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Rotary Club of Singapore Artisan Award 2019



Rtn Joseph Chia

Reported by: Rtn Joseph Chia

The Rotary Club of Singapore Artisan Award 2019 finalists' presentation opened with a big bang on 9 May 2019 at the St Regis Hotel.

Five first class artisans were chosen as the finalist Winners of the Award.

Not in order of merits, they are Mrs. Wong-Mah Jia Lan, Ms Wenny Wei, Mr Kamal Dollah, Ms Faridah Binte Haji Ahmad Jamal and Ms Sukri Kadola.

Mrs Wong-Mah Jia Lan who is 82, is a multi-talented artist who started learning painting some 35 years ago. She is very good in Chinese paintings using finger or brushes. She also makes sculptures and oil paintings. Her paintings have been used for the commemorative EZ-link cards and in Singapore Post stamps and by the National Heart Centre as greeting cards for Christmas. Over the years, Mrs. Wong has sold many of her paintings for charity. As a successful artist and entrepreneur, Mrs. Wong has donated millions of dollars to various universities and charities in Singapore.

Ms Wenny Wei is a custom jewellery designer and maker. She is also a children picture book writer and illustrator. She has incorporated Peranakan style into her work that features endangered animals. She donated all her proceeds in the sale of her work to protect endangered animals. Wenny is a winner of SG50 Singapore Jeweller Award and has been featured in Zambia and Channel 8 TV.

Mr. Kamal Dollah is an artist renowned in batik-painting and caricatures. A graduate from NAFA, he also has a Master's degree in contemporary practice from the University of Huddersfield in UK; Mr. Kamal is an educator endorsed by the National Arts Council Art Enrichment Programme. Being a patron of Batik art Mr. Kamal is recognized by the International Society for Education through Arts, an official partner of UNESCO.

Ms Faridah Binte Haji Ahmad Jamal is a full-time Angklung instructor/conductor and a maestro in her field. She has established many angklung ensembles in various schools in Singapore. She led her angklung ensemble to clinch the Singapore Youth Festival Certificate of distinction and Gold Award. She also created the "Angklung turns your pressure into pleasure" for the silver generation. She will also be conducting angklung workshops for Club Heal, an organization supported by Rotary.

Mr Sukri Kadola is a floral artisan. He has a keen eye on aesthetics. The self-taught floral artisan constructed work in the shape of animals that were significant to festivities. He sculpted a poodle for the year of the dog in 2018. He also sculpted a peacock with flowers as well as Sweet William Bunnies for Easter. Mr. Kadola has also conducted workshops for foreign domestic maids and stay-home mothers who want to acquire skills to become florists.



In Focus

The Artisan Night 2019 started with an opening speech by PP Stan Low who gave an outline of the history of the Award. Mr. Kim Whye Kee, last year's Award winner then took over. Mr. Kim remarked that artisans should encourage and support one another and he praised our Club for encouraging artisans to give back to society. Mr. Kim also said that life is like pottery, if we leave it unattended, it is just a pile of mud. But if we put in effort and love, it becomes a beautiful piece of art, a functional aesthetic.

The Artisan Award will now move to the next stage when the final judges PP Stan Low, PP Alan Tan and Mr. Kim Whye Kee will now decide the final winner who will receive the Award on 29 June 2019 at PE Deepak Nagrani's Installation Dinner.

The evening ended with Rtn Rewa Mirpuri sharing a few jokes which as usual brought the house down.

About 100 Rotarians, friends and relatives of the Award finalists attended the event on 9 May 2019 at the St Regis Hotel. It turned out to be an august event sponsored by Infiniti Jewels and Princess Yacht.

As it was also a Vocational Service Committee (VSC) meeting, it is probably the largest Vocational Service meeting held in our Club.

Many thanks for Rtn Vishal Nanwani and wife Sonam for putting this event together with great sponsorship and enjoyment. Thanks to President Mark Wang, Rtn Mamta Shahani, Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow, Rtn Vishal Nanwani, Rtn June Jonet, Rtn Joseph Chia who nominated the candidates and helped select the finalists.

Compliments to VSC Chair Rtn Ronil Sujan for his drive and enthusiasm for getting this sparkling event to such a high level of fun and entertainment .



