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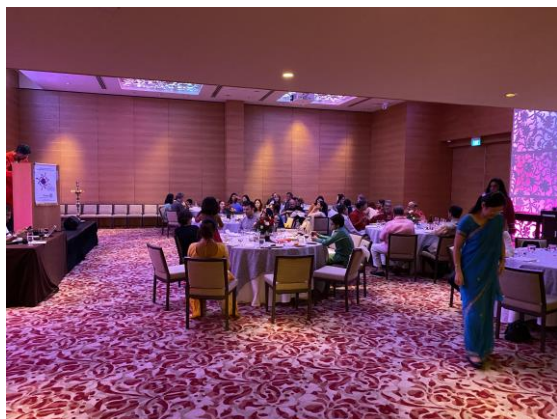


*The lovely ladies in attendance*

## Photo Album of Diwali Brunch – 3.11.19



*Lighting of the Diwali Lamp –Mrs Suvidha Venkatesan, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bianca, Mrs Rekha Sharma , Dir. Mamta Shahani & Hon Secretary Shamin Vaswani (From left to right)*



*Enjoying brunch at the Grand Hyatt Singapore*



*Songs by Ari (Rtn Debasree Chakrabarti's husband)*



*On the dance floor*



## Photo Album of Diwali Brunch – 3.11.19



*Posing for the camera... PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Mrs Rachael Yap & Hon. Secretary Shamin Vaswani (l to r)*



*Winner of the Best Dressed Award – Rtn Dr Irina Francken (centre) with Dir. Rajkumar and his wife, Selina*



# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 6 November 2019

### OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Horst Hagemann called the meeting to order and invited President Deepak Nagrani to the Chair.

### WELCOME

To perform a collective welcome of Guests and visiting Rotarians, President Deepak called upon Rtn Uttam Kripalani:

#### Guests:

Speaker – Ms Sylvia Zhou, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bianca, & Mr Krish Nagrani, Mrs Anita Hathiramani, Mrs Irene Henedige, Mrs Subina Khaneja, Mrs Tracey Wang, Ms Yeoh Li Phing, Ms Christina Michael, Ms Nicole Teo, Mr Alaric Tee (Canossian School) Mrs Ebru Tekin, Mrs Radhika Shesh, Mr Shesh, Mr Amit Bagu, Mr Miha Hribernik, Mr Suhrut Panda, Mr James Walker, Mr David Wang

#### Visiting Rotarians:

PP Ibrehim Tekin – Seyhan, Turkey  
PE Brian Selvanajeyam, Colombo West  
Veronica Torrent – Cornentes, Argentina  
Samir Lebber – Geneva International  
PP Amit Bhushan – Singapore North  
President Jean Ho – Serangoon Garden Orchard



Rtn Uttam Kripalani

### TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*A toast to R C Seyhan, Turkey. From right: Toastmaster PP Keith Harrison, President Deepak, PP Ibrehim & Mrs Ebru Tekin.*



*President Deepak exchanged banners with PP Ibrehim who also presented some Turkish Delights to the Club.*



*An exchange of banners with Rtn Veronica Torrent from R C Cornentes, who presented a book about her club.*



*IPP Mark Wang presented a flag and fan from partner club, R C Shanghai which he received at the club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.*



# Last Week

## RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE TO ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE



*President Deepak and Hon. Secretary Shamin Vaswani presented book vouchers to the winning artists of the greeting card competition – Nicole Teo & Alaric Tee from Canossian School (Singapore)*



*From left - President Deepak, Alaric, Nicole, Ms Christina Michael (Principal of the Canossian School) & Rtn Shamin. President Deepak added that Rtn Kimio Somemiya had arranged for a donation of 50 sets of pianica to the School.*

## INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER



*Newly inducted Rtn Ujjal Nandi (left) with President Deepak. President Deepak introduced Rtn Ujjal as his proposer, Director Rajkumar was unable to attend the meeting. Rtn Ujjal is the Head, South & S E Asia Trade of Sims Global Commodities Pte Ltd and his classification is "Recycling – Scrapped Metal". President Deepak has indicated that he will be joining all four Service Committees! As such, he added that he will be Rtn Ujjal's Mentor. President Deepak presented to Rtn Ujjal a personal gift – a bottle of his favourite whiskey.*





# Last Week

## NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT ELECT (RY 2020/2021)

President Deepak was pleased to announce on behalf of the Nominating Committee, the nomination of Vice President See Mee Lee as the President Nominee (President for Rotary Year 2021/2022). He added that the Nominating Committee had also received VP Mee Lee's consent to the nomination.

President Deepak further announced that the **Club's Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, 11 December 2019**, and in accordance with the Club's Bylaws called for nominations from the floor as follows:

- Nominations may be presented by the members from the floor for all positions for the forthcoming year, and President for the year after.
- All nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary one month before the Date of the AGM (11th November 2019)
- Members who are in arrears in dues cannot be nominated
- All nominations must be in writing, proposed and seconded and receive the consent of the Nominee.



## CELEBRATING OUR ROTARIANS



*PP Philip & Effie Leong meets with Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for Social and Family Development*



*PP Philip's Long Service (30 years) Award from the Ministry of Social and Family Development*



*Heartiest congratulations to PP Alan Tan whose company was a winner at the Singapore Prestige Awards 2019*



*Heartiest Congratulations as well to Hon. Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani whose company, Tolaram, together with Kellogg, opened a new plant in Cairo, Egypt*



# Last Week

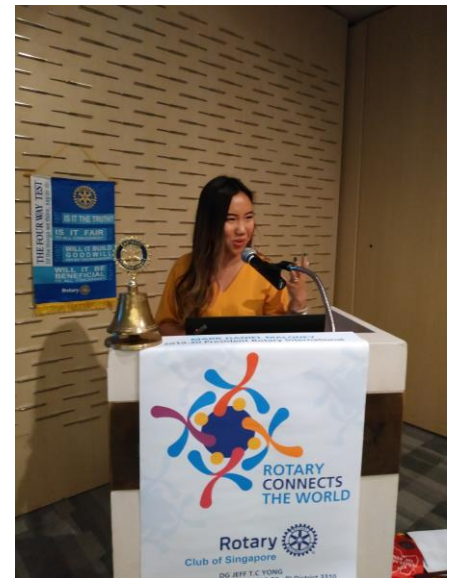
**Speaker:** Ms Sylvia Zhou, Global Industry and Intelligence Lead at Facebook  
**Topic:** “Better Together: Community as a creative spark for social good”



ISC Director  
Rtn Mamta Shahani

The Speaker, Ms Sylvia Zhou was introduced by International Service Director Rtn Mamta Shahani. Ms Zhou is responsible for driving Facebook’s industry relations and strategic partnerships globally. Prior to taking on this role, Ms Sylvia built and led Facebook’s industry marketing program in the Asia Pacific region. She began her career as a journalist at Xinhua News Agency, the biggest and most influential media organization in China, but now lives and works in New York.

To start off her talk, Ms Zhou spoke briefly of her personal journey, eight years ago, from China to New York and how missing her family and Chinese New Year, she created her community story, and share other community stories as well.



Guest Speaker, Ms Sylvia Zhou

She noted that community was a collection of people that receive a sense of belonging, connection, and safety and in turn give trust and investment, over time and that it was evolving in powerful ways as people are more digitally empowered than ever to build communities around things which mattered to them. She gave various examples of the digital community and how it has gone global.



From left: Ms Sylvia Zhou, President Deepak & Rtn Colin

She added that Facebook was about friends, adding that 1.4B people use Facebook groups every month and the scale of this opportunity could not be ignored when it comes to connecting with and understanding people more deeply and meaningfully. Ms Zhou’s presentation highlighted some statistics and how nonprofits can inspire brands on Facebook, and tools for collection of donations and best practices for making community the creative muse for social good.



