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## Launch of District Alumni Networking Group

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## In Focus

# District 3310 Alumni Network Group launched on 20 May 2017

By PP Perlita Tiro, District Alumni Chair, 2016-17, 2017-18



After its development, organization and a massive recruitment drive for members, over the last 10 months, the Rotary 3310 District Alumni Networking Group (DANG) was finally launched at the Installation of Officers and Members and a Networking Session on 20 May 2017. It was held at the NUS LT 36 (Peter & Mary Fu Lecture Theatre); a total of about 80 Rotarians and members attended the Singapore event.

Guest Speaker was DGN Henry Tan, while the Keynote Speaker, AG Jimmy Ooi, the incoming Adviser for the District Interact Committee, among his string of District positions, spoke on his 37 years of Rotary Journey. Rtn Suresh Keerthi, the Regional Alumni Chair - Singapore and DANG President for 2016-17 and 2017-18, spoke on the future activities of DANG, while PP Perlita Tiro introduced DANG and the Speakers and was also the MC for the afternoon. The Event was capped by a lively interaction between DANG Members and Rotarians from a variety of professions.

#### What is DANG?

District Alumni was formerly a segment of Foundation Committee which was a forum for reunions of all the beneficiaries of Rotary scholarships, student youth exchanges, peace fellowships and the like. This Rotary Year, District Alumni became an independent group reporting directly to the District Governor with a bigger composition, with the aim of keeping the group vibrant. The main additions to the group are the Interactors, Rotaractors and RYLArians, both encompassing current members, outgoing members as well as past members.

The main **objective of DANG** is to maintain connectivity with ALL beneficiaries of the Rotary movement, with the aim of making all these members as Rotarians one day. Hence, the new purpose of District Alumni is to expand Rotary Membership, in the long run. It is therefore imperative to keep in close touch with the various groups of Family of Rotary until they develop their respective careers and qualify to become Rotarians, perhaps through Satellite Clubs if not directly to Rotary Clubs.

#### Global potential of DANG

Consider this. Globally, we have some 1.2 million Rotarians 200,000 Rotaractors and 250,000 Interactors. Note that Interactors and Rotaractors hold their positions only for a year. Rotaractors are in the age range of 18-30, while Interactors are typically 16-18. How many of these do actually become Rotarians later on? In fact, how many Interactors become Rotaractors? Unfortunately, we do not have statistics. We suspect, very few. Assuming that we can convert most Interactors to be Rotaractors, after they finish their studies and concentrate on their careers during the first five years, and all Rotaractors become Rotarians after three years, we would have a continuous stream of Rotarian intakes, in addition to the normal rate of intakes through traditional sources.

## Stakeholders in Membership

The participation and support of the various stakeholders in membership are crucial to the success of DANG. We depend a lot on all District Chairs involved in the youth as well as all Youth Service Chairs in all the 65 Clubs in the District, to capture all the members of Interact Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, RYLArians and Youth Exchange into DANG membership.



#### DANG chartered in January 2017

DANG was officially chartered by Rotary International President John Germ on January 3, 2017, after it had recruited close to 100 members. This number grew to 190 by the time the members and officers were officially inducted on May 20.

This number skyrocketed to over 300 members, after a very successful recruitment drive led by PP Chandran Pillay, District RYLA Chair at the recent District Interact Conference in Melaka on 1-4 June 2017. It was a massive on-line and manual enrollment from a resort where Wi-Fi was intermittent if at all available! Our hats off to you PP Chandran!! It just goes to show that where there's a will, there's a way. We exceeded our expectations for the year! We hope the rest of the branches will grow too. We estimate at least 3,000 possible members throughout the district. Yes, much more than the number of Rotarians.

And of course, thanks too to District Conference Coordinator PP Mandy Sia who managed a thoroughly successful and enjoyable DISCON, and PP Mark Koh, our incoming Regional Alumni Chair – Johor.

Next induction of members will be held in East Malaysia and Brunei.

Enjoy the educational pictorials. Let us all develop the youth to become Rotarians.









DANG Members from Singapore take Oath of Office with DGN Henry Tan



DANG Members in Singapore receive Rotary Alumni Pins from DGN Henry Tan



The Event was capped by a networking with Rotarians from Various Rotary Clubs in Singapore. They included Rotarian Advisers: Paul Phua, PP Jimmy Ooi, PP Philip Leong, Suresh Keerthi, CP Chew Ban Seng. Not in picture were Jeff Rajeck, Joseph Chia, Dr Hoh Sek Tien.















The District Interact Conference, Melaka, 1- 4 June 2017

Newly Inducted DANG Members with DG Michael Yee (in yellow) and District RYLA Chair PP Chandran Pillay (in green)



DG Michael introducing DANG At Opening Night



District RYLA Chair Chandran Pillay Addresses Interactors







#### Last Week - Report on the Wednesday Meeting - 7 June 2017

## **OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME OF GUESTS**

VP Dr Hoon Sing Keow opened the Meeting with a warm welcome to the Guest Speaker, Ms Zai Miztiq, and to special guests, Ms Tara Moti Melwani and Ms Elango Sangavi.

VP Sing Keow also extended President Garry's apologies for not being able to attend the Meeting.

#### **TOAST**

As there were no visiting Rotarians at the meeting, VP Sing Keow called on members to raise a toast to Rotary International. VP Sing Keow noted that most of our members would be travelling during this school holiday period and some would be attending the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.



