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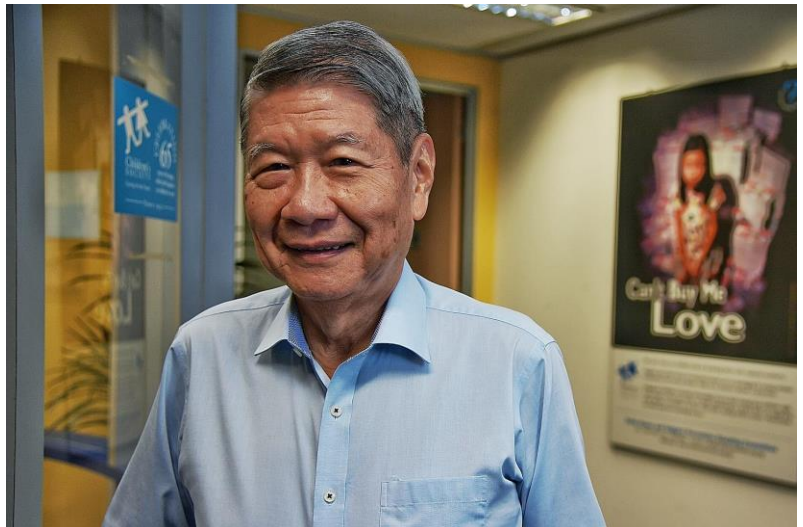
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By: Rotarian Uttam Kripalani

Honorary Member (HM) Past President (PP) Koh Choon Hui makes us feel very proud!

The conferring of the Distinguished Service Order [Darjah Utama Bakti Cemerlang], a National Day Award is a fitting tribute to the work he has dedicated so much of his time, talent and effort to his love for children and their welfare.

Honorary Member PP Koh Choon Hui has been a member of our Club since 1974 and was the President in the year 1984-1985. During his year as President the major project was the building of the Occupational Therapy Room at the Singapore Action Group of Elders' Village. A sum of \$ 50,000 was collected for this. This was just one of the many projects he was involved in.



Singapore Children's Society chairman Koh Choon Hui, a stalwart of the social service sector for over four decades, has been conferred the Distinguished Service Order. He has nurtured many social service agencies. PHOTO: ST FILE

A story one has read about is that his third child was born in 1976, when the country's Stop At Two policy was at its strongest. People would look askance at him and his wife, Anne for flouting the policy introduced in 1972 to curb population growth so that it does not overwhelm the social fabric of a fledgling state. [It ended officially in 1987]. Some even laughed at him for being "antisocial". but he and Anne never questioned their decision. They later had a fourth child in 1979 and now have many grandchildren.

"You must have a conviction about what you believe in and what you do. We should never compromise on that," Rtn Koh is reported to have said in an interview.

His love for children and his belief in continuing to do the right thing despite many challenges led him to take up the mantle in the Singapore Children's Society and hold on to it for more than 40 years.

He continues to be involved in many social service activities and has worked with the NCSS. He has received many awards for his dedicated social work.

As the Managing Director of Roche Pharmaceuticals, he helped change the face of its operations in Singapore. Amongst the many hats he wears is the Chairmanship of Singapore Pools Ltd

We hope he continues to work in the social sector and contribute to the Singapore scene in the very enthusiastic way he is so well known for.

International Service Committee (ISC) Report

By: ISC Director Varun Gulati

The first ISC meeting (held on 16 July 2020) was hosted by PP Dr Yap Lip Kee at his residence, our Club's first Hybrid meeting where we had 5 Rotarians at one place following the social distancing norms. The meeting preceded sit down Yoga by one of our prospective members and much appreciated by the attendees. ISC chair Varun started the meeting with humour from BOH and by passing Minutes. It was followed by:

- Treasurer's report (Rtn Miha Hribernik),
- update on BOH committee,
- Ambassador membership,
- Newly formed Sister club committee (PP Stan Low & Rotarian Willi Hess),
- Country champions & their roles,
- Australia update by PP Garry Taylor
- Cambodia & Thailand update by PP Jimmy Ooi
- Updates by Dr Chan Siew Luen on Global Grant process,
- Sri Lankan Embassy visit and
- NGO Suniye developments.

The meeting ended with Rotarian Willi Hess promoting hybrid meetings by sponsoring a round of beverages from Veltins (<https://www.beercellar.asia/>) for the next ISC meeting with 2 or more members at one place.



