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This Meeting: Sharing Hiking Experiences Last Meeting's

Speaker: Vijay Sharma Be The Change You Wish to See



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.

(Last Meeting's Speaker Cont.)

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.

Our Family is growing again! Welcome back to Our Member Charles Bien!



This member induction ceremony was very warm and joyous because we were welcoming back Charles Bien into our HKIE family fold. President Gilbert asked the acting Sergeant of Arms PP William to escort Charles to the podium. In proper Rotary procedure President Gilbert inducted Charles Bien. PP George gave an introduction of Charles. Both PDG YK and PP George pinned Charles, (PDG YK pinned the Rotary Pin, and PP George pinned this Rotary year's theme pin)



Charles gave a short speech. Charles is good friends of our devoted Rotarian Jason Chiu - they studied together. Jason introduce Charles to HKIE and Charles really did enjoy his Rotarian membership and most notably the fellowship in our club. However, due to work commitments Charles had to work both in Shanghai and Hong Kong. As Charles could not fulfill his attendance commitment, he resigned. Now Charles still works both in China and Hong Kong however his work load is less and he would like to come back to us in Hong Kong Island East. We are very glad to have him back - Thank you both for PP George and Jason to bringing Charles back.



Welcome back Charles!

THE OBSERVER: LAST MEETING'S PROCEEDINGS

1. Meeting was called to order at 13:00.
2. Members attending were: President Gilbert, PDG YK, PP George, PP Henry, PP Tim, PP Rudy & his mentee, PP William, PP Laurence, PP Norman, Dir. Stephen, Dir. Bernard, Rtn. Peter, IPP Stacy. And speaker Vijay Sharma and his wife Kitling Kung. It was a 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. We also have our inauguration ceremony for our Interact Club the Harbour School. 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. We inducted our returning member Charles Bien!
7. Stephen Leung thanked you the speaker
8. Red Box: 1,000HKD
9. Meeting was adjourned at 13:58.



OUT AND ABOUT

It has been 2 long weeks since our last meeting and since then we have had a slew of activities!

District Conference May 18th & 19th 2019

In total we had 9 Rotarians and 3 spouses join the District Conference that was held in JW Marriot Macau. Rotarians attending were: President Gilbert, PDG Eric & Spouse Christine, PP Rudy, PP Norman & Spouse Isa, PP William & Spouse Fanny, Dir. Stephen Leung, IPP Stacy.

It was Director Stephen's first time attending a District Conference!

The conference was very well organised and the Keynote speakers were heavy-weight speakers - absolutely excellent. The first keynote speaker was Francis Lui (former Rotarian from RC Kwun Tong!), current Deputy Chairman of Galaxy Macau. He delivered a very articulate and insightful overview of how the Galaxy group grew in Macau and also how the Macau Economy benefited from opening the Gambling Industry. The second keynote speaker was Mr. Ronnie Chan, the Chairman of the Hang Lung Group. Mr. Ronnie Chan gave a his perspective on China & US Relations, as well as how he sees the global economy moving.



The other sessions were definitely interesting, most notably the heated discussions that were held in the District Resolutions plenary session. The session overran by 1 hour.

IPP Stacy was the MC for the Rotary Foundation lunch, the lunch was cut short in interest of time. Overall, the District Conference was definitely an interesting one and we look forward to next years!



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

An Open Letter to our Interact Club of the Harbour School:
Dear Interact Club,

On your first day of existence, we ask you:
What inspires you? And we wonder who can you inspire?

Sometimes being the Inspiration can mean we accomplish great feats that inspires the masses. At other times, just being ourselves can be an inspiration to others. We had the opportunity to walk through your school walls. Your individual school projects (ISM) inspire us. When we see the poster boards. We can feel your enthusiasm and excitement to explore that topic area and that inspired us to have the same gusto/energy when we do our work. So thank you for that. :)

As you are laying the foundations of your club...the question is - What does Interact mean to you? How will you 'Be the Inspiration'?

These are questions for you to ponder on. You have a range of possibilities on how you'd like to build your club, what can you do together, how can you impact the community. For us, we love Rotary because we love the Rotary Motto of: Service Above Self.

It means we leave our egos at the door and do what is best for the people we are serving. It means that when we give back to the community...when we help others we help from our hearts...without asking for anything in return...and we help others without the need of recognition.

Service Above Self means that we are always orientated to thinking outwards - thinking of the world beyond just "myself"

Lastly, we would like to wish you the best on this journey and it is our sincere hope that this school club will be your first of many of initiatives to help the community and make a difference in our world. You may not understand this now, but we will tell you that, YOU are the leaders of our tomorrow and we standby you with all our resources, skills, mentorship, support and encouragement to support you in being your best and living your best.

We are so proud of you. Welcome to our family.

