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SINGAPORE

46th

INSTALLATION DINNER
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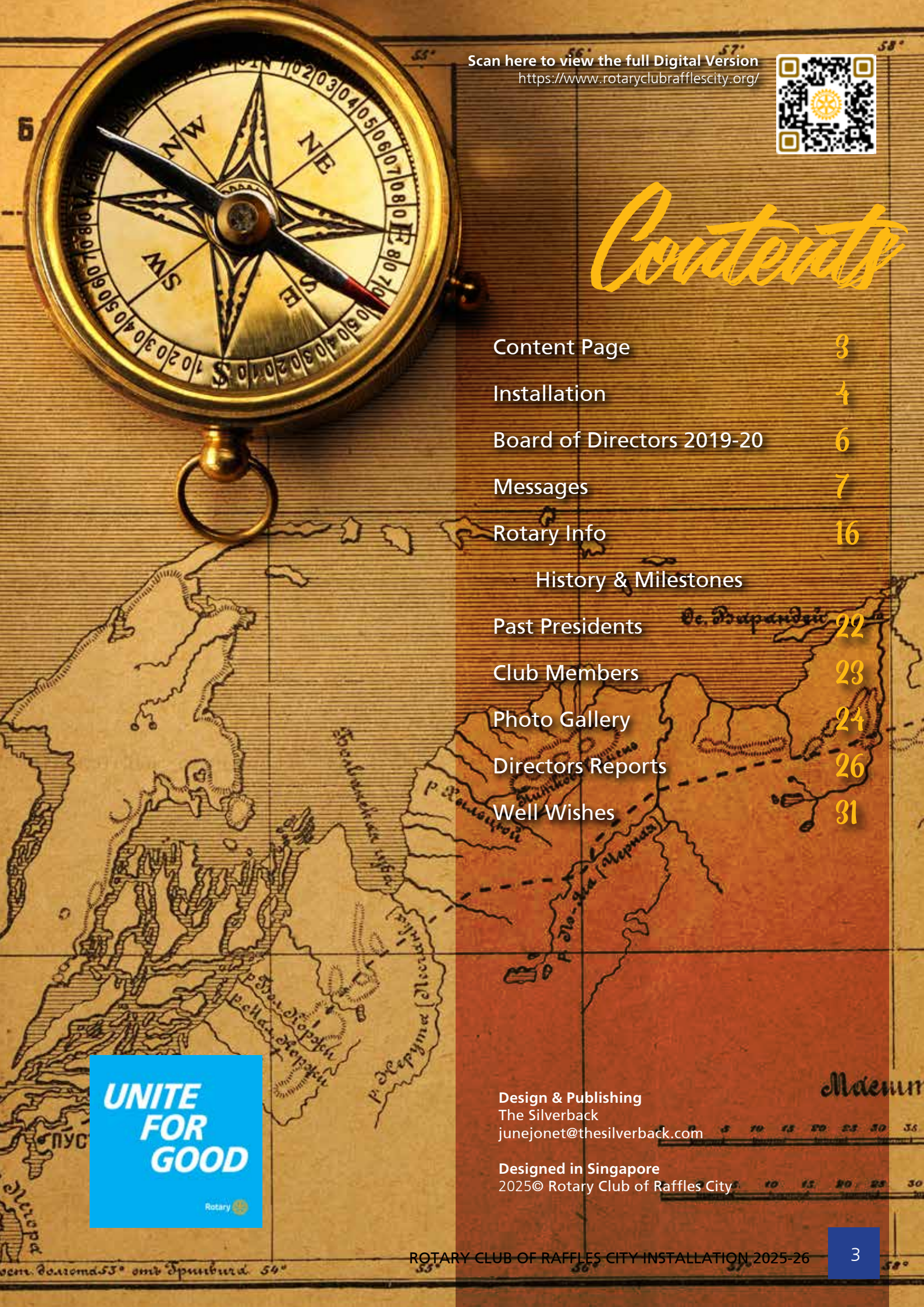
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Programme Highlights

Installation of 46th President and Board of Directors

- 6.15 pm - Arrival of guests/participants
- 7.00 pm - Guests to be seated
- 7.15 pm - Dinner (appetizers)
- 7.30 pm - Arrival of Guest of Honour
- 7.35 pm - Installation Ceremony
- 7.45 pm - Speech by Guest of Honour
- 7.50 pm - Photos of Board of Directors with Guest of Honour
- 8.00 pm - Guest of Honour departs
- 8.10 pm - Dinner continues / Band (1st set)
- 8.45 pm - Music & Dance Performances
- 10.00 pm - Band (2nd set)
- 11.00 pm - End of event

President's Journey

I arrived in Singapore more than 30 years ago along with my wife Anila and my 3-year old daughter Divya to work for a Scandinavian shipbroking company. We have since made Singapore our home.

I was extremely tied down with work and travel during my initial years in Singapore, that my first attempt to join Rotary some 18 years ago did not materialize. It was only 6 years ago that our PP George Abraham invited me to Raffles City, and before long I was initiated as a member. I am glad to have joined a club with a proud history of service and remarkable leaders who continue to be part of the club even today. After having spent more than two years as Honorary Secretary, I was ready to take on the role of President when it fell upon me, and I look forward to leading the club in the coming year.

I spent my childhood in India until I set out on a seafaring profession which took me to all parts of the world, and working with different nationalities. My entire career has been focused in the maritime sector, originally as a ship's officer, and after further maritime studies in England & Australia, worked with companies engaged in marine credit reporting, ship finance, shipowning, chartering, shipbroking & consultancy. My work has required me to travel extensively to shipowning & shipbuilding centres around the globe.

