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In Focus

“Step up to End Polio”, a noble fund-raising initiative to ‘End Polio’



Rtn Adnan Ansari

District 3310 (D3310) organized this wonderful event to create awareness about eradication of Polio and raising funds for ‘End Polio’. Launching on 28 August 2020, the event ran over 8 weeks till the World Polio Day on 24 October 2020. Members, their families and friends of the Rotary Club (RC) of Singapore joined this initiative, participated actively in the ‘Steps’ and ‘Weight’ challenges, while donating to the End Polio fund generously. More than 50 members participated in the event and RC Singapore raised a handsome amount of USD11,773, which stood at the 2nd highest position among all the participating clubs of D3310. A few members donated several PHFs to ‘PolioPlus’ during this event.

Club Rotary Foundation Committee (CRFC) – End Polio subcommittee arranged for weekly group walks on Sundays during these 8 weeks in various parks and gardens in Singapore to encourage more participants to join and hence increase the collection of donations. This proved remarkably successful and the number of registered members from initial 25 had doubled within 4 weeks. Due to ‘Circuit-Breaker’ measures and restriction on social gatherings, strict compliance was ensured by having each group of maximum 5 persons during these weekly walks. This allowed for the members to meet up physically and interact in person, which was missing for many months now since this COVID19 pandemic restricted our club meetings over Zoom sessions only. Although the Step Challenge had 250,000 and 500,000 steps categories only, a few of our members even exceeded 500,000 steps during this event. PP Dr. Yap Lip Kee topped the list with a humongous count of 1,171,443 steps, followed by Dir. Dr. Chan Siew Luen with 772,551 steps. Their performance encouraged all participants to engage in the event and lead a healthy active life as well.

Moreover, during the group walks, prospective new members were invited to showcase Rotary in action and create awareness on Rotary’s active role on eradication of Polio globally. Over the course of 8 weeks, some of the invited prospective members had already joined our club as full member.

Towards the end of Step Challenge, PP Perlita Tiro offered her “Collector’s End Polio Watch” to raise more funds. We collected a whopping SGD1,533 from a Dutch Auction among the members from this Watch while PP Tan Chin Ngiap made the final bid to win it.

The event was eventually completed on World Polio Day on 24 October 2020 at a group walk in Jurong Lake Gardens, where the District Governor Rajamohan Munisamy joined with few other club members in separate groups. At the closing of the event, District organizers announced to have collected approx. USD60K during this ‘Step up to End Polio’ event. CRFC – End Polio subcommittee would like to cordially thank all members for their active participation and generous donations to the End Polio fund.

“Step up to End Polio” Photo Album...



“Step up to End Polio” Photo Album...



Meeting Report

14th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 21.10.20

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider called the meeting to order before inviting President Dinesh Sharma to take the Chair.

President Dinesh Sharma started the meeting with a warm welcome Honorary Members PP Bhagwan Melwani and Mohan Vaswani who was also joined by Mrs Kawita Vaswani. President Dinesh acknowledge the presence of PP Saravanan Krishna from sister club, Rotary Club of Muar and visiting PP Dr Vasi Daniel from Rotary Club of London, and thanked them for joining in the meeting. He further welcomed the Guest Speaker, Dr Chong Mei Sian.



President Dinesh Sharma

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rtn Rajeev Mukul

Toastmaster Rtn Rajeev Mukul called on members to extend a hand of friendship to the first Rotary Club chartered outside of north America, the Rotary Club of London, coupled with the toast to the grand organisation which members are proud of - Rotary International.

President Dinesh invited visiting Rotarian, PP Dr Vasi Daniel to address the Club. PP Vasi was President of the London club from 2013-14. She advised that the Rotary Club of London was founded in 1919 and has about 125 members.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon Secretary Rtn Brigitte announced:

- Youth Service Committee which would be chaired by Director Dr Ganesh Ramalingam on 22 October at 7.00pm.
- Step Up to End Polio finale walk will be held on Saturday, 24 October at the Lake Gardens in Jurong, where four groups of five members would participate.



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider

STEP UP TO END POLIO 2020

Further to Rtn Brigitte's comments above, President Dinesh thanked members who have contributed towards the eradication of Polio and called on members to continue with their donations.

President Dinesh added that PP Perlita Tiro has kindly donated an End Polio watch for a fund-raising auction, and he called on members to participate in this auction.

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Dinesh had the pleasant task of inducting three new members to the Club – Rtns. Don Moncy Dominic, Senthil Kumar Kuppusamy and Thomas Wolf. He called on Vice President Suresh Keerthi to give a collective introduction of the new members, prior to their induction to the Club.



