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Last Week: Rotary Foundation by PDG Jones Wong

PDG Jones Wong is no stranger to our club. In fact, when PDG Jones Wong served as the District Governor, our PP Henry was our Club President in that year.

PDG Jones Wong has been a Rotarian for 27 years, and currently he is District 3450 Foundation Chair. He kicked off his presentation by so wonderfully addressing each of our members in the audience. One by One he personally greeted and said a nice word (or two) about that particular member. This was impressive because it shows that PDG Jones Wong really takes time to know people, and at the same time it is impressive for our Club because his gesture was an acknowledgement to the quality of our Rotarians.

In the audience was IPP Stacy's guest Cissy Chan - who is exploring what is Rotary (potential member)! And so PDG Jones Wong said that maybe this whole talk was directed to Cissy, for her to know deeper about Rotary and the Rotary Foundation.

PDG Jones Wong spoke about two topics: 1. Rotary Community Corps (RCC) and 2. The Rotary Foundation.

1. Rotary Community Corps:

A Rotary Community Corps is a group of people who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. Rotary Community Corps members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects but are not members of a Rotary club.

2. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. By donating to the Rotary Foundation, we can make lives better in your community and around the world. Our donations also train future peacemakers, support clean water, and strengthen local economies. The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

PDG Jones Wong gave a comprehensive overview of how to the Rotary Foundation works. He also said that the more you give the more wealth you receive. When we give we give because we know that our money is going to a good place and also because we don't worry that our money will run out. (so we don't hoard our money)

PP Henry thanked our speaker in our usual eloquent manner.



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

The Observer:

- P Gilbert called the meeting to order at 13:05.
- P Gilbert welcomed everyone back, members attending were: PDG Eric, P Gilbert, PP Henry, PP Rudy, PP Andy, PP William, PP Norman, IPP Stacy, Rtn. Stephen Leung, Guest of IPP Stacy Cissy Chan
- PP Andy gave an update about PP Uncle John.
- IPP Stacy read our Rotary Information, and also gave an update about the progress of us chartering a new Interact Club (The Harbour School).
- P Gilbert kindly reminded all members of our 65th Anniversary Party! Mark your dates April 6th 2019!
- Red Box was 800
- Meeting ended at 14:10

Happy Lunch - Mexican Fiesta! Reported by IPP Stacy

We decided to switch up our lunch themes for our wonderful Choi Jun students and took them to a Mexican Restaurant called Tequila Jacks on December 10th 2018. Rotarians who attended were: PIC John Poon, Dir Leo, PP Rudy & daughter Jacqueline and IPP Stacy. We prepared Christmas gifts for the students: (teddy bears and a pencil/pen stationery holder) And we also adorned Christmas themed Headbands (Reindeer + Santa hats)

This time we were surprised with six boys! The age range was quite wide: the youngest was 8 years old and the oldest was 20 years old! For each of the boys this was their first time having Mexican food.

The major hit were the tacos and mexican fries. There were different sauces available and the red salsa was a dash spicy. And even though the students knew the sauce was spicy and they would laugh cringe and make a funny face



when trying the sauce...they still would continue using the salsa dip for their chips/burritos/tacos. It was quite amusing! The manager was very nice and she gave us free chips and also unlimited refills of soft drinks! When Leo and I first ordered for the group we ordered 6 lunch sets and 3 appetisers...wow those boys can eat! So very fast all the food was devoured and we quickly ordered more food. It was quite a hilarious lunch filled with laughter and adventures. The boys told us they really like Mexican Food!



At the end, the boys gifted us written Christmas Cards and took polaroid snapshots with us for us to take back as a souvenir. We 4 Rotarians distributed presents to the students and the teachers. Overall it was such a fun 2 hour of community service.

Sometimes I wonder whether this makes an impact in our students lives, then I remind myself that there is a ripple effect of kindness. For some of these students our happy lunches are the highlight of their month! Also it is a great chance for them to increase and practice their social interactions. Thank you to PIC John for arranging!





Past Rotary Annual Themes (from the ABCs of Rotary, <u>clubrunner.ca</u> website) ANNUAL ROTARY THEMES

In 1955, R.I. President A.Z. Baker announced a theme, "Develop Our Resources," to serve as Rotary's program of emphasis. Since that time, each president has issued a theme for his Rotary year. The shortest theme was in 1961-62 when Joseph Abey selected "Act."

Other one-word themes were chosen in 1958-59 by Charles Tennent ("Serve") and 1968-69 by Kiyoshi Togasaki ("Participate"). Carl Miller, in 1963-64, had a theme for the times when he proposed "Guidelines for Rotary in the Space Age."

Other "timely" themes were in 1980- 81 when Rolf Klarich created "Take Time to Serve" and William Carter in 1973-74 used "Time for Action."

