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President's Message - Respecting the past while embracing the future



A new Rotary year, a new president. I want to first start by saying thankyou to IPP Wiliam for leading us through the past year with his devotion, dedication and true Rotary spirit. More than that, I want to thank him personally for taking me under his wing and showing me the ropes! I have been following him, watching him, and learning from him and he has been extremely patient with me and more than considerate. I could not ask for more as I approach my year as president with, I must admit, a certain amount of trepidation. I am equally as grateful to DG Eric, who introduced and invited me into this club, and who has fired up myself and my 2016/17 classmates with great passion in preparing us for the year ahead. I feel like I've been to Rotary boot camp! But then I am in a great Rotary club with a proud heritage and strong tradition. I am in good hands, surrounded by experienced, patient, giving Rotarians and friends, all of whom are always supportive and encouraging. So, given my inexperience (I have only been a Rotarian for 2 years let's not forget), what can I bring to the table? In a

nutshell, I would say something old, something new.

My theme for Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East for this coming year is 'Respecting the past while embracing the future'.

I am aware and respectful of this club's proud past achievements. I now stand on the shoulders of giants who built the club. I know who they are and I hope I can prove worthy of taking up the leadership moving forward

I observe that this is an interesting time for this club. We are all aware of its past glories, but we should not just live in the past. Somehow we need to recreate it. One of the great experiences I have had in preparing for my year has been to meet and involve with so many classmates from other clubs in our district. Many of whom are young, vibrant, enthusiastic and fun Rotarians. We need to inject some of this into our club.

As IPP William and dear Uncle John have both pointed out, we have an attendance problem. What can we do to encourage and welcome long-missing members to start coming to meetings and getting involved in our work and fellowship occasions? After after all, we are all volunteers. We can't force them to come. Instead, we need to give them reasons to want to.

This will be one of my key areas of focus this coming year. As well as attracting some new members, and introducing some new service and fellowship activities to complement our existing ones. It's not about revolution, more evolution.

I thank all of our members for the support and encouragement I have received so far, I know I have much to learn. I look forward to serving you all and hope we can all have a lot of fun doing so.

Thankyou for your trust in me.



COMING SPEAKERS

20 July 2016 Speaker: TBC

27 July 2017
Speaker:
Stanley Wong
Topic:
Artist, Designer,
Filmaker



REDBOX COLLECTION 29 JUNE \$2,400

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輸社週報 Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

SPOTLIGHT ON - Highlights for 2016/17

President Chris has previously shared some of his ideas for the coming Rotary year, including some service and fellowship events which have been met with enthusiasm. Key service projects such as the Happy Lunches and Choi Jun Swimming will be continued, and Fellowship projects such as Uncle John Golf tournament, along with some new projects. Here is a summary of some of this:

Elected Directors for 2016/17

PE; Stacy

Secretary: Heman Lam Treasurer: Jason Chiu **Directors**

Andy Wong Norman Lee Jonathan Lamport Laurence Chan John Poon Leo Yu

Service

- Adopt An Elderly. As previously presented, the idea for this is to formalise elderly care visits which would entail the same Rotary and RAC team visiting the same families up to 3 times in one year. So the elderlies can look forward to seeing us again! Partner NGO is called Love & Care For The Sick Foundation, and the dates are already being set by Service Director Leo, and we will inform everyone soon.



- Playright Workshops. Playright is an organization working with less privileged young children in Hong Kong, and we are exploring doing visits to engage and entertain children during the coming year.

Fellowship

- Potential member cocktails. The idea is to engage with any individuals we think are potential members over a casual drinks setting, so they can get to know some of our members better, aside from attending our luncheons. The first date will be advised soon. All members welcome.
- Anniversary Party. Why should all the other clubs have the fun? This year we will celebrate our anniversary in fun style with a party early in 2017, details will follow.
- HKIE Got Talent. This is karaoke with a purpose. A karaoke contest complete with judges and prizes. Details to follow.

Other

- Donating birthdays. This year, for our birthday boys and girls, the money usually allocated for gifts is being used to purchase handheld fans for the elderly people we visit, which will carry our club logo to commemorate. Instead, club members will receive a specially designed birthday card carrying the message 'My birthday made someone else happy'. Some of these have already been distributed and in the hot weather, well received!

Calendar. All coming events for the year, including speakers booked 2 months in advance, will be visible to all on a detailed calendar which will be hosted on our website. The updated calendar for each month will be emailed to all members.

ast week's Proceedings - 09 July 2016

Last week's meeting was no ordinary affair, as it combined our regular meeting with the District Installation, so we can boast an attendance of around 800 people. We had a great turnout to see District Governor Eric installed, making us all very proud, as well as IPP William hand over to P Chris. It was a great night with some wonderful musical entertainment. Our special guests came in from overseas, including those from RC Makati North, Philippines, RC Kawasaki South, RC of Osaka Jonan and RC Penang. We were delighted and honoured to have these very special guests join us on the night.













ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the following announcements for our club:

Rotaract Installation dates. The following dates have been set to install the Presidents for our Rotoract Clubs: Saturday July 23rd: RAC Community College 4-7pm. Thursday August 4th: RAC Lingnan University 6.30pm Saturday September 17th, RAC THEi (afternoon, time to be advised)

If you would like to come and support our young Rotoractors, please advise President Chris.

Adopt An Elderly. The first care visit for this meaningful project will be in September 2016. We are looking to form 10 teams to visit 20 families. Each team will consist of 1 HKIE member and 2 Rotaractors. If you are interested to help lead a team, please advise President Chris or Service Director Leo.

District Announcements

The District Membership Seminar 2016-17 will be held at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, 24-25, Connaught Rd, Central. 10am registration. 10.15-3.30 seminar. If anyone is interested in attending please go along. PP Norman and P Chris are attending so far.

THE LAST LAUGH - The parrot

A woman went to a pet shop and immediately spotted a large beautiful parrot. There was a sign on the cage that said \$50.00.

"Why so little," She asked the pet store owner.

The owner looked at her and said, "Look, I should tell you first that this bird used to live in a house of prostitution, and sometimes it says some pretty vulgar stuff."

The woman thought about this, but decided she had to have the bird anyway. She took it home and hung the bird's cage up in her living room And waited for it to say something. The bird looked around the room, then at her, and said

"New house, new madam."

The woman was a bit shocked at the implication, but then thought "that's not so bad."

When her two teenage daughters returned from school the bird saw them and said "New house, new madam, new girls."

The girls and the woman were a bit offended but then began to laugh about the situation.

Moments later, the woman's husband came home from work. The bird looked at him and said "Hi Keith."







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