

— *ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE* —

*PRESENTS*

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*Change of  
Guards*

# Installation of the 76th President of the Rotary Club of Singapore





“ I would sincerely like to say THANK YOU VERY MUCH for all your contribution whether you think it may be too little or not enough. Every little contribution counts and without such, our event may not have turned out successful. Also to our advisors, PP Chin Ngiap and PP Mohan as well as SAA Gerald - thank you so much. And never forgetting too, our dearest Bernie and Ivy - thank you very much. ”

- Jimmy Ooi



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# Club happenings on July 7th - Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

President Bala received a standing ovation as he started the first meeting of the new Rotary year. He advised in keeping with the tradition, the meeting was also the first Club Assembly when Committee Chairpersons would outline their plans for the year.

President Bala also took the opportunity to thank members for their support of the Installation Dinner held on 25th June. He warmly thanked the Organising Committee Members:

**Chairman,**

Vice President Jimmy Ooi

**Master of Ceremonies,**

PP Stan Low

**Souvenir Magazine Editor,**

Director Colin Miles &

Rtn. Xavier Sanjiman

**Sergeants-at-Arms,**

Rtns. Gerald Abeyawardena &

Michael Haughey

**Treasurer,**

“Mali” S Malaiappan

Advisors: PPs Paliath “Mohan” Mohandas and Tan Chin Ngiap  
For their wonderful efforts in making the Installation Dinner such a success.

President Bala also thanked Rtn. Yong Poh Shin for providing a surprise gift for President S R Nathan, which was presented at the Installation Dinner.



## GUESTS OF MEMBERS

President Bala was pleased to welcome to the Club's Honorary Member, Her Excellency (HE), Ms. Jayathri Samarakone, the High Commissioner for the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. He added that HE Ms. Samarakone also attended the Installation Dinner as a guest at Rtn. Mohan Vaswani's table.

As there were no other visiting Rotarians or guests, Rtn. Alan Tan formally welcomed HE Ms. Samarakone to the meeting as well.

## District Officers

President Bala congratulated the following members who are District Officers:

- ▶ PDG Dr. Philbert Chin who serves in the District Strategic Plan Committee, Council of Past Governors, District Training Committee and District Vocational Service Committee.
- ▶ PDG Dr. Robert Loh who serves in the Council of Past Governors, District Avoidable Blindness Committee and District Rotary Public Relations Committee.

- ▶ PDG Dr. Ivor Thevathasan who serves in the Council of Past Governors and District Rotary Foundation Committee.
- ▶ Past President Sajjad Akhtar who is our Assistant Governor for Group 8 comprising of our Club, Bukit Timah, Changi, E-club of 3310, Sentosa and Victoria.
- ▶ Past President Koh Juay Meng who is Deputy Chair of the District Rotaract Committee and Member of the District Rotary Awards Committee.
- ▶ IPP Dr. Yap Lip Kee who serves in the District Disaster Relief Committee.
- ▶ Vice President Jimmy Ooi who serves as the Youth District Resource Group Coordinator and in the District World Community Service Committee.
- ▶ Rtn. Uttam Kripalani who serves in the Family of Rotary District Committee.
- ▶ Rtn. Perlita Tiro who is a District Trainer.

## Board's Plan

President Bala was pleased to see PP Manik Shahani at the meeting and was very grateful to him for coming to the meeting. He noted that there were some members who have difficulties coming to the weekly meetings due to poor mobility and he hoped that members would chip in to help in order for these members to attend the meetings.

President Bala advised that the Board during its informal discussions wished to address certain issues:

- ▶ To get the members enthused with what was being done in the community service projects. With the promotion, interaction and buy in to the projects, more members would participate.
- ▶ To foster better friendships in Rotary.
- ▶ To see more interaction among vocations.
- ▶ To revisit the administration and running of the Club to ensure future leadership.
- ▶ Service Committees to focus on its strengths and stay in the forefront, particularly in the Major Project, in addressing the social issues faced in Singapore. The Club should take the lead to identify an issue and see if it can contribute towards addressing this need.

