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# In Focus

## River Safari Tour with Society for the Aged Sick

*By: Community Service Director Dr Chan Siew Luen*



*Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen*

19 Rotarians and families together with 3 Interactors from Bukit Gombak Interact Club and 3 Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Bukit Gombak participated in this event where we brought 15 wheelchair-bound residents from the Society for the Aged Sick (SAS) on a tour of the River Safari on 21 September 2019.

Accompanied by four staff from the SAS, the day started with lunch at Ah Meng's Kitchen. The haze miraculously cleared in time for the tour. It was a fun day for both beneficiaries and volunteers.



*Thumbs up for an enjoyable tour*

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## River Safari Tour with Society for the Aged Sick...contd





## River Safari Tour with Society for the Aged Sick...contd



*Smiles all around!*



# SRT's Community Project – a catalyst for change

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**[Charlotte NorsFollow](#)**

*Managing Director at Singapore Repertory Theatre*



SRT has developed a strong Learning & Engagement team to expand our reach of theatre to educational organisations and community groups. This is aligned with our vision to inspire, enrich and entertain audiences of all ages by further engaging outside our theatre space.

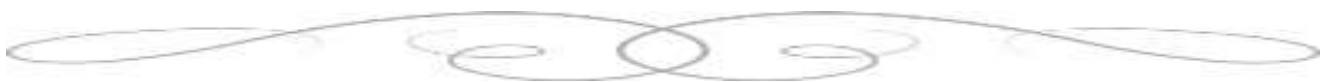
Our latest community project titled; *Pick-A-Hero* aims to combat cyber bullying. Cyber bullying in Singapore is increasingly prevalent amongst youths, with three in four youths having experienced cyber bullying. Singapore also ranks second in the world as having the highest rate of cyber bullying. Recognizing this, SRT would like to play our part by using theatre as our weapon of choice to battle cyber bullying.

For this programme, we aim to engage a total of five schools to stage the play, *Pick-A-Hero* as written by our associate artistic director, Daniel Jenkins. Aside from the performance, participating schools are also required to create a cyber wellness campaign in school to promote the play and good online social etiquette. Presently, the four schools whom we have onboard are Anglo-Chinese Junior College, Hwa Chong Institution, Tampines Meridian Junior College, and Commonwealth Secondary School.

***Pick-A-Hero is generously sponsored by The Rotary Club of Singapore. The Rotary Club of Singapore is the first and largest Rotary Club in Singapore. "Adhering to the Rotary motto of Service above Self, we have a proud history of serving the community for nine decades. Our members are volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to impact lives and tackle pressing humanitarian challenges. We support Singapore Repertory Theatre's efforts to create awareness of the perils of cyber bullying." - Deepak Nagrani, President.***

*Pick-A-Hero* is also made possible through the support of TOUCH Cyber Wellness (TCW), a service of TOUCH Youth.

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# Last Week

**Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 25 September 2019**

## OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Horst Hagemann called the meeting to order and invited President Deepak Nagrani to take the Chair. President Deepak warmly welcomed the Guest Speaker, His Excellency (H E) Mr Florin Marius Tacu, Romania's Ambassador to Singapore.

## WELCOME

Guests of members and visiting Rotarians were welcomed by Rtn Hena Hoda as follows:

### Guests:

H E Ambassador Tacu & Ms Diana-Larisa Zahorte – Embassy of Romania

1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bianca Nagrani, Mrs Janet Phua, Ms Jessie Ang, Ms Yeoh Li Phing, Mr Ujjal Nandi & Mr Kelvin Lee

### Visiting Rotarians:

PP Frank Pao – Kowloon,

Novy Hung – Kowloon Golden Miles

Ingo Kleinschmidt – Hong Kong



*Rtn Hena Hoda*

## TOAST & BANNER PRESENTATION



*Toastmaster, AG Jimmy Ooi (right) invited visiting Rtn Novy Hung from R C Kowloon Golden Miles to say a few words about her club. The club has about 80 members and was formed 30 years ago. Rtn Novy was recommended to attend the Club's meeting by Hong Kong's PDG David Harilela.*



*President Deepak presented a Club banner to Rtn Novy Hung*





# Last Week

**Speaker:** His Excellency (H E) Mr Florin Marius Tacu  
Romania's Ambassador to Singapore

**Topic:** "Romania: past, present and promising future"

To introduce the Guest Speaker, Ambassador Tacu, President Deepak called on Rtn Horst Hagemann, who advised Ambassador Tacu was accredited as Romania's Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore by the Romanian President, H.E. Klaus-Werner Iohannis, in April 2017. He has a more than 20 years' career in Romania's public service. From April 2010 to July 2015, he was Romania's Consul General in Shanghai, PR China, and from May 2014 until the end of his posting, he was also the Dean of the Consular Corps in Shanghai. The last position held before being accredited as Romania's Ambassador in the Republic of Singapore, was that of State Secretary with Prime Minister's Office. He began to exercise this position in December 2015, and between September 2016 and January 2017, he was the Acting Secretary General of the Government of Romania. H.E. Mr Tacu is a career magistrate with the rank of a Court of Appeal Judge. Last time he exercised this position was between July and December 2015.