Our members with the 3 Artisan Award finalists

From left: Hon. Member PP Bhagwan Melwani, PP Stan Low, PDG Dr Philbert Chin, Mrs Kawita Vaswani, Ms Faridah Bte Haji Ahmad Jamal (finalist), VSC Chair Ronil Sujan (back), Hon. Member Mohan Vaswani (back), Mr Sukri Kadola (finalist) & Mr Kamal Dollah (finalist)



In Focus



Hon. Member PP Raymon Huang (seated) with the finalists flanked by PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan (right) & PDG Dr K A Abraham (left)



Members and spouses posing with District Governor Henry Tan (in batik)



From left: Rtn Bala & Suvridha Venkatesan, PP Stan Low, PP Alan Tan, PN Dinesh Sharma, Artisan Award Chair Rtn Vishal Nanwani



From left: IPP Keith Harrison, VP Rajkumar P Suppiah, Rtns Stuart Pearce, Alex Lega, Vivek Chhabra, S "Mali" Malaiappan, PP Stan



PN Dinesh Sharma (left) and Rtn Mali enjoying the presentation



Rtn Peter Koh (centre) with Rtns Dr Hoon Sing Keow (left) and Rtn Dr Irina Francken (right)

In Focus



PP Stan Low outlining the history of the Artisan Award



Last year's Artisan Award winner, Mr Kim Whye Kee



New member, Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam pointing out the lovely jewellery to his wife Lisa (centre) and Mrs Priti Mahtani



Rtn Joseph Chia, VSC Director Ronil (partially hidden), PP Philip & Effie Leong appreciating the finalist's art



Watching the Vocational Service presentation



Rtn Rewa Mirpuri entertaining everyone with the jokes from the Book of Humour



ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE

ROARING THIRTIES

CHURCHILL ROOM
TANGLIN CLUB
FRIDAY JUN 28, 2019
6.30PM TILL LATE

rtyinfo@rotary.org.sg

Attire: 30s elegant



ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

invites you to the

*Installation
of the 85th
President & Board*

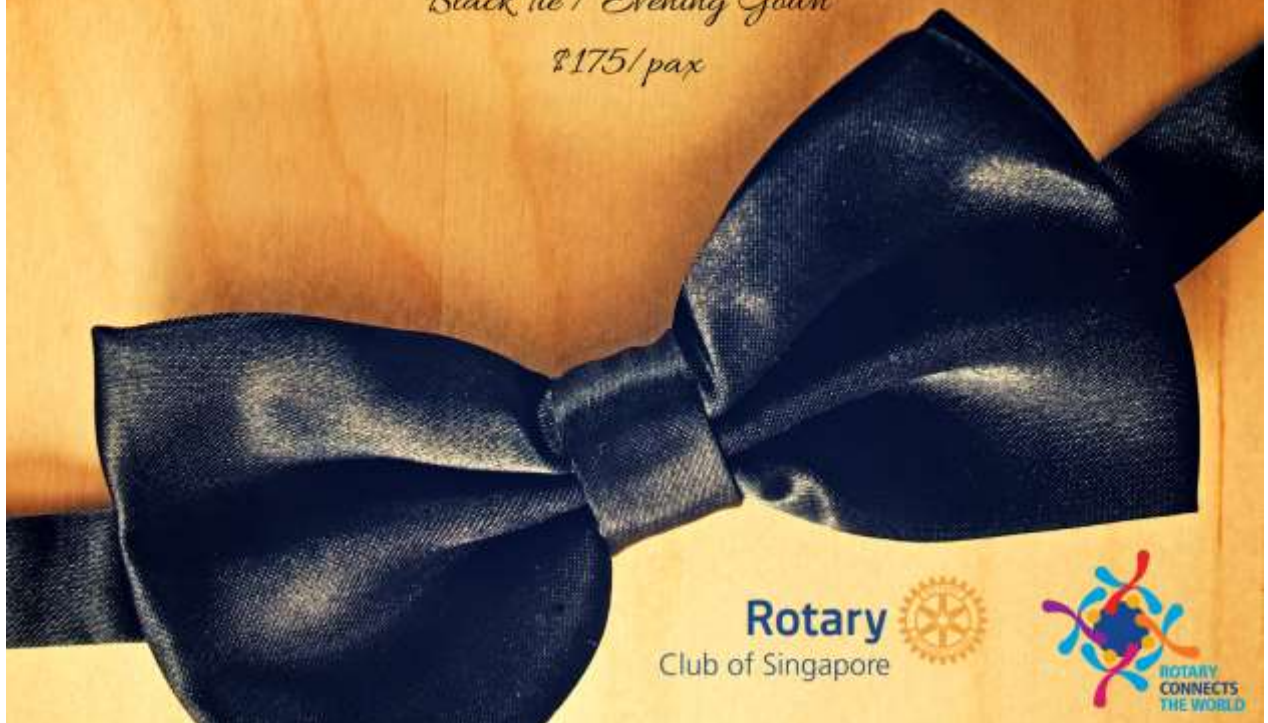
SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2019 | 6 PM

**ISLAND BALLROOM, SHANGRI-LA HOTEL
SINGAPORE**

rtyinfo@rotary.org.sg

Black Tie / Evening Gown

¥175/pax



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HAVE MANY LAUGHS & HELP THE CHILDREN GIFT OF LIFE

**Children with cardiac problem to get help
From Rotary's Dist 3300 & 3310**

WILL YOU HELP TOO?

