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## **Lunch with our Nonagenarian Members**

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### In Focus

## **Lunch with our Nonagenarian Members**

By: PP Peter Tan

26 Rotarians from our Club gathered to host a lunch with our senior members HM PP Bhagwan Melwani (95), HM Adam Moledina (98) and spouse Roshan, and HM PP Raymon Huang (91) and spouse Jessie at the Singapore Island Country Club on Saturday 5 May 2018.

Over Satay, Rojak, Pie Tee, Laksa and other local delights, we reminisced and shared some memories of Rotary days gone by with laughter and joy of fellowship.

President Keith who was also present at the gathering had this to say "I would like to publicly acknowledge our Almoner team and supporters for organising a fellowship lunch for our nonagenarian member. I think it was very meaningful and really a lot of fun. Respecting our long serving members in this way really is thoughtful and kind - thank you to all involved. "

Unfortunately HM PP Dr Patrick Chin (93) and HM Shoichi Ishizaki (90) could not make it this time. HM Patrick Chin is fine but had a previous appointment. HM Shoichi is recovering but not yet ready to venture out. We promised ourselves that we will advise HM Patrick early the next time we have an occasion like this and also told ourselves that as soon as HM Shoichi is comfortable for us to visit, we plan to see him at his home and bring him a box of biscuits too.

From the desk of the Almoner Team Representing the Club that cares



Seated from left: HM PP Raymon Huang, HM Adam & Roshan Moledina, Mrs Jessie Huang, HM PP Bhagwan Melwani, PP Perlita Tiro, Mrs Janet Phua, Mrs Irene Tan. Standing from left: Mrs Effie & PP Philip Leong, PE Mark Wang, PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas, Pres. Keith Harrison, Rtn Uttam Kripalani (behind), PDG Dr Philbert Chin, PP Peter Tan, CSC Dir. See Mee Lee, PN/VSC Dir. Deepak Nagrani, Rtn Dinesh Sharma, Rtn Shamin Vaswani (partially hidden), Mrs Zerin Medora, PP Jimmy Ooi, Rtn Paul Phua, Mrs Shirley Tan, Rtn Jamshid Medora, PP Tan Chin Ngiap, Mrs Maria & Rtn Joseph Chia

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#### Photo Album of the Lunch with our Nonagenarian Members

(Photos courtesy from PP Tan Chin Ngiap & PE Mark Wang)



From left: President Keith Harrison, HM PP Bhagwan Melwani & PE Mark Wang



From left: PP Bhagwan, PP Raymon Huang (standing), Rtn Adam & Roshan Moledina (seated)



From right: HM PP Raymon & Jessie Huang



PP Peter Tan representing the Almoner Team with HM
Adam & Roshan Moledina





#### Photo Album of the Lunch with our Nonagenarian Members...



From left: Rtn Yong Poh Shin & PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas



From left: PDG Dr Philbert Chin & Rtn Paul Phua



Smiles all round...starting with Rtn Shamin Vaswani (right)



From left: PE Mark, Mrs Effie & PP Philip Leong



Everyone enjoying a sumptuous lunch



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## **Last Week**

#### Last Week - Report on the Wednesday Meeting - 9 May 2018

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Bertrand De Mil started the proceedings and invited President Keith to take the Chair. President Keith warmly welcomed the Guest Speaker, Mr Johann Annuar, the Executive Director of Engineering Good.

President Keith showed some of the photographs taken at the lunch fellowship for nonagenarian members held on 5 May 2018.

#### WELCOME

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Dr Claus Dusemund:

Speaker, Mr Johann Annuar & Ms Megan John (Engineering Good) Dr Daisy Rasaily Ms Abhilasha Bhuraria Mr Ben Abatte Mr M. Gabriel **Visiting Rotarian:** PP Eugene Lim - Raffles City



Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund

#### **TOAST**

As there were no visiting Rotarians from overseas, Toastmaster Rtn Robert Craiu called on members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary International.



President Keith & Rtn Robert Craiu (right to left) in a toast to RI



#### **Last Week**

#### **SWIMARATHON 2018**

President Keith noted the targets set by the Swimarathon's organising team to have:

- At least 250 swimmers
- At least 4,000 laps completed
- To raise \$40,000

He quizzed members, if these targets were achieved, and indeed they were, and in fact, exceeded in every category! President Keith advised that results of the Swimarathon would be presented at the VSC meeting. He took the opportunity to thank all who participated, from members, donors, District Governor Datuk Lee Chuen Wan, Guest of Honour, MP Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye as well as our Club's Interactors.



