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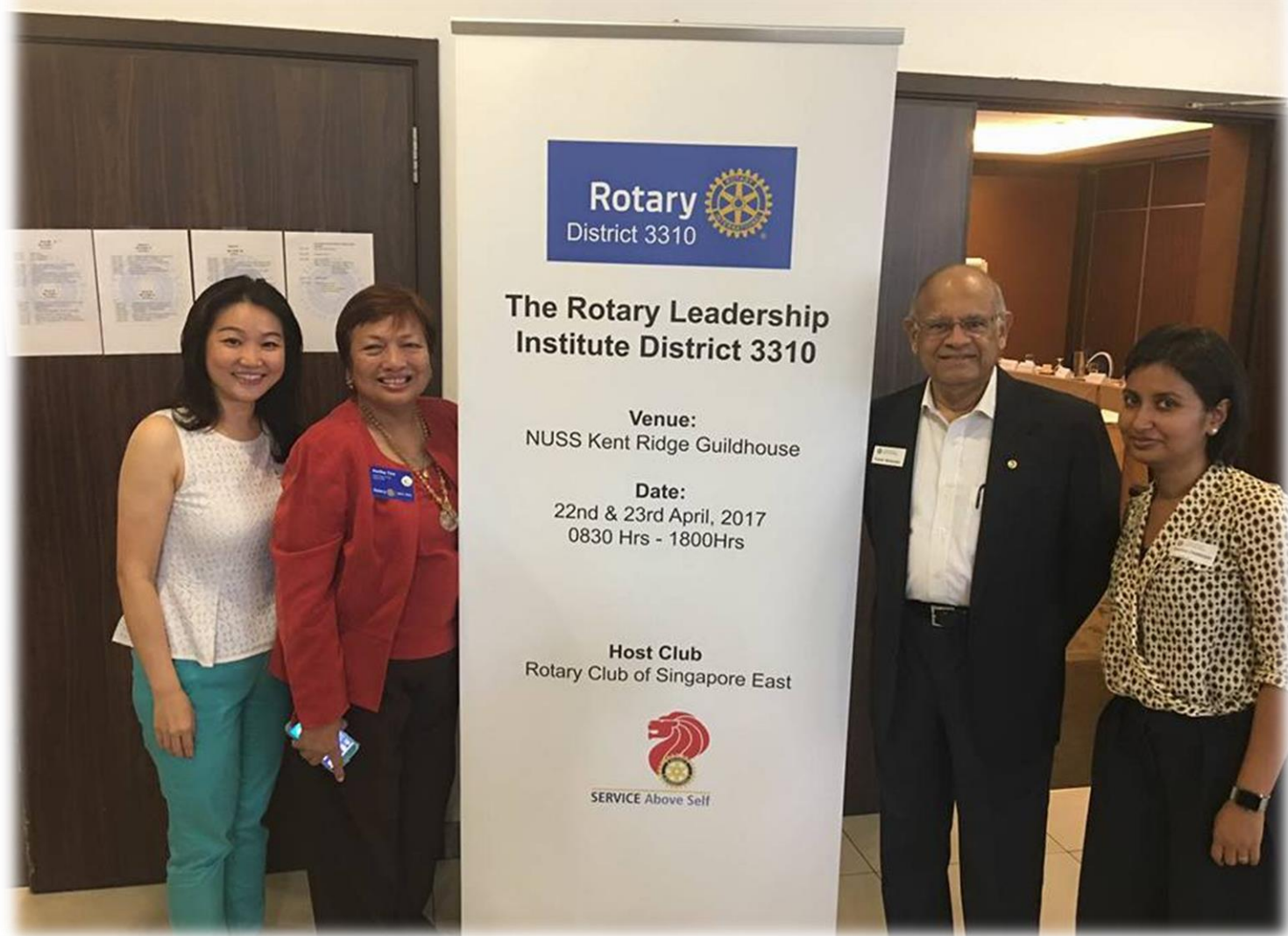
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# In Focus

## The Club's Graduates of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) held from 22 – 23 April 2017

*PN/ISC Director Mark Wang (centre) with PDGs  
Fong Hoe Beng & Philip Chong*



*Rtn Deblina Chatterjee receiving her RLI  
graduation certificate*



*From left: PP Brown Pereira, PDG Fong Hoe  
Beng, Rtn See Mee Lee & PDG Philip Chong*

# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 26 April 2017

### OPENING REMARKS

President Garry welcomed members and the Speaker, none other than our member, Rtn Dr Irina Francken, to the meeting.

### WELCOME OF GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

President Garry called upon Rtn Amit Chatterjee to welcome Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians as follows:

#### Guests

Dr Anne-Marie Schleich  
Ms Gunelle Babazadeh  
Ms Nathalia Lossovska

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Corrina Chang – Suntec City  
Anna Grassotti – Stockholm Strand  
Neil Diamond – Leeds UIC, UK



*Rtn Amit Chatterjee*

### TOAST

Toastmaster, PE/Hon Treasurer Keith Harrison was pleased to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Leeds UIC represented at the Club by Rtn Neil Diamond. Rtn Neil advised that his club's members was 55 with the average age similar to our Club's. He added that as part of his service to his club, he ensures that the elderly members receive support for them to be able to attend the Rotary meetings.



