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*Singapore
Garden
Festival*



OUTING TO THE SINGAPORE GARDEN FESTIVAL

15 senior residents of the Man Fut Tong Home, many of them in wheelchairs together with their helpers were received by several Rotarians and friends at the Singapore Garden Festival at Suntec City on Tuesday 20 July.



Our guests were overawed and charmed by the sheer beauty and majesty of the garden and floral displays. The centre piece at the exhibition was a five-metre tall display called The Man Who Planted Trees. It is grown and nurtured by hundreds of people from the public and is considered the fruit of labour of the community.

Other displays included spectacular landscapes, mysterious jungle of Pandora, 'daintree', the treehouse-modern kampong house.

Thanks to the great effort put in by the guides, our guests, the residents of the Man Fut Tong Home were given a conducted tour with explanations of the displays. Our grateful thanks to the guides !

The outing was rounded off by a special meal prepared for the senior folks. One of the residents, Mary in a very attractive floral dress, regaled us with a few songs during the meals.

An afternoon enjoyed by the residents and of course all the Rotarians and friends who had the privilege of sharing this wonderful afternoon.

Rotarians and spouses from our club included Noshir and Roshan and their grandchildren, PP Shih Fang and Liew Chin, Joseph, Maria and their son, PE Tapan and 10 colleagues from his company, IPP Mohandas and Uttam

Let the pictures speak for themselves.



By:
Uttam Kripalani



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Club happenings on July 14th - Reported by Bernadette Rayney-Ng

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

President Bala welcomed members and the Guest Speaker, Rotarian Chris Sharp from the Rotary Club of Roxby, Australia. President Bala also welcomed Rtn. Suresh Hathiramani who recently returned from a leave of absence of one month.

GUEST OF MEMBERS

PP Koh Juay Meng welcomed the following Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians:

GUESTS:

Mrs. Malena Perkmann (Rtn. Dr. Thomas Perkmann's wife), Mrs. Lam Chan Lee Tiang and Dr. Philip Chew (AVA), Ms. Rekha Isaac, Mr. Kai Wilke, Rotaractor K. Murugesan from Pudukkottai, India

ROTARIANS:

Phoenix Club 100, USA

Previous Member, Rtn. H.P. Bhagat

Lahore, Pakistan

Khalid Rashid

Queenstown

Bertrand Laurent

TOAST

Rtn. Jeff Rajeck invited previous member, Rtn. H.P. Bhagat to address the Club.

Rtn. H.P. advised that he was a member of the Club for 25 years till he left in 1997. He became a member of the Phoenix 100 Club, so named because it was the one hundredth club to be chartered. Rtn. H.P. added that the club has 200 members and supported many activities.

100 PERCENTERS- 2009/2010:

President Bala acknowledged and congratulated the following members who attained 100% attendance at the weekly meetings for the Rotary year 2009/2010:

- i. PDG Dr. Philbert Chin
- ii. PP Dr. Oliver Hennedige
- iii. Uttam Kripalani
- iv. Jamshid Medora
- v. PE Tapan Rao
- vi. IPP Dr. Yap Lip Kee

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

President Bala advised that the Paul Harris Fellowship was named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of US\$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programmes of The Rotary Foundation. Those programmes include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programmes provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of persons. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

President Bala called upon Rtn. Dr. Thomas Perkmann and PE Tapan Rao to be recognized for their contributions and took the opportunity to thank them for their commitment to the programmes of The Rotary Foundation.

SUNSHINE FELLOWS:

President Bala called on members to support and become Sunshine Fellows, contributions of \$175 would go towards Community and Service to New Generations Committees' projects. He added that traditionally members of these two committees would be Sunshine Fellows, and members who were not, were encouraged to become Sunshine Fellows. President Bala added that the Club needed at least 70 to 80 Sunshine Fellows.

INSTALLATION DINNER PHOTOS

Photographs taken at the Installation Dinner held on 25th June are now available for selection at the Secretariat. Orders for the photographs can be placed and will cost \$1.00 each.

Aquaponics :

The Future of Food



By:
Rtn. Chris Sharp

SPEAKER'S INTRODUCTION



Rtn. Kavita Singh introduced the Guest Speaker, Rtn. Chris Sharp who is a member of the Roxby Club in Australia. He lives in a desert town of Andamooka about 600 kms north of Adelaide. Rtn. Chris has worked in the aquaculture industry for over 7 years in Australia, Brunei and Malaysia. For the past 3 years, Rtn. Chris has concentrated on the design, building and lecturing of Home Aquaponics Systems. He has given lectures on home aquaponics to Rotary Clubs in Canada, USA as well as in Singapore.

SPEAKER



Rtn. Chris explained the simplicity of aquaponics with its natural co-habitation of plants and fish. Noting the scarcity of water, Rtn. Chris presented a comparison chart by National Geographic, which showcased the vast amount of water needed to produce food such as beef, pork and chicken and that of aquaponics.

He highlighted the advantages of aquaponics for Singapore



and its people, particularly its health benefits, food security and sustainability. He even suggested areas where aquaponics could be incorporated and showed various prototypes of rotating aquaponics systems.

Rtn. Chris stated at about 1.2 billion people were starving and that Singapore could set a great example for Asia for using aquaponics to grow food.

VOTE OF THANKS

In his vote of thanks Rtn. Suresh Hathiramani noted that Rtn. Chris had shown how much a little application and imagination could achieve. He added that our ancestors have been practising the art of aquaponics for over 5,000 years – out of necessity and without energy. Whilst, in the situation today, Rtn. Suresh added that we cannot afford large amounts of energy and water to grow our food and aquaponics therefore provided a ready avenue to grow vegetables organically.



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
July 2010			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Dr. Albert Wee 	Reception Desk duty: PP Dr. Oliver Hennedige, Gary Goh Sunshine Box duty: PK Chatterjee, Noshir Mistri	Topic: "The Journey from the Lab to the Pharmacy... It all Starts With a Good Idea...Power of Trust"		HAPPY BIRTHDAY! PP Raymon Huang 	
26	27	28	29	30	31	

looking ahead

JULY 31ST

Rotaract Club of Temasek's Installation at Singapore Philatelic Museum, 23B Coleman Street, S179807 from 1.45 – 4.00pm

September

New Generations Month

September 1st

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

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