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### **CLUB ADVISORS**

PDG YK Cheng, PP Andrew Chen, PP Henry Chan, PP Hubert Chan Last Meeting: Chinese New Year Fellowship Luncheon

At present day in Hong Kong (and the World) we are facing a growing pandemic named Corona Virus COV-19.

From the Wall Street Journal:

"Concern is high about a dangerous new coronavirus behind an epidemic in China and illnesses in 24 other countries. The number of people sick with or dying of a viral pneumonia caused by the virus has continued to rise in the epicenter of Hubei Province, China, despite a quarantine of some 60 million people and other measures to stop it. Worries about the potential global impact have interrupted travel and business and disrupted supplies of some goods—including supplies needed to fight the epidemic."

The writer of this bulletin is sharing this information for future readers as a way to provide context to our times. Noting that, in Hong Kong, it is currently advised to restrict social activity due to the contagious nature of COVID-19. Yet despite the scenario, our last meeting had a strong 17 members attending. Moreover, during the week of our meeting, hospital workers exercised strike action aimed at pressuring the government into sealing the border with Mainland China.

Of the members attending, Rtn. Freddie Wu (a cardiologist and a current Council Member of the Hong Kong Doctors Union) came up to the rostrum to share his thoughts about the honour and dignity of being a doctor. Rtn. Freddie shared about the time he served as a doctor in the SARS hospital wards. He delivered a very impassioned testimony and we all were very moved. When he finished his sharing, we applauded him. All of us in the room echoed that we support him and that he so rightly belongs in HKIE.



Thank you to Rtn. Freddie for this impromptu sharing!

## The Observer

P Gilbert called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

- ★ Members attending were: P Gilbert, PP Andrew, PP George, PP Tajwar, PP Eddy, PP Rudy, PP Norman, PP Andy, PP William, PP Stacy, PE Leo, Rtn. Peter, Rtn. Tony, Rtn. Freddie, Rtn. John Poon and Rtn. Rico.
- **★P** Gilbert delivered updates: most Rotary District functions have been cancelled.
- **★PP** William updated everyone about the upcoming sister club visits.
- ★We had Rtn. Tony Loy celebrating his birthday with us. Rtn. Tony chose PP Andrew as his song leader. We all sang a hearty Happy Birthday to Tony!
- ★ 財神 came to visit us! We all were very happy to receive our lucky red pockets with blessings for the Year of the Rat!
- ★Red Box: 1940HKD
- **★**Meeting Adjourned at 2:04 p.m.



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## **Club Announcements**

1. Sister Club Visit to Taipei has been cancelled.

1921-22 Crawford C. McCullough (surgery), Rotary Club of Fort William, Ontario, Canada. Rotary vision: Applying the organization's simplicity and sincerity of purpose to service worldwide.

"There is nothing intangible about Rotary: It is reality itself. To give is to receive; to lose oneself is to find oneself; to be happy is to serve. These are old truths...for the individual...and the mass, whether application be in the exchange of goods, toil, knowledge, or love."

— The Meaning of Rotary, THE ROTARIAN, November 1921



# **February Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to our Splendid Rotarians! February 2<sup>nd</sup> Rtn. Tony Loy February 20<sup>th</sup> PP Stacy Ho



# Laugh of the Week:

Why should you never fall in love with a Tennis Player? Because Love to them means...NOTHING!!!!

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

Website : http://hkie.rotary3450.org/