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**Welcome to the new
Rotary year!**

**District Installation - a big night
for HKIE**

**President Stacy - get ready for
the Year of the Yay!**

**Making a Difference - the RI
Mission**

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President

PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

YAY!

(Hello from President Stacy)

My Dearest Fellow Members,

Wow first month of the Rotary Year has just flown by!
And I have to say, it has been so much FUN and so very rewarding!

Every Wednesday I feel like a million bucks! I feel so energized seeing all of you on Wednesdays. So far, our Wednesday luncheons have been FANTASTIC! On average we have around...18 members showing up each time (25, 18, 17, 17)! Wow! How does it get any better than this?



The news to share with you all, is that in the recent EGM we came to the agreement to keep our weekly luncheons. Which means that Every Wednesday this year, we all have a place and a sense of home to go to. (Regal Hotel Hong Kong!) There is something so nice that PP George said during the last EGM, and it was something along the lines of, "Well, for some of us, coming to the club every Wednesday has been a tradition we have built in our lives for several years even decades.." (backstory: so if we changed our meetings times, then some members would have to make a new schedule/routine)

I am happy we can continue our weekly lunches. And again, please know that there is absolutely no pressure to attend meetings, if you can come it would be great to see you, if you are busy, we will see each other another time soon . For members who are unable to come to lunches, we are making sure there is a monthly evening fellowship.

This month has been extremely colourful. We launched our vocational service project, "Discovering the Entrepreneur in You" with the School of Opportunity (more in this newsletter). And! Our members are out there conquering the world! With Teresa climbing Mount Fuji! and Jason hitting a hole in one! and IPP Chris & IPDG Eric featured in Newspapers! Oh! And PP Tim was recognized and awarded SBS! Oh! And Angus went to China to deliver a talk about Fintech!

I am sure so many other things have happened too! I wish that we talk more, share more, and grow our HKIE tribe together. I want to say a special shout out to our dear IPP Chris, who is seriously so committed to serving our club and the community. He is too humble for his own good! He commits his time, his marketing knowledge, and his company resources. He revamped our weekly bulletin, and now is creating this amazing juicy and detailed rich Monthly Newsletter. Thank you IPP Chris, I honour and acknowledge all you do for us. Thank you Everyone for A Gorgeous July, and I wonder what is possible for us in August! Please enjoy this wonderful Monthly Newsletter!

***With gratitude
Yours in Rotary
President Stacy***

Out & About (What we've all been up to)

IPDG Eric - Fun and Fellowship in Japan

You would think that after a year as District Governor attending a zillion different installations, balls and other events, IPDG Eric would be chilling out on a beach somewhere, reflecting on his golden year of achievement. So how does he relax? With Rotary of course. Taking time off in Japan with his family, including dear wife Christine and young ones Cherry and Ivan, they visited Rotary Club of Kawasaki South and celebrated the 40th Sister Club links, receiving warm hospitality from IPP Kozo san, President Yamamoto san, PDG Narita Yukio and DG 2017-18 D 2590 DG Takanori Yukawa. They then went to Osaka and enjoyed the warm hospitality of our friends from RC Osaka Jonan, including PDG Okabe san, Yamamoto san (Pres.2017-18), PE Nishitani san, Umezaki san, Sakai san, Yamaguchi san (International Committee), and Okakura san. Great work keeping the friendship flames alive!



Teresa goes to the Peak (not the one in Hong Kong)

Congratulations to super fit Rotarian Teresa who recently made it to the summit of Mount Fuji after a 7 hour climb. She cited that the cost was 1 sleepless night and altitude sickness, but the reward was being there to witness a beautiful sunrise.



Jason scores a hole in one

We always knew that Rotarian Jason could dance, but did you realise how good he was at golf? Here's the proof, a Hole In One at the Sand River Golf Club in Shenzhen. How did he do it? "Well the weather was great. I'm not sure if the fact I was using a pink ball helped or not. But I was very happy because it was not something I would expect to get in my lifetime." We're all happy for him too. Now – who's going to beat that



Fellowship

Kings and Queens of Ludwig What a great turnout for our first official Fellowship night this year. PP Jonathan and P Stacy arranged a great evening of beer, wine, food and music at the King Ludwig German pub and restaurant in Causeway Bay, and in honour of IPP Chris after his handing over of responsibilities and to celebrate a successful year. Great to see so many faces, especially some we have not seen in a while. Let's do it again!



High Hopes Service Director Leo and P Stacy were recently up on the roof at Bank of America, to explore service opportunities with Rooftop Republic, a social enterprise dedicated to advancing a deeper understanding of sustainable living and urban farming by establishing and maintaining organic farm set-ups around Hong Kong and by engaging communities, educational institutions and the private sector through interactive workshops, talks and events.

Rooftop Republic is a social enterprise that brings urban farming to Hong Kong. It works by connecting with corporations that will sponsor rooftop gardening. The sponsorship includes farm construction as well as an ongoing monthly maintenance for the rooftop gardening. The vegetables grown are either distributed within the firms or given to NGOs such as St. James Settlement.

Our course with them is an empowerment course for hearing-impaired/autistic individuals. Not only is farming therapeutic, it is also a vocation that is very attuned to the skills of hearing impaired & Autistic individuals because they have a heightened sense of touch, smell. The course will be 60 hours in total. Around 16 - 20 students. And we members are welcome to volunteer/participate on selected days. The classes are meant to empower these individuals to learn more about farming (so they will be qualified as a urban farmer) and also learn social interaction skills.

