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## President's Message - What is possible?



Dear Members, thank you all so much for embracing me so warmly in this HKIE family for the past 5 years. My first encounter with our club was at a Chinese New Year BBQ held at PP Laurence's house in 2011. I watched from a distance, Rtn. Kevin manually roasting a BBQ Suckling Pig over an open warm bonfire.

And I observed my father standing around that same warm bonfire, holding a wine glass, and chatting with his friends. I was so impressed and touched by the warmth of over 40 people gathering. Not only did I meet my father's friends (his fellow club members..you guys!), I also had the chance to meet this huge extended family (spouses, children's, and even parents' of members!) I remember telling my dad afterwards, "Wow, your Rotary club is really all about family, I feel so welcomed there."

That was my first impression of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, and that is the fond legacy that I cling so strongly in my heart. That we are a group of close friends (we are practically a tribe!) and that we get together to do community service work and make a difference the best way we can. I wonder what is possible this year for us? What difference can we make together? And what would it take to grow and strengthen the sense of belonging in our club?

Thank you to all members for the outpour of support and encouragement. I am so honoured and humbled to be President this year. I am 100% committed to our club, and I look forward to an exciting year filled with infinite possibilities.

President Stacy, July 5th 2017



**COMING SPEAKERS**

July 12th 2017

The Next Wave of Fintech - can China be the Leader? -  
Bernard Lee



**LAST WEEK'S REDBOX COLLECTION N/A**

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

## Spotlight On - WHAT'S IN STORE THIS YEAR by President Stacy



### OVERVIEW:

My personal vocation is in Education, I am a High School academic tutor, and I am also a certified Transformative Life Coach. Hence this year there are two projects I feel passionate about that I would like to pursue, at close-to-zero cost to the club. They are: Inspiring Entrepreneurship at the School of Opportunity and Mental Health Awareness Symposium.

Regarding our luncheon meetings, as per our previous EGM in June 2017, we were unable to meet quorum. Consequently, our club meetings are continued at weekly meetings. When we were unable to vote for the change in bylaws, I reflected on the issue, and asked "what is right about this I'm not getting?" Now, after getting feedback from other clubs (who changed their bylaws to two meetings a month) and also considering our club's history, I am less inclined for the change to decrease our number of meetings. I would like to create a sense of a warm campfire every Wednesday, that every Wednesday if members choose they could come to Regal Hotel and know that they have a group of friends to enjoy fellowship with, and also have an opportunity to widen their general perspectives from our invited guest speakers. Let us see how the next few meetings go, and have a thorough discussion at the upcoming EGM on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. I support my club members fully and will follow the majority vote.

### Vocational Service Projects

1. July 18<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup> : Inspiring Entrepreneurship at the School of Opportunity. The School of Opportunity (located in Wanchai) is a summer camp for refugees/asylum seeker children. Pres. Stacy will be teaching 8 Business Studies lessons to a group of 16 refugee children age 11-15. The summer school project will be to create a business project. This is a call for all members who would like to meet these bright students and share about their vocational experience. Come and share your experience in Marketing, in Management, in Production, in Distribution, or any field that you feel passionate about. Dates available are: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Anytime between 10am-12noon.

Each student will present their final projects on August 10<sup>th</sup> to a panel of judges from our Club. They will love to seek your feedback and expertise. And the top 3 winners will come to our club luncheon to present their ideas.

2. Mental Health Awareness Symposium– December 2017 (dates tentative, subject to venue partner)

Our club is 1 of the 4 Rotary clubs in which we have a certified and licensed mental health practitioner psychiatrist Rtn. Ronnie Pao. That being said, a group of 6 clubs have joined together to create a one day Symposium about Mental Health. Rtn. Ronnie Pao will be the highlighted speaker, and the event will be held in HK Poly University. This is especially to reach out the High School and University students about dealing with anxiety, stress and what to do when their friends are contemplating suicide.

