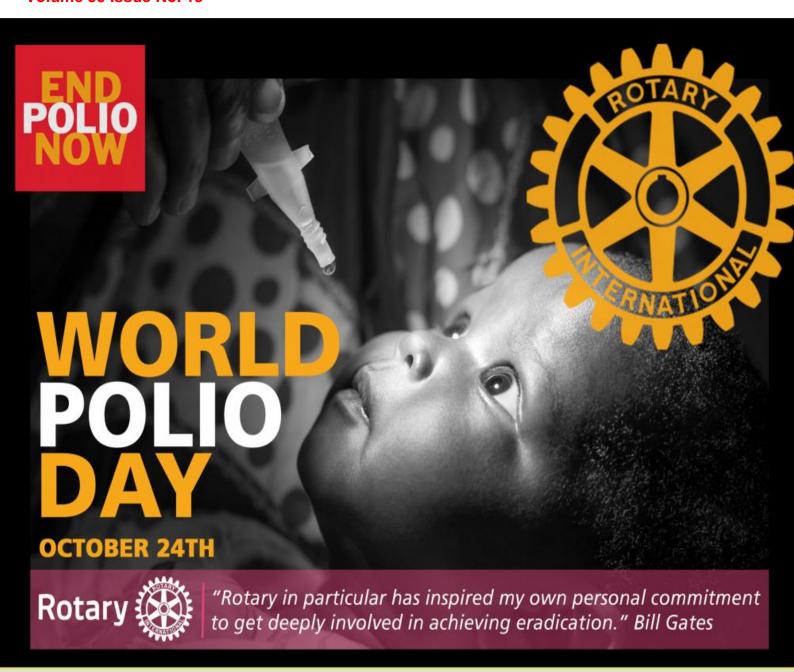


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# In Focus

# **Presidential Message**

October 2018



Barry Rassin R I President 2018-19

Every Thursday morning, I receive an email from the World Health Organization with an update on the status of polio eradication. It contains a wealth of information, country by country: where and how immunization campaigns are being conducted, how many millions of children are being vaccinated, and where environmental surveillance has found evidence of circulating virus. But every week, when that email appears in my inbox, my heart seems to stop for just a moment until I read the first few lines – and learn whether a child was paralyzed by wild poliovirus that week.

That, my friends, is where we are today in the work of polio eradication. The question on my mind as I open that message isn't how many thousands of cases we might see in a year, as we did not too long ago, or even how many hundreds. Instead, when that WHO email arrives every Thursday, the single, binary question it answers is: Was there a new case this week, or wasn't there?

Thirty years ago, 1,000 children were paralyzed by polio every single day. Since then, we've marked our progress, year by year, week by week. We've celebrated as country after country, region after region has been declared poliofree. As we've come closer and closer to our goal, and the number of cases has dropped further and further, the children those numbers reflect have become less and less of an abstraction. When I open that Thursday email, I don't wonder what number I'll see. I wonder, was a child paralyzed this week or not?

We are so close to eradication – but there is so much work left to do.

This month, I ask every Rotary club to help End Polio Now by marking World Polio Day on 24 October. Last year, thousands of Rotary clubs around the world held events to raise awareness and funds for polio eradication. This year, we want to see more World Polio Day events registered than ever. If you have an event planned, be sure to register and promote it at <a href="endpolio.org">endpolio.org</a> so that more people can take part. If you haven't planned one yet, it's not too late – visit <a href="endpolio.org">endpolio.org</a> to find ideas, information on this year's livestream, and resources to help your club organize a successful event.

World Polio Day is a tremendous opportunity for clubs to highlight Rotary, and our historic work to eradicate polio, in their own communities. It is also a great way to take advantage of the challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: For every dollar that Rotary raises for polio eradication, the Gates Foundation will give two more. Join me, and Rotarians everywhere, on 24 October for World Polio Day – and *Be the Inspiration* for a polio-free world.







