

The Foreword for Past President Mr Phillip Lee Soo Hoon in this insertion is meant to supersede the one on Page 3 of the newsletter. After the last Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 25 August 2018, the new Executive Committee list is now reflected in the General Announcements along with the current President Mr Choo Chek Siew's Foreword.



Foreword

by Past President, SAVH

Dear Donors, Members, Clients, Volunteers, Staff and Friends:

This year is especially poignant for me as I have completed my final year of service as your President. Looking back over the past six years, I feel honoured that I was given the opportunity to lead SAVH. At that point in time, my experience and skills as a former Audit Partner of a global organisation helped SAVH establish a more robust and better corporate governance culture.

My Executive Committee and I have traversed a very challenging period over the past years but we have remained resilient and strong in overcoming the challenges presented to us. It also brings great comfort to us that SAVH has made a number of significant improvements to the well-being of our visually handicapped community.

We have rationalised our social programmes and services to ensure that it meets the needs of our clients. We helped our clients maintain mobility independence by upgrading our mobility training to align with international standards. We initiated the Day Care Centre for the visually handicapped in Singapore to provide sustainable care and maintenance activities for our elderly clients. In February this year, we initiated a new Skills Training Centre to transit and manage the group of clients formerly under the care and supervision of the now defunct Bizlink Sheltered Workshop@SAVH.

More notably, we have made good progress in the makeover and safety of our premises. The main Yusof building now has a fresh coat of paint and hosts a prominent SAVH signage on the façade facing the main road. The BCA-SCAL project deserves special mention. Continuing with their annual refurbishment works at SAVH to improve accessibility and safety for our clients, BCA brought together contractors from SCAL for another successful CSR at our vast premises.

Many individuals and corporate companies have also come on board to support our Cause. Two young athletes, both veteran mountain climbers, Mr Ashok Kumar and Mr Ashik Ashokan took to scaling the largest dormant volcano on earth. Central Singapore CDC and Toa Payoh West – Balestier Community Sports Club jointly organised a 'Run for Good Coffee' Run at Zhongshan Park. CompassOne who adopted SAVH as its chosen charity initiated another fundraising event during its Christmas Bazaar festivities. Our volunteers banded together to organise another Christmas Bazaar at the Church of the Good Shepherd. We are indeed blessed and grateful to all of them for their creative, charitable and volunteering pursuits.

We concluded another successful Flag Day on 9 June 2018, which was during the school holidays and Ramadan period. This was made possible through the generosity of donors and support from new and regular volunteers, both visually handicapped and sighted. I was glad that clients, sub-committee members and EXCO members rose to the occasion and do their part for the Association.

Apart from Flag Day, there are other opportunities to help SAVH too! This year we would be having our International White Cane Day celebrations over 2 occasions. "Reaching Out With Our Hearts" – our slogan for IWCD 2018 aptly put in place our plans to spread the cheer and pay it forward through our little acts of kindness to the elderly in homes as well as job and training fair and sports forum for our clients. We would also be having our Charity Donation Draw and Charity Banquet during this financial year ending March 2019!

I find encouragement when I am able to urge as many of the clients, members and all to continue to help the Association to pursue and open constructive ways of learning, listening and working together, to achieve greater success for the Association and the betterment of our visually handicapped clients. This newsletter, in my view, not only helps to keep you abreast of the developments at SAVH but also perhaps motivate you to give the Association a hand in its progress.

My heartiest congratulations to Mr Choo Chek Siew on being elected as our new President. Very few would have had the honour of knowing the responsibility and challenges you now shoulder. No matter what the future holds, you will be inspired by the character and compassion of the people you now lead. I am happy to hand over the reins of the Association in the good hands of Chek Siew. I am confident that the Board and the new President will continue with the good work that has been invested so far.



Mr Phillip Lee Soo Hoon, BBM, PBM
Past President, SAVH



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Dear Donors, Members, Clients, Volunteers, Staff and Friends,

When I accepted the position as your new President, I was both humbled and excited as I also knew I had huge shoes to fill after Mr Phillip Lee, my predecessor, had to step down after 6 years of dedicated and distinguished leadership at SAVH. My heartfelt thanks go out to Phillip for his terrific guidance and support. I could not have taken over the reins of the Association without his steadfast stewardship.

Prior to taking on this role, I was serving in the capacity of Chairman in the Audit and Risk Sub-Committee since 2016. The Audit and Risk Sub-Committee recommended and implemented measures to improve internal controls and created a more effective governance framework for the Association. Although my service with SAVH is short, I had always wanted to serve the needs of people who are blind or with visual impairments as I believe that sight is often taken for granted. My experience in running one of the largest global land transport companies will be put to good use in serving SAVH.

I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and the staff in building on the strong platform and legacy that Phillip has so successfully put in place. There is much to be done and I count on all of your support to make SAVH a more dynamic association for all our VH clients and to enable my team to steer this Association to greater heights.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Choo Chek Siew', written in a cursive style.

Choo Chek Siew
President, SAVH

General Announcements

Editorial Committee

Mr Danny Chia, Ms Chua Swee Keow, Mr Ando Yeo, Ms Dolores Scully-Bailey

Staff Movement

We wish to welcome the following new staff:

- Sheat Sun Ming, Compliance Manager
- Tan Chee Hai Tony, ADC Coordinator
- Neo Wee Bin Dean, Therapy Assistant
- Chan Hwa Seng Desmond, Therapy Assistant (Temp)
- Kathryn Wong, Music Programme Coordinator (Temp)
- Lim En Ting, SDP Executive
- Tan Hui Michelle, Admin Assistant
- Rufino Huihao Rahmat, Therapy Assistant
- Sumathi D/O Selvam, Therapy Assistant (Temp)

Executive Committee Board Members (EXCO)

The Executive Committee for 2018/2019:-

President	: Mr Choo Chek Siew	
Vice-President	: Mr Phillip Lee Soo Hoon, BBM, PBM	
Vice-President	: Mr Danny Chia Choon Guan *	
Honorary Secretary	: Ms Chua Swee Keow	
Honorary Treasurer	: Mr Albert Ang Hong Woo	
Honorary Assistant Treasurer	: Mr Lau Kin Harn	
Members	: Mr Ali Bin Daud *	Mr Chiang Soo Koon *
	: Mr Benson Loo Kah Chun*	Mr Ng Guan Sing *
	: Ms Siti Rossaliza Binte Rosli *	Mr Tan Guan Heng, BBM *
	: Mr John Ting Kang Chung	
Co-opted Members	: Mr Adrian Tan Gim Hai	
	Mr Michael Tsia Chee Wah	
WCC Representative	: Mr Goh Yiu Huat *	

* Visually Handicapped

Upcoming Major Events

- 13 Oct 2018 : International White Cane Day 2018 – Community Services Day
- 20 Oct 2018 : International White Cane Day 2018 – Open House
- Feb/Mar 2019 : SAVH Charity Banquet
- : SAVH Donation Draw

Acknowledgement of Collaborations/ Fundraising Events from late 2017 – Sep 2018

- 10 Nov 2017 : 70th Birthday and Sapphire Wedding Anniversary Charity Concert and Dinner
- 12 Dec 2017 : Japanese SMEs Networking Event
- 31 Dec 2017 : Charity Countdown 2018 at Summer Garden Restaurant
- 20 Jan 2018 : Ba'alwie Mosque Event
- 24 Jan 2018 : VWO Expo Fair at Bartley Secondary School
- 21 Mar 2018 : My First Skool's Visit to SAVH's Day Care Centre
- 15 Sep 2018 : SAVH & Zetland Scrabble Game