My wife is currently a home maker after having earlier pursued a career in the airline industry. We are lucky that our only daughter decided to return to Singapore after many years of work & study in Canada, and she now works with an American research & advisory firm focusing on business and technology topics.

After having spent many years focusing on business & career, I feel time has come to give back to society, and what better way than through the global umbrella provided by Rotary. We live in a high-income economy in Singapore where there is adequate support for disadvantaged groups, so besides the community service projects we do locally, my desire is to harness Rotary's network and spirit of service to support underprivileged communities in neighbouring countries through sustainable, meaningful action.

- PRESIDENT PHILIP CHARLES TOLATH & ANILA



President's Message

Rotary Club of Raffles City

Club President 2025-26, Philip C Tolath

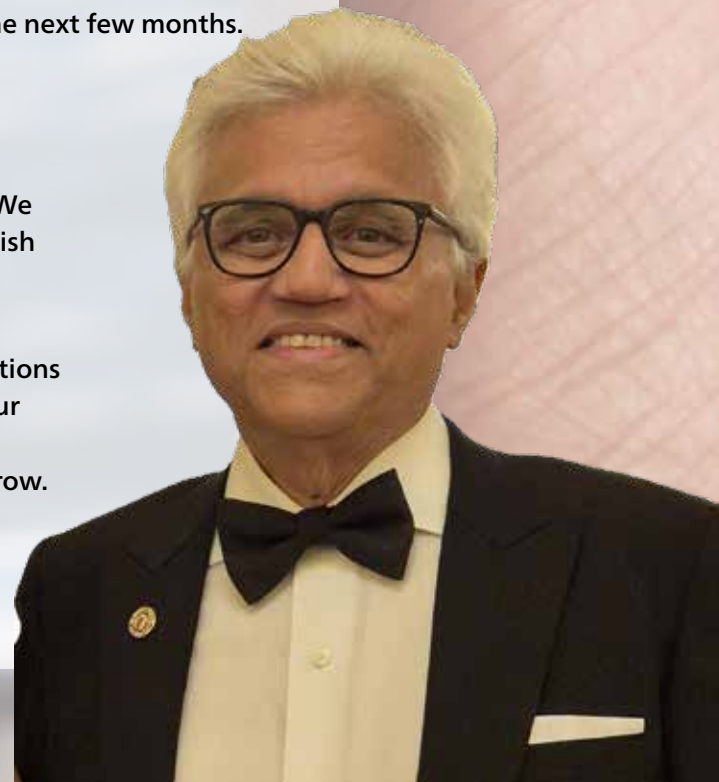
It is with immense gratitude and a deep sense of purpose that I step into the role of President of the Rotary Club of Raffles City at our 45th Anniversary. I thank you for your trust, your support, and your continued commitment to the values that define Rotary and am excited to build upon the foundation laid by the remarkable leaders who came before me. Our club has a proud history of service and community engagement and it is an honour to contribute to this legacy.

As I take on the responsibility of leading our club in the year 2025-2026, I am reminded of what makes Rotary truly exceptional — it's not just what we do, but how we do it: together. Rotarians around the world are united by a shared purpose, to use our skills, networks, and compassion to create lasting, positive change. It is this spirit of unity that transforms good intentions into real action. When we bring our diverse talents to the table — across professions, cultures, and generations — we become a powerful force for good. The concept is encapsulated in the Rotary theme for this year "Unite for Good"

Our club has always made a difference locally, but this year, we will also look outward — toward the global community — to bring help where it's needed most. From clean water access and maternal health to digital education and sustainable livelihoods, we will seek out global projects in under-served regions where our contributions can create deep and lasting impact. By collaborating with Rotary clubs abroad, international NGOs, and the Rotary Foundation, we can channel our resources and passion into service that transcends borders. These efforts are not just about giving — they are about building partnerships, empowering communities, and leaving a legacy of hope. We have already received funding for a Global Grant project as international partner with a host club in South India for a Blood Collection Vehicle which will be ready for use within the next few months.

At the same time, our commitment to local service will remain strong. From tech literacy for seniors to youth mentorship and health programs, we will continue addressing real needs in our immediate environment. We are in discussion with a local NGO to renovate & refurbish dilapidated homes of several low-income households.

This year, I encourage each of us to deepen our connections — within the club, with other Rotary clubs, and with our broader community. Let's unite with purpose, act with integrity, and serve with heart to make a better tomorrow.



2025-2026

Board of Directors & Office Bearers

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| President: | Philip Tolath |
| President Elect : | PE Dafydd Green |
| Vice President: | PP Nelson Ng |
| Honorary Secretary: | Rtn Dafydd Green |
| Honorary Treasurer: | PP Aaron Tan |
| Immediate Past President: | Vikna Rajah |
| International Service: | PP Johnson Tan |
| Club Service: | PP Eugene Lim |
| Community Service: | Rtn Namratha Lakshmi |
| Youth Services: | PP Brian Tan |
| Vocational Service: | PP George Abraham |
| Rotary Foundation: | PP Vincent Chen |
| Membership Development: | PP David Ong Choon |
| Public Relations: | Rtn Judy Tan |
| Sports Convenor: | PP Dr.TC Phua |
| Media & Communication | Liz Chen |
| Learning Facilitator | PP Nidhi Swarup |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | PP Jeffrey Chan & PP Percy Jayapal |

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**START BY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY,
THEN DO WHAT'S POSSIBLE
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT,
YOU ARE DOING WHAT'S IMPOSSIBLE**

Message from Rotary International President 2025-26 Francesco Arezzo

Cari amici,

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life come fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message/; Unite for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met-there are two things that matter most: friendship and trust.

This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead-not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you-this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

The last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve.

