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Drive

-By President  
Deepak Nagrani

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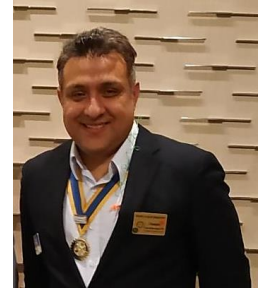
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the forthcoming events and  
Birthday / Anniversary  
celebrants and more...

# In Focus

## Report/ Photo Album RCS Blood Donation Drive

By: President Deepak Nagrani



The Rotary Club of Singapore Community Service Committee joined in a blood donation drive at the Sindhu House on 5 April 2020. Driven by our energetic and resilient Honorary Secretary Shamin Vaswani, the Club continued its endeavours to make a difference to those who need precious blood in this crisis. Many thanks to the Rotarians, prospective Rotarians, board members, friends and family who donated or encouraged others to donate today. We are so proud of you.

Following are some photographs taken at the event:



*VP Bala Venkatesan & Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen  
checking on the logistics*



*VP See Mee Lee joins the queue*



*Entrance of the Blood donation drive*



*VP Bala assisting with registration*

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# In Focus

## Report/ Photo Album RCS Blood Donation Drive...contd



*First Lady Bianca filling in the relevant forms*



*With big smiles, Rtn Vijai & wife Kala Parwani donate their blood*



*VP Bala & wife, Suvidha with Hon. Secretary Shamin Vaswani*



*CSC Director Siew Luen (left) with blood donor Mr Don Chen*



# In Focus

## Report/ Photo Album RCS Blood Donation Drive...contd



*A Special Rotarian, Honorary Secretary Shamin Vaswani*

The Club is proud of a special Rotarian. Last December, she highlighted the need to replenish our blood bank. In March, when all our service events were uncertain, she proposed we get into ACTION and help those who need precious blood in this crisis. In spite of all the fear around, she was relentless to make today's donation drive happen. Up bright and early, she motivated half the Board, Rotarians and prospective Rotarians, friends and family to support the drive either by donating or encouraging others to donate. True to her role guarding the quality of food at our Club meetings, she quietly and personally donated \$200 to ensure there was good food also on 5 April not only for us but the many other organizations who were also there to support the drive. The Rotary Club of Singapore salutes Shamin for being a true and exemplary Rotarian. Thank you Shamin!





# The Board at work...



Due to the pandemic sweeping the planet, the 85th Board of the Rotary Club of Singapore held its 10th Board meeting online on Zoom on 7th April 2020. As usual, almost every Board member attended and contributed to the very productive meeting. Well done everyone!

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## Last Week – Report on the Online Meeting – Wednesday 8 April 2020

### OPENING REMARKS

President Deepak opened the Club's online 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting with a special welcome to the expert speakers from the Bank of Singapore, who would speak on how to navigate the markets.

To officially welcome guests and fellow Rotarians, President Deepak called on Community Service Director Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen. After which, Club Rotary Foundation Director Rtn James Lee invited everyone to join him in raising a toast to Rotary International.

### RECAP OF ACTIVITIES

- President Deepak gave a brief report on the Club's Blood Donation Drive held on Sunday, 5 April, and warmly thanked Honorary Secretary Shamin Vaswani for her efforts.
- Also held on 5 April was the Interact Coordinating Corps (ICC) meeting which Youth Service Committee (YSC) Director Ronald Wong advised that 13 Interact Clubs participated and highlighted how the Interactors were coping with the pandemic. He noted that the Interactors' efforts were truly exemplary and commendable. He also spoke of the YSC-ICC Project Accendo to promote awareness of mental illnesses and health in Singapore. He further added that a pilot mental literacy programme would be organised in partnership with Institute of Mental Health (IMH) when it is safe to do so.

### CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community Service Committee (CSC) Director Dr Chan Siew Luen noted that CSC Care Corner project was topical and there was a need to distribute the care packs to about 500 families once the "circuit breaker" period is over.
- Artisan of the Year Award – nominations close on 1 May 2020, President Deepak called on members to submit their nominations for artisans who use their skills for the good of the community.
- Swimathon – this event is postponed and the Club plans to take virtual.
- Club's 90<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration – President Deepak highlighted the significance to celebrate the anniversary of the Club's first meeting held on 6 June 1930. He called on members to save the date – Saturday, 6 June 2020 when the Club will recap its 90 years of service and fellowship at a milestone Club Meeting.
- 90 Years Celebration together with the Installation scheduled for 27 June 2020 is cancelled. More details will follow.
- Rotary Flag Day – PP Dr Yap Lip Kee advised that the Flag Day was interrupted due to COVID-19, however, he would circulated by WhatsApp the list of donation pledges. PP Lip Kee advised that for a start, he has pledged \$100 and IPP Mark Wang pledged \$50. He called on members to donate
- Disaster Relief Fund – PP Lip Kee further added that the Disaster Relief Fund has about \$20,000 and that he would be sending out an appeal shortly for donations to build on this Fund.



