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## DECEMBER – A Merry and Mindful Month

*By: Honorary Member Past President Raymon Huang*



*HM PP Raymon Huang*

SOS! Doctors and Specialists in the Club. RI has designated the month of December as “Disease Prevention and Treatment Month”. So this is your domain. I would leave to you to write something meaningful on the subject for our bulletin, as I am in no position to do it.

I prefer to safely stay on the ding-dong-bell ride, for December is indeed a merry month! What with Christmas and the dawning of a New Year in it. There will be celebrations galore – eating and feasting and drinking, the lot! It is also the very last month of 2018, before we skip into a brand new year, 2019. Not for just the grown-ups, but for the kids as well. In fact, more for the latter.

Then there is too yet another milestone for President Mark as he completes the first full six months of his Presidency. I am pretty sure he has much to say about the six months journey as our Captain. I may yet ask him to tell and share his story.

But back to the ding-dong-bell!

In our merry-making and feasting and drinking galore, it has been, and is, our practice in Rotary not to forget those who have less. During this festive season, children are usually our prime “giving targets” which is correct. Just attend any of these parties for them, you will at once notice and feel the real joy, the shrieks of sheer delight, their laughter, and their smiles. Their happiness is infectious. We cannot but share much of it all.

So I am sure the various Committees in the Club have several such plans to make it all happen.

Then there are the other more than well-deserving beneficiaries of our goodwill and good cheer – the destitute, the aged, the infirmed, and the lonely. Not to mention the countless homeless, the displaced, the starving, and victims of natural disasters and man’s warring ways. All deserve a good measure of our goodwill and goodies that we normally give and give to make a difference. They live lives of pain and suffering. Their gratitude is more than a “reward” for us. Not that we seek nor need any.





## In Focus

True, there is this old-time saying that “charity begins at home”. But it should not end there. I have always maintained that the family is central. Indeed, the centrality of the family should not be disputed, for society begins with the family. As another saying goes – “blood is thicker than water.” However, we not only have to think “out of” the box, but get out of it. You know what the Good Book says, “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Our Club has done many wonderful projects in this direction, not just at home but beyond our shores as well, near and far. These are all well-documented.

In the area of disease prevention and treatment, the Polio-plus eradication program started in 1985 is in the forefront. A little behind its target schedule, but total success is but a wee bit away!

Rotary has undoubtedly stretched its helping hand a great deal. Yet there is so, so much more to be done. Everyday we see and read about this need. The Rotary Foundation plays a big part in making the bigger programmes of alleviating suffering, health problems, sanitation, and improving the lives of people, possible. As all this need happen in so many places, there must be no let-up.

So, as we are the more fortunate to be able to celebrate ding-dong-bell December in such a festive mood, with revelries into the wee hours of the morning, we must turn our minds, and eyes, to those in need! And there are so many. It is not just a sense of duty. It is a responsibility.



# Photo Album of Recent Club's Events...

## A visit to PP Shih Fang



*Best wishes for a speedy recovery to PP Chiang Shih Fang (centre) flanked by Rtms Paul Phua (left) and T K Chew (right)*

## December's ICC Board Meeting



*Board of Directors of the Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC) on Saturday 8 December 2018  
From left: Aaron (Chair) from Hwa Chong, Raymond from ACSI, Grace (Secretary) from ACSI, Muskaan (Treasurer) from GHS, Tanusri from Yishun JC and YSC Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien*



# Photo Album of Recent Club's Events...

## Rotaract Club of Temasek's activities



The above photo shows our Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Temasek with Ms Loh Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District. The Club, guided by Rtn James Lee, PP JK Ong and Rtn Jean Khoo spent the weekend helping out at the Caregivers fiesta @Southwest CDC last Saturday, 1 December 2018.

Their work involved:

1. Publicity for the event around the Bukit Gombak Goodview RC area (check out the nice poster!)
2. Organizing the questionnaire/feedback forms
3. Packing 400 welfare packs for the participants who were all caregivers themselves.
4. They also shared with the caregivers and learnt a thing or two along the way.
5. At the end of it; they learnt that caregivers' sacrifices are often overlooked; and what they have done that day closed that important loop in helping those in need - sometimes those providing help needs a little help themselves.

## Rotaract Club of Singapore City's activities



*The Rotaract Club of Singapore City is currently doing Project Sothea in Cambodia. There are 27 of them there now in Cambodia. Led by Rotaractors Luke and Hui Yu, Year 2 medical students.*





# Book of Humour Christmas Promotion

## Offer Closes on 31 December 2018

**JOKES  
THAT WILL MAKE  
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS  
LAUGH AND LAUGH.  
(And that's no joke)**



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) subject to a minimum order of 10 copies, 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 sets at this price.

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

Don't wait! Offer ends on 31 December 2018. Place your orders now with Vice President Rajkumar P Suppiah at email [raj@ipcgroup.com.sg](mailto:raj@ipcgroup.com.sg) or Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri at email [rewamirpuri@gmail.com](mailto:rewamirpuri@gmail.com)

Yours in Rotary  
Rtn. Rewa Mirpuri  
Rotary Club of Singapore



ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE  
&  
RI DISTRICT 3490 TAIWAN



JOINT FELLOWSHIP &  
CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018

DATE OF EVENT  
20th Dec 2018

VENUE  
Flower Field Hall , Gardens ByThe Bay  
18 Marina Gardens Dr , Singapore 018953

TIME  
7pm onwards

**\$80 Per Person (Set Menu)**

Nestled within the Flower Dome, Flower Field Hall engages guests with a sensory experience. Rotary Club members will have a memorable time marvelling at the uniqueness of Rotary Christmas event held here. Overlooking the changing Flower Field display on one side, and a spectacular view of the Marina Bay skyline on the other, this indoor space captivates with its picturesque backdrop of Christmas Winter decorations. Come and experience fulfilled fellowship and Christmas Party

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING  
13th Dec 2018

For booking, please contact  
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ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

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Alternatively  
Text Message or WhatsApp 91158194



# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on Wednesday Meeting – 12 December 2018

### OPENING REMARKS

Acting Chairman, International Service Committee Director Dr Chan Siew Luen opened the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the year and sent President Mark's apologies for his absence. He warmly welcomed members and extended a special welcome to Guest Speaker, Her Excellency Mrs Margriet Vonno, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Singapore and Brunei.

