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The 21st INSTALLATION AND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Ho Lik Khui

The event this year was held at the Serangoon Gardens Country Club on 30 June 2009. Unlike previous events in which members were formally dressed, this evening our members came to display their colourful Peranakan attire. Even some of the dishes served were spicy to blend in with the evening ambience.



The lovely ladies at the function – with many in colourful peranakan attire.



The hot nyonyas with fans to keep them cool!

In his farewell speech as President, Jack Tan thanked his board of directors, CLP Chairs and members for their support. He also thanked Serangoon Garden Country Club for their good services and of course, PP Thomas Tan, who through his influence/efforts helped to make each meeting a smooth one. Special recognitions were given to PP James Tow and Hon Secretary PP Dennis Carroll respectively for the active roles they had played. They were both honoured with the 'Rotarian of the Year' awards. Jack was delighted

that our Club had achieved a 15% growth in membership. An important aspect of this growth was that the Club had its first lady member, Katherine Chang. This was not the end as we just had Sue Bastone on board recently.



Out-going President Jack giving his farewell speech



He presented a 'Rotarian of The Year' Award to Hon Sec PP Dennis Carroll



Pres Jack thanked his Board of Directors, the CLP Chairs & Club members for their support

I may add that the Club has transformed itself from all "Yang" to both "Ying and Yang". Hopefully this will bring in creativity, elegance and patience to balance the headstrong Yang. Although we are not seekers of fame, it should be pointed out that our Club has had an active year for all the avenues of services. More than anything else (and more than any trophy), our fellowship had grown from strength to strength despite the weak economy. Fellowship events were organised not only locally but also in overseas locations.

This was followed by the installation of PE Patrick Lim. Although initially he was reluctant to take up the post, he eventually relented saying that he now believes he must do something meaningful or at least do some exercise. In his year as President he promised that there would be fellowship, fun and good food. He did not tell us the secret recipe of what he intends to cook up but everyone of us speculated that it will have something to do with 'outsourcing'.



PE Patrick Lim taking the President's Oath

The main event of the evening was the induction of 2 new members and they were Stephen Tan and Koh Wee Son. PP Dennis Carroll conducted the proceedings smoothly in the presence of Asst Governor M M Patel. Stephen is the son of our CP, the late Tan Leong Teck. Now that he is a Rotarian he will no longer be 'Crouching Tiger or Hidden Dragon'. I am sure he will leap forward boldly to raise higher the Rotary banner which has been unfurled by his exemplary father. You ain't seen nothing yet!. The other member Koh is also full of enthusiasm. His wife and daughter turned out to support the dad, just like in the case of Stephen's wife & daughter.



WS Koh (left) & Stephen Tan introducing themselves at their induction.



Rtn Koh & spouse Yvonne & daughter Xuan Wen With President Patrick Lim & 1st Lady Margaret



Rtn Stephen Tan, spouse Sharon & daughter Stephanie with President Patrick & 1st Lady Margaret

PP Boh informed the gathering there that President Jack had recently telephoned him late in the night to request for a meeting in the former's house for his advice. Jack had been very touched by the great contributions of the Changi members who helped to bring success to the Club during his year of presidency. CP Tan Leong Teck had played a very important role in the chartering and building up of our Club. And as he had passed away during Jack's year as President, Jack offered to finish his term with a donation of \$5,000 to the RC Changi - CP Tan Leong Teck Bursary Fund. On hearing this that evening, PP Boh who was very touched also offered to contribute another \$2,000 towards this Bursary Fund. And when these contributions were announced that evening, PP IS Gong who donated the traditional 'Ang Koo Kuehs' for the function, instantly pledged \$1,000 to add to the new contributions.. I am sure this will spur the Past Presidents and members to do their fair share.

