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# In Focus

## End Polio Walk at Singapore Botanic Gardens – 8 April 2017

By: PP Perlita Tiro



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Some 400 Rotarians, family members and friends walked around the Botanic Gardens early morning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April to raise awareness and funds to End Polio Now! Flagged off at the Nassim Gate by PDG Zainie Abdul Aucasa, we walked leisurely on a cool which later turned out to be a rainy morning. We went on a trail to collect 12 Polio fact cards that shared information about Polio and Rotary milestones through the years for this cause. We of course visited the sculpture Passing of Knowledge built by our Club in 2003.

Rotary, along with our major partners Bill and Melinda Gates, has reduced polio by 99.9% worldwide since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines. We have immunised over 2.5 billion children worldwide. Given multiple times, polio vaccine can protect a child for life. Polio vaccination was introduced in Singapore in 1962. Singapore was certified polio-free in 2000 but children continue to receive the vaccine as part of the National Childhood Immunisation Programme.

Rotaractors and Interactors participated as ushers to help in making the event a great success. The Walk is organised across the District by District Family Chair Dolly Yeap. RC Singapore West sponsored the Polio fact cards.

## Photo Album of the End Polio Walk



Group picture with DG Michael Yee (centre) PDG Zainie Abdul Aucasa and District Family Chair Dolly Yeap who organised the event

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## Photo Album of the End Polio Walk...contd



*PDGs Zainie Abdul Aucasa and Chew Ghim Bok with PP Dolly, PP Perlita and President Nidhi Swarup (RC Raffles City)*



*PDG Zainie Abdul Aucasa poses with RC Singapore structure Passing of Knowledge 2003*



*Having a much needed drink are Rtns Amit Chatterjee(left)& Debasree Chakrabarti (right)*



*From left: Rtns K K Tan, See Mee Lee, PP Ng Cheng Quee (RC S'pore East) & Rtn Paul Phua holding up their polio fact cards*



*Can you spot some of the RC Singapore members in the group?*

*Photos: Courtesy of Rtns Deblina Chatterjee, See Mee Lee & PP Perlita Tiro*





# A DAY IN BATAM BETESDA HOME



Rotractors and Rotarians have to work side by side to embody the true spirit of Rotary Club. It is all about touching the life of the children and bringing a 'smile' on their faces that has the power to change this world by restoring faith, peace and happiness. This is what we had in mind when on 1st April we took young Rotractors to visit our Betesda Home, an orphanage in Batam, Indonesia. It was the first trip for the Rotractors. Our aim was to help young Rotractors experience the 'joy of giving' and inspire them to work in cooperation to make an impact. We wanted them to utilize their Time, Talent, Treasure and Thinking (4T's) in rendering selfless service to the adorable and enthusiastic kids. And, we believe we had been able to successfully achieve the aim we had set for this trip.

Early morning, we assembled at Harbourfront Centre and boarded the 8:40am ferry to Batam, Indonesia. All were very excited to meet the kids. Upon arrival, we met Pastor Zebua at Batam Centre Ferry Terminal and he brought us to the Home in a minibus. Upon reaching the Home, he gave a heart-touching speech about the backgrounds of each kid and their various needs. Thanks to Rotarian Deepti Lalchandani for preparing some stationery for all the kids of Betesda Home and Senior Rotarians had also brought along some items to be distributed to the kids. Kids loved all the things that we gave to them. Later on, Rotarian Deepti and the Rotractors played some fun-filled games and activities with the kids. When asked about their future aspirations, a few kids expressed to our Senior Rotarian PP JK ONG their interest to work in Singapore once they grow up. The kids showed their talent as individual and group performances. We were impressed with their enthusiasm and talent demonstrated by the kids. Some senior Rotarians had met these kids in one of their visits to the Home few years ago. The kids quickly recognized them and were so elated to meet them again. This shows the bond that the Rotarians had forged with these kids. We also did an inspection of the new premises for the kids.

This was followed by a delicious seafood lunch at Golden Prawn Seafood Restaurant and rest of the day was spent shopping and sightseeing. We returned in the evening ferry. Rotractors have been asked to prepare some form of structured learning and engaging activity for the kids, for example, workshop on Soft Skills and Basic English, or organizing a collection drive for donating old books and toys for the kids of Betesda Home.

It was a truly inspiring and meaningful experience for both the Rotarians and Rotractors. We would like to thank Rotarian TK Chew and Rotarian Raj Kumar for organizing this weekend trip to Betesda Home in Batam, Indonesia.

**Rtn Raj Kumar & Rtn TK Chew**  
Provided by **Rtn Raj Kumar**



## WHAT the Rotractors felt about the trip?

As a Rotaract member I have been privileged enough to be given the opportunity of visiting the Betesda home in Batam. On the morning of 1st April, I along with two board members of the Rotaract club of Temasek tagged along with around 9 Rotarians and headed to Batam. In all the excitement we took the first ferry that departs from Singapore in the morning.

After reaching the orphanage we saw the talented children who can achieve a great deal if they are given the right platform. The children have the potential to do enormously well which is what motivated us to take



action and make a difference on our level. With this trip we understood how we can take our resources and where we need to make a difference. We now know what we

required to do in order to help these children because after talking to them ourselves we learnt a lot about their lives. We have now seen their lives from a closer lens and I'm sure it will help us serve them better. Thank you Rotary Club for Singapore for this opportunity.

