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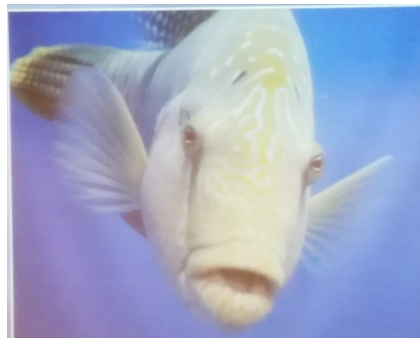
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**This Meeting:
Be The Change You
Wish to See**

**Last Meeting's
Speaker:
Professor Yvonne
Sadovy
Save the So Mei**



Professor Yvonne gave us a very thorough walk through of the situation of the Napoleon Wrasse (Chinese: So Mei). Professor Yvonne also expressed that if anyone ever did scuba dive: meeting these Wrasse is a very cute encounter. They are very large and they have cute personalities too. And each Wrasse has unique facial markings. It is also transgender, it changes from female to male.

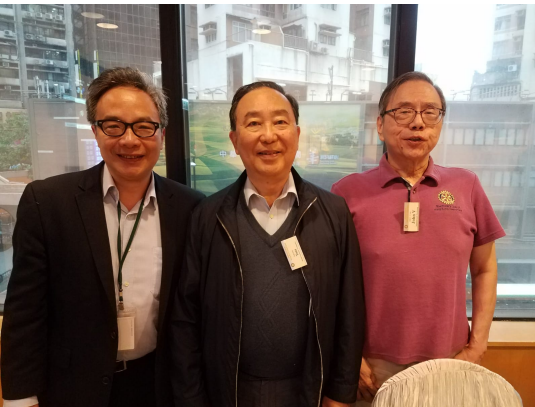


The market price of the Napoleon Wrasse is 250USD. The price tag makes the fish, a prime target for trafficking, particularly in Hong Kong and mainland China, where the fish is reserved for expensive banquets and dinners to display a host's high social status. Traditionally, banquet fish like the Napoleon wrasse are held in restaurant aquariums before they become a meal. Despite the Napoleon Wrasse endangered status, some Hong Kong establishments regularly stock the fish.

(Last Meeting's Speaker Cont.)

To pierce the world of shadowy suppliers, marine biologist Yvonne Sadovy has investigated a number of cargo ships over the past four years in an attempt to trace the fish's journey from reef to dinner plate. They are mostly caught using cyanide fishing - which is also bad for the environment. Hong Kong doesn't consider wildlife smuggling a serious crime. The domestic ivory trade will be banned, but not until 2021—lagging behind mainland China, which saw a complete ban at the end of March 2017. And despite public outcry, Hong Kong is still one of the world's biggest markets for shark fin soup, another high-status dish often made from endangered species. Yet, despite all this, Sadovy sees some hope for the Napoleon wrasse: there has been an increase in enforcement and prosecutions for illegal possession of the fish by the AFCD. The big fish with the rather gloomy expression may yet have something to smile about.

Photos from the Last Meeting



THE OBSERVER: LAST MEETING'S PROCEEDINGS

1. Meeting was called to order at 13:04.
2. Members attending were: President Gilbert, PP George, PP Henry, PP Hubert, PP Tim, PP Rudy, PP Stephen Liu, PP Andrew, PP Desmond, PP Tajwar, PP William, Rtn. Freddie, Rtn. John Poon, Rtn. Tony, Rtn. John Yao, IPP Stacy. Welcome back to PP Desmond! And we had a Visiting Rotarian: PP George Li from our daughter club Rotary Club of Hong Kong South, and PP Rudy's guest: Mofiz Chan. Total: 16 Members + 2 Guests. Great turn out!
3. President Gilbert made club announcements: we have Happy Lunch on May 24th and this will be a nice joint lunch fellowship. Members please come.
4. PP George made an announcement about our PDG Uncle Peter Memorial Cup. This Cup is reserved for members only, it will be held on June 3rd 2019, followed by dinner.
5. PP William made an announcement about the Visit to our Sister Club Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan from May 24th - May 26th. Members may still register if they like.
6. Happy Birthday to our devoted member John V! John Yao! He was very happy to celebrate his birthday with us, and invited PP Rudy to be his song leader. Very warm celebrations and John blew out his candle with one swift clap! As Rotarian Tony says, "Rtn. John the 5th extinguished the birthday cake candle by clapping his hand in the last Rotary meeting." Happy Birthday John!
7. PP George Li from Rotary Club of Hong Kong South introduced the speaker.
8. PP George, who used to Scuba Dive often and knows the Napoleon Wrasse, officially thanked the speaker in our usual Rotarian manner.
9. Red Box: 1,600HKD
10. Meeting was adjourned at 14:03.



OUT AND ABOUT

District Training Assembly May 11th 2019

On May 11th, our members: President Gilbert, PDG Eric, PP Rudy, PP Norman, and PP William attended the 59th District Training Assembly. PP Norman also was a speaker. And the lunch was unique - Poon Choi! Here are photos.