With the combination of membership growth, support of both male and female members, a heart for the community, strong international network, good fellowship and participation of the spouses, we can proudly say that RC Changi has moved to the next level of maturity. **Happy 21st birthday!**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2009/2010 (as on 30th June 2009):-

President	Patrick Lim
Imm. Past President	Jack Tan HY
President-Elect	Koo Mong Ing
Vice President	PP Dr Eufemio Lopez
Hon Secretary	PP Dennis C. Carroll
Hon Treasurer	PP Wong Kwai Wah
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International Service	PP Jack Tan Why Kuang
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Club Service	Rev Dr John Barrett

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Editorial Chairman	PP James Tow
TLT Bursary Chairman	PP Gerald Huang
Foundation Chairman	PP Dr Gong
Programme Chairman	Ho Lik Khui {Katherine Chang}

Auditor	PP Thomas Tan
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Incumbent CLP Standing Committee Chairs:-

Club Administration	PP Dennis Carroll
Club Membership	PP Anthony Tan
Club Public Relations	PP James Tow
Club Service Projects :	PP Boh Tuang Sim
Club Rotary Foundation	PP Dr Gong Ing San

NEW MEMBERS' PROFILES

Koh Wee Son (Koh), a Singaporean, is Managing Director of Poly Vision Pte Ltd (PV) and also a Director of Solid Surfacing Technologies Pte Ltd (SST).

PV is in solid surface business since 1993. It initially imported the building materials from overseas before eventually going into manufacturing themselves (SST) in 1997. SST is the first solid surface manufacturing plant in Singapore. It is supported and financed by the Economic Development Board of Singapore (EDB)

Koh's companies are a members of the Singapore Thailand Chamber of Commence. This chamber is active in charity work in Thailand. SST is a rapidly expanding business with a large clientele both in Singapore and in Thailand. This has resulted in Koh visiting Thailand on business very often.

Koh has been actively attending many of our Club's functions ever since his introduction and has enjoyed the great fellowship in Rotary. Also having observed and participated in the charitable works in Thailand, he has the desire to join the Rotary organization to be of service to society and to promote more fun, fellowship and international understanding. He enjoys golf and badminton and will, undoubtedly, fit in very nicely with our members who have similar interests.

Koh's charming spouse is Yvonne and they are blessed with an 8-year old daughter, Xuan Wen, and an 18-months old baby boy, Wen Huai.

Stephen Tan Eng Hoe (Stephen), a son of our late Charter President, Tan Leong Teck is a businessman and Managing Director of Bilcon Industries Pte Ltd. This Company manufactures high reinforced concrete pipes. When CP Leong Teck was with us, he was the Chairman of this company. Stephen has now taken over this Chairmanship

Stephen had mentioned that in his earlier days, he had observed that his father had many close Rotarian friends from various Clubs. These friends often visited him, had functions at his home, or took him out for dinners. His father's devotion to Rotary, his outstanding contributions to society and his efforts to improve society at large through the Rotary Organisation had made a deep impression on him. So eventually when Stephen made acquaintance with our PP Boh and accepted invitations to our Club functions, he showed no hesitation to join our Club and be a Rotarian, to continue his father's good deeds of 'Service Above Self'.

Stephen's wife is Sharon and they have 3 children. The oldest is a son, Timothy Peter, aged 28 who is an architect working in Melbourne. The next, a 25 years old son, is a chemistry graduate in Singapore. The youngest is 21 years old daughter Stephanie who studies in Australia.

"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 friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned

SOLID SURFACE FURNITURE

PP Dennis Carroll

On 24-Jun-09 our then in-coming member, WS Koh gave us a talk on his business on solid surface furniture, practicing in the name of Poly Vision Pte Ltd

Poly Vision is the leading local SME dealing in Solid Surfacing Materials. The company is the only local firm with its own manufacturing plant. It has been in the market for around 14 years. It works closely with local renowned architects, designers and main construction firms in some of the prestigious local residential developments and commercial projects. In recent years it has spread to regional countries like Thailand, Vietnam, Mauritius, Japan and Australia.



Mr Koh speaking proudly about his solid products.

Mr Koh highlighted the advantages of his product and how versatile it is. Although competition from lower cost countries is of concern, Poly Vision prides itself in being amongst the internationally recognised top names including the generically known 'Corian' from DuPont.

Our club is planning a vocational visit to the plant in Tuas during this RI year.

