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President's Message



Greetings to all members and I want to say first of all, Happy New Year to you all.

I am now 6 months into my Presidency and how times fly. I can look back on a great half year of activities, including our mooncake delivery to the elderly folk, the Choi Jun Swimming gala and our Happy Lunches. We have more projects coming up, more opportunities to do good, including the bowling and also to the elderly, and annual Rookie Contest on Please do look into dates in the and I really do get involved



coming blind more care visits don't forget the Stars Dance February 28th. these coming announcements encourage you to where you can.

Thank you to all members for your support so far.

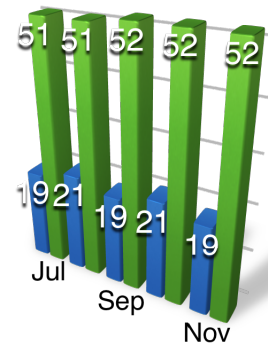


COMING SPEAKERS

06 January 2016
MR SIMON KWOK
Topic
摘星計劃

13 January 2016
MS PRISCILLA CHAN
of
PC Image Consulting

■ Avg. Attendance
■ Members



Last Week REDBOX
\$1,500

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

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

Last week's Proceedings - 30 December 2015



You might have thought that post-Christmas and pre-New Year, this would be a subdued affair, with a smaller attendance. But it's not often we get to hear PP George give us a presentation, and especially one regarding the history of our club. So it was an excellent turnout with some notable guests.

P William rang the bell at 1.05pm, and commenced by welcoming those guests, starting with DG Peter Pang, who we were honoured to have with us. Also we welcomed PPs William Fong and PP Pedro Ching from RC HK City North, as well as Cynthia, wife of PP George (evidently she also does not get to hear him make a speech too often..). P William welcomes back long-time-no-see member PP Tajwar, and after the announcements were read and acting SAA Rudy announced the Red Box takings of \$1,500.



P William invited PP George to start his history lesson which was a fascinating and engaging session of good stories and anecdotes, inspiring many comments and memories to pop up. As usual, we ended the lunch with a toast to RI, RC HK City North and HKIE, before joining for our group photo. Meeting adjourned at 2pm.



Kowloon Park Elderly Fair

P William and DGE Eric attended the Rotary Club of Kowloon Central event 'Elderly Info Funfair' at Kowloon Park, where 7000 elders were able to visit and learn from 40 information booths and receive gifts. Over 12,000 presents were given out on the day.



Boxing Day Hike - Cheung Chau



SPOTLIGHT ON - The History of RC Hong Kong Island East



PP George gave a very personal and heartwarming account about the history of our club, and stated he was very happy that P William had invited him to speak.

He told us he joined RCHKIE in 1976 at the age of 26, having just graduated from dental school, and noted it was quite unusual to have such a young member joining Rotary Club. It's always a great honour to become a Rotarian, and this is especially true when joining HKIE, which has a long, proud tradition. We are one of the oldest clubs in the District with many distinguished members. When PP George first joined, the club President was Bill Zao, who ran a textile printing business, and who's father's SW Zao (also our member) had been a distinguished member of the Shanghai business community.

PP George recalled that in those days, 50% of our club members were expats, and of the 50% Chinese, many them were Shanghainese. He fondly recalled some of the notable members from back in the day, including his uncle, PP Edwin Tao, PP YP Yang, and PP Con Conway. A fond story PP George recalled was to do with his good friend PP Sam Lam, who was the owner of the Honda dealership in Hong Kong in those days, and he donated a Honda Civic as the Grand Prize at the annual Rotary Ball one year. Another member he mentioned involved PP Harold Lee who was a keen racing driver, having won the Macau Grand Prix in his day. PP George recalled how, after club meetings in the Lee Gardens hotel, PP Harold would drive him back to Quarry Bay, where both of them had their offices, and that the journey, before the days of the Eastern Corridor, would be done in under 5 minutes! Exhilarating times!

