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# In Focus

## HELP THE CHILDREN 2016 – A HIGH-IMPACT PROJECT IN MALANG, EAST JAVA

*By: President Garry Taylor*

Last week 20+ members, family and friends from the Rotary Club of Singapore were joined by 10+ from the Rotary Clubs of Kuching Central and Likas Bay, including President Clarence and Past District Governor Haji Andre Suharto from Kuching Central and Immediate Past District Governor Philip Chong from Likas Bay.

Together we met with the Rotary Club of Malang Central of District 3420, led by President Widyastuti Laksmi for the launch of the USD84,000 Help The Children 2016 Global Grant, which is a joint project of the Rotary Clubs of Malang Central, Marina City, Kuching Central and Singapore. Also attending from District 3420 were District Governor Ni Nyoman Nilawati from the Rotary Club of Bali Taman, and District Governor Elect Hermanto Angka from the Rotary Club of Surabaya Darmo.

The main beneficiaries in Malang and Batu in East school essentials such as books, pencils and pens, and school fees. In this limited access to schooling very timely assistance. program, Rotarians help to school, and hopefully can families grow and



*The contents of the Help The Children 2016 school pack*

were 802 needy school children Java, Indonesia, who received school shoes, socks, exercise school bags, school uniforms way, children who had very and school necessities received Through this Global Grant ensure children can attend help these children and their prosper.

To this end, the Global Grant also contained a key livelihood training program for parents, and a professionally-facilitated two-day teacher training seminar, to enhance the lives of all beneficiaries.

The group also visited Bakti Lahur Orphanage, to see the progress of a separate Global Grant, aimed at providing physiotherapy equipment for orphanage residents. This Global Grant is still in progress, with some equipment yet to arrive and be installed, but it was clear that the equipment that has arrived is being put to very good use, and is very much needed and appreciated by the beneficiaries.

Such programs are the culmination of many months of preparation and hard work, coordinating with all of the various stakeholders. I have had the privilege of seeing the Global Grants go from draft to execution, and gratefully acknowledge the leadership and hard work of our PP Dr Shahul Hameed, in supporting the tireless efforts of the President and Members of the Rotary Club of Malang Central, assisted by the new Rotaract Club of Malang Kutaraja (chartered January 2016) as they worked with 25 different school administrations and the Mayor's office at Kota Batu. This is also an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful support extended by the Kota Batu City Mayor Eddy Rumpoko and his wife, Dr Hj Dewanti Rumpoko M. Si. Dr Hj Dewanti was Guest of Honour and host at the project launch at the Kota Batu City Hall.

In addition to contributions received from Rotary Club of Singapore members and our Partner Clubs, Honorary Member Rotarian Mohan Vaswani and his wife Ibu Kawita Vaswani, have contributed greatly to making the Global Grants a success. In addition, they made sure that all visitors to Malang were very well looked after, throughout the visit from Surabaya airport, to Malang and Batu, and back, including hosting a special dinner on Saturday night at their beautiful home in Selecta.





## In Focus

Behind the scenes, Rotarian See Mee Lee was typically hard-working and proactive, making sure that all participants were in the right place at the right time; and many of the photographs you have seen from the visit were taken with the keen eye of Rotarian Andy Mankiewicz. And finally, we were greeted and farewelled in fine style by members of our Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Surabaya, who made sure we didn't miss our return flight, despite heavy traffic on the return trip from Malang.

All in all, these meaningful and sustainable projects, and the opportunities we have to share experiences among members of many different clubs, are an excellent example of what Rotarians can and do achieve – long may it continue! – GT



*Children and Nurses at Bakti Lahur Orphanage in Malang, with Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani*



*Immediate Past District Governor Philip Chong, with students outside a home in Batu, East Java*



*Past District Governor Hj Andre Suharto, with President Widyastuti of the Rotary Club of Malang Central and Honorary Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani talking with the aid of translator to one of the children under the Help The Children 2016 program. This boy last saw his parents for a week at Hari Raya, as they need to work away from Malang; together with two siblings, he lives with his Grandmother, who works every day from 6:30am to 12:30pm.*



*Past District Governor Hj Andre Suharto, Past President Dr Shahul Hameed, and Honorary Member Rotarian Mohan Vaswani, spreading the message about the Help The Children 2016 project, during an interview with local television in Kota Batu, East Java.*



## In Focus





# PHOTO ALBUM OF THE “HELP THE CHILDREN 2016” LAUNCH IN MALANG FROM 2 – 4 SEPTEMBER 2016

In conjunction with Global Grant No. 1633814 – a Joint Rotary Project of Districts 3420 and 3310 with partnering Rotary Clubs of Marina City, Malang Central, Kuching Central and Singapore, the “Help the Children 2016” project was launched, with over 800 children receiving school kits.



