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President's Message - A special Installation year



This July will be the District Installation, and need I remind all members that this is a very special year for us, since our own DGE Eric will be installed as District Governor. It means a lot for any club to have one of its own elected to lead the District. It's a recognition of fine leadership qualities, which we all know that DGE Eric does exude. It's also recognition for him as being a shining example of what Rotary,

and in particular 'Service Above Self' is all about. It is also a reflection of the stature and position of our club, and we should take great pride in this.

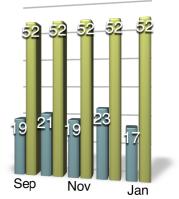
I urge all of you to make your booking now to join us on this evening, as you can see from the announcements we shall have one Platinum and Two Gold tables there. Let's put up a great show to support Eric and enjoy the spotlight as it shines on our great club.



COMING SPEAKER

06 April 2016 Club Assembly Chaired by PE Chris

Avg. AttendanceMembers





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 - Uncle John's growing up



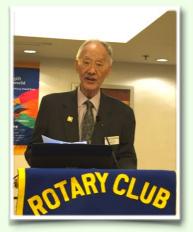
Many of us might be aware of the Wing On story. It has been published in books, and also from time to time Uncle John has presented the official story. But what is not so common knowledge, is some of the more personal stories about Uncle John's youth and his family. And that's what this was about. Uncle John

began with a story which was highly dramatic, like a scene from a movie. In the story, his great grandfather seemed to be trying to kill his own son (Uncle John's grandfather), who had

beaten up another villager in an argument and knocked him out. His great grandfather then put him in a basked used for carrying pigs and dumped him in the river and left him seemingly to drown. Uncle John admits it sounds ridiculous "But years later I did go back to the village to check it out. As you may know Chuk Sau Yuen my ancestral village is situated far from the sea and there are no big lakes nearby. But I noted that there is a canal that runs quite close to the village. It is not very deep but they used it to transport their produces

to Shek Kee the nearby market place. They used and the cannel was wide pass each other but not near across. This was the place grandfather in it was thrown was quite large and would entirely, but to make a long of the canal and released.







very shallow draught barges enough for two barges to enough that you could jump that the pig basket with my into cannel. The pig basket float and not submerge story short he was fished out The old man was quite wise and he knew that his son would not drown in such a shallow creek but just w a nted to teach my grandfather a lesson that he

will never forget". From there we heard about the origins of Wing On. How it started from a small store in Australia to its roots in Hong Kong. About Uncle John's adventures as a boy – being put on a US warship to escape the Japanese during the war, to him serving in the US army during the Korean war. This was exciting stuff and Uncle John complemented it with old photos and maps. Fascinating and true. At the end, members were asking for part two because we simply ran out of time.

Last week's Proceedings - 23 March 2016

P William rang the bell at 1.05pm, and began by asking DGE Eric to introduce his guest DGE Clint Schroeder from RC of Metropolitan Honolulu. Clint also said a few words about his club. P William then read out the announcements, and acting SAA Stacy announced the Red Box takings of \$1,700. We had a short break for chit chat, before our special guest speaker for this week, Uncle John, stood up to share some fascinating stories with us from his youth. It was entertaining and there many laughs and jokes. Especially towards the end when Uncle John was asked to repeat what he said at his installation as President years ago, which cannot be repeated in Tung Feng as it is a family publication. But it was hilarious. Uncle John could easily have carried on as there was much interest, but time did not allow. It was refreshing for us to hear some stories from our own member for a change, we should do more of it in future. At 2.10pm, P William called a toast for RC of Metropolitan Honolulu, RI and HKIE, before all gathered for the group photo. Meeting adjourned.



OUT & ABOUT

Holy Carpenter Hip Hop classes

Students from our adopted school Holy Carpenter have already begun hip hop dance classes for the 2017 Rookie Stars, which are sponsored by PP Hubert, and President William was there to see the lessons get underway.



Visitors from Manila DGE Eric met and enjoyed dinner with President Eljeh Rotaract club of Brgy Sta. Sta. Cruz, Manila and Ida of Rotary Community Corp, who were here on a trip sponsored by our sister club RC of Makati North.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Club Announcements 1. The Medical Seminar will take place on April 2 nd, Saturday. At Kwong Fook Estate, Tai Po. 大埔廣福社區會堂 (大埔廣福邨) Time: 3.00 pm to 4.30pm Speaker: Rotarian Dr. David Ng Fook Hong. Thank you PP Andrew for sponsoring this project. |
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| Fellowships: The Uncle John Golf Tournament will be on April 14 at Fanling Golf Club. On May 18 is the Horse Racing Night at Happy Valley. |
| The 2016-2017 District Installation on July 9 Saturday. Our club booked three tables, one platinum and two gold tables. Early bird price: Platinum table HK\$22,699.00 for 12 people (HK\$1,892.00 each head) Gold table HK\$14,899.00 for 12 people(HK\$1,242.00 each head) For the Platinum table: 9 seats sold and 3 left. For two Gold tables: 15 seats sold and 9 left. Please check your schedule and register with P William. |
| District Announcements |
| 4. District Training Assembly is on April 23 2016 Saturday. Place: Hong Kong Jockey Club, Sha Tin Club House. Time: Whole day starting at 9.00am Fees: District will have eight free places for the club, the extra attendances will be charged HK \$380.00 each head. According to our club practice, if we have more than 8 participants, the extra attendance fees will equally share amongst the participants. The District Training Assembly is an important training event to prepare PE and incoming club officers for their leadership and new responsibilities in the coming rotary year, I encourage all our board members, chairs and new members to attend. The dead line of registration is April 13. |
| 5. 56th District Conference 2015-2016. Date: May 14 to 15, 2016 Place: Chimelong Hengqin Bay Hotel, Zhuhai, China. Fees: HK\$1,950.00 for two days excluding the hotel fee which is RMB 880.00 nett Parkview. For early bird with registration by April 6. 10 % off on the registration fee.Our club will sponsor 8 members on the event, if more than 8 members participate, the extra fees will be shared equally |

THE LAST LAUGH

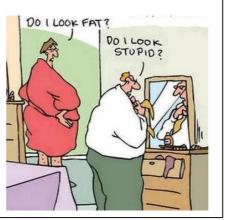
After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

amongst the participants. We encourage new members to participate this annual district event.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I fish."



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