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**Last Meeting:**

Our last meeting was again another full house event, it was great seeing everyone. Perhaps we all were gathering in unison in honour of our PP Uncle John who passed away peacefully on July 10th 2019. P Gilbert called for a moment in silence and all members stood with their heads down to remember our dear member.

P Gilbert then read PP Uncle John's Presidential Speech from 1986. Here are some key excerpts:

Today is the first day that I address you as your President. I feel rather a little nervous. It's going to be a long and winding road in which we cannot see the end very clearly. However, your VP and the incoming board of directors have been thoroughly trained at the District Assembly and should be able to do a fairly decent job. We are always open to suggestions from any member of this club.

The Theme for the Rotary Year 1985-86 is "You Are The Key." The R.I. President Ed Cadman explained this theme to us. If you look at the emblem it shows a gear and in the center of this gear there is a hole with a slot in the middle. This slot in engineering terms is called the key slot or simply 'key.' President Ed explained to us clearly that without this key the gear wheel simply cannot turn. Thus, symbolically he has chosen the key as the symbol for the current Rotary year.

- You are the key that can turn the wheel.
- You are the key that can make things happen.

If you are the key and only that key can open a door to save a life, would you ignore that plea? I dare say you couldn't. Therefore, I believe that our worst enemy is "INDIFFERENCE". This "don't care" attitude may be our society's and our downfall.

To bring this problem closer to home - at our recently held annual ball, out of 76 members in our club only 32 members supported it. Let me ask you, "Is this fair to all concerned?" You know the answer to this question.

**THE KEYWORD IS PARTICIPATION.** Teamwork will overcome all our obstacles. Every member pulling together. Every member is on the team. Who actually runs this club? Do you think I do? Or your V.P. or P.P.'s. No, it is you! By your participation in your club affairs you can help run your club. You can make your voices heard any time by speaking out to any of your directors or officers of this club or you can speak up during any of your club assemblies which we have planned for you throughout this year. If you still are not satisfied, speak to your VP or me.

Teamwork also implies pulling together, and not against each other. No member is too new to serve and no member is too old not to serve. In short every member is in the team. Without you the Rotary Movement cannot be sustained. The Rotary wheel cannot turn, if you - the key are not there to turn the wheel.

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PP Stacy then circulated Uncle John's Bulletin Memoir. PP George commented that he remembered when PP Uncle John delivered this speech in 1986.

## Speaker Notes: WorldVision



Betty Tai is a dedicated resource development manager at WorldVision. She first introduced to us how WorldVision came about. Here is an overview of the views she presented:

WorldVision began with 5 USD. While on a trip to China in 1947, a young American reporter, Dr Bob Pierce, met Tena Hoelkedoer, a female missionary in Xiamen. She arranged for him to talk to some children there. On the last day, she brought with her a poor girl named Baiyu (meaning white jade). After hearing Pierce's words, Baiyu told her father that she wanted to go to school. However, she was scolded, beaten and thrown out of her family.

Pierce wanted to help, so he gave Ms Tena all that he had which was just five dollars. Ms Tena used it to buy food and clothes for Baiyu and send her to school. She asked Pierce to send the same amount each month after returning home so that she could continue to look after Baiyu. That was how the idea of monthly support to children began.

In 1962, Typhoon Wanda hit Hong Kong severely. WorldVision distributed relief supplies in Hong Kong, and later set up its first field office in the territory. With the economic recovery in Hong Kong, World Vision Hong Kong turned itself into a fundraising office in 1982, supporting the relief and development work of World Vision offices worldwide. Today, the people of Hong Kong are sponsoring over 200,000 children living in poverty, helping to fund World Vision Hong Kong's international long-term Area Development Programmes. World Vision Hong Kong also promotes public education, raising public awareness about global issues such as poverty, hunger, health and child rights.

Here is one project WorldVision is working on:

### **Concept Note: From WorldVision Provision of water for vulnerable Syrians in the Bekaa**

#### **Location: Informal Settlements (ISs) of the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon**

The eight-year-long conflict erupted in Syria has brought massive destruction and disruption to the country and civilians. There requires a large amount of resources and time to restore. Until this day, because of the conflict, it is still impossible for over 5.9 million Syrian children to return home, with the losses of their loved ones, homes and future remaining uncompensated.

