



# “Light Up Rotary”

## Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd

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### RI PRESIDENT GARY HUANG VISITS SINGAPORE



The Inter-City Christmas Party with RI President Gary Huang was held in Singapore at the Grand Copthorne Hotel on 22 Dec 2014. This was attended by over 400 Rotarians and guests.



RI President Gary Huang met with Singapore President Tony Tan together with DG Hj Andre Suharto and some of our Singapore PDGs on 22 Dec 2014.

### 22<sup>ND</sup> FRCS AGM



The Foundation's 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM was held on 26 Dec 2014 at Chinatown Point. It was attended by 39 Rotarians and followed by a fellowship buffet dinner.

### PDG DR BEN CHNG



Our deepest condolences to the family of PDG Ben Chng who passed away from a heart attack during his visit to Brunei on 19 Jan 2015. Age 77, he served as District 3310 Governor in 1993/94.

## GAME FOR MENTAL FITNESS PROJECT



PP To Chee Kan who chairs this Game for Mental Fitness project reported on a very successful Phase 1:

- Nearly 150 elders and caregivers attended our game sessions at Chinatown Point.
- Positive response from every participant.
- Sold 140+ sets of Rummikub in less than a month.
- Estimated 1500+ persons are now playing the game as introduced through this project.
- Obtained some press coverage (ST 12 Dec 2014).
- Interests from various parties for Phase 2 outreach.
- Some 20 Rotarians, U3A members, and reps from NCSS members trained to teach the game.
- Raised some public awareness of both Rotary and U3A Singapore's concern for the elderly.

PDG Dr Wu and the BOD have mandated that we now proceed to Phase 2 as an **ICONIC PROJECT**:

- Encourage participation from all Rotary clubs in Singapore.
- Work with our Rotary Relations Committee (RRC) and AGs to engage our Rotary clubs.
- Set up a 3-tier management system; FRCS, RRC/AGs, and Club committees.
- Work with eldercare centres and social service organisations for effective outreach.
- Import 1000 game sets for our outreach activities.
- Launch a sustained effort to publicise the benefits of promoting mental fitness for elders.

## ROTARY RUN 2015

For the first time in its history, Rotary in Singapore will be organising a Rotary Run. This is a Foundation project led by President Ong Chee Wee of the Rotary eClub 3310 and his mostly youthful Executive Committee comprising Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors. Plans are well underway to stage the run on 24 May 2015.





## ROTARY WISH

A fundraising dinner cum interactive art workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014 by German artist Mr Uwe Jergen Baue raised \$40,000 for the Rotary Wish project. Guest-of-Honour was Minister-of-State for Trade & Industry Mr Teo Ser Luck. Since the inception of the project, more than 100 underprivileged adults with a terminal illness have had their final wishes granted.



## CHARITY GOLF 2014



Our charity golf event is a regular annual project of the Foundation having been held almost every year since 2006. This year the project came under the Foundation's Fundraising Committee chaired by PP Dr Yap Lip Kee. PP Tan Kok Kheng and his organising committee held the event on 13 Nov 2014 at the Sentosa Golf Club at which 112 golfers took part. The event raised a gross sum of \$82,720 and proceeds will be used for Meals From The Heart, Eldercare, Pocket Money Fund projects and the proposed Rotary Nursing Home.





## SPEY WHISKY PROJECT

The sale of specially imported SPEY Royal Choice Whisky at \$388 per bottle by the Rotary Club of Marina City raised \$52,982 for Club Rainbow's Talent Development Fund and \$12,180 for St. Hilda's Community Services Centre. This was a project by the Rotary Club of Marina City organised in conjunction with their 30th Anniversary Dinner.



## PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Tanjong Pagar, in partnership with the Young Women Division of Singapore Soka Association, carried out an Eye Talk/Quiz and Eye Screening exercise on Sunday 11 Jan 2015 at the latter's Tampines Headquarters office. About 120 youths attended the talk given by Dr Gerard Nah, Ophthalmologist from W Eye Clinic. This was very well received. Participants found the talk to be very informative and helpful in learning about common eye problems and how to take care of their eyes.

The Eye Screening was carried out by Mr Arion Wong, Optometrist, United Eye Care with the help of 20 volunteers from 1pm and continued till 6.15pm. A total of 153 beneficiaries, mostly in their twenties, attended the eye screenings. 13 cases of abnormal increased eye pressure were detected, 2 cases of cataract suspect were found (older age group) and 28 cases of refractive errors were reported and advised on their next step. All beneficiaries received counseling at the end station of their screening. Feedback received on the eye screening session was very positive. This was the first time that most of the beneficiaries had experienced

eye screening. Some were very surprised by their results and thankful that they had this chance to have their eyes screened and to be able to take preventive measures.

IPDG Chew Ghim Bok was the Guest of Honour and presented momentos, plaques and prizes to Eye Quiz winners. The total expense for the two events was about \$2600. This was covered by sponsorships and contributions from club members, United Eye Care, W Eye Clinic, Singapore Soka Association and its Young Women Division.

