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In Focus

Covid 19 Pandemic Response GG 2012660 Singapore



By: PP Dr Shahul Hameed, Project Coordinator, DRFC D3310 2020/2023

PP Dr Shahul Hameed

I am pleased to inform you that the distribution of items for Rotary GG 2012660 Covid 19 items for Singapore is now underway. I would like to thank all our 23 Singapore and 28 overseas Rotary Clubs and Districts* for their kind assistance and support. All Clubs and Districts are kindly acknowledged in the Official Banner for the Project.

Just a recap: this GG, worth USD\$132,249 (SGD\$188,351), supports the following items for donation to the Ministry of Health, Singapore.

(i) **18,000 Disposable Face shields** from Super Pak Manufacturing in Tuas, Singapore valued at **SGD\$46,224**

(ii) **4,827 pieces of AAMI Level 3/4 Surgical Gowns** sourced from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, valued at **SGD\$96,772**

And, to be **distributed to the Community in Singapore**, especially to the low-income essential service workers, front line healthcare care workers as well as residents as social welfare homes and organisations:

(iii) **30,000 Reusable Facemasks** valued at **SGD\$36,400**

On **18 September 2020**, 5 Rotarians from RC Bugis Junction and RC Singapore, representing the Rotary Clubs and Districts sponsoring this GG 2012660, inspected the 18,000 Disposable Face shield items that are ready for donation to the Ministry of Health, Singapore.

Thank you once again for all your support for this GG 2012660.



In Focus



"Thank You" Rotary Clubs for your support!



President Dinesh Sharma demonstrating the use of the Rotary face shield



Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani with the donated face shields

My Dear Shoichi-san...

By: PP Stan Low

Following is an extract of the eulogy delivered by PP Stan Low at the weekly meeting of 7 October 2020

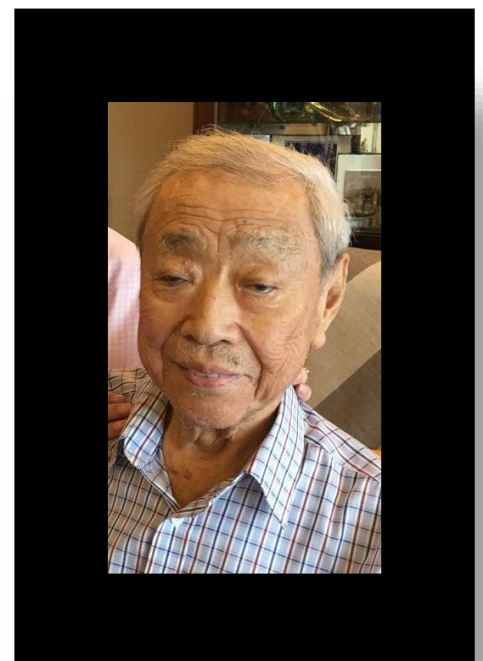
I first met Honorary Member, Shoichi Ishizaki in 1984, almost 36 years ago. He had been my very good friend since then. We had happy times serving The Rotary Club of Singapore. Together, we helped many people during the Kobe Earthquake in 1995 and the Fukushima Tsunami in 2011. I remember his generosity and contributions to various humanitarian projects in Singapore and other countries in Asia.

Shoichi had many friends in the Rotary Club of Singapore. He served in several positions, including Vice-President. He was bestowed Honorary Member, the highest membership class in our Club. But he was most remembered as our energetic Ambassador to our Japanese sister-clubs, like the Rotary Clubs of Kobe East, Wakayama East, and Osaka Semba.

In 1982, he helped to organize the first visit to Japan by 40 Rotarians and wives. Honorary Member and Past President Dr Patrick Chin, remembers this visit like it was only yesterday. Shoichi san worked very hard to make sure that everyone felt comfortable and the food was excellent. He even made sure that our Vegetarian member, K.S.Mehta, was provided with vegetarian food for every meal. His other good friends, like Adam Moledina, Philbert Chin, Saf Hussain, Bhagwan Melwani, J.K. Ong, and Rewa Mirpuri, were all grateful to him for his kindness and hospitality. Since that first visit in 1982, he had managed every visit to our sister-clubs. He continued to make sure that every visit was memorable. We thank him very much.

