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## Last Week's Proceedings – 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2012

We were delighted to have 17 members and their guests from our daughter club RC Hong Kong Harbour to join us for the luncheon. Our club had 18 members attending, plus our speaker Mr. Alan Chow, the Principal from Holy Carpenter Secondary School, and Rotarianne Christine (the wife of Pres. Eric) and Mrs Melo Ho (the mother of Rtn Stacy Ho).

President Lee Ka-hing of RC Hong Kong Harbour introduced his members and guests, including IPP Belinda Yeung (DGN designated), PE WT Wong, PP Eddie Leung, PP MK Cheng, PP Antonio Chu, PP Eddie Wong, PP Samuel Chung, PP Veronica Dekrey, PP Grace Yen, PP Theresa Chan, PP Peter Ngai, Rtn Patric Lee, Rtn. Sammy Au, Rtn Dora Liu, and the two guests of IPP Belinda, Daniel Pong and Shirley Chu.

Pres. Eric made the following announcements:

1. Key Services and Event in Feb:

1.1 PP Andrew Cup, Spring Dinner and Prize Presentation will be held at March 2, 2012 in L Hotel at 7:30 pm. Fee HK\$ 500. Free flow of drinks and Karaoke. PIC Kevin Leung

1.2 Feb 17 St. James Food Bank Lunch with Elderly, PIC Nancy, Sponsor PP Hubert

1.3 Feb 18 Electrical Appliance Delivery Service PIC William Wong, Sponsor: PP Uncle John

1.4 Feb 25 2012 Medical Health Talk by Dr. Freddie and Dr. Ng Fook Hong. Capacity 300 audiences:

1.5 Feb 26, 2012 Rockie Star InterSchool Competition 3-8 pm. 500 Students, sponsored by PP Andrew



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

### Tree Planting Project

Date: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2011

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST LTD.**

**香港東區扶輪社週報**

**Club 16340**

**District 3450**

**Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President**

**PDG (Uncle) John Yuen**

## 2. District Event

2.1 National Immunization Days (NID) Feb 17 – 21 Pres. Eric and PP Norman and his wife Isa will join.

2.2 Future Vision Plan Seminar

Time and Date - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012.

Venue - Rotary Information Center, 14/FI., Capital Commercial Bldg., 26 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, HK. Attendance - limit to 10-15 individuals. Registration - Latest on 21 February 2012.

Then Pres. Eric led us to celebrate our birthday girl today who was Rtn Sharon Lamport and her song leader was our incoming new member Stacy Ho.

Acting SAA Rudy reported that the red box collection was a total of \$1,900, including a handsome contribution from President Ka-hing from RC Hong Kong Harbour of \$500, and \$200 contribution from our incoming new member Stacy Ho.

Pres. Eric had a pleasant duty to perform which was to induct our new member Stacy Ho. When acting SAA Jason escorted Stacy to the rostrum for induction, PP John made an introduction of Stacy, who was none other than the daughter of our ex-member Lawrence Ho. After the induction Rtn Stacy made her thank you remarks, especially about the fond memory of her father in the club for project and luncheon fellowship sharing. Our club was delighted to have Rtn Stacy to join us and her classification was education consultant.

PP Eddy had his Rotary 123 section on the “Four Way Test”. PP Eddy started with a brief introduction of the “Four Way Test” being:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

He went on to say that the “Four Way Test” was developed in 1932 by Hubert J. Taylor, who later became RI President. These FOUR QUESTIONS are a simple checklist for ethical behavior. They transcend generations and national borders. For more details please see the inserts associated with this bulletin.

Then PP Stephen had a formal introduction on our luncheon speaker, Mr Alan Chow, the principal of Holy Carpenter Secondary School. Mr Chow had his M.Ed from HKU and also as a PhD candidate to the Nottingham University, UK. Mr Chow had been active in the Hong Kong Education Convergence (being current chairperson and a member since 1994), and awardee of the 8<sup>th</sup> Highwise Award for Exemplary HK Teachers (2010).

Mr Chow's speaker topic was regarding the Introduction of 334 to HK students and Double Cohort Year of 2012. The 334 is a new schooling system to HK students, to include a six-year secondary school education as New Academic Structure (NAS, proposed benefit to have one examination to replace both the HKCE for Form 5 and HKAL for Form 7) and a four-year university education (proposed benefit to allow more comprehensive and balanced college life with the extra year).

The new senior secondary school curriculum would suggest a change in the time allocation of the subject contents, based on the school's context and student's needs:

- 4 core subjects (Chinese, English, Maths, Liberal Studies) – 45 to 55% time
- 2-3 elective subjects (applied learning such as in science, business & law, creative studies, engineering, media communication, and service industry, plus other language courses) – 20 to 30% time
- Other learning experiences (civic education, community service, aesthetic, PE, career related experiences etc) – 15 to 35% time

Nevertheless, the 334 system will bring forth a new pathway to the Hong Kong secondary school students after their attempt to the newly created HK Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE):

- 4 years of degree courses (public and private universities)
- non-local courses offered in Hong Kong / distanced learning programmes
- further study in overseas and China universities
- 2 years of sub-degree or diploma courses
- new project Yi-Jin courses
- vocational programmes (VTC)
- employment

The possible concerns to the Double Cohort Year of 2012 could be:

- An unusually large universe of HKAL (about 30,000) and HKDSE (about 70,000) applicants eligible to apply for university places.
- The accuracy of the placement availability and student application projection (as the universities have their 5-10% allocation flexibility for overseas students' admission).
- The time and effort from the students and teachers to meet the new challenges in the new 334 curriculum.
- The adequacy of school resources to support the double-cohort year in 2012.
- The passing grade, the academic results in meeting local education objectives, and in par with overseas education system.

