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# In Focus

## Our Youth In Action

By: Rtn Connie Ho



Rtn Connie Ho

We had two back to back events over the weekend. It started with the packing of gift bags for the “Goodie, Goodie, Goodie for Christmas” Project on Saturday 9 December, where 20 Interactors from Hwa Chong and Yishun Junior Colleges joined our Rotary volunteers for the packing. A total of 240 bags were packed and ready for distribution to the Gift of Love Home and Bukit Gombak Eagles Interact Christmas Party on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

On our annual visit to the Gift of Love Home on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, we saw our *Interactors-in-action* from serving lunch, distributing goodie bags to singing and finally forming a human chain to move the heavier stuff – all in a day’s work. Thank you for your commitment – this is the true spirit of giving and Service Above Self!!



## In Focus



*President Keith as Santa (minus the beard) handing out presents to the children at the Gift of Love Home*

A shout out to our **Rotary Football Plus Team U12s** for winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the ESPZEN Junior League. This is great team work and well done!!



*The winning team of Rotary FootballPlus!*





# Book of Humour Christmas Promotion



Dear Fellow Rotarians

Bring smiles and laughter to your family, friends and business associates this Christmas and support a worthy cause... for a cost of a greeting card, you could present a gift - ***Book of Humour / Best of Humour / Bank of Humour!***

For this Holiday Season, a special one-time offer is extended to all Rotarians at a promotional rate of **S\$6.00 per copy** (normal price is \$10.00) for any of the three abovementioned books. The offer of **S\$15.00 for a set of 3 titles** is subject to minimum order of 10 copies or 10 sets at this price.

**Free Hot Stamping for minimum 100 copies or more.**

Don't wait! Offer ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Place your orders now with Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri at email [rewamirpuri@gmail.com](mailto:rewamirpuri@gmail.com)

Yours in Rotary  
Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri  
Rotary Club of Singapore



# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 13 December 2017

### OPENING REMARKS

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Robert Craiu opened the Meeting and invited President Keith to take the Chair. President Keith warmly welcomed Guest Speaker, Ms Corinna Lim, Executive Director of AWARE to the Meeting.

### WELCOME

Duty of welcoming Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Willi Hess:

#### Guests:

Dr Anne-Marie Schleich

#### Visiting Rotarians:

President Yakub Bhetadiwala – Kalyan, India

Nadine Broghammer – eClub 2000, Switzerland

Masahiro Sakaguchi – Otsu, Japan



*Rtn Willi Hess*

### TOAST



From left, Toastmaster, PP Peter Tan called on members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary Club of Otsu, Japan represented at the Meeting by Rtn Masahiro Sakaguchi, coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

### EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS



*Presentation of banner to  
Rtn Masahiro*



*Exchange of banners with RC  
Kalyan's President Yakub who  
invited the Club to participate in its  
Global Grant project in Mumbai.*

*Pres Keith hands a Club banner to Rtn Nadine Broghammer*

# Last Week

## PROJECT REPORTS

President Keith reported briefly on:

**FootballPlus** Champion League held on 10 December which saw the team winning third place in the League.

Following this event, President Keith added that he headed out to participate in the **CSC Project – Goodie Goodie Goodie for Christmas** at the Gift of Love Home.

## COMING ROTARY EVENTS

EVENT	DETAILS
<b>Service Committee Meetings &amp; Annual Christmas Fellowship</b>	Friday, 22 December at 7.00pm onwards at 11 Ewart Park, S279744 hosted by Hon Member Rtn Mohan & Kawita Vaswani.
<b>Rotary GG Inspection &amp; Fellowship Trip to Central Vietnam</b>	From 12 to 15 January 2018 - For more details contact PP Dr Shahul Hameed at email <a href="mailto:drshahul14@gmail.com">drshahul14@gmail.com</a>
<b>Philippine Medical &amp; Dental Mission</b>	From 16 to 22 January 2018. Details are featured on Page 7 of the bulletin. To register and for further details, please contact PP Perlita at <a href="mailto:rtnperlita@gmail.com">rtnperlita@gmail.com</a> or Rtn Deepti at <a href="mailto:deepti.lalchandani@gmail.com">deepti.lalchandani@gmail.com</a> .
<b>India Eye Mission</b>	From 18 to 21 February 2018. President Keith advised that the Eye Mission would be held in conjunction with the visit to view the sanitation projects and the opening of 2 Rotary Eye Hospitals. More details will be circulated shortly.
<b>District Assembly (DISTAS)</b>	From 15 to 18 March 2018. To be held at the new venue - Holiday Villa Hotel in Johor Bahru. Members were also invited to take up a page of advertisement in the DISTAS souvenir magazine. Details are available from the Secretariat.

