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President's Message - Keeping up with the District

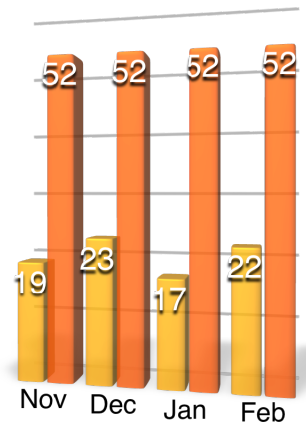


We've just returned from a busy and meaningful annual District Conference, and it was a great weekend well spent. In the end, we had 16 members registered but only 14 members attended due to the health problems of Uncle John (we wish him better health soon) and an unexpected overseas trip for Rtn Leo. I'd like to give me special thanks to Rtn Peter Yeung for joining us on the second day, this was not expected and it was very nice of him and gave me a welcome surprise. This is really a very large and important event, we had a lot of fun and gained more vital knowledge about Rotary. I do encourage all members and especially new members to attend in future.

Our club received an award for being the 5th Highest All Time Contribution Club to The Rotary Foundation, so we were very proud. Thank you very much for the support from all those members who attended and joined myself and Fanny to stay until the end of the event to showed our great Rotary spirit.



■ Avg. Attendance
■ Members



REDBOX COLLECTION
11 May \$800

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 - The 56th District Conference

Make no mistake, this was a great event. Full of lively debate, interesting speakers, fun and games and a generally vibrant atmosphere. For some of us Island Easterns, the event started on Friday May 13th (yes, Friday the 13th!!), as IPP Norman and PP Eddy both went over earlier to catch a bit of sightseeing, take in a show and test the food for us in advance (very good of them). Not only that, test the transport route so that we would all know whether we are coming or going on the day of getting there. Which was pretty handy actually, as the fragmented customs ins and outs and bus hopping exercise between Macau and China was a bit of fun and games. For the main party – actually there was no main party as such, because some opted to take the bus, which, in the end it turned out would have been quicker if they had walked to Africa and back – but for the merry ferry gang, the day started at 7.45am at Shun Tak Macau Ferry Terminal and off we all went..to the Turbojet or whatever it's called...it's not a ferry after all..and we were on our way. So, after 2 sets of passport and I.D. showing and 3 buses, we arrived at the Chimelong Hengqin Bay Hotel, Zhuhai, and there was some speculation as to what the meaning of the English name was...Singalong... Chimalong? Anyway, Not important! What mattered was – they had these giant dolphins in the huge lobby..not real ones of course..but it was a sight to behold that's for sure. And we noticed quite early on that there was a sea-going theme throughout the place..obviously designed for sight-sea-ers...This place was enormous.It was more like a city than a resort hotel. To give an example, it took longer to go from one wing to the other than it took to come from Hong Kong (okay, we exaggerate).

So. Check-Ins done, baggage offloaded, some ventured down to the restaurant for the Leaders Lunch, which was a nice jolly way to kick off the whole affair, with lots of familiar faces all getting reacquainted with each other. The main event kicked off at 2pm sharp in the Crystal Palace Ballroom, which it was pointed out to PE Chris was not named after a UK football team, however, the ballroom itself was probably as large as a football stadium..with rows and rows and rows of tables lined up, a gigantic stage. This was a big event. We from HKIE all commandeered a row to ourselves...we had PP Heman, PP Jason, PP Stacy, Rtn Elle, PP Eddy, P William, IPP Norman and PE Chris all in a row.