Yours in Rotary,
The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East



Attended by:
PP William & Spouse Fanny,
PP Norman & Spouse Isa,
IPP Stacy,
PP Gabriel
(District Interact Chair)

Happy Lunch + Happy Fellowship May 24th 2019



On May 24th 2019, we had a very hearty gathering of over 19 persons (Choi Jun students + Teachers + Members + Rotariannes+ Visiting Guests from RC Southsea Taipei)

Members who attended were: PP George, Rtn. Jason & Spouse Sharon, Rtn. Leo & Spouse Sally, Rtn. Kevin, PP William's spouse Fanny, IPP Stacy and PP Chilin & Spouse Ruby and son Jimmy.

We had lunch at the BP International House - the Buffet. The buffet was range was very wide - there was a pizza station, a pasta station, a sushi station, salad station, dessert station and asian station. The children were incredibly happy and they really

enjoyed replenishing their plates. When collecting food from the Buffet tables, there is a whole range of different subtle skills to teach the students - how to place food on their plates (no hands please!) and also how to use the rotating toaster, or and also the children had chance to speak to the different cooks at the different stations to ask for their food. Hence, acquiring dining etiquette wise - this buffet arrangement was a great idea that was proposed by Rtn. Kevin. Also the kids were incredibly lucky because Rtn. Leo & Sally and PP Chilin & Ruby prepared gifts for them! Snacks and candy. IPP Stacy also brought props like: princess crowns, big oversized sunglasses, bow ties, cowboy hats....for the kids to wear (and also take home) so this increased the atmosphere.

We all really enjoyed this occasion because it was also an opportunity for our wonderful Rotariannes to participate and Fanny, Sharon and Sally were AMAZING. They chatted with the children and also played with them. Very happy.

Looking forward to next year's Happy Lunch events! And a big shout out thank you to our PIC (Person-in-Charge) Rtn. John Poon for arranging this community service project.

Thank you John Poon!

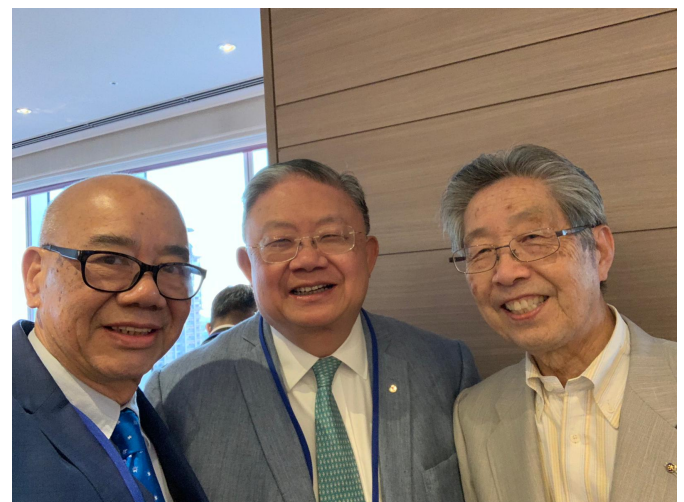


Happy Birthday to our Sister Club Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan!

PP William absolutely would have attended our Happy Lunch event if he was in Hong Kong. However, our PP William instead was in Osaka leading our delegation of HKIE-ers to our Sister Club the Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan's 50th Anniversary Party Celebration!

Members attending were: PP William, PDG YK, PP Rudy & Spouse Eileen, PP Laurence & Spouse Jenny, Rtn. Francis Li.

Here are photos from their wonderful trip!



PDG Uncle Peter Memorial Cup - June 3rd 2019

On June 3rd 2019, our club organized our Annual Golf Fellowship: PDG Uncle Peter Memorial Cup, the PIC was PP George. In total we played 3 flights:

Flight 1: PP Tajwar, PP Henry, Rtn. Kevin

Flight 2: PP George, Rtn. Jason, Rtn. John, Rtn. Leo

Flight 3: PP Andrew, PP David, PP Tim, PP Desmond and IPP Stacy joined as kick-off cheerleader and photographer. P Gilbert joined the fellowship dinner.

We all gathered together for brunch (thank you to PP Tim!) at 11:30 am. This was a wonderful fellowship filled with so much laughter. The weather was forecasted for thunderstorms however it turned out to be an incredibly sunny day. All golfers came back to the restaurant for dinner with very rosy cheeks! (They had nice sun tans!) And PP Andrew hosted the fellowship dinner. Leo and Kevin tabulated the scores. Results will be announced with Trophy presentation!



Announcements

Save the Date!

June 19th: Last Meeting of the Year - Year Review



June Birthdays: Happy Birthday to our Splendid June Birthday Boys!

June 2nd - Director Bernard

June 24th - Rtn. Freddie Wu

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