This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To grow Rotary through relationships. To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas. To think big-but also to think beyond one year. Our term is short, but our impact can be lasting if we plan and act with continuity and vision.

Let us remember our key priorities: membership, polio and peace. We are closer than ever to ending polio. We cannot stop now. We must keep the promise we made tot he children of the world. And as for peace-Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace.



I joined Rotary as a young professional, eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you: my friends, my team, my family around the world.

So now, my friends...take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Let's bring them into the light. Let's Unite for Good-for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.

FRANCESCO AREZZO
President, Rotary International,
2025-26

Message from R.I. District 3310 Governor 2025-26 Dr Shahul Hameed

Dear President and Club Members

Congratulations on the Installation of the President and Board Members! Rotary's greatest strength isn't just our proud history, our impactful projects, or our global reach. It's our people – a dedicated and talented network of volunteers committed to making lasting change.

As we embark on a new chapter, we are guided by a clear roadmap for growth and revitalization built upon three essential pillars: Innovation, Continuity, and Partnership. These are more than strategies – they are a call to action to renew Rotary, bring in fresh voices, and strengthen our service to communities across the globe.

The world around us is changing rapidly. Technology, societal expectations, and economic conditions evolve continuously – and Rotary must evolve with them.

Innovation means embracing these changes. It's not only about engaging younger generations but also inviting seniors who seek meaningful purpose and connection. Our future members are out there – we must go where they are and welcome them into our Rotary family.

Continuity ensures that we don't start from scratch every year. When incoming leaders build upon the work of their predecessors, momentum grows, and impact deepens. Disruptive leadership transitions can weaken our clubs, while alignment and collaboration set the stage for long-term success. Let us rise above individual agendas and focus on shared goals that transcend leadership terms.

Partnership reminds us that we are stronger together. Growing our membership isn't simply about numbers; it's about deepening our capacity to serve. Each new member brings energy, ideas, and hands to help. At the same time, we must never forget the importance of succession planning – clubs that stand still begin to fade. Vibrant clubs constantly renew themselves.



Let's make recruitment and retention a lasting priority – a shared responsibility passed from one generation of Rotarians to the next. By doing so, we ensure that Rotary remains dynamic and relevant for decades to come.

As we embrace this journey, I encourage every club to align with District 3310's Triple 3 Guide in all we plan and do:

- 3 Tools: Awareness, Knowledge, Action
- 3 Pillars: Innovation, Continuity, Partnerships
- 3 Objectives: Strengthen our Clubs, Create Lasting Change, and Uplift Our Foundation

Rotary members are people of action. We don't wait for change to happen; we make it happen. And what do people of action do? We unite for good.

Let us move forward together in the spirit of growth, connection, and service. Let us build a Rotary that continues to unite for good – and ensures a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

Warm regards,
DR SHAHUL HAMEED
District Governor
Rotary Year 2025–2026

Message from Rotary Club of Osaka Shirokita

Dear 2025-26 President Mr.Philip Tolath.
Members of Rotary Club of Raffles City

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Raffles City on your 45th Anniversary.

For 45 years, your dedication to service, community, and fellowship has made a profound impact. Your unwavering commitment to "Service Above Self" is truly inspiring. May this milestone be a celebration of your achievements and a reminder of the incredible journey ahead. Here's to many more years of success, growth, and positive change!

We look forward to working with your club in the days to come on various cooperation projects as well as projects using global grants. Once again, Wishing you a very happy 45th anniversary and all the best for the future!



Yours in Rotary

Hiroyuki TSUJIMOTO
Rotary Club of Osaka Shirokita
President 2025-2026

Message from Rotary Club of Makati North

Please accept Rotary Club of Makati North's and my personal warm congratulations on your 45th Anniversary & Installation Ceremony. Our best wishes for your continued success as you prepare to take up the responsibilities and challenges of continuing your Rotary Club's long tradition of community service.

As you embark upon your responsibilities, I am confident that through your leadership RCRC will continue to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through your fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

I look forward to working with you not only to develop closer relations between our two Rotary Clubs but also to concert our efforts in the cause of Unity for Good of all peoples.

We Rise as One.



Sincerely,

Tito Meneses
President-Elect
Rotary Club of Makati North

Message from Rotary Club of Peninsula, Hong Kong

Dear Rotary Club of Raffles City Members,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Peninsula, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations on your recent installation of officers. It is a momentous occasion that marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for your club.

Special congratulations to your newly installed President Philip Tolath. We have great respect for your leadership and are confident that under your guidance, your club will continue to thrive and make a meaningful difference in our communities.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation for the outstanding efforts of your Immediate Past President Vikna Rajah. His hard work, dedication, and leadership over the past year have undoubtedly contributed to the continued success and growth of your club.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership in the year ahead and working together in the spirit of Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. Wishing your club a year filled with success, fellowship, and impactful service.



Rotary regards,
Gary Liu
President
Rotary Club of Peninsula

Message from Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

Dear President Philip Tolath,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja, it is with great pleasure that we extend our heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as President of the Rotary Club of Raffles City, Singapore

Your exceptional leadership unwavering commitment to service, and steadfast dedication to Rotary's values make you a truly deserving leader. This esteemed role not only honors your past contributions but also reflects the profound confidence your fellow Rotarians have in your vision and ability to inspire progress.

As you embark on this distinguished journey, we have no doubt that you will lead with integrity, passion, and purpose, further strengthening Rotary's impact in the community. The Rotary Club of KL DiRaja looks forward to collaborating closely with you and your team, fostering meaningful partnerships that transcend borders.

Wishing you a successful, impactful, and fulfilling term ahead. May your tenure be marked by growth, unity, and transformative service.

