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President's Message - A Time for gathering



I have been looking forward to this particular luncheon for some time. We've all been busy this year of 2015, myself included (naturally in my role as President), and this is a chance for us to take a breather, be with friends and families, and enjoy the spirit of Christmas. In particular, looking at the list of confirmed attendees for today, it was heartwarming to know that we would enjoy a good turnout of members.

Let's enjoy our fellowship at this special time, and appreciate each others' company. It's at times as these when we can appreciate the fact that, as a club, we are a family. We should not take that for granted. Let's encourage more fellowship (especially for those members we don't see too often) in the coming year, and enjoy what we do as Rotarians. Being together is half the fun!



30 December 2015 TO BE CONFIRMED

06 January 2016
MR SIMON KWOK
Topic
摘星計劃

Avg. AttendanceMembers





Last Week REDBOX \$1,200

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輸社週報 Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our club Christmas Party will be held on Dec 23 Wednesday, please enroll with P William or HS Heman within this week for the venue and food arrangement.
- 2. The 2016-2017 District Installation will be held on Saturday July 9, 2016 in HKCEC. HKIE will be the DG Club next year, we need to fully support our DGE Eric, please mark this big day in your diary, come with your spouse and make registration in due course.
- 3. As advised last week, the board meeting was postponed to be held on Dec 17 Thursday in #612 Wing On Centre, Central, members are welcome to join.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The District Golf Tournament will be held on Friday Jan 8, 2016 in Mission Hills Golf Club. Pres. William and IPP Norman will attend. I hope our club can register one team for this annual district event. Please let me know if members interest to join.
- 2. The 6th HK Bowling Tournament and 5th Hong Kong Blind Bowling Tournament will be held on Sunday Jan 24, 2016 in South china Athletic sports Association Bowling Centre. Registration fee is HK\$2,000.00 per team. P William and PE Chris will organize a team Registration fee is HK\$2,000.00 per team. P William and PE Chris will organize a team to join the competition. Any members interest to join, please enroll with me.

THE LAST LAUGH

A mafioso's son sits at his desk writing a Christmas list to Jesus. He first writes, 'Dear baby Jesus, I have been a good boy the whole year, so I want a new...'

He looks at it, then crumples it up into a ball and throws it away.

He gets out a new piece of paper and writes again, 'Dear baby Jesus, I have been a good boy for most of the year, so I want a new...'

He again looks at it with disgust and throws it away.

He then gets an idea. He goes into his mother's room, takes a statue of the Virgin Mary, puts it in the closet, and locks the door.

He takes another piece of paper and writes, 'Dear baby Jesus. If you ever want to see your mother again...'



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THE ROTARIAN PHOTO CONTEST SHOW US YOUR BEST SHOT

Do you have a great shot from a club project or fundraiser? Did you capture a memorable moment at the convention or during an international trip? Enter your images in The Rotarian's 2015 photo contest and you might see them in the pages of the magazine.

You may enter up to three photos taken since 1 January 2015. This year, our contest has three categories: people, places, and projects. While some photos might have elements of all three, select one category to enter your photo.

Our previous guest judges have included Pulitzer Prize-winning photographers David Hume Kennerly and Carol Guzy and Kathy Ryan, director of photography for the New York Times Magazine. This year's judge will be announced soon.

DEADLINE

29 FEBRUARY 2016

PRIZES

\$500 FOR THE FIRST PLACE WINNERS IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES: PEOPLE, PLACES, AND PROJECTS.

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WHAT IT'S LIKE TO...

Rotarians have amazing stories. We're kicking off 2016 with first-person accounts of your most harrowing and heartfelt personal experiences. Enjoy these selections, and pick up the issue to enjoy all the stories we've collected:

What it's like to survive the London Blitz
What it's like to go to jail for your beliefs... and forgive your captors
What it's like to tell your club your secret

Last week's Proceedings - 16 December 2015

With President William away on a trip to China, IPP Norman chaired the meeting and at 1.05pm rang the bell to commence proceedings. He began by welcoming our guests, who included Sera Tsui, our guest speaker from World Vision, and returning guest Elle Tse, who was once again introduced by Uncle John. IPP Norman then welcomed back returning members PP Heman and PE Chris who had both been away on business in China. The birthday boy this week as PP Henry and he invited Uncle John to lead his birthday song.

IPP Norman then read out the announcements, and SAA John Poon announced the Red Box takings of \$1,200, before IPP Norman asked PN Stacy to introduce Sera, our guest speaker, who was with us to talk about how micro finance solutions are helping to reduce world poverty. After her presentation, PE Chris was asked to officially thank the speaker, after which IPP Norman called a toast to RI, HKIE amd invited everyone for a group photo.



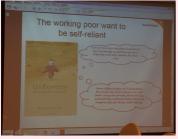
SPOTLIGHT ON - VisionFund - A powerful tool to change the poor's world



Immediate relief may allow someone to survive today, but it will never empower that person to become self-reliant tomorrow. How can we empower the poor and change their world? Microfinance eradicates poverty and hunger by providing the entrepreneurial poor with financial support and services that help them establish or expand a small, self-sustaining business.

Sera spoke about how microfinance works, by providing loans for individuals in impoverished areas, so that they can start small businesses that can grow and help develop employment opportunities in their communities. She gave case studies of

where the projects have been successful, showing how World Vision are helping the poor. How to eradicate poverty is one of the most important global issues facing the world today.



Over the years, some prominent and notable experts in economic development have proposed innovative solutions to tackle the issue. Almost a decade ago, the Nobel Peace Prize 2006 was awarded jointly to Mr. Muhammad Yunus and Grameen Bank "for their efforts to create economic and social development from below". Established by Mr. Yunus in 1983, Grameen Bank in Bangladesh was to help poor people escape from poverty by providing loans to them so that they could help themselves; Yunus is regarded as the pioneer of modern microfinance. Mr. Angus Deaton was awarded the latest Nobel Prize (2015) in Economic

Sciences "for his analysis of consumption, poverty, and welfare". Although Mr. Deaton and Mr. Yunus were awarded the prize in different categories, their concern for the poor is

the same.

About the speaker

Sera Tsui is Relationship and Resources Development Manager of World Vision Hong Kong. She previously worked in the insurance industry, for companies such as AXA and AIA, Her role at World Vision includes managing relationships of corporate sponsors.