First up were the welcome remarks from DG Peter Pang who got proceedings underway, followed by various other speakers, including Past Rotary International Director Barry Rassin and his spouse, who was here to represent Rotary International President Ravi. Guest of Honour was President & Chief Operating Officer of Sands China Limited - Dr Wilfred Wong Ying Wai, who gave us an interesting insight into 'How international firms can help the development of how foreign enterprise and contribute to the Pearl River Delta's sustainable development'. It was a good presentation although some felt a little too self-promotional (we said some..not all..). After a District Report by DG Peter, all delegates were then led outside for a mass photo, which was so vast in scale it had to be taken from a satellite in space overhead (just kidding – hey, don't be so serious...). With that done, it was time for a quick break before we had the first round of breakout sessions. And this is where things got quite lively. At least if you were sitting in the one hosted by our own DGE Eric called District Strategic Matters and included panelists PDG Peter Wan, IPDG Belinda Yeung, AG Chris Tsang and PP Michael Chiu. Well, the session did overrun, but in an interesting way. Questions kept popping up. Viewpoints were made. Eventually DGE Eric brought everything to a close because PE Chris needed time to put his make-up on (we kid you not) in time for the gala Rotary In Wonderland extravaganza dinner affair. Also in the football stadium...sorry..ballroom. And what a great night it was. There were some interesting interpretations of the theme (Alice, Mad Hatter etc) but PN Stacy ensured that our table would not go down as dull by bringing along an array of vibrant, glittering bow-ties for us all to wear. And she and Rtn Elle looked splendid in their outfits which were sort of mousey and housemaid-ish...we think. And as the mood got more jolly even PP Eddy got into the swing of it by opting for the false moustache that PE Chris was sporting (PE Chris sort of misinterpreted the theme by coming as a camp-looking used car salesman). But it was a blast. Director Kevin blew everyone away with his performance in the beer-drinking contest, impressive indeed. And just when it looked like the evening was a bout to come to a close – there was more! It was mass, football-stadium size karaoke time!!! And so bad was the initial song or two PE Chris ran screaming from the venue holding his ears....ah well. Some braved the rest of the night. What fun!

The next day was somewhat more subdued (well, in comparison) with the 'Adoption of District Financial Statement for 2014-2015' by IPDG Belinda Yeung and District Treasurer 2014-15 PP Ted Ho. But even this had its moments with PDG Anthony Hung intervening to correct certain procedures and there were some stirring questions and comments from the floor. After this it was all about New Generations led by PDG Eugene and finally the closing ceremony with lots of hugging, tears and – much to the horror of PE Chris, more karaoke! As he ran screaming from the venue once again...We were also joined on day 2 by our own Rtn Peter, who dropped by and got into some serious photography action to capture some more great photos for us.

And so, a successful and enjoyable event. Congratulations to Chair Wendy Lee and the RIC team for a well organized conference.

District Conference Photos



Last week's Proceedings - 11 May 2016



P William started proceedings at 1pm, and welcomed back some familiar faces in PP's Tim, Henry and Heman, all of whom had been on trips. This week as speaker we invited recently joined member Elle who took to the stage to tell us about herself and her career. But first P William read out the announcements, before SAA John Poon announced the Red Box takings which were HK \$800. With no birthday boy or girl, then, we welcomes Elle to get started. Elle works in financial planning for AIA, and she began by telling us how she had gotten into this line of business through a friend. She likened her work in some ways to being a Rotarian, in that she is involved in helping others plan their financial security, and cited cases where she felt touched being able to help others. She also shared with us some of the values about her present company that she respects and appreciates. Especially the fact that she is there to make a difference in peoples lives. Elle is such a fresh, welcome and young new face at our club. It was enlightening and charming to hear her story. Thank you Elle! So after the talk, P William invited all to rise, toast RI and HKIE and we all joined for our group photo.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Announcements

1. Horse Racing night arranged on May 18 in Happy Valley and the fee is HK\$720.00 per head. Please register with PIC Jonathan or me. We have 8 registration, maximum 24 people and min 16, we need 8 more to fulfill the min.
2. Members have registered for the District Conference on May 14-15, and everyone has made their own hotel reservations, and P William has arranged transportation for all, except IPP Norman who is doing his own, and DGE Eric and HS Heman who will be making their arrangements.

THE LAST LAUGH - White House

If Hillary Clinton wins the U.S. presidential election, it would be the first time in history that two US Presidents would have slept with each other.

If Donald Trump wins the U.S. presidential Election, it will be the First time in history that a Billionaire moves into Public Housing vacated by a black family !



"The guy you
voted for lost,
Steve."

"Great! — Now I can
face the next four years
totally free of guilt!"

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