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Happy times are here again

Get ready for the festive season

End polio now..we're doing our part

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

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

PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

YAY!

(Hello from President Stacy)

My Dearest Members, Greetings and happy November to you. Thank goodness that the weather changed and now we are enjoying a gorgeous and beautiful November.

Over the past months I truly feel that the priority right now is to strengthen our club through member engagement and fellowship. We have had 3 past successful fellowships and November will be our 4th!



Service project wise, we are moving in the direction of Sports themed community service projects:

1. Swimming Above Self – Sponsoring 47 autistic/special need children to learn swimming.

2. (Upcoming in 2017-2018) Rugby Service Project – Sponsoring team uniform and player kits for our Adopt a School partner Holy Carpenter School. Rugby is a great sport to engage disadvantage youths, providing them sporting activities is a great avenue to release stress, and most importantly the discipline, teamwork and leadership skills from Rugby are noteworthy. In the medium-long term this will possibly entail having an interschool RC HKIE Rugby Sevens! – in support and with the theme of ‘healthy’ SAY NO TO DRUGS theme.

3. Elderly Service Project : Elderly Sports Day!

Continuing on the success of IPP Chris’ Aged Olympics Day we are exploring the possibility of continuing this sports day again. Last year the organizers held the event in conjunction with their Organisation’s anniversary in the heat of June. This year it will be a separate event, and we are targeting cooler months.

Fellowships:

1. Golf Fellowship: - Driving Range + Thai Dinner!

PP Jonathan, Dir. Leo and Rtn. Kevin are organizing a golf driving range fellowship. Director Leo will ask one of his Professional Golf Coach friends to coach our group for free, and extra hours Director Leo and Rtn. Kevin are happy to give pointers and guide new players the skills of Golf! Then we will round up the fellowship day with a Thai Dinner with any member/friends/family who would like to join us.

I have to apologise that we haven’t had many service projects in the first 4 months of the year, I have been placing efforts in strengthening this club in terms of fellowship. May November be a peaceful month for all of us as we get ready to end 2017 with a fantastic December!

*With love and gratitude,
Yours in Rotary,
Pres. Stacy*

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

A hair-raisingly good fellowship

Ah, hairy crab season. Nothing like it as an excuse to get everyone together and enjoy the harvest. We did. On October 20, we enjoyed a great gathering arranged by PP Jonathan, which included a joyous party of members and spouses.



Happy faces. September 29, 2017



Anyone who knows P Stacy would not deny that she spreads happiness. So it's only natural that with her at our traditional Happy Lunches, there are sure to be smiles all the way. She is also not shy from 'tailoring' her photos to make them even more fun. The first Happy Lunch was held on September 29, as arranged by Rtn John Poon, and once again, proved to be a great day out for the students.



End polio fundraising

From P Stacy:

In 2008, I was privileged to participate in the End Polio Service Project with Rotary Club of Bangkok South,. It was the first service project I participated as part of the Rotarian Family (daughter of Rotarian). We spent the whole morning going to rural areas of Bangkok to give the Polio vaccinations. (administered through droplets) It was so great and I am so happy to say that this year we raised 11,800HKD for Polio in our club.. During his DG visit this month, DG HW gave us this amazing detailed sharing about what Bill Gates spoke about at the Rotary International Convention 2016-2017 in Atlanta. In the 1980s there was around 350,000 children afflicted by Polio in 125 countries! After Rotary's efforts to eradicate Polio... In 2016 there were 37 reported cases... in 3 countries! And! Today at our luncheon we voted to donate today's Red Box donation to the End PolioPlus Fund. Today we had one of our highest Red Box donations this year 4,000HKD !! In 1 hour we raised 11,800HKD! which with the pledge of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation comes to 35,400HKD. I did the math and... today's donation will provide and support for polio vaccinations to 7,564 children!! The Power of Rotary! This is what we do, we gather together to impact/contribute/serve communities and make a difference! Thank you everyone for your generosity! Especially to IPDG [Eric Chin](#) who pledged 1,000USD.