### Community Service Projects

1. October 2017 – March 2018: Urban Farming Classes for Hearing Impaired/Autistic Individuals  
Farming is an interesting and actually beneficial vocation for Hearing Impaired/Autistic individuals. Furthermore, hearing impaired/autistic individuals have heightened sense and abilities when it comes to farming. Our club will sponsor 20 individuals to attend a farming course, after which this supports these students to be urban farmers and get paid at a market rate of 200-300HKD/hour. The organization we are partnering up with – Rooftop Republic also seeks to make employment opportunities and arrangements for the students. The course is a 6 month course, with a total of 15 sessions. There will be assigned days in which club members can volunteer and drop-in on the courses, and we will have a graduation ceremony for the students at the Fringe Club tentatively on March 10<sup>th</sup> and this will double up as a fellowship dinner.
2. Choi Jun Swimming Lessons and Inter-School Swimming Competition  
We are carrying on the tradition to sponsor swimming lessons for 48-60 under privileged special needs students. Swimming is therapeutic for them. In October there will be an Inter-School Swimming Competition held in Ma On Shan public swimming pool. Members please join with your families, members can give the medals and trophies to the winning swimmers. It is a very rewarding and happy event.
3. Happy Lunches  
We are also carrying on the tradition of Happy Lunches. Happy Lunches is based on the concept of widening the perception and experience of our Choi Jun students (Special Needs students). There will be 6 lunches next year, stay tuned for details.
4. Ageing Olympics  
Wow the June 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 Ageing Olympics was a fantastic event! Thank you Pres. Chris and Dir. Leo! We will be hosting it again this year, this time as a separate event, and likely in February.

## Last week's Proceedings - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

P Chris was wrapping up his end of the year final luncheon which was also the 4th Club Assembly, and he began by welcoming this members we were welcoming back, and in particular Rtn Freddie Wu, who were celebrating the birthday of today. Freddie invited PP Laurence to lead his birthday song before cutting the cake.

P Chris then read out the announcements before asking PP Andy to announce the Red Box takings. P Chris then went through a recap of his past year as President, and thanks everyone for their support and guidance. After which it was the turn of various Directors and Chairs to give their reports. Naturally at this time of the year there was not a lot to get across, and P Chris then invited PE Stacy to have the last word. The end of the year, we all rose, gave a toast to RI and RC HKIE before joining for a group photo. Meeting adjourned!



## NEWS - Coming speakers & a club VIP

It's always good to have interesting folks come and impart their wisdom with us. We have an exciting array of speakers lined up. Here's a list just for starters:

1. July 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 – The Next Wave of Fintech - can China be the Leader? - Bernard Lee
2. July 19<sup>th</sup> 2017– Block Chain Technology – Prasanna Mathiannal - by founder of Blockchain Foundry
3. July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 – EGM
4. August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 – Starting from Ground Up, an Entrepreneur Story - Brian Chris
5. August 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 – What it is like to Run Li & Fung – Bruno Li, Former CFO of Trinity, Li & Fung
6. August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 – The Power of No – Interactive Workshop – Alexander Shapiro
7. August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 – Young Entrepreneurs – Presentation from the Winners of Our Vocational Service Competition – from School of Opportunity.
8. August 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Fellowship lunch – No speaker.

Please join us in congratulation our own PP Tim Liu, who was honoured last week with the award of a **Silver Bauhinia Star**, when President Xi Jinping was in town. What an honour!





## FELLOWSHIP

### Fellowships

There are 13 scheduled Fellowship dinners/gatherings this year. Here is the tentative schedule and members please mark your calendars!

Date	Event	Date	Event
28/07/2017	Pub Night!	27/1/2017	Bollywood Night: Indian Dinner
1/9/2017	Wine Tasting	23/2/2017	CNY BBQ Dinner!
22/9/2017	Dialogue Experience	10/3/2017	Fringe Club Dinner
21/10/2017	Caribbean Food + End Polio Fundraiser	6-7 8/4/2018	Rugby 7s!
24/11/2017	Hot Pot	20/4/2017	HKIE Dinner Party!
15/12/2017	Christmas Party	25/05/2017	Whiskey Lounge (Cigars Optional)
		29/6/2017	Karaoke Night

### Golf Fellowships

We absolutely will continue our Golf Fellowships and Golf Tournaments, please stay tune for dates:

PDG Uncle Peter Golf Tournament, PP Uncle John Golf Tournament, Golf Fellowships

## THE LAST LAUGH - Leadership

A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A small rabbit saw the crow, and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day long?" The crow answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it. Moral of the story is: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.



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