Mr. Chow advised us that the most important dates in 2012 for the double cohorts would be in between March to May for their examinations, and June to August for their result announcements, the JUPAS offer and acceptance.

To thank our speaker for his informative speech, Rtn Tony rightly suggested that the education system was possibly making a full circle, to return to the olden days of six years of secondary schooling and four years of university education.

Pres. Eric reminded us that the next week speaker would be our PP Hubert on RFID technology. The meeting was adjourned slightly over-run and Pres. Eric made the toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Clubs of Hong Kong Harbour and HK Island East. The guests and members stayed for a group photo.



## Rotary Potpourri

The 8<sup>th</sup> St.James Settlement Elderly Luncheon Service – February 17<sup>th</sup> 2012

The 8<sup>th</sup> St. James Settlement Elderly Luncheon Service was a service project that served the community by providing a delicious lunch and cheerful companionship to the elderly. The PIC (Project in Charge) was Rotarian William Wong.

Thanks and acknowledgments go to those in attendance: PP Uncle John, Rotarian William Wong with wife Fanny, Rotarian Kevin with wife Catherine, daughter Catia, nephew Fung, Rotarian Jonah, Incoming Rotarian Stacy with mother Melo, Lingnan University Rotaractor Coey.

The centre had prepared 6 tables for the luncheon, each table sat 6 women whose ages ranged from 70-94 years old. These women live within the Shep Kip Mei vicinity and came down to St. James Kindness Centre to enjoy lunch. As the women walked into the centre, and their faces lit up with smiles as they shook hands with participants. Their handshakes conveyed a strong sense of happiness and appreciation, their handshakes were not just simple handshakes, they were handshakes accompanied with tender squeezes.

Prior to lunch, the centre manager – Joey, organised an interesting game using hardboiled eggs. The goal of the mini-game was to teach the women another way to de-shell a hardboiled egg. When it came time to play, some women played along, and others just de-shelled their eggs the traditional way, it was very amusing.

The luncheon provided a sumptuous array of food, including: fish, beef dumplings, vegetable stir-fry, chicken wings, E-mein noodles, fried rice, and dessert. Acknowledgements and thanks go the sponsorship of PP Hubert Chan. The women enjoyed their lunch thoroughly, and when the lunch was over they all thanked us warmly and told us they look forward to HKIE next St. James Settlement service project.

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The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 10K Challenge

On Sunday 5th Feb, the day before the Chinese Valentines Day, our members, PP Norman Lee, Dir. Kevin Leung, Dr Freddie Wu, IPP Heman Lam, led by our Pres. Eric Chin, joined the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 10k Challenge. Our session started at 8am, and together with several thousands of participating runners, we gathered at the entrance of Island Eastern Corridor. At the sound of the starting gun, all of us began enthusiastically. Not only did we enjoyed the early morning exercises of running and walking, but also the scenery of Victoria Harbour, which only happens once a year when we are allowed to walk or run on Island Eastern Corridor. We hope that there will be more members and their family or friends to join us next year.

**LAUGH FOR THE WEEK**

**Subject: The 'Best Comeback' line of the Year**

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial.

The lawyer was trying to undermine the police officer's credibility .....

Q: 'Officer --- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer -- who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, ... I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes, sir.'

Q: 'Now, ... why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir -- we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom EXPLODED with laughter, and a prompt recess was called.

The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's 'Best Comeback' line -- and we think he'll win.



<b>YEAR 2011-2012</b>							
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**ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m.**

## 15 February 2012 - Luncheon Meeting Rotary Club of HK Island East



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Principal Alan Chow of Holy Carpenter Secondary School & Pres. Eric Chin



Pres. Ka Hing Lee from RC of HK Harbour, AG Andy Wong & PP John Kwok



Photos of members & guests from RC of HK Harbour & RC of HK Island East





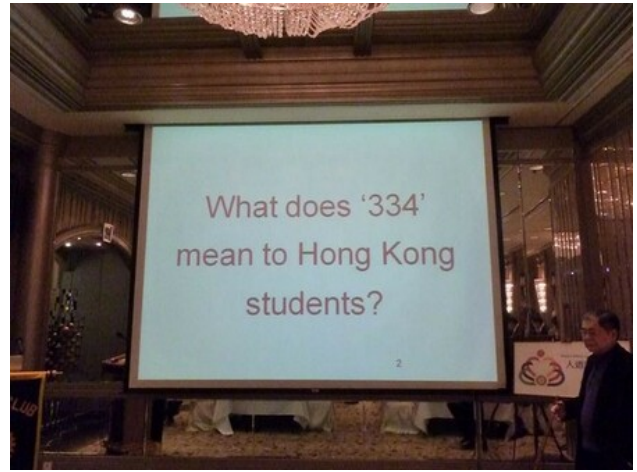
Pres. Eric Chin thanked Pres. Lee Ka Hing & IPP Belinda Yeung & members of the Rotary Club of HK Harbour to join our luncheon meeting

