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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time passes so quickly. It is now November— the month for RSVP members to nominate members to serve on the RSVP Board of Management for the new Fiscal Year 2016 — 2018. We received 9 nominations this time, and hence had a total of 9 candidates. As the requirement to have an election is a minimum of 10 candidates, no election was necessary. All 9 candidates were vetted and accepted as they have fulfilled our requirements. These 9 candidates were introduced during the 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 18 November for members' final approval before being confirmed as members of RSVP's Board of Management.

The past months were very busy for us as we prepared for the AGM and the annual report. At the AGM, I presented to all members the work done for the past year and looked ahead at the challenges that coming our way.

The economy is expected to slow down next year and will make raising funds more challenging. As such, RSVP will have to be prudent in spending and aggressive in fund-raising so that we remain sustainable. I also announced some good news during the AGM and hope that all our members will ride the tide with us for the challenges ahead.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

The 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 18 November 2016 at the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre (NVPC). 110 members attended the meeting.

The Board of Management for 2016—2018 was also introduced. The Board comprises Mr Chan Fook Kay, Dr Florence Tan, Mr Joseph Chia, Mr Koh Juay Meng, Ms Lily Lee, Mr Loke Ho Yong, Ms Marjorie Wee, Mr Sunny Chan, and Mr Tong Chew Heng. Dr Cheong Choong Kong was also co-opted onto the Board on the same day.

MDOP OUTING TO LEE KONG CHIAN HISTORY MUSEUM

On a visit to Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum at NUS, our RSVP volunteers brought our MDOP clients on a therapeutic trip. Our 61 enthusiastic visitors were enthralled by the young Museum Guides who did a fine job explaining the exhibits and history.

This visit was part of our NSVM 2016 which was officially launched on 27 August by Dr Koh Poh Koon at Yio Chu Kang Community Club.

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SCIENCE CENTRE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Science Centre Singapore held an appreciation party for its volunteers, including those from RSVP's Senior Guiding Programme, on 10 November. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate 3 of our award-winning volunteers – Mr So Hon Fatt, Mdm Tina Tay and Mdm Lio Sok Choo.

With the highest number of contribution hours, Mr So Hon Fatt's dedication won him the "Greatest Contribution" Award. Hon Fatt willingly covered for other participants that were unable to make it and was consistently early and interactive with the visitors. His commendable behaviour had also earned him praises on several occasions.

Given the "Outstanding Performance" award, Mdm Lio Siok Choo's passion and commitment to volunteering was undoubted. Treating volunteering as an important aspect of her life, she volunteered actively even after being involved in an accident.

Also awarded with "Outstanding Performance", Mdm Tina Tay was always on time and willing to try something new. Her warm and enthusiastic demeanour stood out as she guided and helped other volunteers during activities.

SILVER IT FEST APPRECIATION TEA

The appreciation tea on 20 October 2016 was a way for RSVP Singapore to thank all its volunteers and staff who selflessly sacrificed their weekends to help seniors bridge the "digital divide" and learn IT skills during the Silver IT Fest from 23 to 25 September.

President Juay Meng delivered the welcome address, while Ms Jenny Wong, Assistant Director, Digital Inclusion, at the Infocomm Media Development Authority, and Mr Sunny Chan, Chairman of the Cyberguide Programme, thanked volunteers for their support.

MERRY SINGING WITH ELDERLY

Special thanks to our corporate partner, Teo Heng KTV Studio, as we were able to bring a fun-filled afternoon of karaoke singing to 74 seniors from Whampoa Lorong Limau RC, Lions Befrienders Ghim Moh Senior Activity Centre and SilverACE@Bukit Merah.

This afternoon session was part of NSVM 2016, and it would also not have been possible without the help of our volunteers and President Juay Meng who came down to join in the fun and karaoke with the elderly!

SILVER IT FEST OPENING CEREMONY

The Silver IT Fest 10th Anniversary Bash was held on 10 and 11 September at WDA Lifelong Learning Institute. Visitors could explore the exhibitions and learn about the various useful tech devices, government e-services and interactive games.

RSVP Singapore is proud to be one of the exhibitors for this event. Besides promoting volunteerism among seniors with our wide range of programmes, we also promoted our Silver IT Fest Mass Training courses which will be held from 23 to 25 September. Our mass training courses were completely sold out by the end of the Anniversary Bash.

Staff and volunteers also had a chance to introduce RSVP's first e-learning module to Minister for Communications and Information Dr Yaacob Ibrahim.

EXPEDITION TO BOLLYWOOD VEGGIES (MDOP & ELSP)

As part of NSVM 2016, we brought our MDOP and ELSP clients for an expedition trip to Bollywood Veggies.

