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### President's Message - Get Well Soon



This past week we have had several of our member suffering from health issues, and it concerns me to see such dedicated, selfless and giving long term valuable members..pillars of our club. to be under the weather.

Uncle John was admitted to hospital from Dec 31<sup>st</sup> until Jan 7<sup>th</sup> (not exactly a Happy New Year) for an emergency operation and is now

recovering. I know we sometimes think he is invincible, but even he has to take care.(Although with his speedy recovery PP Andy did comment that Uncle John's charger was even "Faster than my iphone".) PP Henry had a check up for his heart after it was 'Jumping up and down irregularly'. And PP George was having cataract eye surgery. Please join me in wishing all of them a speedy recovery, they are all so caring towards others we hate to see them suffering.

To all of you members, please remember to take care of your health and don't work too hard!







COMING SPEAKERS

20 January 2016 Club Assembly Chair by PE Chris Kyme

27 January 2016 Dr. Patricia So Topic How to make consumers like fair trade products

Avg. Attendance Members



Last Week REDBOX

\$3,000

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

## SPOTLIGHT ON - Twinkle Stars



Speaker Mr Simon Kwok introduced us to his charity, Twinkle Stars which was set up in 2008 to help underprivileged students in Nanning province, sponsoring them to get into university, with help in areas such as college tuition fees. The students can be either graduate or post-grad, and the aim is to help them create a sustainable system whereby as they graduate, they in turn help the new students who join the project. Sponsoring companies from Hong Kong would arrange for members to visit the students when on business trips, and there is an annual event held in Nanning over the course of 3days, 2 nights, where sponsors and students can meet and catch up to see the progress. Simon then invited student Mei Ling to speak about her own experience, she being a successful product of the system, for which she was obviously thrilled and very grateful. The programme is endorsed by the China government.

#### About the speaker

Simon Kwok is Managing Director of W.M. Construction Ltd, ndd sits on a wide varity of committees, including President of HK General Building Contractors Assocaition, President of Friends of Nanning Guangxi (HK) Association Ltd, and member of Guangxi Committee of CPPCC, to name a few.

## \_ast week's Proceedings - 06 January 2016

A pretty good turn out of members this week, plus a few visitors too. After P William rang the bell to start, he wished everyone a Happy New Year, before he welcomed visitors who included speaker Simon Kwok who was with us to talk about 'Twinkle Stars' NGO, President Nancy Leung of RC Kowloon Tong, Candy Ko Secretary of Tinkle Stars and Wong Mei Ling, one of their student beneficiaries. P William also welcomed back members WK So and PP Jonathan. With the welcoming done we had a birthday celebration for Rtn Peter Yeung, who invited



Freddie Wu to lead his birthday song, and then Rtn. John Poon announced the Red Box takings of

\$1,900! P William then formally introduced our speaker, Mr Simon Kwok, who gave us an introduction into his charity Twinkle Stars, which was created to help sponsor students in China who want to learn but need help with funding.

After the presentation, P William invited PP Hubert to formally thank the speaker, before all rose to give a toast to RI, RC Kowloon Tong and HKIE. Meeting adjourned at 2pm.



# OUT & ABOUT

#### DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Members took part in the Distict Golf Tournament last week, and it was a beautiful day for golf. President William has led the Hong Kong Island East team including PP Heman, IPP Norman and Rtn Kevin to participate in the district golf tournament on Jan. 8, 2016. The event was held at the Mission Hills Golf Club, Faldo course. Over 70 golfers joined this year's competition and there are over 40 prizes available. Amongst the players, there are quite a few very professional golfers with single-handicap result. The HKIE team can only compete in the amateur group, and after the new Peoria calculation, HKIE won the 1st runner up as a team. PP Heman has also won the individual 1st runner up. The event was well organized and all participants enjoyed the good game together with a buffet lunch and dinner. Some still enjoyed the fellowship with lots of conversation on the return trip while most people chose to take a nap with an exhausted body after a fun golf day.



PE CLASS OF 16-17 NEW YEAR DRINKS

DGE Eric hosted a cocktails gathering for next Rotary year's leaders, and it was a good turnout at the Crowne Plaza hotel, with P William coming along to show his support for PE Chris.





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#### LUNCH WITH VISUALLY - IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS

On Monday January 11th 2016, President William, Director Kevin, Rotarian Stacy and PP Michael Lun of Rotary club of Macau Islands attended a service project launched and instituted by HKIE RAC HKCC. In Lok Fu area, over 20 rotoractors and students spend quality time with 20 visually-impaired individuals arranged by the Pentecostal Holiness Church Ling Kwong Bradbury Centre. There was much fun laughter and story telling amongst the 4 large restaurany tables over a hearty delicious yumcha meal. Most of these individuals rarely have yumcha and so it was such a happy treat for them. The event finished off with a lovely stroll in the Lok fu public park.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. We have an Elderly Visit Service 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 value around HK\$150.00 which will contain mushrooms, noodles, dairy products, used items and super market coupons. We need 20 to 30 volunteers for this service project. We will announce more details later after the service date fix. We will ask our Rotaractors to join and work together with our members on this service, please mark the date and register with me or service director or chair. Myself, Director Kevin and Rtn John Poon will have a meeting with SJS on Jan 12 next week Tuesday afternoon, more information will be provided in next week's regular luncheon meeting.

2. We will have an induction of our new member at next week's regular luncheon meeting. Please come to join the induction ceremony and welcome our new member Elle Tse in to our big family.

3. Treasurer Jason is working on the debit note for the second part of annual dues HK\$3,500.00 for Rotary year 2015-2016 and will send to members separately, please send your check direct to Jason or bring it next week Wednesday when you come to the luncheon meeting. For the Senior members who joined the club years plus his age total over 85, the club waive his/her club dues and only need to pay for the RI and District dues and community service fund, total HK\$2,217.00.

#### **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.

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## THE LAST LAUGH - A Joke for the Family

An Irishman walks into a bar in Dublin, orders 3 pints of Guinness and sits at the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders 3 more.

The bartender approaches and tells him, "You know, a pint goes flat after I draw it, and it would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Irishman replies: "Well, you see, I have 2 brothers. 1 is in America, the other is in Australia, and I'm in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised we'd drink this way to remember the days we drank together. So I drink one for each me brothers and one for me self."

The bartender admits this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way: He orders 3 pints and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and orders 2 pints. All the other regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The Irishman looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that me wife had us join that Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking. But it hasn't affected me brothers though."

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