Besides our time serving in the Rotary Club, Shoichi and I had many fun times together. We went out to try new restaurants. We also went out to golf. We knew he loved to golf. He even bought homes in Hawaii and Perth Australia which are next to golf courses. He worked hard in his business, he made many good friends, he enjoyed life, and he contributed generously to help many poor people in this world. He was a true Rotarian.

Shoichi san, we missed you very much. We pray for you. May you rest in Peace.



Honorary Member
Shoichi Ishizaki
12.11.928 – 05.10.2020

Letter from Mrs Kimie Ishizaki...



Mrs Kimie Ishizaki

Dear Rotary Club Of Singapore,

Thank you so much for your kind letter at the time of my husband's death.

Shoichi Ishizaki passed away due to old age and stomach cancer on the 5th of October at 10 pm at the Setagaya Tokyo Nursing home in Japan.

He was under medical treatment from 2018, and was transferred to the Nursing home in Japan in April 2019.

I want you to know that your thoughtfulness and sympathy have meant a great deal to me. You have helped ease the grief and loneliness I have felt since my husband's passing. I really appreciate the beautiful flowers as well. I am truly grateful to all of my husband close friends, who knew what a fine man he was and who my sense of loss.

He was happy with you. His soul will Rest In Peace.

*With deepest thanks,
Kimie Ishizaki and family*

Our Club's Grateful Thanks to...

We would like to kindly acknowledge Rtn Keizo Fujitake and his wife Mayumi for arranging a wreath on behalf of the Club for our late Honorary Member Shoichi's funeral service last week in Tokyo. Thank you, Rtn Keizo and Mayumi for acting as the bridge between Rotary Club of Singapore and Mrs Kimie Ishizaki during her time of grief.

We also gratefully thank PP Dr Shahul Hameed for forwarding all the messages of condolences to Mrs Kimie Ishizaki which were read during the funeral service.

Last Week

12th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 7.10.20

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Jean-Philippe Lionnet called the meeting to order with the usual reminder to members to observe the meeting rules and conditions. Rtn Jean-Philippe invited President Dinesh to proceed with the meeting.

President Dinesh Sharma warmly welcomed Honorary Members PP Bhagwan Melwani and Mohan Vaswani, Past Presidents, fellow Rotarians and guests. He also welcomed the Speaker, Ms Lena Ng.



President Dinesh Sharma

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Toastmaster, Rtn Carlo Van Den Akker called on members to remain seated and to join him in raising a toast to the Rotary Club of Manila coupled with a toast to Rotary International.

Rtn Carlo Van Den Akker

HONORARY SECRETARY 'S

Hon Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider reminded members

- Vocational Service Committee (VSC) which would be Chan Siew Luen on 8 October.
- World Mental Health Day webinar will be held on starting at 9.30am. She added that the session would be conducted jointly with Rotary Club of Jurong Town and will address mental health issues.
- Also on Saturday, a My Rotary training session will be held from 11.30am to noon, which will be conducted by Rtn James Lee.



ANNOUNCEMENTS
of the following:

chaired by Director Dr

Saturday, 10 October

Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

WELCOME TO MS. LINDA LIM



President Dinesh introduced a new Secretariat staff, Ms Linda Lim who joins as an Accounts & Admin Executive. She graduated from Oxford Brookes University in Applied Accounting and currently doing her ACCA. Previously, she worked in government agencies and also SMEs. She started her career in the Human Resources (HR) area and later did a career switch to Accounting where she handled areas in the account receivable, account payable, budgeting and cashflow management.

Linda has been doing community work since 2017, and continues to contribute back to the society as a member of various committees under People Association and also an active volunteer with SG Assist and The Giving Collective.

