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President's Message - Farewell to a devoted friend

The sad loss of our good friend and devoted member Uncle Peter makes this a time for all of us to reflect, and share in the memories of who he was and just how very special he was as a businessman, father and Rotarian.

In the last couple of years we have seen Uncle Peter in poor health, and miraculously he has been able to join us still for some of our special occasions, not least of which are in honour of him. Let us not remember him just as this, if we cast our minds back, we must all be truly inspired by his life and his work.



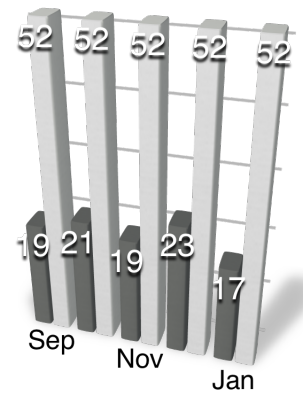
Speaking as club, I myself exceptional he was what an example remain for all of us. The Uncle Peter I remember was always the first to arrive and prepare for our luncheon meetings. Was never absent from our monthly board meetings. And had a 100% attendance record in his 55 years as a member of Hong Kong Island East. He devoted his life to generously giving to others, served on the board of a number of bodies, and was especially enthusiastic about supporting youth. We have not just lost a fellow Rotarian, we say farewell to an extraordinary man. Let us seek inspiration in who he was, his light will shine over our club for many years to come.

COMING SPEAKERS

24 February 2016

To be advised

■ 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

SPOTLIGHT ON - PDG Peter Hall (1925 - 2016)



Over the course of his long and distinguished life, Peter Hall was truly an inspiration to all who knew and met him. As a devoted and loving father, successful businessman and passionate humanitarian, Peter embodied the spirit of “Service Above Self” each and every day of his life.

Born in Hong Kong on the 6th of September 1925, Peter graduated from Wah Yan College, Kowloon, Hong Kong just as the economy in the post-war city was poised to boom.

In the 1950s Peter embraced the spirit of the time by entering the shipping industry, where his superiors were quick to notice his thoroughness and attention to detail. He had a talent for effectively collaborating with others and swiftly rose through the ranks. Peter was instrumental in opening the Hong Kong office for N.Y.K. Line, one of the most prominent Japanese shipping companies, and ultimately became its Chinese Manager.

Peter’s soft-spoken demeanor and even temperament quickly put everyone he met at ease, earning the trust of all who knew him. As a result his career flourished over the next two decades. After the passing of his dear wife Helen, Peter retired to more fully devote himself to raising his family. During retirement he was invited by the Port of Oakland to become its Hong Kong Representative, a testament to his experience and stature within the Hong Kong community.

Another of Peter’s many passions was his love of food, which he channeled into an exemplary career in the restaurant industry. After entering the world of an entrepreneur he ran not one but three Chinese restaurants: Pak Lee Enterprises, Marquis Restaurant and Sun Pong Restaurant. Peter’s involvement in his restaurants transformed him from a stranger to the kitchen into an excellent chef that frequently delighted his family with his many specialty dishes.

Peter will be remembered not only for his flair for business — he will be most remembered for his dedication to serving others. His vast involvement with community services and his many humanitarian accomplishments resulted in dozens of posts as director, chairman and president of numerous community service organizations.

In 1960 Peter joined the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East and by 1964 he was President of the club. With the Rotary’s mission to promote peace and advance community needs, Peter had found his calling. From the moment he joined the club he treated Rotary almost like a full-time job. Rotary was in his blood, and for over 55 years he served in many capacities including District Secretary, DG General Representative, and District Governor. He also was selected as Representative for Rotary International for many years by various RI Presidents.

Under his leadership, Peter’s district spearheaded numerous initiatives inside and outside of Hong Kong’s borders. District 3450 raised funds to help eradicate polio worldwide. In Hong Kong, the club established a school for the deaf. Peter was also involved in the establishment of the Rotary Club in Mongolia, which is still thriving today.

Peter’s selfless desire to help others extended beyond the Rotary to various charities and community service organizations. In the 1960s, Peter recognized that improving Hong Kong’s public health services was critical and enthusiastically worked towards that goal. His involvement led to his selection as Director of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (1960-61), Director of Po Leung Kuk (1961-62), and Director and Vice Chairman of Pok Oi Hospital (1961-63).