Rtn Don Moncy Dominic

Place of Work: Dymax Asia Pacific Pte Ltd
Classification: Engineering: Technology Development
Recommended Committee: Youth Service (YSC)
Mentor: VP Suresh Keerthi

Rtn Don has lived in Singapore for the past 8 years. Rtn Don has a long-standing involvement in Rotary as his father, is a member of the Rotary Club of Thodupuzha in Kerala, India, so he was a part of Rotary since his childhood.



Rtn Senthil Kumar Kuppusamy

Place of Work: Munich Management Pte Ltd
Classification: Reinsurance: Claims
Recommended Committee: Vocational Service (VSC)
Mentor: Rtn Uttam Kripalani

Rtn Senthil Is an active volunteer and regularly visits Willing Hearts to support its social activities as well as several contributions through CSR activities at various old age homes.



Rtn Thomas Wolf

Place of Work: RIB Pte Ltd/RIB Software SE/Two Family Office
Classification: Software: Construction
Recommended Committee: Community Service (CSC)
Mentor: President Dinesh Sharma

Rtn Tom wishes to serve the community in the region with projects to be supported by his Family Office, as he has done in Europe.

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KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



President Dinesh called upon PP Perlita Tiro, the Club's first woman President (RY 2014-15), whom he added we know very well and will know even better after her KYFR presentation.

PP Perlita started with her academic background, followed by her illustrious career spanning 50 years in three companies, SGV & Co, SGV Goh Tan Pte Ltd, PA Consulting Services, after which she set up Tiro Consulting Services in 1989 with her late husband.



PP Perlita Tiro

PP Perlita recalled her Rotary history advising that whilst she joined the Club in March 2000, she actually spoke to the Club some 10 years earlier adding that she would only join our Club when women members were accepted. She added that one of the highlights of her membership was when she was bestowed Rotarian of the Year during PP Tan Chin Ngiap's term (RY2004/05) and when she became a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation last year.

PP Perlita gave reasons as to why she was in Rotary – for the joy from camaraderie within the Club, District and the Rotary world; and the satisfaction of being of service to the community and bring joy to beneficiaries; giving back for past blessings; developing future generation and continuing learning and self-development. Lastly, PP Perlita took the opportunity to thank her Rotary Mentors for their guidance and advice.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR CHONG MEI SIAN

TOPIC: ROAD TO COGNITIVE WELLNESS – A HOLISTIC APPROACH

President Dinesh invited Community Service Director Dr Irina Francken to introduce the Speaker Dr Chong Mei Sian, a Senior Consultant Geriatrician and Medical Director of The Geriatric Practice. She is also visiting consultant to Geriatric Education and Research Institute, Ministry of Health.

Dr Chong highlighted the signs and symptoms of dementia and spoke of the complications of dementia. She noted the importance of early diagnosis and spoke on irreversible causes of dementia. Dr Chong cited recent progress in the dementia field as well as evidence-based dementia prevention strategies. She further spoke on the need to plan ahead and getting in place a Lasting Power of Attorney and Advance Care Planning, if one became incompetent. Dr Chong also gave some advice to caregivers on how to cope in order to prevent burnout.



Speaker
Dr Chong Mei Sian

To extend the Club's vote of thanks to Dr Chong, President Dinesh called upon Rtn Uttam Kripalani who noted that Dr Chong's talk was absolutely brilliant. Rtn Uttam added that as he was on the other side of the age stick, he found the talk very useful and concise within a 20-25 minutes time frame.

Last Week

15th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 28.10.20

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider reminded members of the online meeting housekeeping rules before calling upon President Dinesh Sharma to take the Chair. President Dinesh Sharma called the meeting to order and welcomed Honorary Members PP Bhagwan Melwani and Mohan Vaswani as well as District Governor Elect (DGE) Dolly Yeap and special guest, Rotary Scholar Yuta Momose. President Dinesh was also pleased to welcome back Ambassador member Rtn Robyn Schlesinger in New York. President Dinesh added that the meeting would be speaker-free and the latter part of the meeting would be for fellowship.

TOAST TO A ROTARY CLUB AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

President Dinesh called on PP Perlita Tiro who invited members to join her in a toast to DGE Dolly's club – Rotary Club of Kulai coupled with the toast to the illustrious Rotary International.

President Dinesh invited DGE Dolly to address the Club. DGE Dolly thanked President Dinesh for the invitation to be part of the meeting and looked forward to enjoying the rest of the meeting.

FAREWELL PP KEITH HARRISON

President Dinesh advised that PP Keith Harrison has since the start of this Rotary year been an Ambassador member, recently he received a call from PP Keith advising of his resignation from the Club. He added that PP Keith would be joining sister club, Rotary Club of Makati and was in fact inducted to the club on 27 October. President Dinesh further advised that PP Keith joined our Club on 10 June 2009 and served as President in 2017/2018 and was bestowed Rotarian of the Year (RY2019-2020). President Dinesh noted that the Club would miss PP Keith and invited him to address the Club.

