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## From the Editor:

With one thing after another to keep us engaged, it is no wonder that the Chinese year of the Horse galloped swiftly by. As 2014 comes to a close, Christmas is a time to renew friendship with friends and volunteers, some of whom we had not seen for a long time because of family and work commitments. It is also a time to remember the blessings we have received and to recap all that had happened in the year. We want to share with you some of the major events that took place this year.

For a start, we had some unusual outings this year. There were interesting things to do and new places to visit. We went clubbing at Zouk and had a trip organized by Outward Bounds Singapore to Pulau Ubin, an island that we considered out-of-bounds to wheelchair-users. The A.E.T.I. School of Air Force, brought us to the Singapore Sports Hub for a visit, and the Temasek Holdings took us to the River Safari. That's two new places of interest struck off our list.

Two residents, Tony and Siew Lian, represented us in our 12<sup>th</sup> EAPacRC BGM this year. Tony, who took part in "CoLab 2014", also participated in the "Purple Parade 2014". The company he works in, was one of the 85 participating organizations in the event this year. The support for an inclusive society for the disabled is becoming stronger now than ever as society has started to see us in a different light.

In conjunction with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we were invited to a lunch on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014, at Eden Hall, hosted by the British High Commissioner, His Excellency Antony Phillipson. It was a good opportunity to meet with people and talk about disability issues. Our opportunity came when Ms. Chia Yong Yong, Nominated Member of Parliament, sat down to lunch with us at the table. We brought up some issues regarding public transport for People on Wheelchair (POW), as well as the lack of shelter over wheelchair access ramps at certain MRT stations. We agreed that every public bus should have at least two wheelchair seating capacity instead of one. The need for such will surely rise, as more POWs come out of their homes to socialize, and to work in open-market employment.

Speaking of employment, four residents have taken up a job with WISE Enterprise Pte. Ltd. The company, dealing in ladies' bags, was set up by a group of people with a social mission for creating jobs for the disadvantaged in our society. They came to our Home to propose ideas through a presentation. Thereafter, our occupational therapist selected some

suitable candidates for their consideration. The four residents who were selected went through interviews and proper training for the job. Besides collaborating with our Home, WISE Enterprise also works with the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Singapore and the New Charis Mission, providing jobs for their clients to keep them meaningfully and gainfully occupied.

A three-day workshop on work preparatory was conducted within The Singapore Cheshire Home in October. Fifteen residents, including myself, attended the workshop, conducted by two motivational speakers from Asia Gold Bell Education. The course was endorsed by SG Enable, who sent its staff on the third day of the workshop to interview us and noted down our particulars so as to match us to the right job. When I was at the workshop, I could not help thinking that if all of this had happened 20 years ago, I could have taken on a job challenge working outside.

Nevertheless, we gained much by attending the workshop. Some of us were able to apply what we had learnt at once, to our situations and challenges in life. I was able to overcome my habit of procrastination, using the techniques taught in the course. And, though I am not physically fit enough for going out to work, I was motivated enough to take up on a part-time, homebound job offer which came on a day right after the course ended.

Thus, the days seemed to fly faster when we are kept busy with work and matters to see to. It had been a rather exciting year for us, packed with unforgettable events. With Singapore celebrating SG50 next year, we have faith and renewed hope that 2015 will be another good and exciting year for all of us.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone of you; Council of Governors Committee and Sub-Committee members, staff, volunteers, friends, benefactors, residents and all in the family!

Yours,

*Elizabeth Tan*

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# My Experience of Attending the 12<sup>th</sup> B.G.M. of East Asia and Pacific Regional Council of Cheshire Homes

*by Resident Tony Zhu*



The 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting of the East Asia and Pacific Regional Council of Cheshire Homes was held on 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Federal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. Ms. Tiziana Oliva, International Director of the Leonard Cheshire Disability in United Kingdom, was present, with more than 70 delegates from China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand and Singapore.

Our journey started at 9:30 a.m. on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The 12:50 p.m. departure flight was delayed for about 40 minutes. It was almost 3 p.m. when we reached Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). Hian Guan, Jason, Mario and I stayed back at the airport to make the report of my damaged motorized wheelchair. We missed the first bus trip. While waiting for the second round of transport, I volunteered to receive the delegate from China, Mr. Yu Zhiping, who could not speak English and would not be able to communicate with the local staff who could not speak Chinese.



