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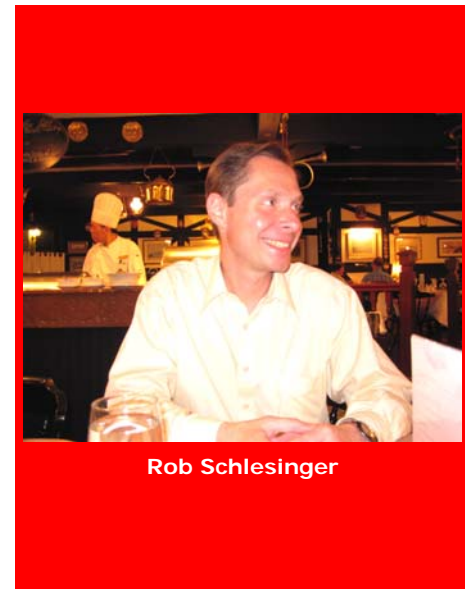
In Focus

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Seated (R to L): Mrs. Maria Chia, Rtns. Rob, Perlita, PP Shih Fang
Standing (R to L): PP Stan, Rtns. Karen Yip & Joseph



Rob Schlesinger

Rotarian Robert Schlesinger, our ambassadorial Rotarian to the United States was back in town recently.

Rotarian Rob works for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY and lives in the United States. He was attending the World Economic Forum in Dalian, China last week followed by visits to Beijing, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Rtn Rob planned to attend our meeting on September 16th but was unable due to flight delay.

Instead, he attended the International Service Committee meeting in Honorary Secretary Rtn Tapan's home in Waterside Tangjong Rhu the following day. During the fellowship time, Rtn Rob first announced the sad news that he lost his sister recently and in the same breath, he advised that he is donating \$10,000 to our club projects in the name of his sister. He then turned to Rtn Joseph Chia for advice. Rtn Joseph said that, off the cuff, that he wished to see 50%

goes to the 'cleft lips' project in the Philippines and 50% goes to the 'Eye Mission' in Hyderabad.

All attending the fellowship was moved and President Lip Kee thanked Rtn Rob for his generosity.

Note:

1. An 'ambassadorial Rotarian' is a member of our club but as the person does not live in Singapore, he is made an 'ambassadorial Rotarian' to the country that he lives. **RC**

Last week

Club happenings on September 30th

- Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Opening Remarks:

President Dr. Yap Lip Kee opened the Meeting with a warm welcome to our Speaker, His Excellency (HE) Mr. David Sevigny, the High Commissioner of Canada.

Welcome of Guests:

Rtn. Dr. Albert Wee welcomed Guests of members and visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Mrs. Andrea Nijsten (wife of Rtn. Peter Paul), Ms. Maria Boey, Dr. Anne Hagarty, Ms. Rajdeep Kaur, Mr. Xavier Sanjiman

Visiting Rotarians:

Heather & Alan Dearman – Guernesais, Channel Islands
Bas Gelder & Marphy Bink – Noordwijk Duin-en Bollenstreek, Netherlands

Toast:

PP Chiang Shih Fang called upon visiting Rtn. Bas Gelder to say a few words about his club. Rtn. Bas advised that he was in Singapore for one and a half weeks and the visit to the Club was the icing on the cake for his trip. He added that his club was 7 years old, located in an area famous for its flower bulbs. PP Shih Fang invited members to join him in raising a toast to the

Noordwijk Duin-en Bollenstreek club and Rotary International.

Donations towards the flood victims in Philippines:

President Lip Kee called upon Rtn. Perlita Tiro who appealed to members for their support to aid Philippines as it faced the biggest storm in half a century. She advised that over 500,000 people were rendered homeless and the death toll has hit 140 with 30+ missing. She added that disease lurked over the disaster zones and relief workers were in dire shortage of food, water & supplies to help survivors.

Rtn. Perlita called on members to send their cheques payable to **ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE** (Indicate Phil Flood Victims at back of cheque) and mail to:

Rotary Club of Singapore
333 Orchard Road #07-04
The Meritus Mandarin
Singapore 238867

Rtn. Perlita was pleased to add that President Lip Kee had pledge S\$1,000 and that the BOH Trust would be requested to donate \$5,000 towards this worthy cause.

(A total of \$13,300 donations and pledges were received by the end of the weekly meeting.) **RC**



Dr. Albert Wee



PP Chiang Shih Fang



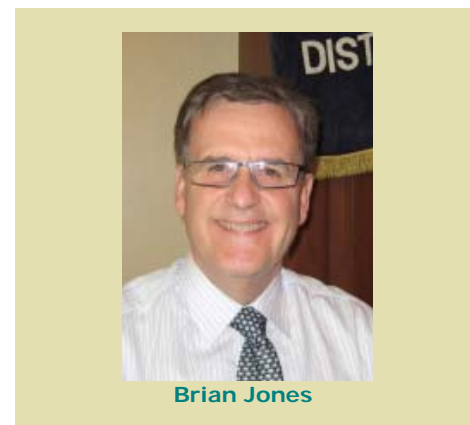
Perlita Tiro

Guest corner...