## PHOTO ALBUM OF THE “HELP THE CHILDREN 2016” LAUNCH IN MALANG FROM 2 – 4 SEPTEMBER 2016 ...CONT'D





## POEM WRITTEN BY A 10-YEAR OLD WHO READ AND PRESENTED THE GIFT TO HONORARY MEMBER, RTN MOHAN VASWANI



### ROTARY – My Inspiration (Translation)

*My small footprints, left in the trail as I walked by the rivers  
and farms  
My shabby shoes are my companion  
My black school bag, repaired countless times by my Mother  
I lost count the number of times it gave way  
But those are my precious few belongings  
Loyal to me till now  
The Sun is shining brightly  
Right through the gates of my School  
Dear God...am I dreaming??  
Rotary gave me a gift  
Now I am only smiling, with a brand new bag and pencil case  
Which I never owned  
I am inspired to go to School  
To study really hard  
Thank you Rotary  
God Bless...  
I can now dare to dream  
For my wishes to come true  
Together with you Rotary.....*



# PHOTO ALBUM OF THE ROTARACT CLUB OF TEMASEK'S INSTALLATION - 2 SEPTEMBER 2016



*Guest of Honour PP J K Ong with Temasek Club Rotaractors*



*From left: Rtn S "Mali" Malaiappan, AG Philip Leong, Rtn Jeff Rajeck (behind) PP J K, PP Perlita Tiro with Temasek Rotaractors*





# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 7 September 2016

### OPENING REMARKS

President Garry opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all friends, members' families and the Guest Speaker, Mr Nicholas Ng from The Food Bank Singapore.

### WELCOME OF GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIAN

Duty of welcoming guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Omkar Shrestha:

#### Guests:

Mrs Kawita Vaswani	Mrs Kimie Ishizaki
Mrs Sonam Nanwani	Ms Margarita Seah (Food Bank)
Ms Hiroko Sugiyama	Ms Irina Bytchkova
Dr Chan Siew Luen	Mr Jose Lopez
Mr Harpreet Singh	

#### Visiting Rotarians:

IPP Emelyn Co – Taal-Lemery Circle, Philippines  
Mathivanan S – Bangalore Lakeside, India



*Rtn Omkar Shrestha*

### TOAST

President Garry called upon Rtn Dr Albert Wee who invited visiting IPP Emelyn Co to say a few words about her club, Taal-Lemery Circle in District 3020, Philippines. IPP Emelyn, who was the 6<sup>th</sup> president of her club, advised that the club has 25 members and was 11 years old. She advised that the club received District awards for their many projects. Rtn Albert called on members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary Club of Taal-Lemery Circle coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



*Rtn Dr Albert Wee with IPP Emelyn Co*

### PRESENTATION OF BANNERS



*From left: President Garry hands a club banner each to both IPP Emelyn & Rtn Mathivanan*



# Last Week

## SICHUAN MISSION RECCY TRIP

President Garry called on members to join International Service Committee Director Rtn Mark Wang on a reccy trip in preparation for the Club's Medical Mission which was scheduled for April 2017. This trip would take place from 27 to 29 September 2016 to Liangshan Minority District in Sichuan, China.

For further details on this trip, please contact Rtn Mark Wang at [markyywang@alum.mit.edu](mailto:markyywang@alum.mit.edu)

## HELP THE CHILDREN 2016

President Garry gave a brief report of the successful visit to Malang which saw the launch of 2 impactful Global Grants (GG) providing necessary school kits to over 800 underprivileged children as well as physio equipment for needy children.

He warmly thanked Hon Member Rtn Mohan Vaswani and his charming wife, Kawita for their great support and gracious hospitality. President Garry also thanked PP Dr Shahul Hameed for his wonderful efforts in ensuring the success of the project, as well as Rtn See Mee Lee who saw that everything went smoothly for the delegation's visit.



*Physio equipment in use*

## INDUCTION OF A NEW MEMBER

President Garry had the pleasant task of inducting a new member, Rtn Vishal Ramesh Nanwani, who was introduced to the Club by proposer, Rtn Uttam Kripalani, whom he added made a special effort to attend the meeting for the induction. Rtn Uttam advised that Rtn Vishal would be celebrating his marriage next month and present at the meeting was his fiancée, Sonam. Rtn Vishal is a Relationship Manager with the Bank of Singapore and was recommended by President Garry to join the Vocational Service Committee.



*From right: Pres Garry, Rtns Vishal & Uttam*

Upon his induction to the Club, Rtn Vishal warmly thanked Rtn Uttam his introduction and that he was very honoured to be part of the Club and looked forward to contributing to Rotary.