President Deepak noted that Ms Zhou would not have been at the meeting, without the help of Rtn Colin Miles. He then called on Rtn Colin to extend the Club’s vote of thanks. Rtn Colin added that he had set up the Club’s Facebook in 2009, and perhaps now the Club should think about setting up a donation button!





## Coming Club Events...

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Rotary**  **VIETNAM** 

**DISTRICT 3310 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
INVITES YOU TO**

**Rotary GG Inspection &  
Fellowship Trip to  
Central Vietnam**

**7 - 10 JAN 2020  
DANANG - HUE**

*\*Option to extend to Hoi An (10-12 Jan)*

GG # 1863930



- Classroom Based Library for Elementary Schools

GG # 1982710

- Chicken Rearing Program for Economic Livelihood

GG # 1746552

- Water & Sanitation for The Ethnic Minority Community



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## ITINERARY MAIN PROGRAMME

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### DAY 01, TUE 07 JAN 2020: SINGAPORE - DA NANG ARRIVAL - HUE (L/D)

09.15: Depart Singapore by MI632 for Da Nang

11.00: Arrive in Da Nang, transfer and lunch before drive to Hue. Reach Hue, check into hotel or those keen, visit the **Imperial Citadel** from where the Nguyen dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945. Some shopping time at the lively **Dong Ba** market

#### Overnight in Hue (IndoChine Palace Hue 5\*)

**Meals** Lunch at Madame Lan restaurant - Vietnamese Cuisine  
Dinner at Royal Park restaurant - Royal Feast Dinner

### DAY 02, WED 08 JAN 2020: HUE FULL DAY - ROTARY GG 1746552 & 1982710 PROJECTS (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel & check out, meet PDG Do & transfer to **Vinh Thai commune, Phu Vang District**. Following lunch, transfer to **Huong Nguyen Commune**, A Luoi District, Thua Thien Hue Province (60 km far from Hue City). After that, return to hotel in Hue city.

#### Overnight in Hue (IndoChine Palace Hue 5\*)

**Meals** Breakfast at hotel  
Lunch hosted by Huong Nguyen Commune  
Dinner at Y Thao restaurant - Vietnamese Cuisine

### DAY 03, THU 09 JAN 2020: HUE - ROTARY GG 1863930 PROJECT (B/L/D) - DA NANG

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to **Cam Lo @ Quang Tri province** (90 km far from Hue City ~ 2 hrs' transfer by transportation). After that, return to Hue city for lunch and then transfer to Da Nang

#### Overnight in Da Nang (Hyatt Regency Da Nang Resort & Spa)

**Meals** Breakfast at hotel  
Lunch at Full Moon restaurant - Vietnamese Cuisine  
Dinner at Madame Lan restaurant - Vietnamese Cuisine

### DAY 04, FRI 10 JAN 2020: DA NANG - SINGAPORE (B)

Breakfast and at leisure till check out & transfer to airport for flight home on MI631 dep 1150hrs.

**Meal** Breakfast at hotel

Hotel: Hue – Indochine Palace Hue  
Da Nang – Hyatt Regency Da Nang Resort & Spa  
Hoi An – Almanity Hoi An Wellness Resort

**For those extending stay over the leisure weekend, see next page**



**DAY 04, FRI 10 JAN 2020: DA NANG – BA NA HILLS– MARBLE MOUNTAIN (B/L/D)**



Breakfast at hotel, check out and depart for **Ba Na Hill Station**, at 1,500 msl 48km west of Da Nang. Visit **Old French Villas** enroute as well as **the suspension bridge, Nui Chua & the Mountain Peak** (at the height of 1,487m) where we take cable car to Vong Nguyet villa visiting Linh Ung Pagoda, Sakyamuni Buddha statue.