The commercial rate for a 60 hour course is about For our service project, we are paying a rate of around 2,500HKD per student per 60 hour course. When students complete this course, their urban farmer market wage is around 130HKD/hour. Even if they are unable to get a farming job, we believe that the course itself is empowering, life changing as it and skills (Interpersonal, social interaction skills) are applicable to hospitality/clerical sec-



Opportunities knock!

President Stacy has just launched this year's first Vocational Service project on behalf of our club, with her new School of Opportunity, which is helping teach children of refugees in Hong Kong! She will be teaching business and geography there and giving students a task to create a business project, which will be presented to our members as part of a competition! She commented "I welcome all members who want to drop in on the classes and be the featured guest mentor. Anyone who has any amazing grassroots story. Because these children are refugee children..I think it would be so inspiring. We have 16 students, and we teach in a gorgeous room!"

This is a vocational service project made in cooperation with the School of Opportunity. The School of Opportunity hosts Summer School programmes for refugee/asylum seeker children. P. Stacy is the School of Opportunity's Business teacher for age group 11-15 years old.

"Discovering the Entrepreneur in You" is a service project that:

1. Teaches students about business.
2. Provides motivational/inspirational talks to students through our "Guest Mentors" (Members from our Club)
3. Encourages the students to make a mock business proposal to be presented in our club on August 16th 2017 (subject to Parent approval). Members please come to that event to see the bright students

So please do consider giving up your time and helping out. You can contact P Stacy directly if you want to get involved.



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July 27th 2017: School of Opportunities Guest Mentor PP Henry Chan (by P Stacy)

I prepared my students to meet PP Henry. We practiced shaking hands and introducing ourselves. One of my students Ian asked me, Ian: Seriously, you mean Mr. Chan is coming to speak to us?

P. Stacy: Yes, why do you ask?

Ian: Wow why would someone successful come to spend time with us?

P. Stacy: Because he has a story to share with you, and you are the exact person he would like to meet!

In Summary, PP Henry shared 3 stories with 6 key points for the students: **1.Always work hard and work smart. 2.Successful leaders know now to how to work with people, it is important to take care of people and treat them well. 3.Never Take Advantage of Others. 4.Reach out to Help People. 5.Be Sincere to Others. 6.Opportunities are only available to those who are ready.**

PP Henry's story:

PP Henry is the eldest of 6 children. At the time he was a student, only primary school education was provided for free by the HK Government. Meaning that for students to attend secondary school, their parents have to pay. PP Henry's parents believed in Education, and hence saved and spent money to pay for PP Henry's tuition fee. However, they were only able to afford his tuition fee, other expenses such as stationery, uniform costs, food costs were all borne by PP Henry. Hence PP Henry started his first job when he was in Form 2, he taught English to primary 3 students.

At PP Henry's first job, he was a very committed private tutor, his monthly earnings was around 30-40HKD. One of his first students was a bit slow, and so out of his own initiative and own time PP Henry dedicated his time and effort to make sure his student excelled. While PP Henry's friends (who also tutored) were playing in the basketball court, PP Henry was with his student. PP Henry's friends jeered at him, calling him foolish to spend more than 2 hours with a student time especially when PP Henry was only paid for 1 hour. PP Henry was dedicated to his student, and PP Henry also appreciated that he was getting paid to help his student. At the end of the year, PP Henry's student excelled, and from that PP Henry was able to get more students in his residential block, he became the most sought after tutor. Not only that, he received gifts of gratitude from parents – including a nice jacket!

The lesson from this sharing is that it is worthwhile to put in the effort and to make sure to do the job right because at the end of the day your effort will yield results. After secondary school, PP Henry went straight to clerical accounting work, earning around 400HKD per month.

At the age of 22, PP Henry started his HKJC career, through a 3 month training/probation initiative to train branch managers for the upcoming HKJC branches around Hong Kong. At that time the cashier equipment used at the HKJC were so new (there were only usually 2 calculators per office, because calculators cost 2,000HKD!!) and so PP Henry stayed after hours to practice and get familiar with the cashier equipment. When the test came around, PP Henry scored the highest because he was able to answer the practical questions on equipment troubleshooting. All his other colleagues only scored maybe 30-40%, and hence PP Henry passed probation with flying colours and his salary jumped from 1,600HKD! And his 40 years career in HKJC began!

Thank you PP Henry for inspiring these students, your gesture made a difference in their lives.



Making a difference

Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley has stated that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.



Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said.

"The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern," he said. He challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

Securing Rotary's future. Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity.

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"Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said.

Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, "leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities."

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley told the audience.

"Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members," Riseley said.

Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, said Riseley, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future.

"We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone," he told incoming governors. "I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."

Mark Your Diary

Incoming!

This coming December, we will be playing host to our Sister Club members from Rotary Club of Taipei South Sea. Since they have been such great and generous hosts to us in our visits there, we really want to make sure we put on an excellent time for them. It will a large party - **46 visitors (gulp!)**, including wives. PP William is in charge of the arrangements, and will be putting a small committee together. Our Christmas luncheon will change to dinner on December 15th. Make sure you can join!



ON A LIGHTER NOTE...Positive thinking



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