## INVITATIONS TO ROTARY CONFERENCES – Mark Your Diary!

### 28<sup>th</sup> Pan Borneo Conference

**9 – 11 December 2016**

**Venue: Pullman Miri Waterfront Hotel, Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. Registration forms are available from Secretariat.**

### Rotary Conference in Bhutan

**16 – 19 February 2017**

Conference in Thimphu, Bhutan's capital city

**20 – 24 February 2017**

Medical Mission & Project Site Visit in Nepal

Contact Project Leaders: Rtns See Mee Lee, VP Jasbir Koh or PP Jimmy Ooi for further details.





# Last Week

**Speaker:** Mr Nicholas Ng, Co-Founder, The Food Bank Singapore

**Topic:** “The Food Bank Singapore”



*Rtn Joseph Chia*

Rtn Joseph Chia was called upon by President Garry to introduce the Guest Speaker, Mr Nicholas Ng, is the Managing Director of FoodServices Inc Pte Ltd in charge of logistics, operations and procurement. He works alongside his sister Nichol to oversee a team of 50 staff. Nicholas brings with him a wealth of experience in the food and beverage industry.

Mr Ng was invited to address the Club in his capacity as Co-founder of The Food Bank Singapore which he set up with his sister, Nichol, in January 2012 and received IPC status in May 2015.



*Speaker Mr Nicholas Ng*

Mr Ng started his presentation with the startling statistics that globally 1.3 billion tonnes of food was wasted annually, 4 times enough for the world's 868 million starving. He added that in Singapore 785,500 tonnes of food was wasted last year; equivalent to 108 full-load double-decker buses daily, more than enough to feed the 387,000 food insecure.

Mr Ng spoke of the Food Bank's vision to be the prevailing centralized coordinating organization for all food donations and to play a key role in the reduction of food wastage within the whole supply chain. He explained how food banking worked through acquiring donated food, much of which would otherwise be wasted, from farms, manufacturers, distributors, retail stores, consumers, and other sources, and make it available to those in need through a network of 170 member beneficiaries. He listed the types of foods collected – perishable and non-perishable, cooked and expired food.



*PP Tapan Rao (right) extending the vote of thanks to Mr Ng*

added that monetary donations were also welcomed to fund and support their logistical overheads and that cash donations were tax deductible.

President Garry called upon PP Tapan Rao who warmly thanked Mr Ng for his insightful presentation.



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:**

15 September – Jamshid Medora

18 September – PP Tapan Rao

## This Meeting

**14 September 2016**

**Reception Desk duty:** Shamin Vaswani, See Mee Lee

**Sunshine Box duty:** PP Jimmy Ooi, Hiro Miyauchi

**Speaker:** Ms Debbie Tang, Senior Manager, Youth Corps Singapore

**Topic:** *Sharing about Youth Corps Singapore*

## Next Meeting

**21 September 2016**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, PE Keith Harrison

**Sunshine Box duty:** VP Dr Hoon Sing Keow, Haider Nawaz

**Speaker:** Dr Marc van Loo, Founder of Eco Resort – Loola Adventure Resort

**Topic:** *Clean drinking water for every village in Indonesia: We can achieve it with a little push from here*

## Anniversary Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:**

14 September – Dr Melvin & Sharon Tan, Michael & Sylvia Haughey

16 September – Jeff & Lorraine Rajeck, Rajkumar & Selina Suppiah

## International Service Meeting

**Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:**

**Date:** Thursday, 22 September

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Tandoori Corner, 5 Boon Tat Street #01-02, S069613

**Host:** Rtn James Lee

## Coming Rotary Events

### September

**Basic Education and Literacy Month**

**27-29 September** – Sichuan Mission Reccy Trip

### October

**Economic and Community Development Month**

**18 October** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly

**19 October** – District Governor Michael Yee's Official Visit

### November

**Rotary Foundation Month**

**23 November** – The Entrepreneur of the Year Award Presentation Ceremony

### December

**Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**

**9-11 December** – 28<sup>th</sup> Pan Borneo Conference, Miri Sarawak

### January

**Vocational Service Month**

### February

**Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**

## International Service Meeting

**International Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:**

**Date:** Thursday, 15 September

**Time:** 7.15pm

**Venue:** Marie 1, Level 1, York Hotel, 21 Mount Elizabeth, S228516

**Hosts:** PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, Rtns T K Chew, Bertrand De Mil, Keizo Fujitake & PP Mansoor Hassanbhai

President Garry and the Board of Directors wish all Muslim members "Selamat Hari Raya Haji"







## 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?

## 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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HUMANITY**

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