Not only was it an opportunity to learn more about farming on 14 October, the 33 seniors from SilverACE@Bukit Merah SAC had a fun time playing charades with the 31 corporate volunteers from Tuan Sing Holdings Limited after the guided farm tour!

Similarly, our RSVP volunteers, together with our corporate partner PON Asia, led and facilitated a group of mentally disadvantaged friends on a tour around Bollywood Veggies Farm on 28 October.

BERITA HARIAN INTERVIEW WITH NOORJAHAN KAMARUDDIN

Our Cyberguide trainer, Noorjahan Kamaruddin, was appointed as a Silver Infocomm Wellness Ambassador (SIWA) by the Infocomm and Media Development Authority (IMDA) based on her motivation to adapt to technology and enthusiasm in teaching other seniors IT skills. As a volunteer with RSVP, Noor has the opportunity to share her experience and knowledge with other seniors to build their capability in using IT. She highlighted that there are many seniors who are still fearful of technology. She understands their plight and uses her past experience to motivate and encourage seniors to learn.

Congratulations Noor!

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Jurulatih Cyberguide kami, Noorjahan Kamaruddin, dilantik sebagai Duta Kesejahteraan Infokom Warga Emas (SIWA) oleh Penguasa Pembangunan Media Infokomunikasi (IMDA) disebabkan keupayaannya menyesuaikan diri dengan teknologi dan kesungguhan dalam menurunkan ilmunya kepada warga emas lain. Sebagai seorang sukarelawan RSVP, Noor berpeluang berkongsi pengalaman dan kemahirannya dengan warga emas yang lain untuk membina keupayaan mereka menggunakan teknologi maklumat (IT). Noor mengatakan masih lagi ramai warga emas takut dengan teknologi. Noor memahami keraguan mereka dan menggunakan pengalamannya untuk mendorong warga emas lain mempelajari IT.

Tahniah Noor!

(Berita selanjutnya)

SILVER IT FEST

RSVP Singapore participated at the Silver IT Fest Roadshow at Bedok Mall from 4 to 6 November 2016. The roadshow was targeted at seniors for them to learn how they can stay up-to-date with the latest technology.

Buck Seng and Han Min, RSVP volunteers, conducted Learning Islands on the Health Buddy and MyTransport apps. Susan, Yuen Hoe and Alicia helped as assistant trainers, going around the audience, ensuring that the seniors can keep up with the lesson. Special mention also goes to Sunny, Grace and Florence, who helped as the supporting team.

Chin Wang, a Silver Infocomm Wellness Ambassador, was also interviewed by NHK, Japan's national public broadcasting organisation.

Welcome new members to RSVP!

ANG Jun	GOH Joanne	NG Bee Yong	TAN Check Wan
BOSE Sarbojit Madhab	HAWKINS Ralph Donald	NG Chin Kian	TAN Cheng Huay
CHAI Geri	JOY Mercy	NG Elizabeth	TAN Chris
CHAN April	KAH Jenny	NG Jane	TAN Doris
CHAN Gary	KHOO Poh Suan	NGUYEN Van	TAN Joo Suan
CHAN See Tang	KOI Leelynn	NG Eugene	TAN Rose
CHEN Siew Wee	LAU Dave	OH Yvonne	TAN Siew Hong
CHEONG Geok Keow	LAU Leonard	ONG Khoon Beng	TAN Wee Lim
CHEW Angeline	LEE Alice	OO Jo	TANG Pearl
CHEW Guat Hong	LEE Derrick	Sarina	TANG Yim Wah
CHIEW Nonie	LEE Phyllis	SEEMABEN Utpal Sheth	TAY Jen
CH'NG Debbie	LEO Valerie	SEETOH Frankie	THE Albert
CHOW Cecilia	LIM Lily	SIO Ah Chew	WONG Eileen
CHU Catherine	LOH Kum Seng	TAN Amanda	WOO Siew Wah
DE ROZA Rudolph Richard	LOO Richard	TAN Annie	YAP Pauline
FONG Helen	NEO Khai Pheng	TAN Cassie	YEE Anita

ABOUT RSVP SINGAPORE

RSVP Singapore - The Organisation of Senior Volunteers is a non-profit organisation and an Institution of Public Character as defined under the Charity Act. The Organisation was started in 1998 and launched by then-Prime Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong. It is a registered society under the Societies Act and a member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS). Since its inception, RSVP has grown into one of the leading volunteer organisations in Singapore, in particular paving the trend of senior volunteerism. With over 1,000 members, RSVP Singapore serves more than 150,000 beneficiaries each year, including the mentally disadvantaged, at-risk children from low income families, as well as needy seniors through its community service programmes.