# Coming Club Events...

Presidents of Rotary Clubs in Singapore proudly present

# World Polio Day 2018 SG

Guest of Honour DG Henry Tan
District 3310 Governor

24 October 2018 Wed 12:30pm The Tanglin Club

Tickets at SGD50
Please register though your Club President
Registration closes on 20th Oct 2018



Speaker: PDG Michael Yee

Guest Speaker: Dr William Tan on "Adversity to advantage"

Co-Organizers: Rotary Club of Tanjong Pagar & Rotary Club of Singapore jointly with

Jointy with Rotary Club of Novena Rotary Club of Sentosa Rotary Club of Shenton Rotary Club of Singapore North



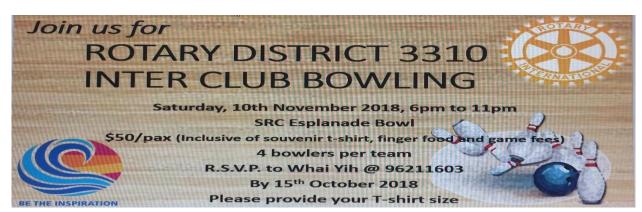




Join fellow Rotarians from other Rotary Clubs in Singapore as we participate in World Polio Day:

The Meeting highlights as follows:

- RC Singapore will be the hosting club, at the usual lunch meeting venue, expanded to accommodate up to 80 participants;
- Rotary End Polio update by PDG Michael Yee
- Talk by Dr William Tan, inspirational polio victim and athlete
- \$50.00 per participant, including lunch
- \$10.00 per End Polio Pin, into the Sunshine Box



Please contact VP Rajkumar P Suppiah to register

# Update on The Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA)

**REMEMBER**: This is the 30th EYA celebration of the gold standards - the standards of entrepreneurship and a legacy for future generations. Gala Dinner at the Ritz Carlton Hotel where the winners will be announced



- Date: 22 November at 7 pm
- Rotary Club of Singapore will have 2 tables at this event. Cost: \$180 per person
- Rotarians who wish to participate, please advise the Secretariat.



# **Last Week**

## Last Week - Report on Wednesday Meeting - 10 October 2018

#### OPENING REMARKS



VP Hassan Moosa

The meeting was opened by acting Sergeant-at-Arms Stuart Pearce who then invited Vice President Hassan Moosa to take the Chair. VP Hassan advised that President Mark Wang sent his apologies as he had to attend The Entrepreneur of the Year Finalists Presentation being held the same afternoon.

VP Hassan welcomed the Guest Speaker, Mr Danny Lim who is the Group CEO and Chairman of Lighthouse Global Holdings Inc., as well as PDG Dr Philbert Chin and members to the meeting.

#### WELCOME

Duty of welcoming Guests and Visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind:

#### Guests

Mr Wilfred Koh

Dr Wilson Lim

Mr Daniel Teo

#### **Visiting Rotarians**

President Archie Cornista – Las Pinas, Philippines

Prakash Agrawal - Mumbai, India

Dawood Haisari – Adambakkam, India



Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind

#### **TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNERS**



From left: President Archie Cornista, Toastmaster Rtn Suresh Keerthi & VP Hassan



VP Hassan presents a Club banner to President Archie



VP Hassan exchanged banners with Rtn Dawood Haisari from RC Adambakkam



# **Last Week**

#### MEMBERS' MAKE UPS AT THE FOLLOWING ROTARY CLUBS...



PP Jimmy Ooi made up at Rotary Club of Bangkapi, Thailand on 9.10.18



Hon Treasurer Horst Hagemann visited R C Zurich &was presented with its banner on 5.10.18.



Rtn Horst and Hon Secretary Connie Ho (centre) visited RC Pandan Valley on 28.9.18.

#### **VOCATIONAL VISIT**

VP Hassan reminded members that the Vocational Service Committee has arranged a very interesting visit to the Jewellery Design and Management International School (JDMIS) as follows:



Jewellery Design and Management International School

Date & Time: Saturday, 20 October 2018 from 10.30am to 12.00pm

Venue: JDMIS, 501 Stirling Road, MDIS Unicampus Franklin Block, F-1075 to F-1082, Singapore 148951

Programme: The visit will feature a short talk on jewellery design and manufacturing by the Dean / CEO of the school, a tour of the campus and showcase amongst other jewellery related classes, an 'advanced digital jewellery design' and 'new metals' class recently launched by the school. This will be an interesting vocational visit for members, families and young adults.