From right: President Dinesh Sharma, Rtn Miha Hribernik, PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, ISC Dir. Varun Gulati, Rtn Jessica Lim & VSC Dir. Dr Chan Siew Luen



IPP Deepak Nagrani with High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, Mdm Sashikala Premawardhane (right)

Last Week

5th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 12.8.20

OPENING REMARKS



Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet called the Meeting to order at 7.10pm. He reminded members to have their audio on mute during the meeting but could use the “chat” or “raise hand” features. He added that the meeting proceedings would be recorded for attendance purposes as well as for promotion of the Club. Rtn Jean-Philippe then invited President Dinesh Sharma to the Chair.

SAA Jean-Philippe Lionnet

President Dinesh warmly welcomed members, Past Presidents, Honorary Members (HM) PP Bhagwan Melwani, Mohan Vaswani and PP Chiang Shih Fang as well as the many guests and prospective candidates to the Club meeting.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

President Dinesh called upon PP Keith Harrison who invited members to join him in raising a toast to the institution that we love – to Rotary International!



PP Keith Harrison

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider announced that the first Vocational Service Committee meeting chaired by Director Dr Chan Siew Luen will be held online on Thursday, 13 August at 7.00 to 8.00pm to which all members are invited to attend.

Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO HM PP KOH CHOON HUI

President Dinesh was pleased to extend on behalf of the Club, our heartiest congratulations to Honorary Member (HM) PP Koh Choon Hui who was bestowed with the Distinguished Service Order at this year's National Day Awards.



Honorary Member
PP Koh Choon Hui

WHO'S WHO DIRECTORY 2020/2021

President Dinesh called on members to submit changes to their particulars, if any, in the Who's Who Directory for the coming publication for Rotary year 2020/2021, and to update their photographs as well. Closing date for submittal of changes/photographs : 26 August 2020

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION APPROVES THE FOLLOWING GLOBAL GRANTS:

President Dinesh noted the high number of Global Grants (GG) approved this Rotary Year with the earlier 13 GGs approved and now a further 4 GGs as follows. He added the approval of all these GGs was through the efforts of PP Dr Shahul Hameed who has worked with the other Rotary Clubs for funding as well as implementation.

81st GG No. 2015838 – Covid-19 Pandemic Response Project in Chittagong, Bangladesh – USD37,150 with Host Club RC Chittagong Marine City, Partner Club RC Muar (sister club). Primary Contact Rtn Adnan Ansari

82nd GG No. 2013288 – Covid-19 Pandemic Response in West Bengal, India – USD37,500 with Host Club RC Calcutta Yuvis, Partner District: District 3291. Primary Contact PP Dr Shahul Hameed

83rd GG No. 2094601 – Cervical Cancer Awareness & Vaccination Program, Phase 2 – Kolkata, India - USD55,000 with Partner District: District 3291. Primary Contact: PP Dr Shahul Hameed

84th GG No. 2016176 – Covid-19 Pandemic Response Hospital Equipment – USD45,004 with Primary Contact RC Pune Deccan Gymkhana, India. Partner Club RC Muar, Primary Contact: PP Dr Shahul Hameed

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STEP UP TO END POLIO - 2020



President Dinesh called upon Rtn Adnan Ansari who advised that 24th October was designated World Polio Day (WPD), and to commemorate the occasion, District 3310 has launched this Step Up Challenge to raise awareness and funds for The Rotary Foundation (TRF) PolioPlus Fund. He added that each dollar donated will be matched 200% by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



Rtn Adnan Ansari

Rtn Adnan called on all members, their families and friends to register and participate. He advised that registration should take place before flag-off on 29th August, by clicking the weblink: <https://forms.gle/8brZYdAsnZFFUA4r5>. A minimum USD35 (equiv. SGD50) is payable per registration (but not limited to USD35!). Rtn Adnan advised that the Club's target is to register at least 150 participants. On successful registration through weblink into the Google form, a confirmation email will be received by

registrant. Please make payment (min. USD35) on Rotary International (RI) website through 'My Rotary'. Please ensure that you tick the 'PolioPlus Fund' payment option. Alternatively, you may make payment on RC Singapore webpage using Credit Card or send a payment by cheque to "Rotary Club of Singapore". Please indicate 'Step Up to End Polio'. Please take a snapshot of payment page (if paying by online credit card) and send it to RC Singapore Secretary Ms. Bernie by email or to Rtn. Adnan (by Whatsapp: +65-91703343).

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



The KYFR speaker for the week was Rtn Jessica Lim whom President Dinesh advised was a very active Rotarian ever since she joined the Club in 2016. Rtn Jessica introduced herself as a Singaporean and a Christian. She did a degree in San Francisco. She is passionate about helping those in need and enjoyed travelling. Rtn Jessica added that through Rotary, she has met incredible people and highlighted the characteristics which she valued. She spoke of her career as Administrator for Institute of Technical Education (ITE) starting with Admissions in 2001 and promoted to Innovations, Organization Events from 2008 to 2019. Rtn Jessica also shared her volunteering journey since 2009 to present with organization of medical mission trips and relief trips to Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal and Thailand.