It was raining heavily and the traffic was heavy in Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC). We reached the Federal Hotel at Jalan Bukit Bintang around 8:30 p.m. Although the day was long and full of mishaps, the help from our Home staff, and the warm welcome we received from our host, made me feel better. I was also glad to be of help to Mr. Yu, the Deputy Head of Kunming Cheshire Home, China.

Our hotel rooms were big and spacious for our wheelchairs. However, the hotel itself was not wheelchair-friendly. It was a maze we went through to find the right lift to bring us to the right place. There was a different lift to use for entering and exiting the hotel with a ramp, for the lobby, for the reception counter, for the room and for the conference hall. The lunch and dinner area was wheelchair accessible, but the cafeteria next to the reception lobby had a stair of five steps to challenge any wheelchair user. We had to get the male hotel staff to carry us up and down for breakfast.



We started the panel presentation in the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014. I volunteered to be the interpreter for Mr. Yu's presentation. The Kunming Cheshire Home had just completed the phase one of its relocation and expansion, and was awaiting the final approval from the provincial government for its Phase II master plan. I was duly impressed with the Home for doing a great job in special secondary vocational training. I was also impressed by a video presentation from Thailand. It showed a resident lying on a customized wheeled bench, planting all kinds of vegetables, and cooking. This resident taught the other residents to cook. The Home does not employ a cook as the residents preferred to do the cooking themselves.

For our presentation, our Social Worker, Hian Guan, shared about our Home's extension that will enable us to take in 20 more residents for Residential Care. I shared about my own experience and participation in "Enabling Community coLAB 2014, Singapore". The presentation was well received.

I attended the Council Meeting on business matters in the afternoon. The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> BGM were approved and some minor changes to the constitution was proposed. The Council re-elected its board members. Datin Paduka Khatijah Sulieman was re-elected as the Council Chairman.

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Mario and I decided to go shopping in the evening. However, there were curbs and road blocks with construction work going on at Lot 10 Shopping Mall. The road condition was so bad, we gave up the idea and returned to the hotel after venturing about 150 metres in all directions.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014, we visited Putrajaya, a newly built government district. The landscape was beautiful and the road condition was much better than KLCC. Many cars crowded the roadside, so our coach could not turn into the Wetland Park the first time. We stopped over at the Prime Minister's residence for a view of its exterior, and then proceeded to the Putrajaya International Convention Centre only to find the venue closed and reserved for some government activity. We returned to Wetland Park a second time, and managed to get in for a short visit, before heading off to Selangor Cheshire Home (Rumah Amal Cheshire Selangor or RACS) at Jalan Ipoh, Selayang Baru, Batu Caves, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

We were warmly welcomed at the Selangor Cheshire Home by Datin Paduka Khatijah Sulieman (President, RACS), Datin Lynda Latimer (Vice President, RACS), staff and residents of the Home. We went on a tour, accompanied by Ms. Shahida Musa (Executive Director, RACS), to see their Handicraft Workshop, Home Bakery, Cheshire Training and Resource Centre, and Recreation Hall. The Selangor Cheshire Home provide a service in Residential Care and the Economic Empower Programme, a residential skills training programme for young adults with learning and physical disabilities. Many of their disabled students successfully found jobs with the help of this training programme.



We left Selangor Cheshire Home for KLIA at 5:30 p.m. Travelling at the speed of around 100 kilometres per hour, we reached our destination in about an hour. We spent a long time at the check-in counter explaining to the staff regarding the handling of our wheelchairs. They took the matter seriously this time and got three staff to handle our two wheelchairs at the boarding gate. We got thirsty soon after checking-in, but could not find any water dispenser to quench our thirst at the boarding lobby. The facility that we took for granted at our Singapore Changi Airport was lacking in certain airports.



I chatted with Mrs. Ng Siew Mun, our Co-Chairman of the Council of Governors of The Singapore Cheshire Home, who sat next to me on the return flight. She left her iPad behind when she alighted from the plane. Fortunately, Mario and I found it before we disembarked. We made the report of the damaged wheelchair at the customer service again, before leaving the airport in a London Cab. Our driver, who had been waiting patiently for us, took some time to find his parked vehicle in the car-park. It was midnight when we finally reached home, safe and sound, and thus, ended a long, tiring but meaningful trip.