*PP Peter Tan (centre) presenting Ambassador Tacu with the Club's gifts as President Deepak looks on*



*From left: President Deepak, Ms Diana-Larisa Zahorte, Ambassador Tacu & Rtn Horst*

He has a LL.M degree in Chinese Law with Shanghai Jiaotong University, a B.A. in law degree with Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania and graduated different other post-university courses in International Law and International Affairs.

Ambassador Tacu noted that Romania and Singapore have enjoyed diplomatic ties for over 52 years. However, despite the long friendship, Romania remains a relatively unexplored territory for many Singaporeans. Ambassador Tacu gave a thorough overview of the history of Romania, its culture, values and treasures, and provided insights into the country's recent economic development and foreign affairs dynamics. His

presentation revealed that behind the tag "Dracula's homeland", Romania is a country with a strong identity and rich cultural heritage, which is open and outward looking, seeking ever growing ties with the world and South East Asia. (A copy of Ambassador Tacu's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

President Deepak invited PP Peter Tan who warmly thanked Ambassador Tacu for his speech which gave an enticing picture of Romania. He advised that another attraction was that there were many Rotary Clubs in Romania – the first club, Rotary Club of Bucharest was established in April 1929, whilst our Club will be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday next year. PP Peter added that Ambassador Tacu's talk could act as a trigger for the Club to consider working with other Rotarians in Romania, to facilitate the ideal of international fellowship.

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## Mobile *Massage* Team

- **2 October** 2019 (4<sup>th</sup> CSC Meeting)
- **6:30pm** – 8:30pm
- **2 blind masseurs** from SAVH
- \$30 per 20 minute massage
- **Head & Shoulders, Foot** reflexology
- Additional donations are welcome
- **All proceeds to SAVH**



### Rotary Club of Taipei

The Programs for Sister Clubs

#### 71st Charter Anniversary

Date: October 7, 2019  
Time: 9AM-10AM Registration  
PM8:30 Ceremony Starts  
Location: Grand Hyatt Hotel Taipei  
Grand Ballroom 1 on 3rd Floor  
Address: No. 2, SongShou Road, Taipei, Taiwan  
Drive Code: Formal - with Floral Design or Pattern  
Fee: USD900.00 / Person

#### Field Trip - Tea Plantation / Golf

Date: October 8, 2019  
Time: AM9:00 - PM10:00  
Location: Moudi  
Lunch: Village Cuisine  
Dress Code: Casual

#### Welcome Dinner

Date: October 8, 2019  
Time: PM 8:00-10:00 Registration  
PM 10:30 Dinner Starts  
Location: The Sherwood Taipei  
Address: No. 111, Section 3, Minsheng East Road, Taipei, Taiwan  
Dress Code: Smart Casual



**Rotary** District 3310



**The Rotary Foundation**

## DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER

*A Night with Trustee Chair*  
**GARY HUANG**



**Date:** 8 October 2019  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Venue:** Singapore Marriot Tang Plaza Hotel, Grand Ballroom, Level 3  
**Attire:** Formal  
**Tickets:** S\$1,000 per table of 10 (Chinese dinner)  
Individual tickets available for Muslims and Vegetarians

**RSVP:** Joanne Kam +65-8808 3134 Christina Chin +60-19 757 0155  
Dato' Jimmy Pang +60-16 826 3899 Dato' Thomas Ngu +60-16 863 0516

**Payment:** Register with payment to Rotary Club of Garden City by 18 September 2019







**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Champagne, Music, Fun

**Do come and join in the celebrations!**



Little India Tour  
**19 October** 2019  
12:30pm-3:30pm

**SREE NARAYANA MISSION:**  
15 Wheelchair-bound residents

**WANTED: 20 ROTARIANS**  
DONATIONS \$50@

SCAN THIS TO JOIN



**Please do register for this Community Service Committee Event!**

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# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrant this week:**

PP J K Ong  
Wilson Widjaja  
Hon. Member Rewa Mirpuri

## Anniversary Celebrants

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

PP Philip & Effie Leong

## Committee Meetings

**All Service Committee Meetings at Grand Hyatt Singapore From 7.00pm to 8.00pm**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 2 October

