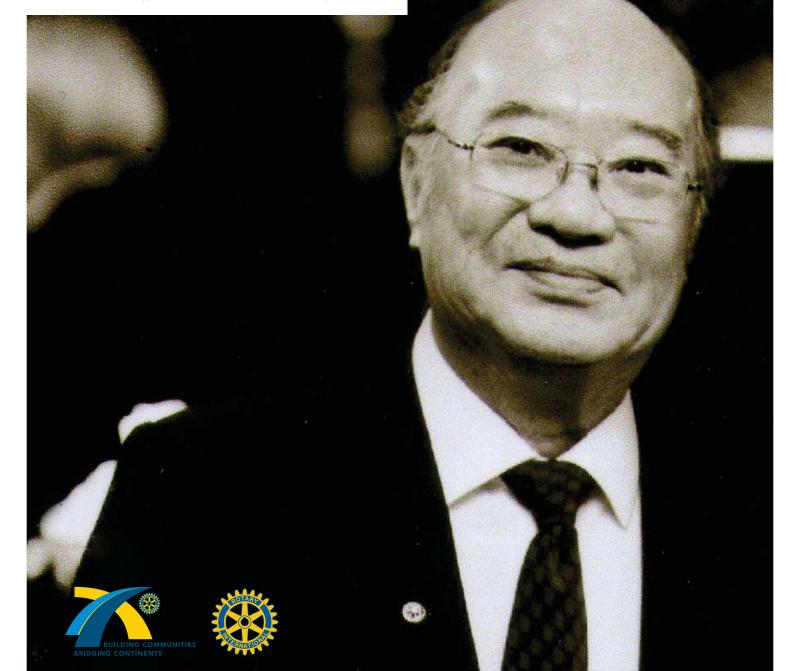


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## In Memory of Past President Leow Jwee Meng

PP Leow Jwee Meng introduced me to Rotary, and was my proposer in November 1971 when the late PP Tan Tock Peng inducted me. I have known Jwee Meng since late 1957.

Through out his 40 years of Rotary membership, he was active in all of Rotary's four avenues of service but particularly in Youth Service, which is now called Service to New Generation. He promoted Rotaract and was the Rotarian in charge of forming the Rotaract Club of Singapore City. He also formed a couple of Interact clubs, as well as the Rotary Club of Raffles City. He had always loved the New Generation Committee and had always hosted that Committee's meetings each year in his home. Those who attended such meetings will always remember his personal excellent cooking of some of his favourite dishes, like fried Hokkien noodles and his excellent roast beef, to mention just a few. Jwee Meng was a connoisseur of fine wines and good food. It was his final wish that there be a glass of red wine be placed on his casket. At the service before cremation, moving eulogies were given by his second daughter Su Hua, PP Philip Leong and a childhood friend, the congregation was served champagne and they toasted him. That is how Jwee Meng wanted to be remembered. He will also be fondly remembered by his countless friends in Rotary in Thailand, in Malaysia and in Singapore.

In his younger days, he was very active in Apex, an Australian version of Rotary limited to those under forty. He was an Apex club president and then District Governor and at his retirement from Apex he was made an Apex Lifer. He had

always attended Apex's annual dinner each year and will also be remembered by his numerous friends in Australia.

His many years of public service as a member of the Juvenile Court as well as a board member of the Singapore Housing Development Board earned him Singapore's PBM award as well as appointment as a Justice of the Peace.

Besides being a close friend for more than fifty years, I shall miss his friendship and his sincere and happy nature.



PP Chiang Shih Fang

He is well known in the Club as a staunch supporter of the Youth Service Committee, now known as Service to New Generation (SNG). He remained a SNG member almost every year of his stay with the Club.

Besides SNG, PP Jwee Meng is an all rounded Rotarian. He attends almost every weekly meeting, every Club Assembly, almost every District Assembly and District Conference and is well known in the District as a dedicated and easy-going Rotarian. His Rotary knowledge is so widespread such that he was approached several times to be a District Governor, but for various personal reasons, he declined. I dare say that almost every Past President after him, including myself, would have consulted him as a mentor both before and during the incumbent's office of presidency.

Besides being a strong supporter of SNG, PP Jwee Meng is also very active in other Club's activities, including participating in visits to Japan to visit our sister clubs almost every year for the last 20 years. He also participated in many vocational visits, several medical missions to Muar and many Club fellowship programmes.

PP Jwee Meng's interest in Youth is not just confined to the Rotary movement. His other involvement as the Chairman of the Panel of Advisors to the Juvenile Court for 20 over years, brought him to see many facets of juvenile delinquents, abused children, broken families where even the District Court Judge would listen to his advice on how best to rehabilitate and sentence the kids. His involvement in Rotaract brought many of his Rotaractors coming back to him

for his wedding solemnization service when they knew him to be a Justice of the Peace.

Also, being on the Board of Visitors to the Prison, PP Jwee Meng got a hand in advising and reporting to the Ministry the welfare of the prisoners, many of whom are young adults.

By his passing, we have lost a true-blue Rotarian.



PP Philip Leong