## MEMORIES TO CHERISH FOR A LIFETIME...

by Senior Therapy Aide Angie Huyong



I was overjoyed to be selected as a care-giver to accompany Resident Ng Siew Lian on her 3 days 2 nights trip to Malaysia. Together with some members of the Council of Governors, four other staff including Care-giver Mario, and Resident Tony Zhu, we represented The Singapore Cheshire Home for the 12<sup>th</sup> BGM of the "East Asia & Pacific Regional Council of Cheshire Homes" held in Kuala Lumpur from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014. I never thought I would tread on the streets of this beautiful city. I was sure that it would be a trip like no other, with sightseeing, things to learn and a chance to visit other Cheshire Homes.

Upon our arrival at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, I took a deep breath of pure Malaysian air to smell its goodness. Soon after that, our excitement was dampened, as we discovered that Tony's motorized wheelchair was damaged during transit. While Tony and Mario stayed back at the airport with our \*E(VPM) Jason and \*SW Hian Guan, to deal with the unfortunate incident, we ladies were welcomed and ushered onto the bus that was waiting to take us to our hotel.

During the long journey, from the airport to the hotel, it rained heavily. The heavy rain spoiled our view of the nice scenery along the way. We could only see those beautiful sights that were close by. It took us one and a half hours to reach the Federal Hotel where we were going to stay.

The hotel, ordinary-looking, had nice interior design and fine furnishings. There was a problem with its accessibility though. It was not very wheelchair-friendly. There were stairs at the cafeteria where breakfast was served. We had to lift the wheelchairs up and down the stairs with the help of the male hotel staff.

After putting away our luggage (both Siew Lian's and mine), we went for dinner in a big convention room. Here, we met the delegates from Japan, Penang, Papua New Guinea and other countries. We had a good dinner, before retiring to our room for a good rest in preparation for the coming meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.



When we entered the ballroom for our meeting the next day, it was already filled with delegates from all over the Far Eastern and Pacific regions. Datin Paduka Khatijah Sulieman welcomed all of us and officially started the Biennial General Meeting. Delegates from each country, then, presented an update on the development of the Homes in their charge within the last two years. When it came to our turn, we swelled with pride and honour as our Resident Tony Zhu presented and shared about his achievements, and Hian Guan gave a report on our Home's renovation and expansion. It was an awesome moment for me as I learned and began to truly understand and appreciate the principles passed on to us by our Founder, the late Group Captain Lord Leonard Cheshire V.C., O.M., D.S.O., D.F.C.

After all the presentations were done, we proceeded to the hotel café for lunch. It was an awesome buffet lunch that satisfied our huge appetites. The afternoon went by with another session of sharing in the meeting room. A nice, relaxing evening was planned for us that day; our host provided us a sumptuous dinner and engaged Thierry Jean- Michel Ringadoo, a tenor artist from Mauritius, to entertain us with his wonderful repertoire of songs.

Scheduled on the third day was a tour that everybody was looking forward to. We were going to the best tourist spot; a place called Putrajaya. Unfortunately, it was closed when we got there, due to a convention held in the vicinity. We went to visit the house of the Prime Minister and could only take pictures outside it.

In the afternoon we took a long journey to visit the Selangor Cheshire Home. They welcomed us with a high tea reception, a presentation of songs and a graceful dance by their residents. We went on a tour of the compound and listened to the staff as they shared with us their vision and mission for the Home. Towards the end of our visit, we, the Singapore delegates, bade farewell to all and left for the airport, which was nearer from where we were, at Selangor Cheshire Home.



On the way to the airport, I felt sad about having to say 'goodbyes', but we had no choice as everything had to end eventually. To balance my negative feelings, I thought about how blessed and fulfilled I felt instead. I was able to grasp and understand the true meaning of the vision and mission within the Cheshire family.

Life is a series of experiences, each of which makes us better people. This trip and my learning endeavour would be of great help in moulding my new personality for the better. Thank you, Singapore Cheshire Home, for having given me this opportunity.

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## Zouk!

*By Resident Tiew Tsui Ling*

Never have we thought we would go dancing in a nightclub and let our hair down. Well, that was exactly what we did. One hot Saturday afternoon on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 40 residents headed to Zouk! The outing was initiated by our French volunteer, Claire. Together with our other volunteers, Samuel and Marc, she organized the event and got all their 'kaki's to help and join in the fun. (Singlish: kaki = buddy)



The volunteers helped us board and alight from the bus that brought us to our destination. It was my first time being on a dance floor since I became disabled. On entering Zouk, I felt the complete change in the atmosphere the nightclub created; something very different from the outside. The light was dim, but we could still see one another. The volunteers had bought glow-in-the-dark party bracelets for everybody. They helped us to put these on for fun. Some of us wore the neon bangles on our wrists and some of us had them around the neck.