The ONE Gala Dinner - May 8th 2019
Congratulations to Jeff Rotmeyer for being a Finalist for THE ONE. Last year our club nominated Jeff for the ONE HK and he won! This year he became a finalist for THE ONE 2019. Finalist are awarded 50,000USD each. So, from our club nomination, we have helped Jeff's two charities: ImpactHK and Love21 Foundation receive : 200,000HKD + 50,000USD approximately: 592,000HKD!
THE ONE 2019 was Subasini Mistry



Many years ago, Subasini's husband passed away at the young age of 35, unable to get the treatment he needed. Determined that no one should experience the same tragedy, she vowed to bring affordable and free medical treatment to all the villagers of Hanspukur.

After twenty hard years of selling vegetables, cleaning houses, laying bricks and various odd jobs, Subasini finally saved enough to purchase a plot of land at Hanspukur. Thanks to the combined kindness of villagers who donated money and building materials, the Indian government who helped with construction, and doctors in residing areas who agreed to treat the needy, the **Humanity Hospital** opened in 1996.

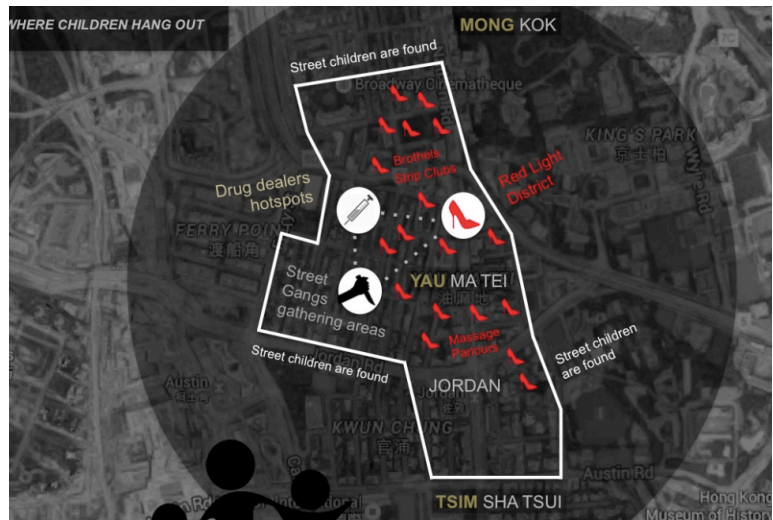
Today, the hospital treats 450-500 out-patients daily and Subasini spends up to 18 hours a day supervising patient care and comforting the sick. She is living proof that those from humblest of origins can accomplish great deeds for society.

More about Vijay and Kitling's Charity:

Ultimate United Genesis:

In May 2012, one of our friends invited us to visit a park in Yau Tsim Mong called Saigon Street Playground. This seemingly simple park visit changed our lives. That day, we met the children of different nationalities and from different socio-economic backgrounds (single-parent homes, asylum seekers, refugees).

On our way home, we observed the surrounding areas. Nearby, there were sex toy shops, street prostitution, people openly drinking alcohol and smoking on the streets, In the handicap restroom in the public lavatory we saw used drug syringes.



We left the Yau Tsim Mong area feeling disheartened and distressed. We wondered about the children of Yau Tsim Mong - we wondered how a child's development is affected by such living environments. People living in subdivided flats do not live easy. For most of the Yau Tsim Mong youth: the streets, the neighbouring parks, and video parlours are their second homes. To use wifi, the children may often go to McDonald's or Community Buildings. All these underlying factors are contribute to the increased possibility of the children of Yau Tsim Mong getting involved in triads, having unwanted pregnancies, and dropping out of school.

Hence, the following week we came back to the Saigon Street Playground. We played games with the kids, they were very sweet, laughing and giving us hugs. The week after we went again to the playground, and since then we never stopped. We called our Friday gatherings with the kids our "Mission Bridge Friday Night Kids Club". Since 2012, we have consistently held our Mission Bridge Friday Night Kids Club every Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. At our Friday Night Kids Club we read to the children, play games, sing



songs, and most importantly build foundational relationships with the children. To this date, we have served over 400 children of over 20 different nationalities. Currently our Kid's club has around 157 children.

Announcements

1. Interact Club of The Harbour School - Inauguration - May 20th 2019

The Harbour School Interact Club Inauguration Ceremony: May 20th 2019, Monday 1:15 pm at the school campus. To RSVP please contact IPP Stacy

2. Happy Lunch + Happy Fellowship

On May 24th we will be having our Happy Lunch service project with the students of Choi Jun School. This time our lunch venue will be the restaurant at the Scout's BP International Hotel. We are combining this service project with fellowship. Hence members please join this nice lunch buffet together and interact with the children. To RSVP please contact Rtn. John Poon.

3. Golf Fellowship: PDG Uncle Peter Hall Memorial Cup

This is for members only. Golf + Dinner fellowship on June 3rd 2019. To RSVP please contact PP George.

Save the Date!

Here are a list of our activities in May

May 18-19th: District Conference, Macau

This year's District Conference will be held in Macau!

Full Programme (Governor's Banquet + Foundation Lunch) @ 2,280HKD

Members please enrol via P Gilbert or HS Stacy

May 20th: Inauguration Ceremony of The Interact School The Harbour School

May 24th: Happy Lunch + Happy Fellowship

May 24-26th: Visit to Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan's 50th Anniversary Party.

June 3rd: Golf + Dinner Fellowship



May Birthdays

March Birthdays: Happy Birthday to our Splendid May Birthday Boy!

May 11th John Yao

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