PP Keith advised that when he was moving to Philippines he chose a Rotary Club close to where he lived and he knew a few members at RC Makati and got inducted yesterday. He added that RC Singapore would be the Club in his heart and looked forward to coming in Singapore and sharing some wine with members during the meeting.



PP Keith Harrison

Following is an extract of PP Keith's resignation letter to President Dinesh:

"Rotary has been a very big part of my life for well over a decade and being a member of the Rotary Club of Singapore has, quite simply, been fantastic. "Doing good in the world" as a member of RC Singapore has given me immense joy and fulfilment. Being Club President in RY 2017-18, the year of Making a Difference, was one of the most rewarding years of my life and one that I will never forget.

Thank you to all members for letting me be part of the family, for sharing in the extraordinarily good service of our Club to communities near and far. Thank you for all the wonderful support, friendship, good times, fun times, travel times, singing times and many memorable experiences!!"

President Dinesh wished PP Keith a wonderful stay in Philippines and looked forward to having a relationship for a long time.

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WELCOME TO ROTARY SCHOLAR

President Dinesh was pleased to welcome to the Club, Rotary Global Grant Scholar Mr Yuta Momose from District 2660 who is being hosted in Singapore by our District 3310. Mr Momose will be doing his Master degree in Public Administration at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. Mr Momose introduced himself and spoke of his work in an NGO in Myanmar, particularly with the visually impaired. He hoped to be able to return to Myanmar to assist the country in its social policies. He warmly thanked PP Dr Shahul Hameed for his support in his application and PP Stan Low who kindly sent him food at his hotel as he will be in quarantine till 8 November. Once again, President Dinesh welcome Mr Momose and hoped to meet him in person soon.



Rotary Scholar
Mr Yuta Momose

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

President Dinesh inducted another new member to the Club – Rtn. Mukundan Appadurai Paramashivan. He called on Vice President Suresh Keerthi to introduce Rtn Mukund (as he would like to be known in the Club, whose proposer is Rtn Subhash Pritmani.

Rtn Mukundan (Mukund) Appadurai Paramashivan

Place of Work: Champions Group Pte Ltd

Classification: Business Management: Data Scientist

Recommended Committee: Youth Service (YSC)

Mentor: PP J K Ong



Rtn Mukund relocated from Bangalore, India to Singapore in 2016 and has worked in the Champions Group for the past 17 years. He is a previous Interactor and Rotaractor and plans to support the Rotary Family. Together with his wife, Mamatha, they are happy to be part of the Club and the Rotary Family.

KYFR KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN



President Dinesh invited a new Club member, Rtn Peter Brock as the next KYFR speaker to address members. Rtn Peter introduced us to his lovely wife, Tanya and his two “boys”. He spoke of his leisure activities and unique experiences such as camping and skydiving! He also showed some photos of his Australian home.



Rtn Peter spoke of his Rotary activities in his previous club, Rotary Club of Emerald & District, Victoria, Australia. He spoke of his attendance at the Rotary International Conventions in Atlanta and Hamburg and hoped to attend next year's Convention in Taipei. Rtn Peter also shared information on the successful fund-raising events which he helped to organise in his previous club.

Rtn Peter Brock

FELLOWSHIP PERIOD

President Dinesh noted the completion of 100 days of the Rotary Year, and the Board decided to have a speaker-free meeting with the idea for break out rooms. However, Rtn James Lee who would have assisted with the break out rooms, was called away due to a family emergency, and instead members will have conversations onscreen. President Dinesh then handed the Chair to Hon. Secretary Brigitte as moderator, who started the fellowship session by asking members what plans they have when Singapore gets into Phase III and beyond. There was a great deal of sharing by members on a myriad of topics as well, which lasted till the meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Michael Haughey

Moshood Olaniyan

Manish Tibrewal

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Dr Ekkehard & Dorothea Wiek
PP Garry & Grace Taylor
Dr Hoh Sek Tien & Julie
Vishal & Sonam Nanwani
PP P "Bala" & Rajini Balachandran
PP Jimmy & Jane Ooi
VP Suresh & Meera Keerthi
Don & Navya Dominic
Terry Lobaton & Mr Glen Cabrey
Ronald & Joyce Wong

Committee Meetings

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 5 November

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 12 November

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 19 November

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 26 November

This Meeting

4 November 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: PP Dr Shahul Hameed,
District Rotary Foundation
Chairman, RY 2020-2023

Topic: RC Singapore & the Rotary
Foundation (TRF): Doing Good in
this World



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Next Meeting

11 November 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Prof. Jeff Obbard , Living
Planet

Topic: Can we avoid Hot House
Earth?

Coming Rotary

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

April
Maternal and Child Health Month

May
Youth 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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