Other prominent members PP George recalled were PP YP Yang...the CEO of Bristol Myers pharmaceutical company, Wilson Wang, founder of New Method College and a member of Legco, Jimmy Wu of Hopewell Holdings who was the elder brother of Gordon Wu, and was also an Exco member. PP Conway who was the forefather of the IT industry in Hong Kong and a keen sportsman as well as a long time member of the Hong Kong Olympic Committee and PP of the HK Hockey Association, Architect Rtn William Ling, father of Rtn Alex Ling, Dragon Nei, owner of Yick Sun Construction Co and Yick Sun restaurant. PP George's own uncle Edwin Tao was a Yale graduate and Pro-Vice Chancellor of Chinese Shin Yah College, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, as well as a member of the Basic Law drafting committee. Another key member we should never forget was PP and Charter President of HKIE, John Yuen. He was always there at meetings, and attending all functions, was a generous major donor to the Rotary Foundation, and upon passing away bequeathed \$1 million

to our club. PP George finally noted some of the long-serving VIP important members still with, who played an important part in our history, and saluted PDG Uncle Peter Hall and PP Uncle John Kwok.

PP George REMINDED US about the proud history of our club and what it meant to be a member.

He continued by recalling some of the major service projects we had undertaken over the years, including the building of the Victoria School for the Deaf, opposite Victoria Park, for which some of our members sit on the Board. (It was finally closed by the HK government 2 years ago, sadly.).

In the year that PP George was President, which was 1992/93, he recalled that the colour for that year was red, and he and his presidential classmates had red jackets, so were known as the 'Red Coats'. One funny story entailed a meeting in Macao, where they were all wearing their red jackets, which coincidentally were the same colour as the Macao casino dealers. Slipping away from the meeting for a quite bite in the coffee shop, one staff member commented how PP George must have 'Gotten off work early', thinking he was one of the casino dealers.

The theme for that year was 'Real Happiness is Helping Others'. Our club had just over 80 members, and enjoyed a very good year, winning 9 District awards, which accounted for about 50% of all the awards. Naturally, there were Uncle John stories to be told. Especially from the time when club Board meetings were held at the penthouse of the old Wing On bank office, where post-meeting dinners were held on the rooftop greenhouse facility, illuminated by moonlight, for which PP George remembers fondly.

Lastly, PP George recalled when it was announced that RI would be accepting and encouraging female members. There was resistance from some of the older and more die-hard club members at this time of change, and our first lady member was PP Nancy. PP George ended by stating that he for one is totally in favour of female members and how better off we are for having them. A great way to end off the history lesson, with a hint of where our club needs to go in the future if we are to continue to grow and build, based on our long proud history.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our RAC HKCC have organised a service for the blind together with Pentecostal Holiness Church Ling Kwong Bradbury Centre on Jan 11 Monday. First there is a dim sum lunch with the blind at 1.30pm Lok Fo Chinese Restaurant, then we walk together with the blind persons in Morse Park. The dim sum lunch is sponsored by the Student Union and we invite our members to join. Please let P William know if you are interested to join.
2. We have an elderly service visit working together with St James Settlement after Chinese New Year, either on Sat Feb 27 or March 5 in the afternoon 1.30 to 4.30pm. We will sponsor 120 gift bags with a value around HK\$150.00 which contain mushrooms, noodles, dairy products, used items and supermarket coupons. We need 20 to 30 volunteers for this service project. We will announce more details later after the service date is fixed. We will ask our Rotaractors to join and work together with our members on this service project, please mark the date and register with me or service Director or Chair.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Horse Racing Night, Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup.
Date: Feb 17 Wednesday, 2016.
Venue: Happy Valley Stand, 3/F, Happy Valley Racecourse.

Time: 6.30pm to 11.00pm
Cost: HK\$780.00 per person including buffet dinner with unlimited supply of house wine/soft drinks and free admission badge.
Booking deadline: Wednesday Feb 3, 2016.

This is very good opportunity to meet and make fellowship with Rotarians from other clubs. Please pencil the date and make registration in due course accordingly.
2. The District Fellowship Portuguese Night in Macau will be on Jan 30 – it is already fully booked. The next fellowship is the Shanghai Night on April 2, 2016, please mark the date and make your registration in due course.

THE LAST LAUGH - Lecture Tour with A Difference

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer.

'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Roger.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture

at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable sarcastically.

'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.



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