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 9 October

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 16 October

**YOUTH SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 23 October

## This Meeting

**2 October 2019**

**Reception Desk duty:** Dr Hoon Sing Keow & Suresh Keerthi

**Sunshine Box:** Jasbir Koh & Louis Lim

**Speaker:** Ms Sim Bee Hia, Chief Executive Officer, Food from the Heart

**Topic:** "How a Lady and a Loaf of Bread Changed Lives"



### GIFT OF LIFE

**Children with cardiac problems to get help from Rotary's District 3300 & 3310**

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tel: 6241 9157 or  
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## Next Meeting

**9 October 2019**

**100 Days  
Of the  
85<sup>th</sup> President  
& Board of Directors**

**Reception Desk duty:** Toshi Kimura & Jasbir Koh

**Sunshine Box:** Winston Khoo & Ivan Lew

## Coming Rotary Events

### September

**Basic Education and Literacy Month**

### October

**Economic and Community Development Month**

**5 Oct** – White Cane Day @ Waterway Point B2 Event Square (East Wing) from 10.30am – 7.00pm

**7 Oct** – Sister club, R C Taipei's 71<sup>st</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner

**8 Oct** – District Rotary Foundation Dinner @ S'pore Marriot Tang Plaza

**9 Oct** – **100 days of the 85<sup>th</sup> President & Board**

**13 Oct** – Symphony of Motherhood concert @ The Arts House from 5-7pm

**19 Oct** – Little India Tour with 15 wheelchair bound residents from Sree Narayana Mission from 12.30 to 3.30pm

**30 Oct** – District Governor Jeff Yong's Official Visit to the Club & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly

### November

**Rotary Foundation Month**

**14 Nov** – FRCs Charity Movie Screening @ Shaw Theatres Lido 4

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# The Guide to Daily Living

# The Four-Way Test

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the **Of the things we think, say or do:**

Precepts of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

**First:** Have I spent some time in self-examination?

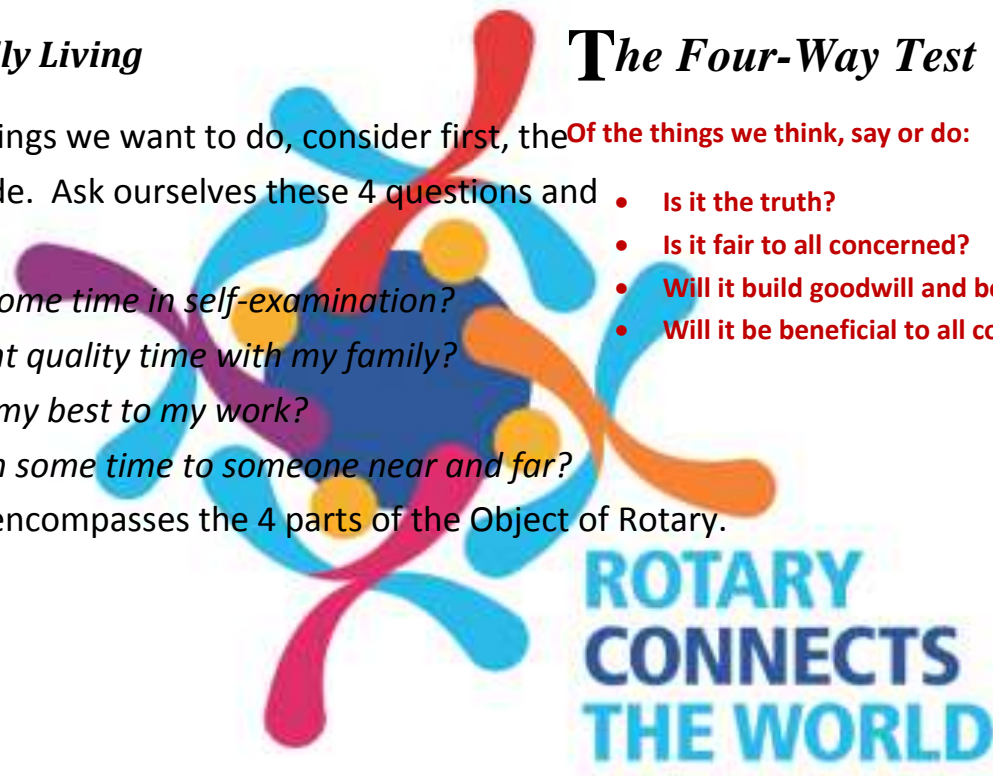
**Second:** Have I spent quality time with my family?

**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.

- 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 2019/2020

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