of Focus Champions, with the understanding of Global Grants, club to club projects, disaster relief and District to District projects.

Rtn Varun further advised that ISC would lead efforts to fundraise for projects through art auction and corporate partnerships.

He advised that the Book of Humour (BOH) would be revamped and that the Sister Club list would be revisited.

Rtn Varun added that the Committee would work with the Public Image Committee to promote projects and highlight Club projects in Rotary Showcase.

Before ending his presentation, Rtn Varun introduced the key members of the ISC team.

YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE (YSC)

Director Rtn Mukundan A P highlighted the YSC's five objectives:

- Strong connectivity and consistent relationship with all Interact Clubs
- Joint Projects with VSC & CSC
- Impactful projects to empower the youths to create strong branding and image
- International Understanding project connect
- Continue the projects from previous year

Rtn Mukund shared the comprehensive Youth Service Roadmap for the entire year, starting with the Rotarian Advisors meeting on 15th July, followed by the Interact Leadership Training

Rtn Mukundan A P

Camp (ILTC) from 23rd to 25th July. He added that YSC would work with other Committees as well on projects such as career talks and the Public Health Ambassador programme. He invited members to attend and participate at the first YSC meeting to be held on 22 July when the Committee would discuss the ILTC as well as each Project timelines as per the Roadmap.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE



Director Rtn Louisa Lee noted that supporting the environment was Rotary's 7th new area of focus which infused all the Committees. She added that in fact Rotary has been protecting the environment with its Preserve Planet Earth projects since 1990.

Rtn Louisa shared the Committee's plans to arrange for at 12 speakers on relevant topics throughout the year and would work within the Service Committees on projects. She advised that also being looked into is a Rotary Foundation project of a rooftop food forest. Rtn Louisa hoped to make carding for the environment and building a sustainable world a habit for every Rotarian.

Rtn Louisa Lee

She spoke of some potential ideas working with CSC for the Food from the Heart, Willing Hearts and Beach Clean Ups to possibly replace plastic bags used for food distribution, to using recyclable bags and a better food delivery system. She cited other areas of collaboration with VSC, YSC and ISC.

Rtn Louisa informed members of the first kickoff project with CSC and Jollywalkers which will be a District 3310 Clean Up Drive (for Rotarians and family) on Saturday, 31 July from 9 – 10.30am at Pasir Ris Park.

1st Club Assembly Proceedings (Part 2) ... contd

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Rtn Francesco De Liva

Director Rtn Francesco De Liva noted the challenges in organizing fellowship events during COVID-19 particularly for in person meetings as he did not want to take any undue risks. However, there were some major events which should be celebrated such "100 days of President Louis's presidency" on 9th October, Deepavali on 4 November, Christmas and Chinese New Year.

He advised of every week or month, a fellowship event would be planned, such as the JollyWalk, Rotarian Thirsty Fridays (starting in September), Artisan Workshops (starting in November) and RCS IceBreaker. Rtn Francesco advised the concept of IceBreaker which would enable each member to be matched monthly with a fellow member and they could arrange for a Zoom call or lunch to get to know one another better.

Rtn Francesco noted that the Club has various Interest Groups and invited members to consider forming other interest groups as well as a means to organize fellowship while doing community work.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) COMMITTEE



Director Rtn Chong Zhi Cheng advised that he work with the Club Rotary Foundation Committee (CRFC) chaired by PP Tapan Rao.

Rtn Zhi presented the Club's TRF fundraising analysis which showed that the Club did very well last Rotary year thanks to the efforts of IPP Dinesh Sharma, Rtn Suresh Keerthi, PP Tapan Rao and PP Dr Shahul Hameed. He advised the Club's Annual Fund contributions for RY2020-21 at 152,255 with a total contribution to TRF at \$1,150,918. He added that the Club's Annual Fund per capita contribution was \$1,043 the highest in the District.

Rtn Chong Zhi Cheng

He noted last year there were 48 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) members and he hoped to get at least 50% of the members as EREY for this year.

CLUB ROTARY FOUNDATION (CRFC) COMMITTEE



As PP Tapan Rao who is the CRFC Committee Chair was present, President Louis invited him to address the Club. PP Tapan commended Rtn Zhi for efforts, adding that he took the trouble of attending all the relevant courses.

PP Tapan added that he was looking forward to working with Rtn Zhi who has great ideas going forward particularly with objectives for EREY.

PP Tapan requested that an email invitation be sent to members to join the CRFC for this

PP Tapan Rao Rotary year and he would welcome members' participation. PP Tapan was informed that the invitation had been sent.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

President Louis noted that it would be a fantastic 12 months ahead, dependent on the roles and participation of members.

He reminded members of the coming Speaker series and thanked Programmes Chair Rtn Joseph Chia for his hard work.

The Meeting/Club Assembly ended at 8.30pm.

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Project Updates

Update Reports on Global Grants (reported at weekly meeting -14.7.21)

By: PP Dr Shahul Hameed, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair

Official Banner of launch of **GG 2126413** Covid 19 Response Bhopal, India 2021.

> Primary Partners: RC Bhopal Mid Town District 3501, 3502 Taiwan

RC Tokyo Sunrise <u>Shiodome</u> RC Singapore

District 3310

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> & <u>Rtn</u> Tom Wolf RC Singapore

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Host Club : Rotary Club of Bhopal Midtown, R.I. District 3040.



GG 2126413 provided 5 Medical Ventilators worth USD\$36,470 to Covid-19 Hospital set up by Jawahar Lal Nehru Cancer Hospital. Hybrid Project Launch and Equipment Handover took place on 30 June 2021 and graced by DG District 3040 Gajendra Narang, Hospital Chairman and Partners PDG Peter Cheng from D3501 Taiwan and DRFC Dr Shahul Hameed from RC Singapore.

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Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Mali Malaiappan Iya Afan Dir. Peter Brock PK Walia Dir. Ranga Somanathan SAA Vineet Iyengar Andreas Duerst Sachin Kagliwal John Goeres Varun Gulati Miha Hribernik HM PP Raymon Huang PE James Lee Ronil Sujan

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding **Anniversary celebrants:**

Hon. Member PP Raymon & Jessie Huang

Aarti Wadhwa & Nielsen Niels

Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Thursday, 1 July 2021

VOCATIONAL SERVICE: Thursday, 8 July 2021

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Thursday, 15 July 2021

YOUTH SERVICE: Thursday, 22 July 2021

This Meeting

21 July 2021 From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Prof. David Lee Kuo Chuen, Singapore University of Social Sciences

Topic: Inclusive Fintech: Crypto, Token & Destination of Goods

BOOK OF HUMOUR





From President Louis Lim

Members of the Board of Directors

Next Meeting

28 July 2021 From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Dr Wong Sweet Fun, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital

Topic: Share A Pot Project

Coming Rotary Events

July **Rotary Fellowships Month** 31 Jul – Beach Clean Up at Pasir Ris Beach (subject to the prevailing advisory on COVID-19 situation)

August Membership & New Club **Development Month**

September **Basic Education & Literacy Month**

October **Economic & Community Development Month**

November **Rotary Foundation Month**

December **Disease Prevention & Treatment** Month



The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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:

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 Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

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