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President's Message - Staying connected



As Rotarians, we often get invited to many functions and events. Some are pure fellowship, all about enjoying each other's company. Others are a bit of both, fellowship plus purpose. It's important to maintain a balance between the two.

Last week was our annual Uncle John Golf Tournament, which was about much more than just golf. Sometimes for such events we meet up with fellow members we have not seen for a while, and it's important we don't lose touch. A day out like this helps us stay connected, especially the warm dinner and prize giving at the end of the day.

We also have connections outside of our club, as we all have friends within the District. The coming District Training Assembly is about more than actual training. It's important for our board members to learn stay connected with what's going on with RI. It's also a day among friends. Catching up with existing friends or making new ones, we are connecting. We just happen to be doing some Rotary work in between. Let's make sure we keep up our connections, it's a big part of Rotary.



COMING SPEAKERS

27 April 2016

4 Clans Luncheon

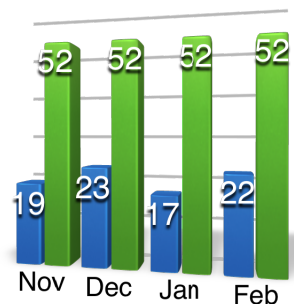
Speaker:

Professor Gilbert Fong
of
Hamg Seng
Management College

Topic:

Higher education in
Hong Kong

■ Avg. Attendance
■ Members



Last Week REDBOX
\$1,600

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 - Themed restaurant business in Hong Kong



IPP Keith now runs the King Parrot Group in Hong Kong. The group was established in 1992, and has been the leader in providing a diverse portfolio of themed restaurants in our food-mad city since then. Today they manage over 30 restaurants in Hong Kong representing over 20 different brands, with cuisines ranging from those of Central Europe, Korea, the Mediterranean. Keith began by giving us a bit of a culinary history lesson, about how food tastes and styles have evolved in Hong Kong over the years, through the many ups and downs. He also explained what works for local tastes and why King Parrot Group prides itself on taking international cuisines and tailoring them to suit local tastes. It was a good job we were all eating while he was speaking because otherwise the topic would have been making us rather us rather hungry. All in all it was an interesting insight into how the industry works. Restaurants by King Parrot Group that you may know include: El Cid, Chilli N Spice, Club Havana, King Ludwig, Island Seafood Oyster Bar Steak & Grill, General Douban and King & I. If you'd like to enjoy a discount at any of the venues, get in touch with Keith

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Keith is now working for King Parrot Group - a well established restaurant group with over 40 outlets operating in Hong Kong, Macau and Jinan, PRC, serving diverse authentic cuisine from different countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, Spain, Korea, Germany, Mediterranean, Turkey, Japan, Peking, Shanghai, SiChuan and Cuban cigar and wine bar.

He joined the group in 2000 as Director of HR, Marketing and Business development. He now oversees all HR, New shops expansion, Properties Investment, Corporate Charity Team, Marketing activities as well as supervises the beverage division of all outlets.

Keith believes that besides doing business in Hong Kong he also has to contribute back to the community. He did so by becoming an active member of Rotary Club of Admiralty since 2007. He is the DAG (Area 2) of Rotary District 3450 in 2015-16.



Last week's Proceedings - 13 April 2016



President William rang the bell at 1.10pm to kick things off, and began by welcoming our guest speaker IPP Keith Chow from RC of Admiralty, who had joined us to speak about Themed Restaurants Development in Hong Kong. P William also welcomed back PP Tajwar, who it just so happened was this week's birthday boy, and he invited Uncle John to lead us all in the birthday song. After the announcements, SAA John Poon announced the healthy Red Box takings of \$1,600, before IPP Norman was asked to introduce the guest speaker Keith, who is also a good friend of his. Keith is no strangers to our club, and has visited us on previous occasions, so it was good to welcome him back. PE Chris was invited to formally thank the speaker,

who also exchanged namecards with members with a view to sending all discount cards for anyone enjoying a meal at King Parrot Group restaurants. Meeting adjourned at 2pm, with a toast to RC Admiralty, RIC and HKIE, before everyone joined for the group photo.



Out & About - Uncle John Golf Tournament and Dinner



It takes more than a bit of lousy weather to discourage the hearty golfers of Hong Kong Island East, and last Thursday April 14th we had a great turnout for this annual, highly competitive event. Among the winners and losers were PP Andy, who won the two longest drives (there were claims to disqualify when he used PP Andrew's driver, but in the end fairness prevailed) and Uncle John who can still hang on in there for a full 18 holes, as ever an amazingly strong Rotarian. Overall trophy and net winner was Desmond Cheng (under handicap system), and gross winner Director Kevin (not under handicap system).

The day wrapped up successfully and those Board members went on to join a prompt Board meeting at the Regal Hotel (which finished extremely efficiently, what with a delicious dinner waiting in the next room) and all participants and some spouses finished the day around a large table of fine food and wine, followed by the prize giving ceremony.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Announcements

1. Fellowship dinner and Prize presentation after THE Uncle John Golf Tournament on April 14 in morning.
Venue: Regal Hong Kong Hotel Fee: approx HK\$350.00 each
2. The 2nd Medical Seminar will be held on April 16th, this Saturday in Shau Mau Ping at 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Speaker: Rtn Freddie Wu.
3. The annual 4 clan joint luncheon is holding on April 27th Wednesday from 12.15 for fellowship, and the meeting starts at 12.45 till 2.00 pm in Hong Kong Regal Hotel. Speaker: Professor Gilbert Fong from Hang Seng Management College and the speaking topic is Higher Education and the self-financing Sector in Hong Kong. I guess we will have more than 100 participants from our 13 daughter clubs.
4. Our club Horseracing Night is on May 18th in Happy Valley, members please mark the date and come to support.
5. We have received an invitation from our Friendship Club in Taipei, RC of South Sea to attend their 24th anniversary celebration on May 14 Saturday, I can't attend due to District Conference, PP Jonathan is consider to go on my behalf, any member want to join Jonathan to go, please contact me or Jonathan.

District Announcements

4. The 56th District Conference 2015-2016 in May 14 to 15 in Hengqin, Zhuhai, China. Up to now, we have 16 members and spouses are registered, they are William & Fanny, Eric & Christine, Norman & Isa, Heman, Kevin, Eddy, Leo, Chris, Stacy, Uncle John, PDG YK, Jason and Elle. Thank you for the support.

THE LAST LAUGH

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, When it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight.

When he was standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?" "This is Heaven, sir," the man answered. "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" The man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open. "Can," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveller asked.

"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog. After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the man. "Do you have any water?" "Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in." "How about my friend here?" the traveller gestured to the dog. "There should be a bowl by the pump," said the man.

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveller filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

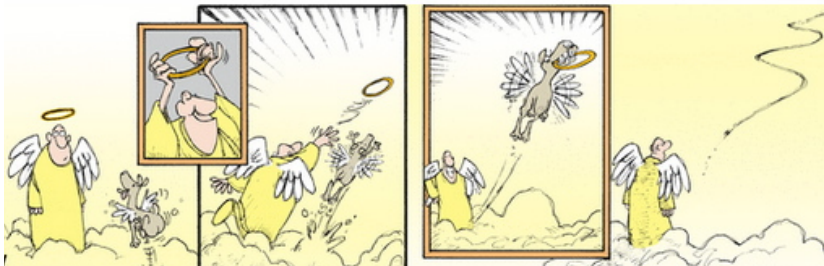
"What do you call this place?" the traveller asked. "This is Heaven," he answered.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveller said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly Gates? Nope. That's Hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."



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