

Daily Bulletin



Visitors stream in early for pre-convention events

Many conventioners already feel at home in Singapore, having arrived here early for the International Institute, the Rotaract Meeting and the Youth Exchange Officers' Meeting. Among the many topics on their respective agendas: global perspectives on the needs of children, international service projects between Rotaract clubs and how to involve more countries, districts and Rotarians in Youth Exchange.

Several events have been planned by The Rotary Foundation, including a seminar on Saturday, which is open to all alumni of Foundation programs, as well as Foundation chair-

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Inter-faith Gathering Sunday

The Inter-faith Gathering, celebrating Rotary's work for peace and diverse religious makeup, will be held on Sunday from 1000-1100 in the SICEC Auditorium. It will be presented in English with simultaneous interpretation in Chinese and Japanese. Featured at the service will be the Rotary World Fellowship Choir, composed of 75 Rotarians from around the world.

Convention Count

15,474 Registrants
122 Countries

** as of June 11*

The 90th Annual Rotary International Convention

12-13 June 1999

Singapore



The Singapore Chinese Orchestra

A host of events beckons

The Host Organization Committee will welcome Rotarians and guests Saturday evening with a concert performed by the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO). One of the world's premiere Chinese orchestras, the SCO performs a combination of traditional Chinese and classical western music.

The concert will feature one of China's top pianists, Shi Shu Cheng, who will play his classic piano concerto, "The Yellow River," and a performance by Lim Sin Yeo, a dizi (Chinese flute) soloist. The SCO, directed

by Hu Bing Xu, will perform a number of Malay favorites, including "Suriram," "Singapura" and "Di Tanjong Katong."

Among other official Host Organization Committee events, Rotarians teed off Friday in a golf tournament to determine the unofficial Rotary "champion," and Wednesday night will feature the Carnival in Singapore, an evening of fun, food and entertainment following the convention's closing ceremony.

House of Friendship Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, 12 June

1200-1230 Lion Dance and Flag Dance
1240-1320 Malay Musical Group and Gamelan
1350-1430 Indian Dance
1440-1510 Chinese Ensemble
1520-1550 Dondang Sayang
1600-1610 Chinese Dance (PA Chinese Dance Group)

Sunday, 13 June

1200-1230 TPJC Guitar Ensemble
1240-1310 Indian Orchestra (Singapore Indian Orchestra and Choir)
1320-1340 Senior Citizens Item (Tanjong Pagar Senior Citizens Choir)
1350-1420 Singapore Youth Choir
1430-1500 Bhangra
1510-1530 Xinyao



Rotary International

RI President welcomes conventioners



To each of you who has followed your Rotary dream to Singapore, I extend a warm welcome to the 90th Rotary International Convention. Our last convention of the 20th cen-

tury, this is also the first one to be held in the garden city of Singapore — a fascinating setting that is certain to enhance your enjoyment of the convention.

I invite you to participate as fully as possible in convention activities, taking advantage of the many opportunities for fellowship and education. From home hospitality to plenary sessions to workshops, Rotarians will have the chance to make new friends, discuss critical issues affecting Rotary and the world, and renew their commitment to Rotary service.

Our annual convention is also a time to take pride in our achievements of the year. The **Follow Your Rotary Dream** Club and District Projects Exhibition showcases some 30 projects that provide an overview of Rotary's recent service accomplishments, and I urge you all to visit this impressive display.

I also encourage you to explore the beauty of Singapore, with its dynamic mix of cosmopolitan flair and exotic wildlife. Your hosts from Districts 3300, 3310 and 3400 want to send you home with a wealth of wonderful memories of this part of the world. On behalf of all Rotarians, I thank them for their efforts.

I sincerely hope that each of you will leave this convention with new enthusiasm and a renewed commitment to **Follow Your Rotary Dream** as we work together for Rotary's ideals and programs.

James L. Lacy
President,
Rotary International

Unofficial Affiliate Events

Sunday, 13 June

Running and Fitness Fellowship Run and Walk, SICEC, 0700
Northland Breakfast Mtg, Marina Mandarin Hotel, 0730
South Asia Breakfast Mtg, Oriental Singapore Hotel, 0730
Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship, SICEC, Room 301, 1400-1530
State of New Jersey Reception, Westin Plaza, Indiana Room, 1730-1830
Captain Carlo's Crew (DGs 1999-2000), SICEC, Rooms 301-302, 1730-1830