Yours in Rotary,
Dato' Dr. Prakash Rao,
President, Rotary Year 2025-2026,
Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja



Message from Rotary Club of Taipei Northeast

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親愛的新加坡萊佛士扶輪俱樂部
Philip Tolath 社長先生、歷屆社長、親愛的
社友與嘉賓們：

大家好！

我是台北市東北扶輪社 第45屆社長 JOHNNY LIN。今天，非常榮幸能代表我們全體社友，向貴社創立45週年致上最熱烈的祝賀，也誠摯祝福 Philip Tolath 社長 在新的一屆領導之路上卓越順利、社運昌隆！

自從我們兩社於1993年締結為姊妹社以來，至今已共同走過32個年頭。在這漫長又深厚的歲月裡，我們不只是合作的夥伴，更是彼此信任的朋友，共同見證扶輪精神的實踐與傳承。

今年，台北東北社的社訓是：「手搭手 奉獻扶輪 榮耀扶輪」。我相信，這句話也正完美詮釋我們兩社多年來肩並肩、心連心的真摯情誼。

在此特別向貴社發出誠摯邀請——
2026年6月13日至18日，國際扶輪年會將於台灣台北舉行（RI Convention Taipei 2026）！
我們衷心期盼能在我們的家鄉迎接貴社社友的蒞臨，讓我們再次攜手，在國際舞台上共襄盛舉、締造扶輪的嶄新篇章。

最後，再次恭賀新加坡萊佛士扶輪社創立45週年，願社務日益繁榮，友誼歷久彌堅！

謝謝大家！

Dear President Philip Tolath,
Past Presidents, Fellow Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Raffles City, and Distinguished Guests,

Warm greetings from Taipei!

I am JOHNNY LIN, President of the 45th term of the Rotary Club of Taipei Northeast. It is my great honor to extend our heartfelt congratulations on the 45th Anniversary of your club's founding, and our sincere best wishes to President Philip Tolath as he begins his term of leadership.

Since our two clubs established our sister club relationship in 1993, we have proudly shared 32 years of enduring friendship. Over the decades, we have not only worked together in service, but also built a trusted and meaningful bond that transcends borders.

This year, our club's motto is: "Hand in hand, dedicate to Rotary, glorify Rotary" We believe this beautifully reflects the long-standing spirit of unity and goodwill between our two Rotary families.

On this joyful occasion, I am honored to extend a warm invitation:
From June 13 to 18, 2026, the Rotary International Convention will be held in Taipei, Taiwan!
It will be a moment of great pride for all Taiwanese Rotarians, and we would be truly delighted to welcome members of your club to our city. Let us celebrate Rotary together on the world stage.

Once again, congratulations on your 45th anniversary. May your club continue to thrive, and may the friendship between our clubs last for generations to come.

Thank you!

About Rotary

Our Founder - Paul Harris

Paul Harris set up his law practice in Chicago and formulated his plan for a club for businessmen that would promote friendship and fellowship. With three good friends, he formed the first club in 1905 and named it Rotary because its members met in rotation in their places of work. Memberships grew rapidly and when Paul Harris became the club's third president he strove to extend Rotary to other cities.

In 1911, at the second convention held in Portland, Oregon, USA, Rotarian Arthur Sheldon stated: "The Science of Business is the Science of Service". "He Profits Most Who Serves Best". Thus the early concept of "co-operation in business" gave way to the larger concept of service to others.



There were two further stages that evolved. One was an additional motto, "Service Above Self". The other was the acceptance of one object of Rotary, one word, SERVICE, through four main avenues of activities:

- The development of fellowship
- The maintenance of high ethical standards in business and professions
- The promotion of community-betterment
- The advancement of international understanding



The ROTARY ACTION PLAN

A strategic framework to help Rotary create positive, lasting change in communities and people worldwide.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST:
The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND:
High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD:
The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH:
The advancement of inter-national understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a network of 1.4 million people of action who lead us toward fulfilling our vision.



OUR VISION

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES
AND IN OURSELVES



The **ROTARY ACTION PLAN**

About Rotary International and District 3310

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision.

District 3310 comprises of Brunei, Singapore and parts of Malaysia (Johor, Malacca, Sarawak, Labuan FT and Sabah). We have a total of 71 Rotary clubs in the District. There are 2 clubs in Brunei, 23 clubs in Singapore, 3 clubs in Malacca, 11 clubs in Sarawak, 13 clubs in Sabah and 19 clubs in Johor.

Rotary International is an international service organization whose purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders united in humanitarian services, advocate high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.

The oldest club in our District is the Rotary Club of Singapore (chartered on 11th August 1930) closely followed by the Rotary Club of Malacca (chartered on 1st September 1930). With very few exceptions all Rotary Clubs conduct their meetings in English. A few clubs in our District are bi-lingual (Mandarin/English or Malay/English).

4 Way Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives.

One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by RI Past President Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word code of ethics for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales,

production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company.

Adopted by Rotary in 1943, the 4-Way Test asks the following four questions:
"Of the things we think, say or do:

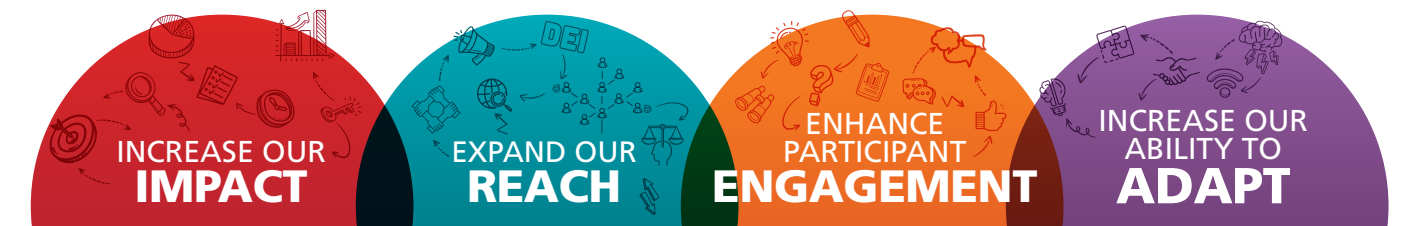
1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all?