Provided by  
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# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 19 April 2017

### OPENING REMARKS

President Garry opened the Meeting with a warm welcome to members. He advised the Guest Speaker, H.E. Mr Hakan Jevrell Ambassador of Sweden sent his apologies as he was unwell and could not present his talk to the Club.

### WELCOME OF GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

Duty of welcoming Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians fell to Rtn Dr Irina Francken:

#### Guests

Mr Manish Tibrewall

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Anna Grassotti – Stockholm Strand  
Ingvar Mattsson – Stockholm North  
Connie Ho – Shanghai



*Rtn Dr Irina Francken*

### TOAST

Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider was pleased to welcome visiting Rtn Ingvar Matesson from the Rotary Club of Stockholm which is 60 years old with about 60 members. It is the first breakfast Rotary Club in Sweden.



*From left: Rtns Ingvar Matesson, Pres Garry & Brigitte Holtschneider*

### EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*Pres Garry hands a banner to fellow President Anna Grassotti from RC Stockholm Strand*



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION



*President Garry presents the Certificate and PHF Pin to Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien (Left)*

## ROTARY GLOBAL SWIMARATHON – SINGAPORE 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)

Vocational Service Director Rtn Bala Venkatesan called on members' support for the coming Swimarathon in aid of Rotary's "End Polio Now" campaign and Samaritans of Singapore (SOS):

**Date & Time:** Sunday, 30 April 2017 from 9am to 5pm

**Venue:** Sports Lifestyle Centre,  
3500A Bukit Merah Central, S 159837

**Guest of Honour:** Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye, M P for  
Tanjong Pagar GRC



## CHARITY DINNER IN SUPPORT OF THE MAJOR PROJECT 2016-2017

Rtn Uttam Kripalani highlighted the interesting entertainment programme for the Charity Dinner featuring entertainer, Ms Federica Marinari AND Mr Chin Whai's performances. He noted that there was an increasing number of suicides on a regular basis reminded members that the Charity Dinner was to support the Samaritans of Singapore. Details of the Charity Dinner is as follows:

**Date** Saturday 29 April

**Time** 6.30pm for cocktails and silent auction

**Venue** Conrad Centennial Ballroom, 2 Temasek Blvd

**Cost** \$200 per ticket or \$2,000 a table

**Entertainers** International star *Federica Marinari*, Lyrical Singer *Chin Whai* 抒情歌王秦淮  
& Renowned pianist *Corinna Chang*

**Register** Please contact our Secretariat at email [rtinfo@rotary.org.sg](mailto:rtinfo@rotary.org.sg)



*Ms Federica Marinari*



*Chin Whai*

## CALL FOR DONATIONS OF LUGGAGE BAGS

If you do have any used and old luggage bags for donation, please deliver them directly to the following address during office hours Mondays to Fridays and up to 12 noon on Saturdays:

23 Pioneer Sector 1, 3rd Floor #03-00, Jurong Industrial Estate, Singapore 628431

(Tel: [62622577](tel:62622577)) Or call Edmund Chew on his cellular tel number at [96317749](tel:96317749) or [96823120](tel:96823120).

All these bags will be used for the purpose of checking in. They will be used to carry high value nutritional food and medicine for disaster areas. **Please do not bring these bags to the Wednesday meetings.**



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrant:**

28 April – Peter Koh

## Anniversary Celebrants

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

27 April – Dr Rupesh & Kajal Agrawal  
30 April – Sanjeev & Seema Shah

## Youth Service Meeting

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

**Date:** Thursday, 27 April

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** YWCA Singapore, Joy and Peace Room - Level 3, Fort Canning Lodge, 6 Fort Canning Road, S 179494

**Hosts:** PP J K Ong & Asheesh Khaneja

## This Meeting

**26 April 2017**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Dr Oliver Hennedige, Keizo Fujitake  
**Sunshine Box duty:** Pia Bruce, See Mee Lee

**Speaker:** Rtn Dr Irina Francken  
**Topic:** "Why Girls?"

## Next Meeting

**3 May 2017**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Mansoor Hassanbhai, Stuart Pearce  
**Sunshine Box duty:** Dr Irina Francken, Ntoudi Mouyelo

**Speaker:** Ms Jocelyn Matyas, Impact Investment Exchange Asia (IIX)  
**Topic:** "Impact Investment"

## Community Service Meeting

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

**Date:** Thursday, 4 May

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** The Tanglin Club, Fireplace, 5 Stevens Road, S257814.

**Hosts:** Pia Bruce & Ronald Wong

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## Coming Rotary Events

### April

#### **Maternal and Child Health Month**

**29 April** – Fund Raising Gala Dinner in support of Samaritans of Singapore

**30 April** – Swimathon

### May

#### **Youth Service Month**

**12-14 May** – Multi District Conference, Bangkok

**19-21 May** – Guizhou Vocational School project (VSC & ISC project)

### June

#### **Rotary Fellowships Month**

**10-14 June** – R I Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

**24 June** – Installation Dinner, Pan Pacific Ballroom





## 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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