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By: Community Service Director Dr Irina Francken

APSN

Established in 1976, Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) is a social service agency providing special education for persons with mild intellectual disability. Our Rotary Club has been engaged with the APSN Centre for Adults for persons aged 16 and older for many years in various events and occasions. On the 15th of August, President Dinesh presented to this organisation 220 masks which will be distributed to the staff working at the APSN and to the beneficiaries who lost their jobs due to COVID-19.



From left: APSN's Mr Philip Li, President Dinesh Sharma & CSC Director Dr Irina Francken

Community and Vocational Service Committees are planning to continue our relations with this organisation during this Rotary year. The urgent plan is to organise meals for the families of trainees who lost their jobs due to the pandemic. We are also looking for a possibility to organise virtual training of well-being for the students of APSN.

Willing Hearts

How does Willing Hearts sustain itself? In truth, it is with the generous support from friends, volunteers, donors, sponsors and just about anyone who believes in their cause. It operates a soup kitchen that prepares, cooks and distributes about 5,000 daily meals to over 40 locations island wide, 365 days a year. Beneficiaries include the elderly, the disabled, low income families, children from single parent families or otherwise poverty stricken families, and migrant workers in Singapore.

Two Saturdays in a row (8th & 15th August) our Rotarians have been worked in the Soup Kitchen of this organization. Almost 100 hours of our job has been given for the food preparation for the needy communities of Singapore. The cash donations of \$ 2,000 have been collected and delivered to the President of Willing Hearts, Mr Teh Eng Hua. These funds will be used to buy fruits and vegetables for low income families.

Photo Album of the visit to Willing Hearts – 8th & 15th August 2020



Mr Teh Eng Hua, President of Willing Hearts receives the Club's donation of \$2,000
from President Dinesh Sharma



At Willing Hearts' kitchen – IPP
Deepak Nagrani, PE See Mee Lee &
Rotary friend Ms Ong Teng Teng

Last Week

6th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 19.8.20

OPENING REMARKS



The Meeting started with Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA) Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet reminding members to put their mobiles on mute and to use the chat and raise hand functions of the online meeting features. Before handing the Chair to President Dinesh Sharma, SAA Jean-Philippe further reminded members to attend throughout the meeting and not leave only to enter the meeting again later.

SAA Jean-Philippe Lionnet

President Dinesh warmly welcomed visiting PDG Kamal Katra from Rotary Club of Metropolitan in Beirut Lebanon, Past Presidents, fellow Rotarians and guests to the Club's 6th weekly meeting. He also welcomed the Guest Speaker Professor (Prof) Sattar Bawany and thanked him for accepting our invitation to speak to the Club.



President Dinesh Sharma

President Dinesh called on visiting PDG Kamal to carry the Club's best wishes to the people of Beirut suffering from the recent calamity in the country. He invited PDG Kamal to say a few words. PDG Kamal described the massive explosion which occurred on 4 August at the Beirut port which devastated a 15 Km area, injuring 5,000 people with more than 200 fatalities. He added that the Lebanese people were cleaning up roads and houses destroyed, however a lot more would have to be done. PDG Kamal noted that aid was being received but not enough, as houses were destroyed, his District 2452 have started distribution and supply of food boxes for 2,000 families living in ShelterBoxes or with friends/families. He added that funds were also needed for medical equipment and various medicines for the hospitals as well as blankets for the coming winter.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Toastmaster PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas called on members to join him in a toast to the Rotary Club of Metropolitan located out side of Beirut in District 2452 coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

PP Paliath Mohandas

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider reminded members of International Service Committee (ISC) Meeting on 20 August, which would start with a yoga session at 6.45pm followed by the meeting at 7.00pm.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

Rtn Brigitte further reminded members to register by 23 August for the "Step Up to End Polio 2020" and for further details to kindly contact Rtn. Adnan Ansari.