Rtn Jessica Lim

Rtn Jessica joined the Club on 14 September 2016 and was proposed by PP Garry Taylor. She highlighted her involvement in the Club since 2016, starting as Secretary for YSC from 2016 to 2020, continuing as Secretary for ISC from June 2020, and as Deputy CSC Chair for 2020/21. She has also participated in several Rotary International (RI) Conventions and Seminars starting with the Rotary Conference in Bhutan 2017, RI Convention in Toronto (2018) and the Hamburg Convention in 2019 as well as the 2019 District Training Assembly (DISTAS). She hoped to attend the RI Conventions in Taipei in 2021 followed by the Houston Convention in 2022 as well. Rtn Jessica also added that she was looking forward to reconnecting with everyone in person and working together once again.

Last Week

5th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 12.8.20

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As August is designated as Membership and New Club Development Month, President Dinesh spoke of the Club's Membership Development significant work which was being done. He noted that membership was the bedrock of the Club and in the District, membership development was less than 2% and has been a challenge to attract new members. However, President Dinesh advised that in less than a month, the Club received 7 candidates and hopefully by end September would have 15 new members. He added that most of the new members are in sub-committees and engaged. He further added that KYFR programme has started as well as Rotary Education and the Club's Public Image committee is very active. The attendance remains good with well-known and world class speakers being arranged for the months ahead. President Dinesh thanked VP Suresh Keerthi and his team for working on the Club's membership development. He also thanked the MC&D Committee comprising the Past Presidents as they continue to vet and endorse new members proposed and he assured all members that both Membership and MC&D Committees will complement each other.



President Dinesh Sharma

Next week, President Dinesh advised that a new programme would be introduced – “What’s Happening” would not only inform members of the activities of the Service Committees but also about the activities of the other Club Committees. President Dinesh also took the opportunity to acknowledge the overwhelming response from members’ spouses who were present at the Meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: MS SINDU SREEBHAVAN

TOPIC: HOW TO MAKE OUR CHILDREN FUTURE READY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Noting that it was International Youth Day, VP Suresh Keerthi noted it was appropriate for Ms Sreebhavan who works with youths and teachers to speak on the subject. Ms Sreebhavan is the CEO of As Many Minds and the founder and chairperson of International Youth Leadership and Innovation Forum (IYLIF) and the co-founder of Her Own Voice.



Speaker, Ms Sindu Sreebhavan

Ms Sreebhavan stated that she hoped her talk would enable members to re-imagine education and youth development, looking at current issues such as COVID which brought challenges but also innovations. She defined the Gen Z youths as those aged from 5 to 24 years who are intuitively can work with technology. She spoke of their attributes and the challenges they face. Ms Sreebhavan highlighted what could be done to assist these youths because of imminent change in their lives. She noted the need for skill sets instead of just academic qualifications with life long education and the need to embrace the challenges. She added that youths would need the ability to learn, unlearn and relearn and to do so very fast. Ms Sreebhavan pointed out the importance of emotional intelligence and mental health; to identify their feelings and empathy to maintain their mental health. She cited the need to have effective communication skills as well as creativity and problem-solving skills. Lastly, Ms Sreebhavan spoke about growth mindset, adding that people with growth mindset believe that they can change their possibility whilst those with a fixed mindset think otherwise.

President Dinesh called on Rtn Vinit Sarangdhar who speaking as a father, noted Ms Sreebhavan passion and experience with working with youths and warmly thanked her for her presence at the meeting and for sharing her insights.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

Andy Mankiewicz

Bertrand De Mil

PDG Dr Philbert Chin

This Meeting

19 August 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Prof. Sattar Bawany, CEO,
Centre for Executive Education

Topic: Leadership in Disruptive
Times

Next Meeting

26 August 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Mr Sudhir Tiku, VP &
Head of Apac Building Technology
Division, Bosch

Topic: Because Life wins and Why
Life wins

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Tina Tang & Mr Zhang Ming

Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings
will be held on Thursdays from
7.00 to 8.00pm

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 20 August

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 27 August



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Coming Rotary Events

August
Membership and New Club
Development Month

September
Basic Education and Literacy
Month

October
Economic and Community
Development Month

November
Rotary Foundation Month

December
Disease Prevention & Treatment
Month

January
Vocational Service Month

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?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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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