WHO WE ARE



OUR PRIORITIES

We know that realizing our vision requires a strategy. The Action Plan provides a structure to help us achieve that vision through four priorities:



Use evidence to define, measure, and analyze our projects to ensure that we're using resources effectively while making positive, meaningful, and lasting change.

Connect with new audiences who share our passion for service and for making change, and create innovative ways for them to experience Rotary.

Give people reasons to join Rotary and stay involved with us by providing meaningful experiences and opportunities to make connections, build skills, and serve communities.

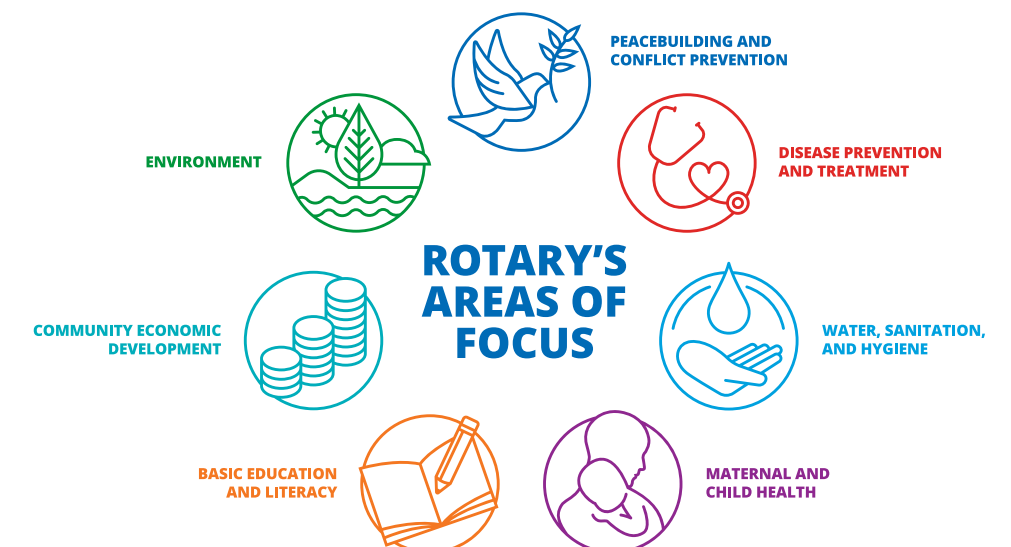
Embrace innovation and new perspectives that allow us to respond nimbly to the evolving needs of our communities, clubs, and members.

The **ROTARY ACTION PLAN**



OUR AREAS OF FOCUS

As people of action, we believe we have a shared responsibility to get involved in solving some of the world's most persistent problems. Through our 46,000-plus clubs, we work together and concentrate our efforts on:



ROTARY CLUB OF RAFFLES CITY INSTALLATION 2025-26

Our History

by PP Vincent Chen



RC Raffles City was chartered in 1980 with 32 members led by CP Low Siew Joon. We were sponsored by RC Singapore under then Pres Philbert Chin and PP Leow Jwee Meng as a project to commemorate their 50th anniversary and the 75th anniversary of Rotary International. We are honoured that PDG Philbert Chin remains an honorary member and close friend of our Club and a regular visitor.

We originally proposed the name Rotary Club of Raffles, but it was turned down as Rotary clubs had to be named after geographical locations, not prominent people, beautiful flowers or commendable values. Still wanting the association with Stamford Raffles, we settled on the alternative of Raffles City which was at that time a huge hole in the ground and yet to be developed into the iconic commercial complex that it is today! Our Rotary banner proudly features the statue of Stamford Raffles superimposed on City Hall and the map of Singapore. We were part of District 330 which at that time comprised almost 100 clubs in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. With the expansion of Rotary and the division of District 330 into more districts, we are now in District 3310 which is made up of Rotary Clubs in Singapore, Melaka, Johor, Sabah and Sarawak.

In those days the members of a club had to work or live in a geographically demarcated territory. In our case it was essentially the central business district and consequently our membership has always included a good number of lawyers and professionals in the financial sector. Our membership has been maintained at around 50 over the years – a good size that allows for diversity, socializing and adequate resources to undertake projects. Today we are fortunate to still have three charter members with us in CP Low Siew Joon, PP Vincent Chen and Rtn Lim Hua Min.

Originally an all-male Rotary club, in 2000 we admitted our first lady member, Corina Lai. In 2014 she became our first lady president. Today ladies make up about 20% of our membership.



In our first nine years, we held our weekly Tuesday lunch meetings at the Raffles Hotel and we were duly pampered as the General Manager, Roberto Pregarz, was also our charter member and one of our early presidents. Since then, we have had different venues, including the Compass Rose @ Westin Stamford which had the distinction of being the highest Rotary Club meeting venue in the world. We now meet twice a month at the historic Singapore Cricket Club, our home since 2007.

Our club is known for our great fellowship over food, drinks and golf, including dinner gatherings to celebrate Christmas, Chinese New Year and Deepavali. We also enjoy good fellowship with our six sister clubs which include visits in conjunction with club installations and at other times.

We have been supportive of our Rotary District with active participation in district conferences and assemblies and with our members holding district offices. We have also been supportive of Rotary Foundation – most of our members are PHFs and we boast of three Major Donors.