When everyone was present and ready for the party to begin, the dim lights went out. At once, the dance floor was lit with revolving disco lights and the music came on. The people around me started shaking their body to the loud music. Some volunteers held on to the hands of the residents to encourage them to join in the fun. While there were some residents who enjoyed themselves moving to the disco beats, there were also a few shy ones who preferred to watch the others dance. I enjoyed watching the energetic body movement of some volunteers who danced very well.



For refreshment, food was catered for our tea break, sponsored by Claire, Samuel, Marc, and their friends. We also had some drinks on the house. We are grateful to the owner of Zouk for the venue, the music and the drinks.

It was an unforgettable event. The nice thing about the experience was that I felt happy and safe in the company of caring staff and volunteers. There were no worries of encountering scenes as portrayed on television, where men and women got intoxicated with alcohol, fought and did stupid things. We had a jolly good time clubbing for about two hours in Zouk before we said goodbye and headed back home. We would like to thank the volunteers and the owner of Zouk for the unusual and memorable experience.

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## **A Quick Update On The Major Changes In Singapore Cheshire Home**

The Singapore Cheshire Home completed its renovations and expansion in the first quarter of 2014 as expected. However, there were areas that needed some touch up and the contractors were here on certain days to do the odd job. At least, we are all relieved of the noise, the dust and the inconvenience caused by the major work. Some residents were more affected than the others. We took some time getting used to the changes.

The married couple of the Home, Mary and Jason, had moved out of their room into another room to make way for a fire escape passage and a new storeroom beside the kitchen for donated sundry goods. Their present room is located next to the computer room.

The male residents of Rooms 'G', 'H' and 'I' moved into the new rooms in the new Wing for male residents. Their former rooms will be reserved for the intake of new female residents. The residents of rooms 'A' and 'B' had to make do with fewer windows. As these two rooms are facing a passageway, the front windows of the rooms had to be boarded up according to the fire safety regulation. To make up for the lack of front windows, extra ventilation fans were installed in the rooms.

The Administrative Office, as well as the office of our Executives for Volunteer and Programme Management and Social Services were moved to the second floor of Phase II building. Initially, we had a little problem redirecting visitors to the new office. This was solved by putting up clear directional signs at the foyer of the Day Care Centre.

Our former Red Feather Shop had been given a makeover and renamed..... Oh well, that's another story in "Cinderella and Her Fairy Godmother".

## Cinderella and Her Fairy Godmother



If our Red Feather Shop was Cinderella, then D'Perception Singapore Pte. Ltd. must surely be her Fairy Godmother!

Our Red Feather Shop was a plain looking room, selling second hand goods. With no proper shelves, display cabinets and storage cupboards, the room was often made messy by our customers, rummaging through the items, looking for some hidden treasure. Not anymore.

The Red Feather Shop had been given a makeover and renamed 'The Red Feather Boutique'. The interior design, by D'Perception Singapore Pte. Ltd., looks classy and appealing. The

shop now has a red door to catch the attention of any visitors walking into Singapore Cheshire Home. D'Perception Singapore Pte. Ltd. not only designed the look of the shop but had, also, very kindly sponsored the entire makeover.

The new Red Feather Boutique will be a place to showcase and sell the various handicrafts and art pieces, made by our residents and volunteers. We would like to thank D'Perception Singapore Pte. Ltd. for their thoughtful work and donations. We also thank D'Perception Singapore Pte. Ltd. for their many years of friendship and support to the Home.



## Invitation to "United World College Day" by UWCSEA Dover

*By Resident Noraini Binte Adnan*

The United World College students have been visiting The Singapore Cheshire Home for the past sixteen years. One of the teachers-in-charge, Mr. Gary McKnight, has been with us for close to fifteen of those years. The students and teachers come on Mondays and Thursdays during school term to interact and play board games with the residents. The students are of different nationalities and are friendly and helpful.



UWC invites us to a special event at their school every year. This year, we were invited to its "United World College Day". I was delighted to be one of the seven residents selected to attend the event on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. It was my third time going to the school at Dover Road.

We were accompanied by Beverly, our nursing aide, and Randy, our international volunteer from Switzerland. UWC kindly paid for the transport to bring us there and back. The driver, unsure of the way, took us on a little ride before we reached our destination.



We were warmly greeted by Gary and all the students upon our arrival. Some other VWOs were invited to the event as well. We were ushered into the air-conditioned hall with nicely laid tables. The hall was decorated for a "Deepavali mood" in conjunction with the Indian Festival of Lights in the month of October. On each table were lit candles to add to the warmth and cheer of the occasion.