# Last Week

**Speakers: Mr Eli Lee, Mr Saurabh Rathi & Mr Hemant Tucker – Bank of Singapore**

**Topic: “How to Navigate Markets”**

To keep our members continually engaged in Rotary, we hosted an exclusive online webinar last Wednesday. The highlight of our full house 35th Club meeting was a spectacular panel of banking experts who illuminated us with their keen insights on how to navigate financial markets in these challenging times.

We are deeply grateful to the esteemed panel of three speakers including Mr Eli Lee, Head of Investment Strategy, Bank of Singapore.

Special thanks to Director Mamta Shahani for organising; VP Bala Venkatesan for moderating; and Directors Dr Chan Siew Luen and James Lee for co-piloting the meeting.

It was indeed an enlightening evening staying at home!

By: President Deepak Nagrani

**HOW TO  
NAVIGATE MARKETS**

Three key signposts to watch out for

**Special Guest Speaker Panel  
Webinar on ZOOM  
(ID: 119-943-782)**

**Tonight at our Club Meeting  
7pm to 8.30pm**

**Eli Lee**  
Head of Investment Strategy,  
Bank of Singapore

**Saurabh Rathi,**  
Lead Investment  
Counselor,  
Bank of Singapore



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Paul Phua  
Pia Bruce  
Dr Devakumar Nair  
Dr Suresh Mahtani  
Robert Craiu  
Dr Melvin Tan  
Matei Iurascu

## Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Andy & Akiko Mankiewicz  
Vijai & Kala Parwani  
PP Dr Winston & Julia Oh

## Committee Meetings

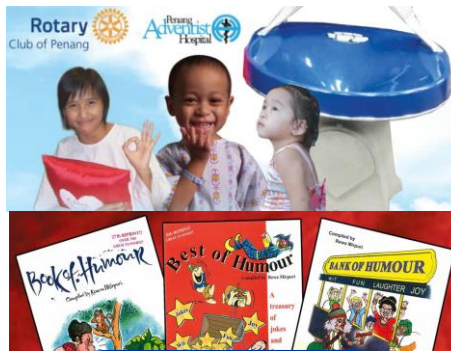
All Service Committee Meetings are held in abeyance till further notice.

## This Meeting

**15 April 2020**

**Speaker:** Rotarian Sonali Singha

**Topic:** Personal growth in times of crisis



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## Next Meeting

**22 April 2020**

**Speaker:** Brigadier General Gaurav "Yoda" Keerthi

**Topic:** Cybersecurity (especially in this COVID-19 era)

## Coming Rotary Events

April  
**Maternal & Child Health Month**

**29 Apr** – 4<sup>th</sup> & last Club Assembly

May  
**Youth Service Month**

**1 May** – Nominations close for the Artisan of the Year 2020

**1 May** – Swimarathon (virtual)

June  
**Rotary Fellowships Month**



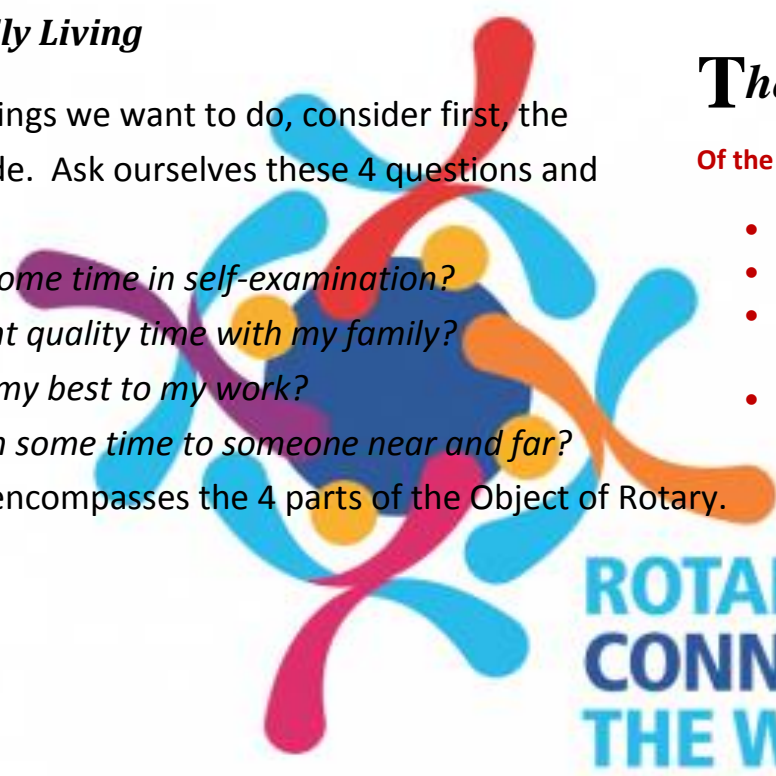


# The Guide to Daily Living

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.



# 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?

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019/2020

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