Tribute to the Late Charles G V Rudd & Eleanor Phyllis Rudd

Names to Remember with Pride...

Er. Charles G V Rudd
M.Sc; B.Sc; B.E; C.Eng; P.Eng(S&M); M.I.E.E;
M.I.Mech F.I.E.S

Mrs Eleanor Phyllis Rudd bequeathed to IES in 2004, a substantial sum of $1.22 million, in memory of her late husband Er. Charles Rudd. To date, this is the largest single donation from a benefactor in the history of IES.

This benevolent gesture not only reflects the loving couple’s commitment to Singapore, but also their belief in giving back to the society where they worked and lived for the major part of their lives. It also reflects their complete trust in our Institution to carry on the noble traditions involving charitable and educational activities.

Er. Charles Rudd was a well known and highly respected Rotarian and Professional Mechanical and Electrical Engineer in Singapore and Malaysia. Charles was a man of the highest integrity, quiet yet approachable and helpful. He had an infectious smile and a warm sense of humor. He was involved in M&E operations in Singapore and overseas including China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. He was also interested in the technological and educational developments in the region.

Charles was a founding member of both the Institution of Engineers Singapore (1967), and the Lodge of Singapore (1952). He also served as the Past President of the Rotary Club of Singapore (1974/75) amongst his myriad of activities. Charles served in the IES Council and various committees. Many of the Senior Members of IES can vividly recall Charles as the regular attendee of IES Annual General Meetings. At the AGM, Charles jokingly referred to himself as “the youngest member” of IES and hence he had the privilege to raise the first question from the floor. With his opening remark, he always got a rousing ovation.

Born in New Zealand on 21st June 1908, Charles studied at the School of Engineering at the University of Canterbury. That was where Phyllis was introduced to him by her brother, Donald. They were a loving and devoted couple. Phyllis was a staunch supporter at all of Charles professional and social activities. When Charles suffered a stroke on 11th Dec 1990, Phyllis nursed him until his demise on 15th September 1994. As the couple had no children, living alone became too much for her when Charles passed away. Phyllis then moved to the Lenton Home where she died on 18th May 2002.

As a measure of respect and commitment to her husband’s ideals, Phyllis made a will to divide her estate among four main beneficiaries. They are the Institution of Engineers Singapore, the Rotary Club of Singapore, the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago in Singapore, eight of her own nephews and nieces collectively.

On 6th October 2005, the Executors & Trustees of Mrs Phyllis Rudd’s Estate, Mr Robin Rawlings, Ms Michelle Cheah of British and Malayan Trustees Ltd arranged for the ashes of Charles & Phyllis Rudd to be transferred from Mount Vernon to the Garden of Remembrance at 920 Chua Chu Kang Road Singapore. The solemn prayer ceremony at the Niche No Q9(7)064 on Level 3, was witnessed by representatives of the three institutions who were beneficiaries of the substantial bequest of $S 1,227,396.17 each from Ms Eleanor Phyllis Rudd’s Estate.

IES is grateful to the generous donation by Er. Charles G V Rudd and Eleanor Phyllis Rudd. The amount is currently placed in fixed deposit while hunting for a suitable property to purchase.