With the appeal from our DG Henry Tan JP, a team of volunteers from Gift of Life and volunteers from Rotary Club of Singapore are going into action to raise funds for the children with cardiac problem, using Books of Humour.

All the clubs in our District 3300 and 3310 will participate in promoting this project and help raise funds for these children. Let us encourage and inspire these hard working great volunteers with our support and help.

A full set of 3 editions, **Book of Humour**, **Best of Humour** and **Bank of Humour**, come in a beautifully designed box housing this set for only \$25.00.

**PLEASE ORDER A FEW SETS TO SUPPORT AND HELP TO BRING NEW LEASE OF LIFE TO
HELPLESS CHILDREN. Outright donations are also most welcome.**

PLEASE CALL REWA @ Tel: 6241 9157 or email: rewamirpuri@gmail.com



Members' Activities...

Rtn Daniel Beyeler was the featured guest speaker at Rotary Club of Queenstown on May 13 2019



Whilst Rtn Rewa Mirpuri will be the featured speaker at Rotary Club of Sentosa on May 30 2019.



Rtn Rewa will be giving a talk on the subject
"A Simple Recipe for Effective Humour" on
Date & Time: 30 May 2019 at 7.00pm

Venue: Rotary Club of Sentosa
Orchard Hotel
442 Orchard Road, S 238879

Members are cordially invited to attend this meeting as well.



Last Week

Last Week – Report on the Weekly Meeting – Wednesday 22 May 2019

OPENING REMARKS

President Mark opened the Meeting and thanked Honorary Treasurer Horst Hagemann for chairing the last meeting. He also welcomed the Speaker – previous member Ms Stacy McCarthy and acknowledged the presence of PDG Dr Philbert Chin.

WELCOME

The welcome of visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Pia Bruce:

Visiting Rotarians:

John Hulpke – Marina City

PP Manish Mehta – Ann Arbor North, USA

PP Chaitanya Kulkarni – Belagaum South

President Renu Kulkarni – E-club Belagaum South, India



Rtn Pia Bruce

TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Toastmaster PP Peter Tan raising a toast to two clubs of Belagaum South



President Mark exchanged banners President Renu (left) and PP Chaitanya Kulkarni



Members and visiting Rotarians holding up the Rotary World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio posters



Last Week

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

Topic: *“Systems Thinking – Helping to Solve Complex Problems”*



Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow

President Mark called upon Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow who was honoured to have the opportunity to introduce our former member, Ms Stacy McCarthy. Rtn Sing Keow noted that prior to her current position at Caras, Stacy was a senior executive at Boeing with multi-regional experience in general management and operations, finance, operations and strategy. Prior to Boeing, she was a former commander in the United States Navy; a professional staffer on the US Senate and an investment banker.



Speaker, Ms Stacy McCarthy with President Mark



From left: IPP Keith, Stacy & President Mark

Preceding her talk, Stacy advised that it was all because of Rtn Renate Noessler that she was at the Club giving this talk, however, Rtn Renate was called away and unable to attend! She added that Rtn Renate thought it would be helpful for members to hear about Systems Thinking and its application in a Rotary perspective.

Stacy's insightful talk began with her explanation of VUCA - Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity. She noted that unpredictable events that make it harder for leaders to make decisions. She gave the example of the self immolation of a Tunisian fruit seller which incited the Arab Spring which eventually led to Brexit.

She further explained that Systems Thinking was a way of approaching decisions that increases the effectiveness of solution developments. Stacy also highlighted how Systems Thinking could be relevant to Rotary and gave several accounts of how it had effected her past experiences.

President Mark called upon IPP Keith Harrison who warmly extended the Club's vote of thanks to Stacy.



Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

There are no Birthday celebrants this week.

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to the following Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Dr Hans & Patricia Schniewind
PP Peter & Shirley Tan
Edward & Deirdre Loy
Ronil & Reshma Sujan

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: YWCA Singapore, Fort Canning Road, Fort Canning Lodge, S 179494

Hosts: Jeff Rajeck & PP Paliath Mohandas

This Meeting

29 May 2019

Reception Desk duty: IPP Keith Harrison & Hon Treasurer Horst Hagemann

Sunshine Box: Jeff Rajeck

Speaker: Our member, Rtn Horst Hagemann, Executive Director, LGT Bank (Singapore) Ltd

Topic: "Economic Outlook: US-China Trade War"

Community Service Meeting

Community Service Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 6 June

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: To be advised

Hosts: To be advised



BE THE INSPIRATION

Next Meeting

5 June 2019

Meeting Cancelled in view of Public Holiday Hari Raya Puasa

Coming Rotary Events

May
Youth Service Month

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 100th 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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