“Canada’s Changing Asian Priorities”

Speaker: H.E. Mr. David Sevigny

Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng



Speaker’s Introduction:

Rtn. Brian Jones, a fellow Canadian, was pleased to introduce the Speaker His Excellency (HE) Mr. David Sevigny the High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore. HE Mr. Sevigny did both his BA and MA (Economics) at the University of Toronto. Rtn. Brian noted that most of HE Mr. Sevigny’s career was in the Bank of Canada, prior to his diplomatic career. He added that HE Mr. Sevigny was posted twice to Washington DC, first as Senior Advisor to the Canadian Executive at the World Bank and next, as Finance Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy to the USA.

Speaker:

HE Mr. Sevigny stated the new economic reality that whilst the USA was Canada’s largest trading partner, over the next 10 years,

Asia was widely expected to account for an even larger share of global growth. He added that Canada was in a strong position to

weather the global downturn, and cited the country’s strengths. HE Mr. Sevigny also spoke of Canada’s large representation in Singapore. He also noted that like Singapore, Canada has a strong focus on multiculturalism and social harmony.

Vote of Thanks:

PP Stan Low warmly extended the vote of thanks to HE Mr. Sevigny whom he noted was a wonderful speaker with excellent oratorical skills. He thanked HE Mr. Sevigny for graciously answering the questions forwarded by members and with regards to some of the frank comments made, PP Stan noted that Singapore had its shortcomings too! **RC**

Club Activities

CSC Project on World Hospice Day

Community Service Committee (CSC) has organised an exhibition booth for Assisi Home & Hospice to enhance awareness and generate a greater understanding towards hospice services in Singapore on **Sunday, October 11th**, which is World Hospice Day at the Active Ageing Carnival.

Below are the details for the Carnival. Rotarians can kindly refer to Director Goh Bock Seng, at email bockseng@singnet.com.sg, who will be coordinating this event.

- Guest of Honour:** Dr Amy Khor, Mayor of South West District
Senior Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources
- Date:** Sunday, 11 October 2009
- Time:** 9 am to 1 pm
- Venue:** Hard Court opposite Lot One Shoppers' Mall
- Dress Code:** Sports Attire
- Highlights:**
- "South West Says Hello" (a mass exercise where 1,500 Participants engaged in sets of interactive aerobic steps)
 - The "Songs We Sing" Lyrics Challenge (modified from popular variety show, Don't Forget Your Lyrics)
 - Wii Family Games Challenge
 - Free and/or Subsidised Health Screening
 - Sports Activities

- contributed by Rtn. Gary Goh

The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the precept 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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Mark your Diary!



- compiled by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

Birthday Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Birthday* to celebrants this week:

October 5 – Wilson Widjaja
October 6 – Rewa Mirpuri
October 11 – Robert Chien

This week

October 7th 2009

Reception Desk duty: Colin Miles, T.K. Chew
Sunshine Box duty: Kavita Butalia, Zahidi Abd Rahman
Speaker: To be advised
Topic: To be advised

Service Committee Meetings

Vocational Service

No Meeting in view of Club Assembly on October 20th.

Anniversary Celebrants

RC wishes *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to all celebrants:

October 7 – Erwin & Daniela Angerbauer

Next week

October 14th 2009

Reception Desk duty: PP sajjad Akhtar, Karen Yip
Sunshine Box duty: PE P Balachandran, Etienne Chenevier
Speaker: Mr. Nicholas Aaron Khoo
Topic: "Technopreneur Whizzid"

Service Committee Meetings

International Service

No Meeting in view of Club Assembly on October 20th.

October Vocational Month

October 2nd

Divali Nite

October 20th

2nd Club Assembly

at the Tanglin Club

October 21st

District Governor's Official Visit at Meritus Mandarin

November Rotary Foundation Month

December Rotary Family Month

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?

Quotation

(contributed by Rtn. Uttam Kripalani)

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to change and control your life; and the procedure, the process is its own reward." - Amelia Earhart, 1897-1937, American Aviation Pioneer and Author

News from previous member

Rtn. Joseph Chia received the following message from previous member, Daniel Roche...

"Yes, I have been in Palestine for three months now. I will open a Movenpick Hotel here. It will be the only 5-star in town, with large conference facilities for 1000 persons.

We postponed the opening at Sentosa until late 2010 or 2011.

Ramallah is a peaceful city under reconstruction but of course nothing to compare to Singapore!"



Daniel Roche