Then visit **Golden Bridge** located in Thien Thai Garden of Sun World Ba Na Hills at 1,414m above sea level. The bridge is connected to the Marseille and Bordeaux stations taking guests from the foot of the mountain of the French village to the flower garden. The bridge looking like a brilliant silk is 150m in length, including 8 spans, the longest span being 21.2m.

Visit the **Fantasy Park - Ba Na Hills Fantasy Park**- third largest indoor amusement park in the world and free time around Ba Na Hill till we go down to the foot of mountain.

After lunch, transfer back to **Danang**. Enroute visit Marble Mountain “five elements mountains”, a cluster of five marble (**Kim – metal; Moc – wood; Thuy – water; Hoa – fire; Tho – earth**) and limestone hills located in Ngu Hanh Son ward.

**Overnight in Danang (Hyatt Regency Da Nang Resort & Spa)**

**Meals** Breakfast at hotel  
Buffet Lunch in Bana Hill – Vietnamese Cuisine  
Dinner at Full Moon restaurant or similar – Vietnamese Cuisine

**DAY 05, SAT 11 JAN 2020: DA NANG – HOI AN – ANCIENT TOWN (B/L/D)**

Breakfast and transfer to **Hoi an Ancient Town** for sights visiting **Family Chapel** built by prominent, merchant or official families as the center of ancestor worship, a Chinese style Pagoda or **Assembly Hall; Japanese Covered Bridge Pagoda** constructed in 1593 by Japanese community of Hoi An to link the Town with the **Chinese Quarter** across the stream, **Fukien Association temple, Ceramic Museum** and **Chua Ong Temple**.

**Overnight in Hoi An (Almanity Hoi An Wellness Resort)**

**Meals** Breakfast at hotel  
Lunch at Lantern restaurant or similar – Vietnamese Cuisine  
Dinner at Home Villa Hoi An restaurant or similar – Vietnamese Cuisine

**Distance** Hoi An - Danang: 35 km → 35 minutes' transfer

**DAY 06, SUN 12 JAN 2020: HOI AN – DA NANG – SINGAPORE (B)**

Breakfast & check out. At leisure time till transfer to Da Nang airport back to Singapore on MI639 Dep 1630hrs

**Meal** Breakfast at hotel

### Programme Cost

Programme (Land Only)	Cost Twin Share PP	Cost Single Room PP
Main Programme 4D3N (GG inspections)	SGD673	SGD973
Weekend Extension to Ba Na Hill and Hoi An (3D2N)	SGD463	SGD633

### Notes

1. Please book your own air ticket online (current fare to Da Nang on SQ is \$435 (taxes ~ \$81))
2. Above cost is based on min 16 persons travelling and subject to availability of rooms. If we have more participants, we will work down and advise the cost
3. We prefer everyone to stay together at same accommodation for main programme but if you have own accommodation arrangements, you can deduct SGD298 from the main programme cost (twin share)
4. For booking, please contact AG Jimmy Ooi ([rtniimmvooi@gmail.com](mailto:rtniimmvooi@gmail.com) or 9844 6007)

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## THE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD CEREMONY



**Guest-of-Honour**  
**Mrs Josephine Teo**  
*Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs*

**Details**

**DATE** Sunday, 24 November 2019

**TIME** 6.00pm

**VENUE** Grand Ballroom  
The Ritz-Carlton Millenia Singapore  
7 Raffles Avenue, Singapore 039799

**ATTIRE** Black Tie for Gentlemen / Evening Gown for Ladies

**PROGRAMME** Cocktail Reception  
Guests to be seated  
Arrival of Guest-of-Honour  
Performance by Artiste  
Speeches  
Trophies / Plaques Presentation  
End of Programme