President Dinesh warmly welcomed Linda to the Club and thanked Rtn Brigitte and Hon. Treasurer Manish Tibrewal who joined him in the job interviews. He also thanked First Lady Rekha who sorted out almost 100 applications to the 4 short-listed candidates.

Last Week

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COMMITTEE HOSTING & SISTER CLUB EVENT FEES

President Dinesh announced the decision made at the Board meeting on the 5th of October as follows:

- Not charge hosting fees until we do resume physical Committee meetings. Based on the decision in July, invoices went out including hosting fees; all members who have already settled their invoices will get a credit for the hosting fee charge, valid for the time until we resume physical meetings or for the full Rotary year 2021/22, whatever may apply. Members who have not yet settled their invoices, please only pay the annual fee and the RI Convention contribution of SGD 180. Hosting fees that may apply when we resume physical meetings will be invoiced when we are at this stage.
- Given the current very restricted travel scenario, it is highly unlikely that the traditional Sister Club event before the Installation Function is going to happen in 2021. As such, the SGD 120.00 fee for this event which has been invoiced to International Service Committee (ISC) members will be refunded to those members who have already paid. All other members, please disregard this charge.

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



President Dinesh called upon Rtn Pia Bruce, the next member for the KYFR programme. Rtn Pia advised that she is Swedish. An interesting fact Rtn Pia shared was that her mother met Rtn Dr Hoon Sing Keow at a Rotary meeting in Sweden in the 1980s. She studied in the US and was sent for an internship at the United Nations. Rtn Pia came to Singapore in 2004 and has two teenage boys.



Rtn Pia Bruce

In Rotary, Rtn Pia is a member of the International, Community and Public Image/PR Committees. Rtn Pia advised that she was looking into the Club's previous major projects and working with Director Sonali Sinha in coming up with some public image strategies. Rtn Pia added that she started AIADHA in 2006 and was glad that the Club was continuing its support there. She is Senior Advisor at UN Women in Singapore and is assisting a friend in a fintech company as well as with women social enterprises in ASEAN.

GUEST SPEAKER: LENA NG

TOPIC: WOMEN LEADERSHIP N CHAOS

Rtn Louisa Lee was called upon by President Dinesh to introduce the speaker, Ms Lena Ng who is the Chief Investment Officer for Amata Corporation. She has 25 years of experience in overseeing more than \$10 billion of assets. She is also the Chairperson on Investment Committee for China's Belt & Road Initiative for Greater Mekong Sub-region.



Speaker
Ms Lena Ng

Ms Ng noted the world situation was in chaos with political and economic tensions as well as the impact of Covid 19. She gave examples of several women leaders around the world who have shown their mettle in dealing with the Covid 19 situation successfully through their characteristics of being more empathetic, accepting responsibility, multi-tasking, better communications and authenticity when mistakes were made. Ms Ng further shared the efficient "4P" attributes which she felt would be practical and effective as business leaders, namely 1) Positive outlook, 2) Peace within which could then be brought to the workplace and society, 3) Pragmatism, 4) People-oriented – adding the employees are assets in order to keep a healthy team.

To extend the Club's vote of thanks, President Dinesh invited PP Perlita Tiro who noted that Ms Ng is a Speaker Extraordinaire and it was an honour to have a very knowledgeable and experienced speaker, despite her youth, at the meeting.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

Dr Omkar Shrestha

Noshir Mistri

MM Patel

This Meeting

**14 October 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

Speaker: Mr David Seow G.S.

Topic: Thought Leadership –
How the Whole Brain Works

Next Meeting

**21 October 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

Speaker: Dr Chong Mei Sian

Topic: Road to Cognitive
Wellness – A Holistic Approach

Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

ISC Director Varun & Niharika
Gulati

Rajeev & Preeti Mukul

Committee Meetings

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

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 15 October

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 22 October



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Coming Rotary Events

October
**Economic and Community
Development Month**

November
Rotary Foundation Month

December
**Disease Prevention & Treatment
Month**

January
Vocational Service Month

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

March
Water and Sanitation 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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