Syrian refugees in Bekaa are susceptible to the high cost of basic needs and most often have little funding to address any need outside of rent and food. Adding to this, Syrian refugees live in overcrowded informal settlements (ISs) on private or public land relying on insecure tenure. Existing Lebanese infrastructure - often old and poorly maintained - is unable to cope with this increased demand; therefore, ISs are rarely connected to existing public water and sanitation networks. As a result, basic water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs are not being met: Syrian refugees are still lacking access to basic WASH services and infrastructure.

To address this, since 2013 and with the support of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Vision Lebanon (WVL) has been providing WASH assistance to targeted Syrian refugee populations across Bekaa as part of WVL WASH Emergency intervention in the region. In April 2019, WVL was providing around 50,051 individuals with equitable access to sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking, personal and domestic hygiene in informal settlements. However, WVL operations teams have assessed one critical gap in the Informal Settlements covered by the emergency WASH programming. The gap was especially noted in North Bekaa, the new area of intervention acquired by WVL in November 2018. In Informal Settlements of North Lebanon, **500 households** lack access to water tanks, which is preventing them from benefiting from the water trucking services delivered by WVL.

## Speaker Notes: WorldVision ... Cont.

### Proposed intervention:

The contribution will support the on-going effort of WVL in the Bekaa by allowing the provision of water to 500 Syrian refugee families in informal settlements through the purchase and installation of 500 water tanks with a capacity of 1000 liters each. A total of 2,750 Syrian refugee will benefit directly from the installation of the water tanks considering an average of 5.5 individuals per household.

By aligning this intervention with the UNICEF timeline, quality water will be supplied through water trucking services to the targeted 500 households deprived of water tanks for a period of 6 months from July to December 2019. The provision of water will be distributed as follows:

4 rounds per month from July till October 2019 (20-30 liters per person per day) and 2 rounds per month for November and December 2019 (around 15 liters per person per day).

### **Budget:**

The following table shows the total budget of the project and its breakdown:

Budget line	Quantity	N o . o f Unit	Unit cost (US\$)	Total budget (US\$)
Purchase and installation of water tanks 1 Water Tank Holds 1 Tonne	500 water tanks	1 item	56 / tank	28,000
Distribution of water (July to October 2019) – 1000 L water trucking per round	2000 household rounds each month (500 households x 4 months)	4 months	3.25 / household round	26,000
Distribution of water (November to December 2019) – 1000 L water trucking per round	1000 household rounds each month (500 households x 2 months)	2 months	3.25 / household round	6,500
Other support cost				6,500
<b>Total Activities</b>				<b>67,000</b>
<b>WVHK Administration cost</b>				<b>3,530</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>				<b>70,530 USD</b>
<b>Total Budget in HKD</b>				<b>553,660 HKD</b>



## The Observer:

- Meeting started at 1:04pm.
- President Gilbert welcomed all members back. We had two guests: Rotaractors from our HK Community Base: P Luffy Chan and PE Kingson Cheung. And we had one Visiting Rotarian: Van Tang from the Rotary Club of Bangkok South.
- President Gilbert delivered club announcements.
- President Gilbert requested for a moment of silence for PP Uncle John.
- PP Stacy introduced the speaker.
- PP Eddy thanked the speaker.
- Red Box:\$1,500
- Meeting Adjourned at 14:02



## Club Announcements

### Next Meeting's Speaker: Peter Zia

Peter Zia owned his own school and was also a pastor in Uganda. Peter also participated in the local elections as campaign manager. Due to political pursuit, Peter escaped and landed in Hong Kong. Although he is stuck in Hong Kong as an asylum seeker (cannot work) he devotes all his time in supporting the refugee/asylum seeker communities. Peter will share his life story with us at our next meeting.

## August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our Splendid Rotarians!

August 3rd Rtn. Kenny and Rtn. Alex Ling

August 6th Rtn. Kevin

August 9th PP Laurence

August 30th Rtn. Charles Man



**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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