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

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

Honorary Member Shoichi Ishizaki

## Anniversary Celebrants

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

Keizo & Mayumi Fujitake  
Vaidy & Sumathi Krishnamurthy

## Committee Meetings

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

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 13 November

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 20 November

**YOUTH SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 27 November

## This Meeting

**13 November 2019**

**Reception Desk duty:** Xerxes Medora, PP Paliath Mohandas  
**Sunshine Box:** PP Tapan Rao, Xavier Sanjiman

**Speakers:** Artisan Award Finalists- Ms Faridah binte Haji Ahmad Jamal, Mr Sukri Kadola, Mr Kamal Dollah  
**Topic:** Friends of VSC



## GIFT OF LIFE

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

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## Next Meeting

**20 November 2019**

**Reception Desk duty:** Keizo Fujitake, Horst Hagemann  
**Sunshine Box:** Jasbir Koh, James Lee

**Speaker:** Dr Giulia Mennillo, Lecturer from National University of Singapore  
**Topic:** Financial Crisis and Rating Agencies

## Coming Rotary Events

### November

#### **Rotary Foundation Month**

**6 Nov** – Major Projects Town Hall Meeting at 5.00pm

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

### December

#### **Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**

**11 Dec** – Annual General Meeting

### January

#### **Vocational Service Month**

### February

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

### March

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



# The Guide to Daily Living

# The Four-Way Test

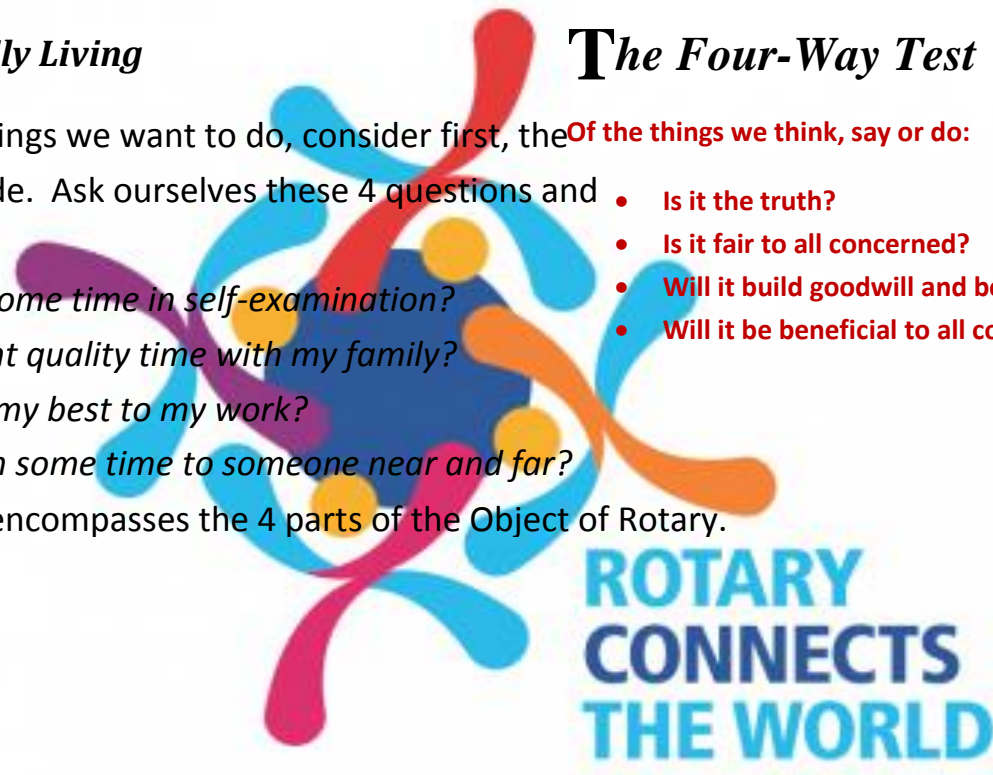
Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the **Of the things we think, say or do:**

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

President	Deepak Nagrani
Immediate Past President	Mark Wang
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Vice President (Vocational & Youth Service)	Bala Venkatesan
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