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## LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS - Feb 14, 2018



The meeting came to order at 1:01pm. Members attending were: PP George, PP Andy, PP William, PP Rudy, IPDG Eric, Rtn. Bernard, Rtn. Stephen Leung, Welcome back to Rtn. Angus, Rtn. John Poon and Rtn. David Ng. and our visiting Rotarian PP Pedro from RC City North.

P. Stacy prepared Valentine's Day chocolates for everyone! This luncheon was special because it fell on Valentine's Day. Happy sweet celebrations! P. Stacy made club announcements. She spoke about the visit to our twin club the Rotary Club of HK Island West - IPDG Eric and Rtn. Stephen Leung joined P Stacy on the visit.

P Stacy introduced the speaker Jeff Rotmeyer. Jeff Rotmeyer is the Founder of ImpactHK. Jeff is a full time English teacher at a local introduced the speaker. Two years ago the journey of ImpactHK started when Jeff and a friend went to the Shamshuipo/Nam Cheong district and with their own money

bought and distributed 70 rice boxes to the homeless. Since then, Jeff has started a humanitarian movement in Hong Kong and has gathered around 3,000 volunteers. ImpactHK is a charity that transforms the lives of Homeless people and gives them a second chance.

Currently there are around 1,600 Homeless in Hong Kong, and ImpactHK serves 350 of them. For 30 nights in a month, Impact HK hosts Kindness Walks in different districts. (each night alternating a different district) The Kindness walks are lead by Walk Leaders, and volunteers show up with a bag to distribute the pre-arranged necessities to the homeless. For example, hand outs include fruits (oranges), toilet paper, tissue paper, water bottles...

The unique selling proposition that separates ImpactHK from other NGOs that support the homeless is the 'kindness and friend-ship' element. Through developing friendship and trust, the homeless who are ready to make a change will step up and out. Then

right away ImpactHK has the resources from volunteers and fundraising to help transition the homeless from – jobless homeless helpless hopeless to...employed homed and hopeful.

Jeff shared a short video of "Bong's story" the story of a Filipino homeless man who Jeff helped get off the streets.

The Q&A session was very informative, we learnt more about the homeless situation and also further examples of the situation of a homeless person in Hong Kong. Rtn. Stephen Leung thanked the speaker. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05p.m.



**RED BOX: \$1,700** 

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輸社週報 Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1. Today's Red Box Donation

On February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018, Hualien in Taipei was struck with a 6.0 Richter scale. Our sister club the Rotary Club of Southsea Taipei is raising funds to support the relief effort. The Board proposed (and voted in favour for) the motion that today's Red Box February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 will be allocated to Hualien Earthquake relief.

2. Butterfly Park tree Planting + Fellowship Lunch - Sunday, February 25th 2018

RI President has set a target that every Rotarian in this world plant 1 tree, and if that were the case there will be 1.2 million trees . On February 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, Area 3 Rotarians and Family will gather together to plant 400 trees (the target). The venue is: Fung Yuen Nature and Culture Education Centre, 150 Fung Yuen Road, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong Time: 9:30 – 12:30pm Fellowship lunch afterwards Our Club pledged to plant 50 trees, hence this is a free event! To register please contact P. Stacy

### 3. Vocational Visit to the Legislative Council Tuesday, March 20th 2018

PP William has arranged with a Vocational Visit to the Legislative Council, it will be 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Currently we have 9 members enrolled, and 3 more available slots. The deadline for registration is February 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. Please contact PIC PP William to enroll.

#### 4. District Conference - June 2 - 3 2018

District Conference is an Annual event that is a great way to meet other Rotarians in the District and find more about what it means to be a Rotarian! If you like to register, please contact PE Gilbert to register before the Early Bird deadline February 26<sup>th</sup> 2018.



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