#### **COMING ROTARY EVENTS**

President Keith reminded members of the following Rotary events:

Rotary Events	<b>Details</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> District 3310 Conference	Friday, 11 May to Sunday, 13 May 2018 Venue: The Magellan Sutera Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
GuiZhou Minority Vocational School Visit	Friday, 18 May to Tuesday, 22 May 2018
	If interested in attending, please register with PE Mark Wang
Sister Club, RC Osaka Semba's	Sunday, 27 May to Monday, 28 May 2018
30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations	Venue: Nikko Osaka Hotel
4 <sup>th</sup> & Final Club Assembly for Rotary	Wednesday, 30 May 2018 from 6.30pm onwards
Year 2017-2018	Venue: Gilmour Room, Singapore Cricket Club, Connaught Drive
	Weekly lunch meeting on 30 May is cancelled in lieu of this Club Assembly
Sister Club Fellowship	Saturday, 30 June 2018 from 6.00pm onwards
	Venue: Senior Police Officers' Mess, 153 Mt Pleasant Road, S 298341
Installation of 84 <sup>th</sup> President Mark	Sunday, 1 July 2018 at 6.30pm (for cocktails)
Wang & the Board	Venue: Pan Pacific Singapore, 7 Raffles Boulevard, S 039595
	Guest of Honour: Ms Indranee Rajah, (Minister, Prime Minister's Office &
	Second Minister for Finance & Education & Law)



#### **Last Week**

Speaker: Mr Johann Annuar, Executive Director, Engineering Good

Topic: "Engineering Good: engineering a better world"



Rtn Hassan Moosa

President Keith invited Rtn Hassan Moosa to introduce the speaker, Mr Johann Annuar who is the Executive Director of Engineering Good. Rtn Hassan quoted Mr Elon Musk, who believed that the world needs more engineers, and how they could make use of their engineering skills to give back to the community. Rtn Hassan advised that Mr Annuar is an engineer by training; he has been with Engineering Good in key roles for the past four years (from 2014 to current year). He is an avid cyclist with no boundaries and cycled from Turkey to New Zealand over 18 months. Mr Annuar was also a member of the Singapore Everest Expedition 1998 Team. He also served as a Board member for the Medecins Sans Frontieres

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Speaker Mr Johann Annuar

(Doctors without Borders).

Mr Annuar introduced Engineering Good as a Singapore-based charity organization, which seeks to empower disadvantaged communities through humanitarian engineering. He added that the organization envisions a world

where everyone would be able to lead a life of dignity and opportunity, no matter their circumstances. He strongly believes in the concept of the humanitarian engineer, and further advised that Engineering Good work in partnership with change makers locally and in the region, and rely on a strong pool of skilled volunteers, to deliver greater social impact.



From left: President Keith, Mr Annuar & Rtn Bala Venkatesan

Mr Annuar highlighted the organisation's international programmes with the use of appropriate technology for "bottom of pyramid" short-term sustainable projects. His talk also featured some local programmes working with welfare organisations in Singapore to support persons with disabilities through assistive technology. He showed two short videos of Engineering Good's projects and workshops. To end his presentation, Mr Annuar spoke of how the Club could help with fund-raising, partnerships and through volunteering.

President Keith called upon Rtn Bala Venkatesan who warmly thanked Mr Annuar presentation which showed the fabulous work being done by Engineering Good. He added that the Club has also initiated a Junior Engineers Programme for the last two years and would continue with a project at the end of the month.

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## Mark Your Diary

#### **Birthday Celebrants**

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Uttam Kripalani

Rasik Singh Ahuja

#### **Anniversary Celebrants**

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

PP Paliath "Mohan" & Vatsala Mohandas

Deepu & Miriam Joseph

Sandra & Joseph Coffman

## International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 17 May

Time: 6.30pm

**Venue: 1A International Business** 

Park #13-01, S 609933

Hosts: HM Mohan Vaswani, PP Dr Shahul Hameed, Rtns Dr Omkar Shrestha, MM Patel, PP Alan Tan

#### This Meeting

#### 16 May 2018

Reception Desk duty: PPs Mansoor Hassanbhai, Dr Oliver Hennedige Sunshine Box: IPP Garry Taylor, Dir

See Mee Lee

**Speaker**: Her Excellency Ambassador Anita Nergaard, Norwegian Ambassador to

Singapore

**Topic**: Norway & Norwegian Youth

Culture

## Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 24 May

**Time:** 7.30pm

Venue: To be advised

Hosts: S "Mali" Malaiappan, PDG

**Dr Philbert Chin** 

## Who's Who Directory 2018-2019

Members are reminded to submit their updated information & photographs to the Secretariat

#### Next Meeting

#### 23 May 2018

Reception Desk duty: Hena Hoda,

Connie Ho

Sunshine Box: PP Dr Yap Lip Kee,

Paul Phua

**Programme:** K S Mehta Memorial

Award Presentation

#### **Coming Rotary Events**

#### May

**Youth Service Month** 

**11-13 May –** District Conference **18-22 May –** GuiZhou Minority

Vocational School Visit

27-28 May - RC Osaka Semba's 30<sup>th</sup>

anniversary celebrations
30 May – Weekly meeting is
cancelled in lieu of the Final Club
Assembly for RY 2017-18

#### June

**Rotary Fellowship Month** 

**24-27 June –** R I Convention, Toronto, Canada

**30 June –** Sister Club Fellowship at Senior Police Officers' Mess

#### July

1 July – Installation Dinner at Pan Pacific Singapore

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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.

#### 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?



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017/2018**

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