For more details, please contact Rtn Joseph Chia.

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# **Last Week**

Speaker: Mr Danny Lim, Group CEO & Chairman

**Lighthouse Global Holdings Inc.** 

**Topic:** "Life Reflections at Eighty"



Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund

VP Hassan called on Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund to introduce the Guest Speaker, Mr Danny Lim. Rtn Claus advised that Mr Lim's company is a publicly listed entity in US, based in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr Lim has been in the Real Estate industry for 23 years. He started acquiring and managing close to 1000 US distressed properties in 2009. By 2014, Mr Lim had developed a Hotel in ND while acquiring land in US, Malaysia and Indonesia with projects under development in excess of GDV \$300M.

With his understanding of project development risk brought by uncertainties, Mr Lim re-engineered the Developer's business model into 3 core components; developers, land owners, and the funding community.

Mr Lim thanked members for the invitation to speak and discuss about blockchain technology. He shared information on the new Marketplace Platform which uses sharing



Guest Speaker, Mr Danny Lim



From left: Rtn Vikrant Kanyal, Mr Danny Lim & VP Hassan Moosa

economy business model, powered by Blockchain (Distributed Ledger) Technology, to give funders an edge in securing their funds, with no possibility of misuse, misappropriation and abuse. He added that the platform would offer a number of opportunities and options to landowners for capital appreciation. To conclude his presentation, Mr Lim kindly answered questions posed to him by members.

On behalf of the Club, Rtn Vikrant Kanyal warmly thanked Mr Lim for his informative talk.



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# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to the following celebrants:

Dr Omkar Shrestha M M Patel PP Jimmy Ooi

## **Anniversary Celebrants**

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Honorary Member Shoichi & Kimie Ishizaki

Varun & Niharika Gulati

# International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 18 October

**Time: 7.00pm** 

Venue: Ruby Room, Level 3, Singapore Island Country Club, Sime Road (Thomson Location), 180 Island Club Road, S578774 Hosts: PP Chiang Shih Fang, Rtns Kannan Krishnan, Rewa Mirpuri & PE Deepak Nagrani

## This Meeting

## EVENING MEETING 17 October 2018

Reception Desk duty: Directors Drs Rupesh Agrawal & Chan Siew Luen Sunshine Box: PP Jimmy Ooi & Mandy Pascual

**Speaker**: Associate Professor A. Lee Gilbert, Nanyang Business School & Rotary Scholar

**Topic**: "From Belief to Success – learning from Asian Start-ups"

# Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 25 October

**Time: 7.00pm** 

Venue: YWCA Singapore, 6 Fort Canning Road, Fort Canning Lodge, Hope & Faith Room, Level 3,

S179494

Hosts: Rtn Uttam Kripalani, Hon Secretary Connie Ho & President Mark Wang



## Next Meeting

## 24 October 2018 World Polio Day Inter-City Rotary Meeting

Reception Desk duty: PP Chiang Shih Fang, Dir. Manish Tibrewal Sunshine Box: VP Rajkumar P Suppiah, Paul Phua

Programme: Rotary End Polio update by PDG Michael Yee & Talk by Dr William Tan, inspirational polio victim and athlete

## Coming Rotary Events

#### October

# Economic and Community Development Month

20 October – Vocational Visit to Jewellery Design & Management International School (JDMIS) 24 October – World Polio Day 2018 at The

Tanglin Club @ 1.00pm

#### November

## **Rotary Foundation Month**

**2-4 November –** 30<sup>th</sup> Pan Borneo Meet 2018

**10 November –** District 3310 Inter City Bowling at SRC Esplanade Bowl from 6.00 pm to 11.00pm

22 November – The Entrepreneur of the Year Award Presentation at Ritz-Carlton Hotel

#### <u>December</u>

# Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

**3 December –** RC Taipei's Charter Celebrations

**14-17 December –** Mission to India **20 December –** Christmas Fellowship,





# 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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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Is it the truth?