President Bala called on members to come forward with their opinions and added that the Board was not adverse to criticisms.

## Board of Directors

President Bala introduced his Board Members:

### Immediate Past President

Dr. Yap Lip Kee

### President Elect

Tapan Rao

### Vice Presidents

David Ong & Jimmy Ooi

### Hon. Secretary

Vijai Parwani

### Hon. Treasurer

"Mali" S Malaiappan

### DIRECTORS

#### Chairman Community

Brigitte Holtschneider

#### Chairman Vocational

Vikrant Kanyal

#### Chairman International

Dinesh Sharma

#### Chairman Service to New Generations

Ashi Sarwal

#### Director

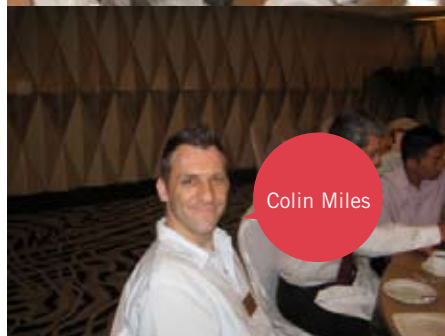
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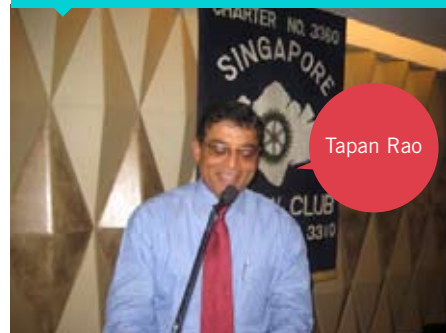
N. "Subbu" Subramanian



David Ong



Colin Miles



Tapan Rao



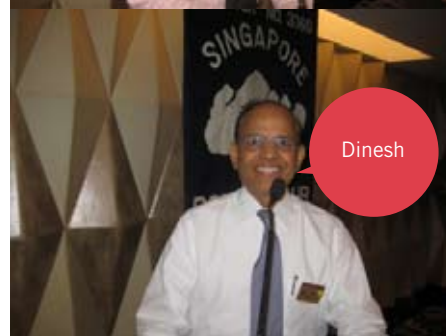
Brigitte



Vikrant Kanyal



Jimmy Ooi



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		<b>Reception Desk duty:</b> <b>T.K. Chew, Joseph Chia</b> <b>Sunshine Box duty:</b> <b>PP C K Ang,</b> <b>Uttam Kripalan</b> <b>Topic:</b> <b>"The Unparalleled</b> <b>Power of Trust"</b>	<b>International Service Comm.</b> <b>Time: 7.30 pm</b> <b>Venue:</b> <b>41 Chee Hoon Avenue,</b> <b>S299762</b>	<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b> <b>Goh Bock Seng</b> 		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<b>Outing with the elderly</b> <b>residents of the Man</b> <b>Fut Tong Home to the</b> <b>Singapore Garden</b> <b>Festival</b>	<b>Reception Desk duty:</b> <b>PP Chiang Shih Fang,</b> <b>Keizo Fujitake</b> <b>Sunshine Box duty:</b> <b>PP Stan Low,</b> <b>Vicki Chan</b> <b>Topic:</b> <b>"Aquaponics Project"</b>	<b>Service to New Generation.</b> <b>Time: 7.30 pm</b> <b>Venue:</b> <b>Moghul Mahal Restaurant,</b> <b>177A River Valley Road, 6th</b> <b>floor, Liang Court Shopping</b> <b>Centre, S179031</b>			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## lookingahead

## AUGUST

Membership and Extension Month

## September

New Generations Month

## September 1st

District Governor Dr. K.A. Abraham's Official Visit

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