Monday, 14 June

Running and Fitness Fellowship Run and Walk, SICEC, 0700
Southland Breakfast Mtg, Pan Pacific Hotel, 0700
Texas Breakfast Mtg, Pan Pacific Hotel, 0700
Far West California Breakfast Mtg, Westin Stamford, 0700
Japan Rotary Fellowship Breakfast, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 0730
District 6440 Breakfast Mtg, Westin Plaza, 0730
Fellowships Committee Mtg, SICEC, Room 308, 1300
Fellowships Annual Mtg, SICEC, Room 308, 1400
Travel and Hosting Fellowship Board Mtg, Travel and Hosting Fellowship Booth, SICEC, 1500
Flying Rotarians Fellowship Mtg, SICEC, Room 203, 1530
Scouting Rotarians Fellowship Mtg, SICEC, Room 308, 1530
Population and Development Vocational Fellowship Mtg, SICEC, Room 309, 1530
Bridge Playing Rotarians Fellowship Tournament, SICEC, Room 203, 1900

Tuesday, 15 June

Running and Fitness Fellowship Run and Walk, SICEC, 0700
Korean Breakfast Mtg, Pan Pacific Hotel, 0700
Heart of America Breakfast Mtg, Marina Mandarin Hotel, 0700
Latin America Breakfast Mtg, Pan Pacific Hotel, 0730
Asia Zones 4, 6 and 7 Breakfast Mtg, Westin Stamford, 0730
RIBI Breakfast Mtg, Westin Plaza, 0730
Pacific Northwest Breakfast (U.S. and Canada) Mtg, Pan Pacific Hotel, 0730
All Africa Breakfast Mtg, Westin Plaza, 0730
Travel and Hosting Fellowship Breakfast Mtg, Mandarin Hotel, 0730
Law Vocational Fellowship Mtg, SICEC, Room 207, 1400-1445
District 5280 DGN John Jones Reception, Pan Pacific Hotel, 1730
Arizona Rotarians (Districts 5490, 5500 and 5510) Reception, Carlton Hotel, 1730-1900
District 2640 Buffet Dinner, Westin Plaza, 1900
Travel and Hosting Fellowship Tour Group Celebration Dinner, Mandarin Hotel, 1900

Secretariat

AT YOUR SERVICE . . .

The RI Convention gives Rotarians a special opportunity to meet RI staff and learn about the many services provided by the Rotary International Secretariat (World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and eight service centers around the world) and Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. The Secretariat Services Area, which is located in Exhibit Hall 402 and staffed daily, includes:

Membership Services

Representing a number of regions, Membership Services staff are on hand to answer general questions about Rotary and discuss club and district administration and other issues.

Public Information

Here, RI's Department of Public Information provides samples of the national and international print and broadcast media coverage Rotary has received.

Publications Sales

Rotary's newest publications and videotapes are available to order or buy in a variety of languages at the Publications Sales Booth. Items include the 1999-2000 *Official Directory*, the new Rotary Calendar for 1999-2000, the new songbook, *Songs for the Rotary Club*, and a new video, *You: The Rotary Foundation*.

THE ROTARIAN Magazine

Staff from *THE ROTARIAN* are available to discuss how to submit material for publication and ways the magazine can assist clubs in planning their programs. Free copies of *THE ROTARIAN* and many regional magazines are also available.

In Monday's At Your Service: the RI Programs and Rotary Foundation booths.

Wednesday, 16 June

Running and Fitness Fellowship Run and Walk, SICEC, 0700
Zone 22 Northern Lights Breakfast Mtg, Pan Pacific Hotel, 0700
District Governors 2000-01 Get Together (Club Presidents 2000-01 and current, past and incoming RI Presidents and Directors are also invited), SICEC, Room 203, 0800-0900
RC Auckland Yachting Fellowship Lunch, Westin Plaza, 1200



A "fire-breathing" dragon, a mainstay of Singapore celebrations, will be featured in opening entertainment.

'The Mystique of Singapore' awaits

Accompanying the proud presentation of Rotary flags at Sunday's opening plenary will be entertainment aplenty, showcasing — appropriately — Singapore's wide array of cultures that includes rich Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions.

RI President James Lacy and Convention Chairman W. Grattan O'Connell will extend greetings to conventioners during the convention's first session, and President Lacy will also introduce past RI presidents in attendance.

Snare drummers bedecked in regimental band uniforms will provide an air of pomp and grandeur to set the tone for the traditional presentation of Rotary flags. Among the flags in procession will be those of Rotary's newest countries, Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan. The admission of these Eastern European countries in 1998-

99 boosted the Rotary country count to 161; some 37 geographical areas also have Rotary clubs.

In Sunday's entertainment feature, over 400 performers in colorful ethnic costumes will say, "Welcome to the Mystique of Singapore," through both traditional folk songs and dance and numbers fusing the new and old — reflecting the "New Singapore style."

Highlights include the Dzikir Barat Performers, who will open with an inspirational song performed *a capella*; the Chinese Silk Route, a traditional ribbon dance featuring the graceful motions of Chinese maidens; the Bharatnatyan, a form of Indian classical dance built around a stirring love story; and the Malay Ronggeng, a dance form recalling scenes from a fishing village of Old Singapore.

Rotarians meet to plan projects, exchanges

For many conventioners, Exhibit Hall 402 means business. It's here, in the SICEC, that designated areas have been set aside for Rotarians to discuss and plan collaborations on projects with Rotarians from other countries.