Swimming to success

This year the weather behaved itself and the Swimming Above Self event actually took place! It was a great and fun day as always, and P Stacy led our club members along with PP William. The weather was absolutely beautiful and fitting for the day, the sun way out and the kids were laughing and smiling. The highlight for us members was the cheering and the placing of winning medals. Some children were more stoic when they received their awards, others were jumping for joy.

There was one incident in which a swimmer was a bit confused and stranded in the middle of the pool, not sure where to go, and all of us cheered for him to swim towards the middle exit. (sorry chris can you help me word this better.) its like he swam to the middle ledge of the pool to climb out.

Choi jun school won top prize. everyone was happy! and P Stacy gave her speech in Cantonese with the help of EVERYONE - HS Gilbert writing out the speech, Dir Leo, PP William practicing with her.



Penang Flood Relief

From P Stacy:

In early November, an 18 hour storm raged in Penang. The aftermath is what has been said to be one of the worst flood disasters in Penang. The number of evacuees in Penang rose to 5,478 yesterday evening from 3,779 on Sunday night. In neighbouring Kedah, 2,790 were also still displaced. Our Rotarian brothers and sisters from the Rotary Club of Penang are passionately on foot and in action to help with flood relief. This is what President Stephen Soon wrote to me :

"This is what we are doing now. We are setting up a Rotary relief centre at our Rotary House to collect food, drinks and money to disseminate to the needful"

As their sister club, we would like to fundraise for the relief efforts and the Board has approved that

1. Our Red Box collection will be designated towards the Penang Flood Relief
2. 1000USD from our Club Service Fund will be donated to the Penang Flood Relief.

Members, it is our duty and honour to help those who are less fortunate than us, perhaps this is an occasion for us to gather our resources together and support a worthy relief effort. Please contact me if you would like to pledge support.



Pakistan and Nigeria replace paper-based reporting with fast, accurate cellphone messaging

Mobile phones and simple text messaging may be the keys to victory in the world's largest public health initiative: the eradication of polio.

As the disease retreats from the global stage, thriving in only a few remote areas in three countries, it's up to health workers to deliver vaccines and share information with speed and accuracy.

Rotary and its partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** are strengthening the lines of communication by giving cellphones to health workers in Pakistan and Nigeria, where a single text message could save a life. In Pakistan, Rotary has been working to replace traditional paper-based reporting of maternal and child health information, including polio immunization data, with mobile phone and e-monitoring technology. Community health workers across the nation have received more than 800 phones through a partnership with Rotary, the Pakistani government; Telenor, the country's second-largest telecommunications provider; and Eycon, a data monitoring and evaluation specialist. Organizers plan to distribute a total of 5,000 cellphones by the end of 2018. Health workers can use the phones to send data via text message to a central server. If they see a potential polio case, they can immediately alert officials at Pakistan's National Emergency Operations Center. They also can note any children who didn't receive the vaccine or parental refusals – and record successful immunizations. In Pakistan, the polio eradication effort aims to reach the nation's 35 million children under



Health workers also are using mobile phones to monitor a multitude of maternal and child health factors. Pakistan's child mortality rate ranks among the highest in the world, according to UNICEF, with 81 deaths under age five per 1,000 live births.

But mobile technology can help reduce those deaths, says Asher Ali, project manager for Rotary's Pakistan PolioPlus Committee.

"Our health workers, including community midwives, are tracking pregnant mothers," Ali says. "When a child is born, they can input and maintain complete health records, not just for polio, but for other vaccines and basic health care and hygiene needs."

Announcements

November birthdays We've celebrated a number of birthday boys this month. Best wishes have gone out to...

IPDG Eric Chin (November 5),

PP Tim Lui (November 5),

PP Paul (November 9),

PP Eddy (November 20)

November Speakers:

15th: PDG Jones Wong - Exploring Africa

22nd: AGM

29th: TBC

13th: Brendon Wong - AI Threats & Opportunities

December 20th: HKIE Annual Christmas Luncheon!

ON A LIGHTER NOTE...Happy eating



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