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## The Interact Coordinating Committee's “GREY CAN STILL PLAY”

16 March 2019



*Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien*

*Reported by: Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien, Youth Service Director*

“Grey Can Still Play 2019”, organised by the Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC) was a one-day community service project which brought together seniors and Interactors for a day of fun and meaningful interaction.

The event which comprised a lunch and carnival for the seniors, was supported by the Rotary Club of Singapore, Youth Corps Singapore and MacPherson CC, with funding support from the Foundation of Rotary Clubs of Singapore's Rotary Happiness Fund.

This project was a **grounds-up initiative** by the Interactors and a large-scale cross-school collaboration across our many Interact Clubs in Singapore. The aim is to promote **inter-club collegiality** through working together towards a **common goal of service**.

This year's event, held on 16 March 2019 at the MDIS Samtas Hall at Stirling Road was the second edition of a similar event organised last year. While last year's event comprised a house cleaning segment followed by a carnival segment, this year's event focused on the carnival in order to generate more interaction opportunities between seniors and Interactors.

More than 200 interactors from 12 Interact Clubs across the island and 70 seniors from the MacPherson and adjacent areas were involved. Interactors were tasked with roles such as: a befriender who is paired to a senior for the duration of the carnival, a carnival booth manager, or a performer. What followed for the rest of the afternoon, was good fun, good food and most important of all, good company!

Groups of people involved:

- a. Interact Coordinating Committee
- b. Rotary Club of Singapore
- c. Youth Corps Singapore
- d. Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore
- e. Rotary Club of Jurong Town (Rotary Happiness Fund)
- f. MacPherson Constituency Office
- g. Canon Singapore
- h. Management Development Institute of Singapore
- i. Anderson Serangoon Junior College Interact
- j. Anglo Chinese Junior College Interact
- k. Anglo Chinese School (Independent) Interact
- l. Bukit Gombak EAGLES Interact
- m. Catholic Junior College Interact



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- o. Global Indian International School – SMART Campus Interact
- p. Hwa Chong Institution Interact
- q. Nanyang Junior College Interact
- r. Stamford American International School Interact
- s. Tanjong Katong Girls School Interact
- t. Yishun Innova Junior College Interact

The ICC Board of Directors: Aaron Ang, Hwa Chong Institution Interact (Chair), Grace Chua, ACJC Interact (Secretary), Muskaan, Global Indian International School (Treasurer), Raymond Goh, ACS (Independent) (Exco member), Tanusri, Yishun Innova JC (Exco member)

Rotarian Advisors to the ICC: Youth Service Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien, Rtn Ronald Wong, District Interact Chair James Lee.

### Photos:



Pre-carnival preparations



Shopping for goodies and prizes for our beneficiaries



Table is set!





## In Focus



Arrival of our VIPs



Karaoke and smiles for the camera



The games begin!



## In Focus



Photo station – courtesy of Canon



Rtn Paul Phua with his souvenir photograph



Youth Service Committee members (from left), Ronald Wong, Dr Suresh Mahtani, Uttam Kripalani, James Lee and YSC Director Dr Hoh Sek Tien, together with teacher advisor of TKGS Interact, Mrs. Sng



ICC board members, Tanusri from Yishun Innova JC Interact and Muskaan from Global Indian International School Interact



From left: Amelia from Anderson Serangoon JC, YSC Director Dr Hoh and ICC board members, Grace Chua from ACJC Interact, Aaron Ang from Hwa Chong Institution Interact, Raymond Goh from ACS (Independent) and Tony from Youth Corps Singapore

## In Focus

### Grey Can Still Play 2019 - A day to remember



## Rotary Flag Day 2019



**Join us on Saturday  
15 June 2019  
to help more in need  
of support around us**

**Some of Our Cause:  
Elder Care Services  
Educational & Youth Services  
School Pocket Money  
Meals from the Heart**



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# Photo Album of Recent Events/Activities...



*President Mark at the District Conference*



*From left: Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani, PP Dr Shahul Hameed, President Mark, PN Dinesh Sharma, VSC Director Rtn Ronil Sujan*



*The Club's Pocket Companion was distributed at the District Conference*



*President Mark with the Governor's Special Award Certificate*



## Photo Album of Recent Events/Activities...cont'd



*Cheque presentation to the Penang Adventist Hospital – Gift of Life Programme. The donation includes proceeds from the sale of the Book of Humour copies*



Present at the Raffles Institution Interact Club's "Live in the Dark" event were Interactors, teachers, volunteers and a visually handicapped beneficiary from Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH), with Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani and Dr Hoh Sek Tien.





# Last Week

Last Week – Report on Wednesday Meeting – 8 May 2019

## OPENING REMARKS

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Honorary Treasurer Horst Hagemann called the meeting to order and invited President Mark to take the Chair.

President Mark welcomed members including PDG Dr Philbert Chin and Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani as well as Speakers PP Yeo Chuen Eng and Mr Amran Jamil from the Rotary Family Service Centre.

## WELCOME

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Robert Craiu:

### Guests:

Speaker, Mr Amran Jamil  
Ms Brigitte Ranieri  
Mr Nakorn Plumchitchom  
Mr Shankar  
Mr Mihir Thacker  
Mr Luke Timmins

### Visiting Rotarians:

Speaker, PP Yeo Chuen Eng – S'pore West  
Dr Ulf Freiwald – Bludenz, Austria  
President Maleeratna Plumchitchom – Bangkok  
PN Abdullah Alawadi - Bangkok  
PP Dr Santhosh Sreedhal – Payyanur, India  
K G Sashidharan - Payyanur



*Rtn Robert Craiu*

## TOAST

Toastmaster Rtn Varun Gulati invited President Maleeratna Plumchitchom from Rotary Club of Bangkok to address the Club. President Maleeratna advised that her club comprised of 88 members and was formed 89 years ago - slightly younger than our Club! However, President Maleeratna added that both Clubs were the first Rotary Clubs in their countries.