Fighting Poverty in Sri Lanka

PP Dennis Carroll

James Wong Jun Wen (son of our very own PP Wong Kwai Wah) and three other like-minded young men gave a presentation to our Club on 15th July on a project they are working on in Sri Lanka. Fighting Poverty in Sri Lanka (FPSL) is a project established in February this year which aims raise funds to help fight malnutrition and hunger in young children and mother is rural Sri Lanka. It also envisages to create a platform for young Singaporeans to learn to how to start their own project with the same theme.

The FPSL team explained their plans to club members who received it with typical Rotary generosity of mind and intent. The first phase is planning to distribute aid/food in Katarangama. The aim of this is to create empathy and solidarity with those that need help. It will also facilitate the collection of data to better understand the issues. As the project grows the impact will be greater but also the needs and responsibilities.

At the end of the talk the club expressed an interest in helping with the project and in the subsequent BOD meeting, the project received in-principal approval.

More news as this worthy cause develops.

LIVER TRANSPLANT

Conrad Chew

Dr Desmond Wai graduated from NUS and he is originally from Hong Kong. He is an accomplished transplant Hematologist and Gastroenterologist with Gleneagles Hospital and to date, he has performed 139 liver transplants and published more than 80 papers on liver transplants.

At our meeting on 29 July '09, Dr Wai shared with us the various challenges in liver transplants via both deceased donors and live donors. On live donors, they are subject to an independent Ethnic Committee's review and approval.



Dr Wai describing the various types of Liver Transplants

Dr Wai also spoke at length about the Ministry of Health's directive on Organ Donation (Opt-in, Opt-out) for Singaporeans and PRs and the incentive (for and against) to Organ Donation. Dr Wai shared an amazing fact that a healthy person can live on 30% of liver reserve as it can re-generate itself and grow back to full size in 1 year!

Amongst the many successful cases shared with us on the liver transplants patients coming from Pan-Asia, Dr Wai particularly highlighted his 4th case of liver transplant on Andrea D'cruz (a Singapore Actress) and her acute liver failure condition.

Dr Wai was well received by fellow Rotarians, whom asked a range of questions. Kudos to Dr Wai and his dedicated efforts towards saving lives of liver disease patients and advancement in techniques for the health benefits of mankind.



PP Dr Gong presented Dr Wai with our Club bannerette after thanking him for the greatly appreciated talk

Events to Catch

August

5th
(Wed) **RC Changi-CP Tan Leong Teck Bursary Fund Presentation**
Venue: Serangoon Gdns CC

12th
(Wed) **Club Assembly**

15th
(Sat) **ACS (International) Interact Club's 3rd Installation**
Time: 10am Venue: School Hall

19th
(Wed) **Catholic Welfare Charity Dinner**
Venue: Bliss Garden Restaurant
(Singapore Expo -2nd Storey #02-01)

26th
(Wed) **Presentation by SCDF on their Rescue Mission to the Sichuan Earthquake**
Joint Meeting with RC Serangoon Gardens
(Time & Venue as usual)

August Birthday

04th Boh Tuang Sim

August Wedding Anniversaries

03rd James Tow & Irene

07th Dr Eufemio Lopez & Jessie

12th Rev Dr John Barrett & Sally

14th Patrick Lim & Margaret

15th Dennis Carroll & Dana



: RI President John Kenny says 'Future of Rotary is in Your Hands'

"In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs. If our clubs are congenial and our meetings well run, if our service is carefully planned and

competently carried out, if our members are qualified, honest, and respected in their vocations and communities, then all of Rotary will thrive. This is why I say The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

Water, health and hunger, and literacy will be our emphases in the year ahead. In this Rotary year, I ask Rotarians everywhere to continue to learn from our experiences and to build upon our successes. I ask you all to continue to work for the health and well-being of not only children but their families and people everywhere. I ask you particularly to focus on water and sanitation, as the scarcity of clean water is an increasingly serious issue in many parts of the world.

In Scotland, we have a saying that I'm fond of quoting: "We must look beyond our own parish pump." It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community. We must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world. In every one of those communities, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility. We can, and we must. For we know that Rotary is only as great as its clubs – and our clubs are only as great as the members within them.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