### WELCOME

The Welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Hena Hoda:

#### Guests:

Ms Clara Lee

Mr Mohamed Ahsan

Mr Andrew Hudson

#### Visiting Rotarian:

PP Erich Schneider - Queenstown



*Rtn Hena Hoda*



### TOAST

Director Rtn Siew Luen (right) called upon Honorary Treasurer Horst Hagemann (left) who noting that there were no overseas visiting Rotarians; called on members to join him raising a toast to Rotary International.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Following are the upcoming Club and District Events:

- Annual General Meeting – 19 December – Adoption of next year's Board and President Elect
- Christmas Fellowship – 20 December
- Visit to Sister Club, R C Rizal West and RC Subic Pearl in Philippines – 15 to 18 March 2019
- PETS & District Training Assembly – 21 to 24 March at KSL Hotel & Resort, Johor Bahru
- Visit to Minority Tribes' Schools in Yunnan, China – 28 March to 7 April
- 28<sup>th</sup> District 3310 Conference – 26 to 28 April at G-Hotel Gurney, Penang
- Rotary International Convention – 1 to 5 June in Hamburg, Germany
- Sister Club, Rotary Club of Manila 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration – 21 & 22 June





# Last Week

**Speaker:** Her Excellency (H E) Margriet Vonno,  
Ambassador of the Netherlands to Singapore and Brunei

**Topic:** *“Singapore and the Netherlands, old friends and young innovators”*



*Rtn Uttam Kripalani*

In his introduction of Ambassador Vonno, Rtn Uttam Kripalani recalled their meeting, as well as his assignment in Rotterdam and The Hague with its below zero degrees temperature and howling winds.

That aside, Rtn Uttam was delighted to introduce Ambassador Vonno who has been in Singapore since August 2017. She has had a distinguished career in various Ministerial Departments including Infrastructure and Environment and Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador Vonno has a Masters degree in International Relations from Utrecht and an MBA from the Rotterdam School of Management.



*From left: Director Siew Luen, Rtn Carlo & Ambassador Vonno*

Ambassador Vonno gave a *Speaker, HE Ambassador Vonno* succinct presentation and overview of her country. She spoke of the recent State Visit of President Halimah Yacob to the Netherlands, which focused on Innovation. She also looked back on the Dutch-Singaporean history from the friendship of Mr Lee Kuan Yew and Dr Albert Winsemius to the Dutch residence at the Dempsey area that was recently renovated.

Ambassador Vonno noted that both the Netherlands and Singapore are smart nations and highlighted some examples of interesting start-ups and testbeds from autonomous driving, to waste management to FinTech.

(A copy of Ambassador Vonno's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

Director Rtn Siew Luen called on Rtn Carlo Van Den Akker to extend the Club's vote of thanks to Ambassador Vonno. Rtn Carlo noted that contrary to Rtn Uttam's experience in the Netherlands, he enjoys the weather there in December! He warmly thanked Ambassador Vonno for her insightful and relevant talk.



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:**

Haider Nawaz  
Saeed Khan  
Claudia Huegel  
VP Rajkumar P Suppiah

## Anniversary Celebrants

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

Hon Member Adam & Roshan Moledina  
Paul & Janet Phua  
Ivan & Sharon Lew  
PP Chiang Shih Fang & Liew Chin  
Astha & Tarang Agarwal  
Dr Tim & Jutta Philippi  
Tan Ching Khoo & Bee Lian

## Service Committee Meetings

**Service Committee Meetings are cancelled for December in view of the Christmas Fellowship to be held on 20 December.**

## This Meeting

**Annual General Meeting & 7<sup>th</sup> Evening Meeting  
19 December 2018**

**Reception Desk duty:** Dr Omkar Shrestha

**Sunshine Box:** Jeff Rajeck, Ronald Wong

**Speaker:** Reverend Melvin Huang

**Topic:** "Serving God and Humanity: CLASS ACTS"

## Next Meeting

**26 December 2018**

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



## Coming Rotary Events

### December

#### **Disease Prevention & Treatment Month**

**19 December** – Annual General Meeting

**20 December** – Christmas Fellowship

### January

#### **Vocational Service Month**

**31 January** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly

### February

#### **Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month**

**23 February** – World Understanding and Peace Day

### March

#### **Water and Sanitation Month**

**15-18 March** – Visit to sister club, RC Rizal West (Charter Night) and RC Subic Pearl, Philippines

**21-24 March** – PETS and District Training Assembly, KSL Hotel & Resort, Johor Bahru, Malaysia

**28 March-7 April** – Visit to Minority Tribes' Schools in Yunnan, China

### April

#### **Maternal and Child Health Month**

**26-28 April** – District Conference, G-Hotel Gurney, Penang, Malaysia

### May

#### **Youth Service Month**

### June

**1-5 June** – Rotary International Convention, Hamburg, Germany





## 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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