The students entertained us with songs and dance performances as well as a game of Bingo. More than a hundred students, from grade three to eight, came together to perform a South African dance in the grand finale before lunch was served. Indian food was on the menu; we were served roti prata, curry chicken and sweet desserts.

After lunch, Gary and the students brought us on a tour around the campus. It has nice views. I could see the building of the Singapore National University from where I was. I took some pictures for remembrance. We had enjoyed ourselves and had each received a goodie bag to bring home.

We would like to thank UWC for the invitation to their event and for the years of support the school has been giving to our Home. A special thanks goes to Gary, who has been the teacher actively in charge of bringing the students to visit week after week and year after year. We hope that UWC will continue to extend their service to us in years to come. Wishing all the teachers, staff and students of UWC a merry Christmas and a happy 2015!

## Tribute to the late Sister Maggie Leong

by Resident Chan Yu Leong



Residents and staff were shocked to learn of the sudden passing of our beloved Sister Leong on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The late Sister Leong was due for work on that fateful day. She felt unwell and went to the doctor. The next thing we knew was that she had passed away peacefully.

Sister Leong started working in The Singapore Cheshire Home on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1993. She had served the residents faithfully for the past 21 years. A Christian with the New Creation Church, Sister Leong was a dedicated and compassionate Nursing Sister who cared for all the residents. She worked on shift duty from Monday through Saturday. Whenever she was on morning shift, she would assist the residents during breakfast. She would always feed those who cannot do so themselves and prepare their preferred drink of milo or tea. She performed such daily tasks willingly and cheerfully and never once showed her anger even when some residents yelled at her.

Sister Leong never complained about the enormous workload presented to her. I was impressed by her systematic way of getting things done quickly and efficiently. No matter how busy a day would be, she would make sure that all the residents had been well taken care of before she retreated into the Clinic to do her paperwork. She showed great concern for the residents' well-being. Whenever a resident should come down with a sore throat, running nose or cough, she would advise him or her, to see a doctor at the Hougang Polyclinic. It is only wise, she said, to get a minor illness treated earlier than to let it become worse.

A kind and generous person with a big heart full of love for the residents and foreign staff, Sister Leong often forked out money from her own pocket to buy things for them. It could be a nice breakfast, or roasted pork as a special treat for dinner, or more cups and spoons to replace all those that strangely went missing after some time.

We went to pay our last respects to Sister Leong at her residence the day after her demise. I sat there in my wheelchair in front of her casket, dazed in my own thoughts and at a loss for words. We all were misty-eyed; either having cried or were fighting back tears. We knew we had lost someone who had mothered us in many ways. Sister Leong's children made a clear and touching statement with words that were printed on the front of the donation box. They wanted to donate all their collection to '*Cheshire Home - our mom's second home*'. Indeed, Sister Leong gave herself to her work here in Cheshire Home and spent most of her days with us.

Cheerful, kind, humble, generous, ready to forgive and forget, and being steadfast in the way of duty, Sister Leong was a role model for all of us. The residents and staff of The Singapore Cheshire Home will always remember her and hold her close to our hearts. May she rest in peace in the place that had been prepared for her by the Lord.