Peter was passionate about giving Hong Kong’s youth a better future. He was heavily involved with the development of the Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre, which was set up by a group of philanthropists to house and educate young prisoners under the age of 18. Peter was one of its earliest board members, served as President in 1981 and 1982, and remained on its board for the rest of his life. He served the Scout Association of Hong Kong – HK Island Region for over half a century and was Chairman of HK Island Region for over two decades. He was presented with many different awards including the Silver Dragon Award by Chief Scout Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong in 1995. He was President of Wah Yan Past Students Association for eight years, which granted scholarships and improved the school’s campus.

Once, when asked how he managed to lead and manage so many organizations and projects, Peter said simply that he did the jobs no one else wanted to do. This attitude and his profound humility were consistent with the kind of man Peter was, one who put in countless hours of hard work without complaint or need for recognition.

Peter was a devoted husband and father. He married Helen in 1959, and before long found himself surrounded by women. Peter and Helen had four daughters together, Anastasia, Teresa, Isabel and Emily. Sadly, Helen passed away in 1976 and Peter was left to raise his daughters on his own. His daughters now live in Hong Kong and the United States. Peter was also a devout Catholic, as are all his daughters. He always returned to his old Wah Yan College for its midnight Mass on Christmas and Easter Vigil Mass to maintain his connection with his beloved school.

Peter Hall was loved, admired, and deeply respected by all who were fortunate to be touched and blessed by his kind heart. He did so much to change so many lives for the better, and his profound legacy will live forever. Peter will always be remembered for his generous spirit and his dedication to making the world a better place for all.

Obituary

Mr. Peter K. P. Hall (賀錦平)

1925 - 2016

Beloved father of Anastasia, Teresa, Isabel and Emily, businessman and a dedicated humanitarian, passed away peacefully on 5th February with his family by his side.

His generous heart, humility and good humour inspired all whose lives he touched. A devoted participant in numerous community services, he will be deeply missed by many near and far.

Mr. Hall will repose at the Hong Kong Funeral Home, 679 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong on Friday, 19th February 2016 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. The Vigil Requiem Mass will start at 8:00pm. The Funeral Service will be held at 10:30am at the same venue on Saturday, 20th February. Transportation will be provided to Cape Collinson Crematorium; lunch to follow at East Ocean Restaurant, Taikoo Place.

The Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 24th February, 2016 at the chapel of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong at 7:30pm.

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Uncle Peter Memories



Last Meeting's Proceedings - 03 February 2016

This was a full and hearty meeting, and President William started by welcoming our guest who was PP Pedro Ching of Hong Kong City North, as well as welcoming back Rotarians Tony Loy and Charles Man.

As the guest speaker this week was our own PE Chris, there was no need to welcome him. Birthday Boy was Tony Loy, who invited PP Tajwar to lead his birthday song, after which P William read the announcements, and SAA Andy announced the Red Box takings which was a healthy HK\$1,500.

We enjoyed a brief spell of food and chatter, before PE Chris stood up to share with us some of his ideas for the coming Rotary year 2016/17, which include also some ideas from PN Stacy. PE Chris also handed out some slips of paper so members could vote for which ideas they felt worth carrying forward. At 2pm, P William called everyone to rise, give a toast to HK City North, RI and HKIE, before joining for our group photo. Meeting adjourned.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The District Horse Racing Night is on Feb 17 Wed. Registration deadline is on Feb 12, P William will join the event, please let me him know before Feb 3 if you wish to join.
2. The elderly visit service project on March 5 Sat is in Sheung Wan. PE Chris and his family (3 persons), Rtn John Poon & family, Rtn Kevin and family enrolled to join, Please let me know who is available to join.
3. Just a reminder, our club lead Area 3 project Rookie Stars Hip Hop Dance competition is on Feb 28, 2016 Sunday in Shatin Central Park from noon to evening, please come to support and join this annual event.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Rotary Hong Kong Ultra marathon 2016 is on March 6 Lung Wo Road, Central, and the District has officially launched the website for registration www.rotaryhkum.com

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 Wednesday at 12:30 pm
Website : <http://hkie.rotary3450.org/>
Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubHKIslandEast>

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