*From left: President Maleeratna, Rtn Varun & President Mark*

## EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*From left: ISC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen, President Mark, President Maleeratna & PN Abdullah Alawadi*



*Exchange of banners with Rotarians from RC Payyanur*



*Rtn Isabel Lee presents a Club banner to RC Philadelphia on 3.5.19*



# Last Week

## SISTER CLUB AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY

President Mark invited President Maleeratna Plumchitchom and PN Abdullah Alawadi from the Rotary Club of Bangkok and International Service Director Dr Chan Siew Luen to come forward for the official signing of the Sister Club Agreements between the two Clubs:



*Signing of the Sister Club Agreement*



*Exchange of gifts*

## ADOPTION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

President Mark called for the adoption of the Club's audited financial statements as at 30 June 2018 which were circulated to members on 25 April 2019.

The audited financial statements were adopted by members, proposed by IPP Keith Harrison and seconded by Rtn Horst Hagemann.

## APPEAL FOR THE MAJOR PROJECT & THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

President Mark appealed to members for their continued support for the Club's Major Project as well as contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund.





**Speakers: PP Yeo Chuen Eng & Mr Amran Jamil**

**Topic: “Rotary Eldercare and Caregivers Centre”**

PDG Dr Philbert Chin stated that it was his pleasure to introduce the speakers - two wonderful men, one of whom practise and emphasizes Rotary ideals and who is so modest that his CV has only 2 paragraphs. He added that not only is PP Yeo Chuen Eng the current Chairman of the Rotary Family Service Centre Management Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Singapore West. He is also a Board Member of Singapore Cancer Society and the Society for the Aged Sick which was formed by the Rotary Club of Singapore.

PDG Philbert added that whilst Mr Amran Jamil is not a Rotarian, hopefully he will be one soon. Mr Amran is the Executive Director of Rotary Family Service Centre, a division of the Foundation of Rotary Clubs (S) Ltd. The Centre has been serving individuals and families in need of support and assistance in Clementi and West Coast for the past 22 years.



*PDG Dr Philbert Chin (seated) with Speakers Mr Amran Jamil (left) & PP Yeo Chuen Eng*



*From left: Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen, PP Chuen Eng, Mr Amran & President Mark*

Mr Amran started the presentation of this iconic project aimed at serving the needs of seniors and their caregivers in the Bukit Gombak area which would kick start in phases from second half of this year. He advised how the ideal for the Rotary Eldercare and Caregivers Centre (RECC) came about, and when completed would be the first of its kind in Singapore. He highlighted some of the key and unique features of the Centre such as a Community Café, Caregivers Support Network and Training & Educational Workshops.

Next, PP Chuen Eng pointed out that the RECC would provide opportunities for Rotarians to serve a national cause; impact the lives of seniors at Bukit Gombak; raise the profile of Rotary in Singapore; secure the Institution

of Public Character (IPC) status and also showcase to Rotary International and Rotarians worldwide at the coming 2024 RI Convention to be held in Singapore. He further highlighted other important side benefits of having the RECC. (A copy of the speakers' presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen was called upon to extend the Club's vote of thanks by President Mark. Rtn Siew Luen advised that whilst currently the International Service Director, he will next Rotary year, serve as the Community Service Director, and would certainly make the RECC a part of next year's activities.

# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to the following celebrants:

PP Dr Shahul Hameed  
Uttam Kripalani  
Dr Ganesh Ramalingam

## Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to the following Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

PP Paliath & Vatsala Mohandas  
Deepu & Mariam Joseph

## International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday, 16 May  
**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** Tolaram Corporation Pte Ltd, 1A International Business Park #13-01, S609933

**Hosts:** PP Dr Shahul Hameed, Hon Member Mohan Vaswani & Rtn Raj Vaswani

## This Meeting

**15 May 2019**  
**Evening Meeting @ The Tanglin Club**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Chiang Shih Fang & Pia Bruce  
**Sunshine Box:** Siva Gopal & Ronald Wong  
**Speaker:** Our Member Rtn Peter Koh  
**Topic:** "Marijuana & Hemp are legalized in Canada; Impact on Society"

## Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday, 30 May instead of 23 May (in view of the Club Assembly)  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** To be advised  
**Hosts:** Jeff Rajeck & PP Paliath Mohandas



## Next Meeting

**22 May 2019**

**Reception Desk duty:** Robert Craiu & Anindya Dutta

**Sunshine Box:** Hena Hoda & See Mee Lee

**Speaker:** Ms Stacy McCarthy, Managing Director, Caras Consulting Pte Ltd

**Topic:** "Systems Thinking"

## Coming Rotary Events

### May

#### Youth Service Month

**23 May** – 4<sup>th</sup> & Final Club Assembly for RY 2018-2019 at Raffles Room, Tanglin Club

### June

**5 June** – Weekly Meeting cancelled in view of Public Holiday, Hari Raya Puasa

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

**20 June** – Sister Club, RC Bang Rak's installation dinner at Crowne Plaza Bangkok

**20-22 June** – Visit to sister club, RC Manila's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

**26 June** – Weekly Meeting cancelled in view of Installation Dinner

**28 June** – Sister Club Fellowship

**29 June** – Installation Dinner at Shangri-la Hotel Singapore







## 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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