## PLANT A TREE – ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

President Keith reminded members of the tree-planting project, a Rotary International initiative for every Rotarian to plant a tree. President Keith has sponsored 1,000 trees and so far donations for about 160 trees have been received. He thanked PP Chiang Shih Fang and Rtn Willi Hess for their recent donations, which would be remitted to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus programme.



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!



President Keith noted that Honorary Member PP Bhagwan Melwani's birthday was today (13 December) and sent the Club's best wishes to him.



# Last Week

**Speaker:** Ms Corinna Lim, Executive Director, AWARE

**Topic:** “Violence Against Women - #METOO”

President Keith invited Rtn Deblina Chatterjee to introduce the Guest Speaker, Ms Corinna Lim who is AWARE’s first Executive Director. Before her appointment in 2010, Ms Lim was an active member of AWARE, having served on two executive committees and several sub-committees. Ms Lim practised law for more than 10 years and she also provided free legal counselling at AWARE’s Legal Clinic. Ms Lim is also an entrepreneur and co-founded Bizibody Technology Pte Ltd, a technology company with her twin sister. Ms Lim has a Masters in Public Administration (with focus on social entrepreneurship) from Columbia University and is a Fulbright Scholar. She graduated with an LLB from the National University of Singapore and was called to the Singapore Bar in 1988.



*Guest Speaker Ms Corinna Lim flanked by Rtns Brigitte Holtschneider (right) and Rtn Deblina Chatterjee (left)*



*From right to left: Pres Keith, Ms Lim & Rtn Brigitte*

Ms Lim noted that the subject of her talk was currently topical and controversial and that “#metoo” was a phenomenon where people (mostly women) were standing up to report prominent men who have sexually harassed them, and these reports were being taken seriously. She also gave an overview of AWARE’s mission, work and involvement in workplace harassment. Ms Lim’s talk covered sexual harassment and #me too in Singapore and what could be done about workplace harassment. She defined workplace harassment simply as unwelcomed and offensive conduct of a sexual nature that takes place in the workplace.

Ms Lim also shared her personal encounter with workplace harassment in the spirit of #metoo which occurred more than 25 years ago, as well as other examples of harassment faced by women at their workplace. She spoke of the impact of website Hear.To.Change which allowed survivors who have experienced harassment to talk about it. Ms Lim also advised ways in which to prevent workplace harassments, adding that it was everyone’s responsibility, with organisations having visible zero tolerance policies and grievance procedures in place, as well as the necessary training for staff and managers. She also gave advice on how best to support impacted persons.

Ms Lim graciously answered several questions forwarded to her from members. President Keith called on Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider who warmly thanked Ms Lim for her excellent presentation.





# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

### RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

20 December – Saeed Khan & Claudia Huegel  
24 December – Dir Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah  
26 December – Tina Tang  
27 December – Xavier Sanjiman

## Anniversary Celebrants

### RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

21 December – PP Chiang Shih Fang & Liew Chin  
22 December – Astha Aggarwal & Tarang Aggarwal  
23 December – Dr Tim & Jutta Phillipi, Tan Ching Khoo & Bee Lian  
26 December – PDG Dr Philbert & Mary Chin

## Committee Meetings in December

The four Service Committee Meetings will be held prior to the Annual Christmas Fellowship as follows:

**Date:** Friday, 22 December

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** 11 Ewart Park, S 279744

**Hosts:** Honorary Member Rtn Mohan & Kawita Vaswani

## This Meeting

**20 December 2017**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Mansoor Hassanbhai, PP Dr Shahul Hameed

**Sunshine Box:** PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas, Dir See Mee Lee

**Speaker:** Rev. Ivan Tan Pastor, The Living Hope Methodist Church

**Topic:** *Nurturing Leaders*

## Next Meeting

**27 December 2017**

**Meeting is cancelled in view of the Holiday Season**



## Coming Rotary Events

### November

*Rotary Foundation Month*

### December

*Disease Prevention and Treatment Month*

**22 Dec** – Annual Christmas Fellowship

### January

*Vocational Service Month*

**12-15 Jan** – Rotary GG Inspection & Fellowship Trip to Central Vietnam

**16-22 Jan** – Philippine Medical & Dental Mission

### February

*Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month*

**18 – 21 Feb** – India Eye Mission

### March

*Water and Sanitation Month*

**15-18 Mar** – DISTAS Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, District Training Assembly at Holiday Villa, Johor Bahru

### April

*Maternal and Child Health Month*

Minority Vocational School Mission Visit



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## 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?

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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:

**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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