Two themes have a similarity to commercial advertising: "A Better World Through Rotary" (Richard Evans, 1966-67) and "Reach Out" (Clem Renouf, 1978-79). Bridges have been a striking metaphor. Harold Thomas, 1959-60, urged Rotarians to "Build Bridges of Friendship"; William Walk, 1970-71, created "Bridge the Gap"; and Hiroji Mukasa, 1982-83, declared "Mankind is One--Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World." A worldwide focus was given by Stan McCaffrey in 1981-82 with the message, "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary," and again in 1984- 85 by Carlos Canseco who urged Rotarians to "Discover a New World of Service."

In other years, the individual was emphasized, as "You Are Rotary" (Edd McLaughlin, 1960-61), "Goodwill Begins With You" (Ernst Breitholtz, 1971-72) and "You Are the Key" (Ed Cadman, 1985-86). Frequently the theme urges Rotarians to become more involved in their club, such as "Share Rotary—Serve People" (Bill Skelton, 1983-84) or "Make Your Rotary Membership Effective" (Luther Hodges, 1967-68). But whether you "Review and Renew," "Take a New Look," "Let Service Light the Way" or "Dignify the Human Being," it is clear that the R.I. president provides Rotarians with an important annual program of emphasis.

In 1986-87, President M.A.T. Caparas selected the inspiring message that "Rotary Brings Hope." Charles Keller in 1987-88 saw "Rotarians--United in Service, Dedicated to Peace," while Royce Abbey asked his fellow members in 1988-89 to "Put Life into Rotary—Your Life." Hugh Archer (1989 -90) urged us to "Enjoy Rotary!" and Paulo Costa (1990-91) asked that we "Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm." My predecessor Raja Saboo (1991-92) exhorted every Rotarian to "Look Beyond Yourself." For 1992-93 I am reminding Rotarians, "Real Happiness Is Helping Others.

The Rotary Foundation is the best steward for your money. Here's why.

In 2016, The Rotary Foundation received the highest possible score from Charity Navigator – 100 of 100 points – for its strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

It was the ninth straight year the Foundation earned a four-star rating from the independent evaluator of charities across the U.S., a distinction only 1 percent of charities have attained.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals likewise named the Foundation the World's Outstanding Foundation for 2016, an award previously given to other familiar names such as Kellogg and MacArthur. These organizations agree: When you donate to The Rotary Foundation, you're investing wisely. We

followed your money from start to finish to discover how the Foundation ensures that your gift makes an impact for years to come.

Directing your donation

There's a reason Rotarians donate to The Rotary Foundation: It's a simple way to achieve your philanthropic goals – whether it's supporting clean water, the eradication of polio, or a particular global grant.

Any gift can be donated to a specific fund – End Polio Now, an individual global grant, or one of Rotary's areas of focus.

"Even the smallest of gifts can be donated to a specific fund – a global grant, polio, or an area of focus within the World Fund," says April Jensen, a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston, Illinois, USA, who works in fund development for the Foundation. You can also leave your gift unrestricted so that the Foundation has the flexibility to use the money where it is needed most.

Do you ever wish you could set up a scholarship or your own family's foundation but don't want the headache of administering it? Let The Rotary Foundation handle it. When you make a gift over \$25,000, you will receive personalized reports detailing the projects you are supporting. You can make your gift in the way that suits your financial situation best – such as cash, stocks, or bequests.

From the Wonderful Historical Archives of Tung Feng Bulletins of our Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East:

December 21st 1954 Get Ready to be Quizzed! Important Tip:

The Tung Feng Bulletin learned from a most reliable source that beginning tomorrow's meeting President John Yuen has decided to call upon any member to recite the Four Way Test, originated by R.I. President Herbert Taylor.

In case you are called upon to do so..but fail, you may be requested by President John to contribute \$5 towards the Community Service Fund.

Announcements

1. End of the Year Fellowship December 27th 2018
Here is a note from our Fellowship Director PP
Jonathan:

Good news all, I have managed to get a private room in 1563, and good deal of 12-15 ppl around \$350 set dinner, we could enjoy live band and great food, no minimum charge due to my friend is the owner, shall we promote immediately? The date will be 27th Dec 2018 as requested, cheers

2. Upcoming Meetings: January 2nd 2019 January 16th 2019

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday December Boys!
December 2nd - PP Desmond
December 12th - PP Hubert
December 20th - PP Henry
December 24th - Rtn. Ronnie
December 25th - Rtn. David Ng
December 26th - Rtn. Leo





Club postal address: P.O.Box 47064, Morrison Hill Post Office, Hong Kong

Meeting Venue : Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong **Meeting Schedules** : Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 pm

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