We have also been active in service to the new generation, and currently have the Interact Club of Tampines Meridian Junior College and the Rotaract Clubs of Raffles City and Ngee An Polytechnic under our wing. They have been our regular and helpful partners in many of our projects and activities.

Local Community Service Projects

Like most Rotary clubs we conduct a major project each year and over the years we have supported many charities and worthy causes. The larger fund raisers included \$200,000 in 2008 under Pres Murugiah Rajaram for DAS, and \$200,000 in 2010 under Pres David KT Lee for DAS and Straits Times Pocket Money Fund. To celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2020/21, our Club under Pres Nelson Ng successfully held a gala dinner to raise \$500,000 (incl. a matching grant) for Club Rainbow – an incredible effort in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our greatest achievement is the Dyslexia Association of Singapore ("DAS"). It began as a community service project in 1990 led by Dr Jimmy Daruwalla under Pres George Abraham to raise awareness of dyslexia. This led to the founding of DAS in 1991 which for many years grew under the dynamic leadership of the late PP Dr Daruwalla. Today DAS is a large non-profit organization operating 12 learning centres providing educational and support services to 3,200 dyslexic children and others who have difficulty in reading, writing and spelling. To this day, several of our Rotarians are still involved in the leadership of DAS and we have also regularly raised funds for DAS.

Another charity that RCRC has founded is Crohn's & Colitis Society of Singapore. Modest in scale compared to DAS, it caters to people afflicted with inflammatory bowel disease. It was started by PP Nidhi Swarup in 2012 and RCRC is actively involved by contributing leadership and financial resources.

One project of note was the construction of an elevator for the old Red Cross Home for the Disabled at Hillcrest which allowed the residents on the second and third floor wards – many wheelchair-bound – to go down to the ground level to enjoy the garden. It was a 3-year project culminating in the commissioning of the elevator in 1998 and it involved not only fund raising but also the provision of professional architectural and engineering services by two of our members.

A tradition of RCRC is the annual visits to Homes together with our Rotaractors and Interactors – Red Cross Home for the Disabled at Christmas time, Sunlove Home at Chinese New Year, Jamiyah Home at Hari Raya and Thong Kheng Seniors Activity Centre. These were unfortunately disrupted during the three years of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In 1999 we organized a charity film night with "Stepmom" to raise funds for Assisi Home; since then, we have conducted many movie fund raisers which can be considered a signature project of our club. Another is the annual career talks that we hold at Tampines Meridian Junior College. RCRC has also consistently supported the Foundation of Rotary Clubs in Singapore.



Picture on Top Right:
Pres George Abraham, Jean Angur (Education officer, Dyslexia British Association), DG Lee Keng Bin, Marion Welchman (Founder, Bath Dyslexia Association & Secretary, Dyslexia British Association) and PP Jimmy Daruwalla in 1989, Dyslexia Project

International Service Projects

In the 4-decade history of RCRC, we have been involved in many overseas projects, sometimes in conjunction with our sister clubs. A cross section of the projects are presented below.

We are particularly pleased with the half a dozen medical & dental missions to rural villages in Sabah that we have conducted together with our sister club, RC Luyang. They were popular adventures with our doctors, our dentist PP TC Phua, and other members too. On each mission, we attended to hundreds of local villagers and often also distributed used clothing to them. These were also occasions for great fellowship between members of our two clubs.

Another joint project was the funding of houses in the Philippines under the Gawad Kalinga programme which we did through our sister club, RC Makati North.

Khao Lak, a coastal town two hours' drive north of Phuket in Thailand, had been devastated by the 2004 tsunami and many had lost their homes. Some French Rotary clubs had responded by building a cluster of 80 wooden houses on stilts at Pru Teow, forming a Rotary Village. However, there were some defects that prevented the dwellings from being fully inhabitable. In 2006, at a relatively low cost and with the participation of the Rotaract Club of Ngee An Poly, we fixed the defects and rehabilitated the houses.

We did another project in Thailand in 2007/2008, again spearheaded by PP Ronald Pereira and PP Brian Tan. We rebuilt the Ban Pha Mon Primary School in a Hmong village near Chiangmai for S\$30,000 and provided another S\$6,000 for furniture, books and uniforms. We also involved our Interactors and Rotaractors who went there to "teach" the children and to experience community service overseas.

In 2018, PP George Abraham led us in a project in India for Navjeevan Centre. This is a school community operated by the Mar Thoma Church for daughters of sex workers in Mumbai to give

Donated New Vehicle. PP George Abraham & PP Vincent Chen with Rev.Jinu, Director and Rev.Shijo, DyDir of Navjeevan Village.



them an education and a better future. We contributed S\$20,000 in a joint project with RC Kalyan to fund a small reservoir to alleviate their chronic water shortage problem in the dry season. We also donated a much-needed transport vehicle at the cost of another S\$20,000.

In 2023, we joined RC Katingang Cubao in a project to perform cleft lip operations for children in the Philippines. As the International Sponsor in this Global Grant project, we played a major role in raising the US\$40,000 funding for the project. Funding has been approved and the project is in progress.



Rectifying houses for tsunami victims in Khao Lak, Thailand - 2006



Joint Medical/Dental Outreach Project with RC Luyang - 2003
Presentation of \$180,000 cheque to DAS at Installation Dinner witnessed by Pres S R Nathan - 2008
Our 5 Charter Members with PDG Philbert Chin - 2012

We also embarked on a project to provide vocational training for at-risk girls in Siem Reap, Cambodia - an ambitious project led by PP Brian Tan of our Club and to be undertaken in partnership with RC Phnom Penh Chatamok. The aim is to equip the girls with knowledge to start and manage a small business, basic hospitality management and first aid skills. We are still in process of applying for Global Grant for this project.