VP Dr Hoon Sing Keow

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

RI Convention	10 - 14 June 2017, Atlanta, USA
Sister Club Fellowship Dinner	Friday 23 June 2017 at 6.30pm at Senior Police Officers Mess, 153 Mt Pleasant Road, S 296153 Cost for non-ISC members - \$60 per person
2017-18 Board Installation Dinner	Saturday 24 June 2017 at 6.30pm Pan Pacific Ballroom Cost of tickets - \$150 per person

### **MAJOR PROJECT 2016-2017**

VP Sing Keow called on PDG Dr Philbert Chin who advised that the Major Project is the Club's project, accepted by the Club and the Major Project belonged to the Club! He added that the Club has one Major Project each year which involves all members and the tradition was that every member should participate. He advised that the Club has a lot to raise for the beneficiary, Samaritans of Singapore, and a team would approach members for their contributions.

PDG Philbert advised that the Club would apply for a Global Grant for the Major Project, which would then receive 50% more contributions from The Rotary Foundation. He added that it was the Club's intention for all members to contribute towards one Paul Harris Fellow, which is US\$1,000. PDG Philbert further added that he would write to members who have not contributed and plead that they do contribute. He also called upon those members who have pledged to kindly make payment. To those members who have contributed, PDG Philbert warmly thanked them



PDG Dr Philbert Chin

for their "Service Above Self". PDG Philbert appealed to members to respond generously so that the Club's pride and dignity would not be dashed.



## **Last Week**

## **Moti Melwani Scholarship**



From left: VP Sing Keow, Ms Tara Moti Melwani, Ms Elango Sangavi & Rtn Uttam

VP Sing Keow invited Rtn Uttam Kripalani to say a few words about the Moti Melwani Scholarship. Rtn Uttam advised that every year, a recipient would be selected for the scholarship from the Moti Melwani fund. He added that many members knew the late Rtn Moti and worked closely with him.

For the benefit of new members, Rtn Moti passed away on 19 February 2003. He donated to the Club, a sum of \$25,000 for distribution to an educational project.

This year's recipient is Ms Elango Sangavi recommended by SINDA to receive this scholarship amount of \$1,000, from this Fund which is further matched by the Community Service Committee with another \$1,000. Ms Elango Sangavi is a Year 2 student at Temasek Polytechnic studying Information Technology.

Rtn Uttam called upon Ms Elango Sangavi to receive the cheque of \$2,000 from Rtn Moti's daughter, Ms Tara Moti Melwani, who also presented a further cheque of \$1,000 from the Melwani family.







## **Last Week**

Speaker: Ms Zai Mistiq, Founder, MiztiQ International Pte Ltd

**Topic:** "She Broke Her Spine But Not Her Spirit"



Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider with Ms Zai Mistiq

VP Sing Keow invited Rtn Brigitte Holtschneider to introduce the Speaker, Ms Zai Mistiq, an international speaker, celebrity author and travelling trainer. She started her Henna and Body Art business whilst still pursuing her diploma, and the business grew successfully. However, tragedy stuck Ms Zai in April 2005, when she was in a major road accident which almost rendered her paralysed. However, she made a determined comeback and has since written two books – "Turn Your Passion to Profits" and "5 Things I Love About Being A Woman", which has become an Amazon International Best Seller in 14 categories in Australia, US and UK. She is accredited with Gallup

Inc as a Strengths Coach and is also a certified trainer cum assessor under WSC's ACTA and People's Association.

In her presentation, Ms Zai recounted how she turned her pain into power and shared many personal anecdotes of her journey and commitment to improve herself and to provide assistance to aspiring youths and women through her "Step Up" initiatives and "Sisterhood Mentorship Programme". She spoke of her "3D System" – Diagnose, Desire & Decide, that led her to increase her knowledge and skills, which gave her the



Rtn Stuart Pearce hands the Club's gifts to Ms Zai

desire to redesign her life, and ultimately, she decided to realign purpose with meaning by giving back to the community. (A copy of Ms Zai's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

VP Sing Keow called on Rtn Stuart Pearce who warmly thanked Ms

Ms Zai addressing the Club

Zai for her inspiring presentation.



# Mark Your Diary

## **Birthday Celebrants**

There are no Birthday celebrants this week.

## **Anniversary Celebrants**

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

13 June – S "Mali" Malaiappan & Lakshimi

14 June – Dr Rudi & Fides Ackermann

15 June – VP Jasbir Koh & Kok Keong

16 June – Dr W S Hameed & Samira

# International Service Meeting

International Service Committee Meeting is cancelled in lieu of the Sister Club Fellowship as follows:

Date: Friday, 23 June

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Senior Police Officers Mess, 153 Mount Pleasant Road

Cost: \$60 per person for non-ISC

members

## This Meeting

## 14 June 2017

**Reception Desk duty**: PP Chiang Shih Fang, Joseph Chia

Sunshine Box duty: Adnan Ansari, Noshir Mistri

**Speaker:** Ms Charlotte Nors, Managing Director, The Singapore Repertory Theatre

Topic: "Forbidden City"

## Next Meeting

## 21 June 2017

Reception Desk duty: T K Chew, Robert Craiu

Sunshine Box duty: Haider Nawaz, Horst Hagemann

Final Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2016/17 and President Garry's summary of his year in office.

## Youth Service Meeting

Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 29 June

**Time:** 7.30pm

Venue: To be advised

Queries, comments and articles request can be sent to <a href="mailto:rtyinfo@rotary.org.sg">rtyinfo@rotary.org.sg</a>

## Coming Rotary Events

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**Rotary Fellowships Month** 

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

**23 June –** Sister Club Fellowship at Senior Police Officers Mess

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

**28 June –** Meeting cancelled in view of the Installation Dinner held on 24 June

July

**5 July –** 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly for Rotary Year 2017/2018





Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?

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- 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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