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KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



President Dinesh called upon the KYFR speaker Rtn Adnan Ahmed Ansari who shared that he is from Bangladesh, and perhaps the only Bangladeshi member in the Club. He is a permanent resident, living and working in Singapore since 2005. He holds a Master's Degree from Nanyang Technological University of Singapore in Maritime Studies. Working in a Ship Owner company in Singapore – SOCATRA for the past 10 years. Rtn Adnan is a Marine Engineer by profession having trained at the Marine Academy, Chittagong, Bangladesh and later studied in South Tyneside Maritime College in U.K. He has sailed on board various type and size of ocean going ships and been to almost all the continents of the world.



Rtn Adnan Ansari

Rtn Adnan joined Rotary in 2013 during PP Jimmy Ooi's year. Since then he has been engaged in various ISC, YSC and CSC projects including the first Global Grant project in Bangladesh. He was on the Board of PP Garry Taylor in RY2016~17 as Director of YSC. He also thanked PPs Dr Yap Lip Kee and Tapan Rao who allowed him to help with the COVID-19 patients as interpreter between the migrant workers and doctors. Rtn Adnan further shared his involvement in other social activities as a Life-member of 'Singapore Bangladesh Society', contributed as the 'Cultural Secretary' for a term of 3 years. He and his wife, Zinia are staunch supporters of the 'Program for Sustainable Development (PSD)', Dhaka, Bangladesh, as 'Educating Parents' with PSD School for vulnerable children from Dhaka Slums.

Rtn Adnan spoke of his family background, adding that his father was a retired college teacher, and he was raised in a traditional Muslim family, culturally sound and vibrant household. He also shared that he acted in a Bengali movie at the tender age of 6 years and ended up achieving the National Film Award for the 'Best Child Actor'. He learned vocal Bengali and Indian classical music from childhood and continues to practise music as a hobby. Thanking Rtn Adnan for his sharing, President Dinesh advised that Rtn Adnan not only helped as an interpreter; he kindly entertained the quarantined workers with his singing as well.

GUEST SPEAKER: PROFESSOR (PROF) SATTAR BAWANY

TOPIC: LEADERSHIP IN DISRUPTIVE TIMES

PP Perlita Tiro was pleased to introduce an old colleague in the HR profession Prof. Sattar Bawany whom she has known since her PA Consulting days when he ran DBM Asia Pacific. Prof Sattar is now the Chief Executive Officer of the Disruptive Leadership Institute (DLI) and is concurrently the CEO & C-Suite Master Executive Coach of the Centre for Executive Education (CEE). He is Professor of Practice with PPA IPE School of Management – Paris for the Executive MBA in Digital Transformation Programme. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Strategy with the Paris Graduate School of Management. A big feather in his cap was his award last year as "Executive of the Year – Human Resources Consulting" at the Singapore Business Review Management Excellence Awards. In 2019, Prof Sattar has published a book on "Transforming the next Generation of Leaders: for the Fourth Industrial Revolution Era." Just recently, released his second book, which is the topic of his talk at this meeting.



Speaker, Prof. Sattar Bawany

In his enlightening talk, Prof Sattar shared his insights on what makes a disruptive digital leader. He cited the kind of competencies required, such as an innovative-driven mentality, visionary and entrepreneurial skills, cognitive readiness and critical thinking, resilience and adaptability, empathy and social skill as well as the drive for success. Prof Sattar highlighted some of the key success factors of leaders in the digital transformation culture.

On behalf of the Club, PP Tapan warmly thanked Prof Sattar for taking the time to speak at the meeting and appreciated his sharing of knowledge, adding that it was a pleasure listening to him. Prof Sattar added that he was offering a 30% discount on his book for members of the Club.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

HM Mohan Vaswani
PP Perlita Tiro
Dr Claus Dusemund
Anindya Dutta
HM PP Chiang Shih Fang

This 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

Next Meeting

**2 September 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

Speaker: Mr Joseph Ng, Founder & CEO, Skyfy Technology Pte Ltd.

Topic: A Founder's Journey in Singapore

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

HM Mohan & Kawita Vaswani
Moshood & Norhayu Olaniyan
Roland & Jun Jossi
Steven & Katherine Nichols



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

Committee Meetings

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 3 September

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 10 September

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 17 September

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 24 September

GIFT OF LIFE

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

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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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