A Few More Thoughts

The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self" and the projects cited above are ample evidence that we have strived to serve the needy and the less fortunate, both in our local community and overseas. Yet, even as we seek to benefit others, we ourselves have also benefited greatly. In serving others, we have learnt to be more compassionate and have derived great joy in helping others and sharing with them. Rotary has also provided us the opportunity to enjoy fellowship, make steadfast friends, broaden our horizons and achieve better international understanding.

In the last 40 plus years, many have passed through the portals of the RC Raffles City and contributed toward the success of our Club. We should acknowledge with thanks all their contributions - each in his or her own way. We also want to acknowledge our Rotary spouses and family members whose participation and support have also been vital to our work and fellowship.

Membership Report

Chairman : PP David Ong Choon

Terms Of Reference Of The Committee

Members:

CP Low Siew Joon

PP Jeffrey Chan

PP Vincent Chen

PP K .Kesavapany

PP M. Rajaram

Rtn Jaya Prakash

PP Nidhi Swarup

PP Johnson Tan

PP Karen Tan

PP Sigrid Zialcita

Ex-Officio – President Vikna Rajah

- *Maintain updated classification list of all members
- *Review new Members applications and make appropriate recommendations to the Board
- *Establish a goal for sustainable membership intake & strive for membership retention
- *Work with
 - *Public Relations Committee for more effective public relations
 - *Community Service Committee to develop interesting programs that will help to retain members
 - *All other Service Committees in service projects that will benefit the community and to promote Rotary membership to prospective members

During the term of Office, the Plan is to consolidate our current membership and to grow membership qualitatively by taking in younger members who are prepared to commit to serving our Club in one of the Service Committees.

Resignations were received from Tan Yanqiang, Joe Caputo, and Avnish Sharma whilst new addition is Suria Fabbri.



Rotary Foundation Report

Global Grant Project

During the Rotary year just completed, our club, Raffles City joined as the International Partner with Rotary Club of Trivandrum Central for a Global Grant project to purchase, convert, outfit and operate a mobile blood collection vehicle in a rural area outside Trivandrum, India. This vehicle will have 2 beds & 1 couch, blood storage facility, air conditioning & built-in generator. It is a unique concept to reach out to donors in suburban & rural areas who have difficulty coming to a blood bank to donate blood,

and youth who are too busy at work/study. The beneficiaries are patients, accident victims, maternity related haemorrhage cases etc. This mobile unit will be attached to a local partner hospital with a blood bank.

Funding for the project has already been disbursed by TRF, the vehicle has been purchased and is under conversion & outfitting. We expect the vehicle to be ready for operation & blood collection by September 2025

Club Service Report

Members:

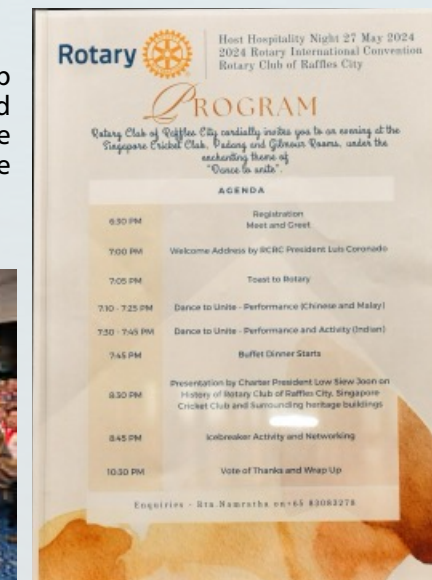
TC Phua (Director), Judy Tan, Jeffrey Chan, Philip Tolath, Dafydd Green, Eugene Lim

Club Fellowship activities in 2024-2025

Our club had an active year of club activities. Our regular club meetings continued as every fortnightly on the the first and third Tuesdays of every month. The Board of Directors decided early in our Rotary Year to revert back to all dinner meetings due to the poor participation uptake for

the lunch meetings. Our venue at the Singapore Cricket Club requires that we meet the requirement of minimum 20 persons for every scheduled meeting. We are grateful to be able to continue to host our regular meetings at the SCC for the past 20+ years; enjoying the great support and good location of SCC.

RI Convention Host Hospitality Night organised by RC Raffles City: Our club undertook to organise one of the several Host Hospitality Night for ticketed delegates of the RI Convention held in Singapore on 27 May 2024 at the historical Singapore Cricket Club. It was a fully subscribed event where we introduced Singapore to our foreign visitors.



Installation Dinner for BOD 2024-2025

President Vikna Rajah was installed as Club President, RC Raffles City for RY 2024-2025. He

was installed by our Immediate Past President Luis Coronado at the Installation Dinner event held on 3rd August 2024 at the Tanglin Club.



District Governor Visit & Deepavali Fellowship

DG Dr Yap Lip Kee and spouse Rachel official visit to our club was also our traditional Deepavali Fellowship celebration. It was held on 5th November 2024 at the Singapore Swimming Club. While DG addressed our club members, the significance of the Deepavali Festival of Light was addressed by our Rotarian Lakshmi Namratha.



RC Raffles City DG Visit / Deepavali



Christmas Fellowship

Our traditional Christmas celebration was held on 13 December 2024 at the Chinese Swimming Club. Appreciative thanks to PP Brian Tan for taking the important role of Santa Claus especially for our young ones.



Lunar New Year Fellowship

CNY 2025 for RC Raffles City was celebrated on 11th February 2025 at Sin Chao Garden Restaurant. Spirited celebration complete with prosperity Lo Hei toss.



Meetings

Our club hold two dinner meeting on the first and third Tuesdays every month at the Singapore Cricket Club.