## ***Newsflash!***

- 19.07.14 - Games and packet dinner sponsored by Kim Seng C.C. Youth Executive Committee.  
26.07.14 - Visit and donation in kind by Panasonic Factory Solutions Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd.  
28.07.14 - Packet lunch for all residents and staff given by Mr. James Seah.  
29.08.14 - Tea break sponsored by Mrs. Chugani.  
30.08.14 - Mid-Autumn Celebration and buffet dinner sponsored by Strength Pte. Ltd.  
31.08.14 - Dinner for all residents and staff given by Dr. Brian Shegar of Lodge St. Patrick's.  
04.09.14 - Visit and buffet lunch for all residents and staff sponsored by Sonangol Asia Ltd.  
05.09.14 - Outing to River Safari organized by Temasek International Pte. Ltd.  
06.09.14 - An invitation to Temple dinner by Mr. Simon Tay.  
10.09.14 - Games and Painting by School of Ammunition, S.A.F.  
12.09.14 - Performance and Bingo by R.S.V.P. and Pon Asia Holding Pte. Ltd.  
13.09.14 - Flower Arrangement event at LOT 1 by W.D.A. and 97.2FM.  
14.09.14 - Bingo, Feeding and Interaction by Cheshire Pals.  
16.09.14 - Performance and tea break given by Ms. Christina Tan and Friends.  
21.09.14 - Parrot Show and packet lunch organized and sponsored by Mr. James Seah.  
25.09.14 - Buffet lunch for all residents and staff given by Mr. Gobi and Family.  
26.09.14 - Cleaning of Home compound by Delphi Automotive System (S) Pte. Ltd.  
27.09.14 - KFC and pizza lunch given by Ms. Shelia Lim in celebration of Mr. Lim Kay Hua's 90th Birthday.  
30.09.14 - Packet lunch for residents given by Ms. Veerah.  
30.09.14 - Orchestra performance at Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home by Singapore Cheshire Home.  
30.09.14 - Performance by SJII Folk Song Group.  
01.10.14 - Invitation to UWC Day by UWCSEC Dover.  
07.10.14 - Packet dinner given by Mr. Ching.  
10.10.14 - Performance and Games by Touch Ubi Hostel.  
10.10.14 - Performance, bingo and buffet dinner for all residents and staff by UMW Equipment and Engineering Pte. Ltd.  
11.10.14 - Outing to Zouk organized by Claire, Marc, Samuel and Friends.  
24.10.14 - Performance and tea break by C.H.I.J. Our Lady of Good Counsel.  
25.10.14 - Buffet dinner for all residents and staff given by Mrs. Shirley Yeo.  
26.10.14 - Packet dinner for all residents and staff sponsored by Lodge St. Patrick's.  
01.11.14 - Dinner sponsored by Mr. Anwar.  
06.11.14 - International Accountant Day Handicraft Sale at MBS by Chio Lim Stone Forest.  
11.11.14 - Performance by SJII Folk Song Group.  
12.11.14 - Performance and Games by SAMH and Pelangi Village.  
15.11.14 - Home-cooked dinner for all residents and staff given by Ms. Asha (Viki's Sister).  
18.11.14 - Performance and Games by Staff of Xinmin Secondary School.  
20.11.14 - Birthday celebration and packet dinner sponsored by D5 Studio Image Pte. Ltd.  
21.11.14 - Outing with OBS at Pulau Ubin organized by Outward Bound Singapore.  
22.11.14 - Performance and Games by Pu Ti Lian Se.  
25.11.14 - Outing to Singapore Sports Hub organized by A.E.T.I.  
26.11.14 - Invitation to visit and lunch at Eden House, British High Commission.  
26.11.14 - Tea break sponsored by Ms. Helene Tan.  
03.12.14 - Tea break and goodie bags given by Soroptimist International of Singapore (Garden City).  
09.12.14 - Performance and tea break given by Ms. Christina Tan and Friends.  
13.12.14 - New Wing Opening Ceremony and Residents' Christmas Party by Singapore Cheshire Home.  
14.12.14 - Buffet dinner for all residents and staff given by Dr. Yvonne Soong and family.  
17.12.14 - Christmas Party for Daycare Centre clients by Singapore Cheshire Home.  
21.12.14 - Christmas Celebration by the Sowers' Group.

### ***New staff:***

We welcome another six new staff who have joined the Home since July 2014. They are: Therapy Aide, Aica (joined on 22.07.14), Nursing Officer, Tan Wan Neo (07.10.14), Nursing Aides, Kumari (08.10.14) and Jenny (09.10.14), Nursing Assistants, Wella Lyn (09.10.14) and Kristal Mae (10.10.14).

### ***New residents:***

We welcome two new residents into the Home: Mr. Tam Peng Bui came into the Home on 03.10.14 and Miss Joy Sivashankari Ramakrishnan (Siva for short) came in on 04.11.14.

### ***The farewells:***

We bade farewell to four staff who had left: Therapy Aide, Kristine June (left on 25.07.14), Assistant Nurse, Nan Aye Thanda Win (21.08.14), Laundry Attendant, Oh Lay Lay (25.08.14) and Nursing Aide, Karen Joy (15.10.14).

Resident Mr. Joseph Chua, who joined us on 18.06.14, had opted to live independently and had been discharged from the Home on 01.09.14.

Care Attendant Parames was re-designated as Laundry Attendant on 01.10.14.

### ***In memoriam:***

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of the late Sister Maggie Leong, our Nursing Officer. The late Sister Leong had been working in the Home for 21 years and was called home by the Lord on 19.08.14. She is sorely missed by all at The Singapore Cheshire Home.