The Projects Seeking Partners Booth is the place to go to for those in search of a partner to complete an International Service humanitarian project. Clubs and districts may post project information here so that those

looking for a project to sponsor can easily identify one. Rotarians should bring any information they have on project proposals, along with contact information.

An informal networking area is also located in Exhibit Hall 402 for international exchange and educational programs of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Here, Rotarians can conduct business regarding RI programs such as Youth Exchange

Convention Essentials

Wherever you go, carry your *Program Book* with you as your guide to all convention essentials. Whether you are looking for the names of speakers and panelists at plenary sessions and workshops or need a map to locate an event, turn to your *Program Book* for answers.

For admittance, badges must be worn to all convention areas and events, including the House of Friendship.

Sergeants-at-arms — easily identifiable in white visors — are stationed throughout the SICEC to answer questions and guide Rotarians around the center and to other convention venues.

All plenary sessions and other meetings will be conducted in English. Simultaneous interpretation at the plenary sessions will be offered in Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish, transmitted over FM radio frequencies; personal radio receivers will be available for a nominal fee at the Simultaneous Interpretation Booth outside the plenary hall.

Check the events listings in the *Program Book* to identify workshops and other meetings where simultaneous interpretation is available and in what languages.

Rotarians arranging to meet people during the convention are encouraged to do so at the Merlion Statue, located in Exhibit Hall 403-404 of the House of Friendship.

Local Rotarians will staff phones to answer questions on convention activities and provide travelers' information during the convention. The hotline, 339-5060, can be reached Saturday through Wednesday from 0800-2000.

and Friendship Exchange, or Foundation programs such as Group Study Exchange, Donated Ambassadorial Scholarships, University Teacher Grants and Vocational Study Scholarships.

Rotarians should also bring contact information to this area, along with proposals for exchanges with other countries, which may be posted.



Quotable

"Discover the mystique — and the magnificence — of Singapore. We hope that after the convention, the mystique will be a marvelous memory."

Philbert S.S. Chin, Chairman, Host Organization Committee



It all happens here

The Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre (SICEC) in downtown Singapore serves as the site of all convention events. The 240,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art, multi-level facility features 26 meeting rooms, a multi-purpose ballroom, a 600-seat auditorium and a large convention hall and is connected to the SunTec City complex, which includes a shopping mall and a wide range of restaurants.

With Convention blooms new Rotary flower

To commemorate Singapore's first RI Convention in Rotary's 94-year history, local Rotarians have created an eternal gift to their fellow Rotarians in the form of an orchid — the traditional symbol of their country.

"Singapore's National Parks Board developed and cloned a new orchid strain just for Rotarians," according to Philbert S.S. Chin, chairman of the Host Organization Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Singapore. "The honey-colored flower is called *Dendrobium Rotary International*, a rare hybrid." The flower will

be presented to RI President James Lacy and his wife, Claudine, during Sunday's opening ceremony.

The orchid is incorporated into the Singapore convention logo, which depicts a lion's head adorned by an orchid. Singapore is derived from the Sanskrit word *Singapura*, meaning "Lion City." The logo was designed by Hengdesign Associates, whose creative director is Rotarian James Heng. Heng is also a member of the Singapore Host Organization Committee.

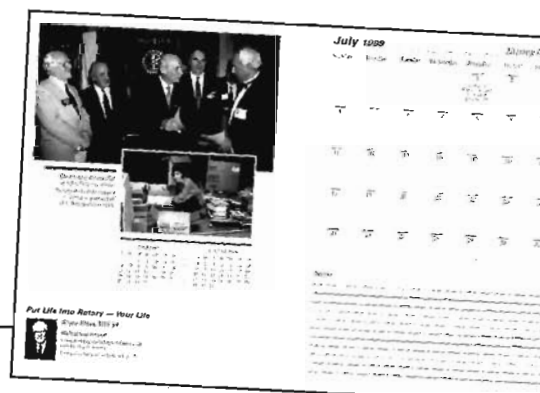
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persons and other Rotarians who work closely on Foundation programs. At the reception which follows, the Foundation will present its annual Scholar Alumni Awards: the Service Award to Dr. Rei Okada, a speech therapist and director of rehabilitation at Gakuen Hospital in Moriyama, Japan, and the Achievement Award to Susan Sygall, co-founder and executive director of Mobility International USA (MIUSA) in Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.

On Sunday, nearly 2,000 people will attend the annual Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon, which honors the generosity of Foundation supporters. Currently, there are more than 670,000 Paul Harris Fellows worldwide.



Dr. Rei Okada (left) and Susan Sygall, recipients of The Rotary Foundation's annual Scholar Alumni Awards.



The new desk-size Rotary Calendar for 1999-2000, available at the Publications Sales Booth, makes the up-coming Rotary year come alive.