*From left: Rtn Neil Diamond, PE Keith & Pres Garry*

### EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*Exchange of banners with Rotary Club of Leeds UIC*



# Last Week

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

President Garry took the opportunity to welcome and acknowledge Rtn Corinna Chang, a renowned pianist who would be accompanying the excellent entertainers at the Club's Charity Dinner on **Saturday 29 April**, in support of the Samaritans of Singapore (SOS). President Garry noted the worthy Major Project in order for SOS to undertake the research programme into the causes of suicide in Singapore.



Ms Federica Marinari



Chin Whai

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

Rtn Hassan Moosa reminded members of the Swimathon's beneficiaries:

1. "End Polio Now" campaign
2. Samaritans of Singapore (SOS)

He added that the goal was to raise S\$80,000 and to swim 250,000m at the event. He called on members' support for the event on **Sunday 30 April** at the Sports Lifestyle Centre at Bukit Merah Central, in the presence of Guest of Honour, Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye, MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC.



Rtn Hassan Moosa

Rtn Hassan advised that PP Dr Shahul Hameed's son, Mirza would be leading a 25-member team at the Swimathon, with the aim to raise S\$10,000 and to swim 20,000m.

## REPORT ON THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI) DISTRICT 3310 SEMINAR – 22 & 23 April 2017

President Garry invited PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas to make a brief report on the RLI which was held at the last weekend. PP Mohan noted that it was the first time the RLI was held in Singapore and explained the difference between the PETS/District Training Assembly and the RLI, adding that the PETS/District Training was a training programme for incoming Board members whilst RLI was an on-going programme to provide Rotary information and leadership skills. He added that there were four trainers from the Club at RLI – PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan, PPs Dr Yap Lip Kee, Perlita Tiro and himself with attendees PN Mark Wang, Rtns Deblina Chatterjee and See Mee Lee.



PP Paliath "Mohan" Mohandas

## UPCOMING EVENTS

District Conference	12-14 May 2017, Bangkok
GuiZhou Trip! 	Depart Friday, 19 May Return Thursday, 25 May
DANG Installation Event! 	20 May 2017, NUS LT 35
2017-18 Board Installation Dinner	24 June 2017 at Pan Pacific Ballroom



# Last Week

**Speaker:** Rtn Dr Irina Francken

**Topic:** *"Why Girls?"*

President Garry called upon Rtn See Mee Lee to introduce the Speaker, none other than our member, Rtn Dr Irina Francken whose last two decades of professional experience includes trust creation and management, company creation and management, client concierge services. For the last 6 years she developed her research of the publications regarding Philanthropy stage in Asia and visited various countries around Singapore meeting leaders of the charitable projects. Rtn Irina is a second term member of the steering committee of Philanthropy Advisors Group at the Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners (STEP, London). She is a member of Board of Directors at the Chamber Music of Singapore and active in the marketing committee with the Ding Yi Music Company. She is involved as a trustee with Pace Universal (USA and India). She plays an active role as an advisor with The Blue Sky Charitable foundation (Dhaka, Bangladesh) and involved in many charitable and philanthropical projects around the world.

Rtn Irina described how she was in Kolkata a few years ago visiting an incredible Rotary Project, the Piyali Learning Centre (PLC), an education and vocational centre for young girls and women of the Piyali Junction village. Here, much of the villagers live on less than \$1 per day. For most girls this means that school is not an option. Instead, the girls tend to their family's needs, work in the fields, and as serve domestic servants. PLC centre is working to combat the problem of poverty in the village that often leads to unlawful child marriage, human trafficking, and illiteracy by providing free education as a means of empowerment and financial autonomy.

Rtn Irina's poignant presentation highlighted the suffering of those in extreme poverty particularly those of children as labourers and the atrocities of human trafficking, mostly of girls and women. She spoke of PACE International's work at Piyali and its approach to combat poverty and human trafficking.

President Garry invited PP Perlita Tiro to extend the Club's vote of thanks to Rtn Irina. PP Perlita noted that it was an eye-opener of a presentation and added the need to start respecting girls including foreign domestic helpers.

**For those who would like to learn more about this foundation, their wonderful work and how, if interested, to become more involved, please visit their web site: <http://paceuniversal.org> or contact Rtn Irina.**



*Rtn Irina with her Piyali girls*



*Rtn See Mee Lee*



*PP Perlita Tiro*



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

### RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants:

3 May – Winston Khoo  
6 May – Hena Hoda  
8 May – Daniel Beyeler

## Anniversary Celebrants

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

3 May – Loo Lian Wee & Fei Ying

## 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

## This Meeting

**3 May 2017**

**Reception Desk duty:** PP Tapan Rao & Omkar Shrestha  
**Sunshine Box duty:** Dr Irina Francken, Ntoudi Mouyelo

**Speaker:** Ms Jocelyn Matyas, Impact Investment Exchange Asia (IIX)  
**Topic:** *"Building Inclusive Markets Through Impact Investing"*

## Vocational Service Meeting

### Vocational Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 11 May

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** To be advised

**Host:** Vikrant Kanyal

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## Next Meeting

**10 May 2017**

**Meeting is cancelled in view of public holiday, "Vesak Day"**

## Coming Rotary Events

### 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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HUMANITY**

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