Community Service

Foundation of Rotary Clubs, Singapore, flag day 24th August 2024. The Rotary Club of Raffles City was responsible for the Bishan MRT station.



Community Service & Youth

Red Cross Home visit for Christmas 2024:

With the help of Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Raffles City the two community service projects were successfully completed for our club, Rotary Club of Raffles City.

Red Cross Home, visit for Christmas celebrations with the clients on 22 December 2024. Activities that were organised included singing of Christmas carols by Rotarians and Rotaractors. We need to offer thanks especially to Rotaractor Sang Hyeok Kwon who was the lead to organize all activities for the clients.

Rotarians who were at the event – PP Jeffrey and Susan Chan, PP Jackie Wong, PP David Ong Choon, PP Anoop Sonpar, Rotarian Judy Tan, PP Eugene and Lana Lim, PP Brian Tan, Rotarian Deshmukh Swapnil and President Vikna Raja.



Yearend party at Tanjong Pagar Community Club, 30th December 2024:

Christmas celebrations for the clients of Tanjong Pagar Community Club to bringing in the new year. The Rotaractors organised stations of activities to engage the clients that attended the yearend party. The clients are all seniors staying in the community who were invited by the club management.

Rotarians from the club that participated in this event included President Vikna Rajah, Past Presidents Brian Tan, Kaka Singh, Vincent Chen, Aaron Tan, Russi Ghadiali and Shirin, PE Philp Tolah, Rotarian Judy Tan.

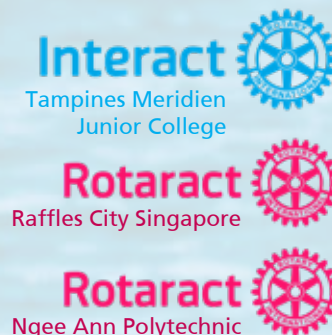
The collaboration and support from the Rotaract Club of Raffles City ensured the success of both events for our club for the Rotary year 2024-2025.



Youth Service & Vocational Service

Youth Service Committee:
Director – PP Brian Tan
PP Ron Pereira
PP Vincent Chen
Rotarian Liz Chen
Rotarian Cynthia Salim

Vocational Committee:
Director - PP Nelson Ng



Rotary-ASEAN Young Leaders Exchange Program (pilot project):

The 1st Rotary-ASEAN Young Leaders Exchange program, 19-26 May 2025. This program was initiated by the District 3310 Rotaractor team, DRR Ng Kai Qing (2024-2025), PDRR Kaylene Pillai and PDRR Divagaran Kalaivanan, and the Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Raffles City and District 3310.

PP Luis Coronado and PP Brian Tan mentored and supported this project with the Rotaractors. The Rotaractors developed an objective and a program to offer vocational, cultural and traditional experience, "Singapore style".

The aim of the program was to help the young leaders build new network in ASEAN and to offer a different flavour, culture, tradition to the participants. Rotaract Clubs in Singapore and District 3310 were involved in hosting the visiting leaders during the exchange.

The pilot project had a total of 16 young leaders from ASEAN – Malaysia -2, Vietnam 4, Philippines – 1, Myanmar – 5, Laos – 2, Cambodia – 1 and Indonesia 1. We also had Singaporean Rotaractors who helped to host the visiting during the week.

President Esmund Lim collaborated with the District 3310 team to host the young leaders from ASEAN.



Rotaract Club of Raffles City at APRRC Mongolia 2025

From 6th to 9th June 2025, a spirited delegation of 10 Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Raffles City and 2 Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Raffles City proudly represented Singapore at the Asia Pacific Rotaract Regional Conference (APRRC) held in the vibrant city of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Team Raffles City:
Rotaractors:

- DRR Kai Qing
- PDRR Diva
- PDRR Zen Tan
- IPDRR Kaylene
- Rtr. President Esmund Lim
- Rtr. Hao Mun
- Rtr. Daphne Chong
- Rtr. Rohin Raj
- Rtr. Farruq Daniel
- Rtr. Matt

Rotarians:

- IPP Luis Coronado
- PP Brian Tan



Long Term Community Service

The Crohn's & Colitis Society of Singapore (CCSS) provides support to persons diagnosed with Crohn's disease, Ulcerative colitis, and related conditions. These are autoimmune diseases of the digestive tract with no known cause nor cure. With proper medical intervention, symptoms associated with these otherwise debilitating conditions can be effectively managed.

Rotary Club of Raffles City initiated this nationwide project in 2012, and our members continue to serve on the Executive Committee chaired by PP Nidhi Swarup. CP Low Siew Joon, PP Vincent Chen, PP Kaka Singh, PP Brian Tan, PP Jeffrey Chan, PP Sigrid Zialcita, and Rtn Avnish Sharma continue to provide their professional expertise in governance, patient/caregiver engagement, and fundraising. To know more please visit www.ibd.org.sg

Having identified a gap in the healthcare sector, PP Nidhi Swarup co-founded the Alliance of Patients' Organizations Singapore (APOS) in September 2023. This organization unites key stakeholders to collaboratively develop a healthcare system codesigned with patients and their families. APOS is actively initiating collaborative work with policymakers, hospitals, industry players, researchers, clinicians, and others. To know more please visit www.apos.sg

PP Nidhi Swarup regularly represents APOS at conferences worldwide. The following RCRC members PP Rajaram, Rotarians Joe Caputo and Dafydd Green have been involved as knowledge partners.







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RTN SURIA FABRI
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| Admitted to Rotary International: | 13th August 1980 |
| Registered under Societies Act: | 20th August 1980 |
| Charter Night: | 21st October 1980 |

Meeting Venue & Time:

The Rotary Club of Raffles City meets at the premises of the Singapore Cricket Club, The Padang, Singapore:
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