Pres. Eric Chin presented a club souvenir to birthday girl - Rtn. Sharon Lamport



We were all very happy to induct Rotaractor Stacy Ho to be a Rotarian. PP John Kwok was the proposer and acting SAA Jason Chiu witnessed the induction ceremony





This week's guest speaker - Principal Alan Chow of Holy Carpenter Secondary School gave us a talk on "Challenges & Opportunity of Education issues in Hong Kong"



Pres. Eric Chin Presented a Club souvenir to thank Principal Alan Chow



Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy made a vote of thanks to Principal Alan Chow on behalf of the Club



Group photo with members, guest speakers & visiting guests.

St James Settlement photos on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.,2012



Question- how do you get egg out of the shell without breaking the shell?



Answer: make two small holes and blow



Rtn Jonah doing it



Rtn Stacy also doing it



Success!



Stacy too



St James Settlement photos on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2012



Stacy and Mom Melo also took part



Well done!



Good Job!

# Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2012



# A new look at global ethics and The Four-Way Test

By RI Director-elect Lars-Olof Fredricksson

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Moral codes and ethics give us tools but also raise questions to be answered: How should we live? What is morally good and bad, right and wrong? Shall we aim at happiness or knowledge? Virtue or the creation of beautiful objects? If we choose happiness, will it be our own or the happiness of all?

And what of the more specific questions that face us? Is it right to be dishonest for a good cause? Can we justify living in opulence while elsewhere in the world people are starving? Is going to war warranted in cases where innocent people will likely be killed?

Ethics deals with such questions at all levels. The subject's core consists of the fundamental issues of practical decision making, and its major concerns include the nature of ultimate value and the standards by which human actions can be judged right or wrong.

For Rotary, The Four-Way Test is the cornerstone of all action. It has been for years, and it will be in the future. Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

The test is one of the hallmarks of Rotary. Since it was developed in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, who later became RI president, it has never ceased to be relevant. Its four brief questions are not based on culture or religion. Instead, they are a simple checklist for ethical behavior. They transcend generations and national borders.

As Rotarians, we should have The Four-Way Test in mind in every decision we make, all day long. Our utmost responsibility is to speak the truth, to be fair, to build goodwill and better friendships, and to do our very best in all situations.

Life is very turbulent today, and people all over the world are exhausted in their duties. Where are the dreams of a better world? Where are we? Who are we? What is our duty to ourselves, neighbors, and fellow citizens? Where are charity and our joint responsibility to humankind?

Now more than ever, we need a vision and knowledge of what is happening around us, a new view of cultural and religious phenomena, without dividing humankind into limited and subjective categories. That's the tenet for a better world and a job for us Rotarians: not engaging in politics, but serving without any boundaries.

This happens through our programs, and it happens through acting as a guide for international coexistence, providing a forum for dialogue and discussion worldwide, giving perspective to views and models, finding new solutions using Rotarians' great knowledge and expertise, and having interfaith, multicultural, and ethical standards as guiding principles in all dealings.

No divine right can be vested in anyone to pronounce the final word or the ultimate truth. In matters of faith and religion, prescriptive morality should be avoided, as it often is the root cause of hostility and divisiveness. Global ethics is based on an interfaith mind and ecumenical way of living.

The one universal, unsurpassed principle expressed by nearly every major religion and values system is similar to the golden rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Today, it is especially confusing to determine what is really right and wrong. But the fundamentals of Rotary are bound to universal ethics and humanity without any boundaries between race, religion, or ethnic background.

Rotary offers a possibility for solving ethical problems. Well-trained, well-engaged in social life, and with strong consciences, Rotarians must try to address these issues through Rotary's vocational and community service programs. People all over the world need more safety, tolerance, understanding, and love. They want to live in peace.

Tolerance, fairness, respect, compassion, and hope are particularly needed today. But what are tolerance and fairness? Are they only a question of sharing resources, rights, and obligations, or more a question of an ongoing dialogue? For an effective discourse, we have to identify the real problems, discuss them, and try to find compromises.

We should know what the human culture is made of, and what it means to different people and to the identity of other nationalities. The knowledge of other cultures, along with the skill to face the dissimilarities in our lives and lifestyles, seems to be a key point and the biggest issue.

Rotary, whose club members represent many cultures and religious beliefs and are committed to high ethical standards, can support mutual understanding and serve as a tool for peace. Rotarians and Rotary clubs all over the world — in small country towns and huge capitals, in the East and West, South and North — may provide enduring forums for peace discussions and together work for peace.

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