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President's Message - Membership



August has been Membership month for Rotary and last week we had the first of what I hope can be several 'Potential Member Cocktails', a newish idea with the aim to hopefully allow people interested in our club to meet and engage with our members outside of the regular luncheon environment. I thought it went fairly well, despite at least 4 of the invitees dropping out for various reasons at the last minute. First of all I want to sincerely thank all the members who came along for their enthusiasm and support. More than anything it was just really nice to have a drink and a chat with everyone (why don't we do it more often?). Great to see Rotarians Ronnie

and Simon. The venue was a bit of an experiment (converting Alto 88 into a sort of bar lounge) and maybe we can try a different location for the next one. And in the end it was a good turn out, not least because Rtn Ronnie turned up with a few added guests (rather attractive ladies if I may say) along with one or two other guests. PP George's friend Walter is a lively interesting fellow and must surely be a serious potential member for our club (thankyou PP George). So, we'll surely try to line up another one soon, but if I may I'd like to ask for all to think about anyone you consider as potential members to let myself or Membership Director PP Norman and Membership Chair PP Eddy know about them, so we can add to the list.





COMING SPEAKERS

07 September 2016

Speaker:

DG Visit DG Eric Chin



LAST WEEK'S REDBOX COLLECTION \$900.00

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 - Youth Square



Speaker Eric Lam began by giving us a bit of background into Youth Square, which is a government sponsored facility designed to give youth in Hong Kong a platform where they can explore their talents and potential, with many facilities including a hostel, theatre, study rooms and music facilities. In the last few years, Youth Square perceived a gap between how the public see youths in Hong Kong, and how they see themselves. And many youths were disillusioned. They launched a campaign called Fei Tsang, which was designed to help fire up the passion in young people, with programmes to showcase their talents and let them show the public that they are not useless, not just sitting around doing nothing. Eric shared with us videos which were created to promote the programme and some which were created by the youths themselves. Overall the programme was a success, engaging many young people with art programmes, and it has since

won awards as a great intitiave to encourage young people to take a positive approach to expressing themselves.

About the speaker

Eric Lam, General Manager, Y Loft.

Eric is responsible for the business of hostel and finance department at Y Loft. In the past 5 years at Youth Square, he has also supervised the marketing and leasing departments.

Prior to joining Youth Square, he was the marketing manager for Starbucks Hong Kong for four years, and has also worked in marketing for multinational corporations marketing in the beer and tobacco categories.



Last week's Proceedings - 27 August 2016

President Chris rang the bell at 1pm to kick off the meeting (his bell ringing now becoming much more pronounced and confident) and began by introducing visitor AG Dora Liu, who was making an official visit on the day, and also welcoming back guest speaker Eric Lam of Y Loft, and welcoming back Rtn Tony Loy and PP Henry Chan. P Chris then read out the announcements before acting SAA IPP William read out the Red Box takings which were \$900.00. IPP William then informed members about the coming RAC Elderly Home Visit. P Chris then took everyone through a brief photo tour of



his visit to Mongolia of which he had just returned the day before, in particular sharing some news about the Braille Books project of which our club is sponsoring. Then it was time to introduce speaker Eric Lam, and PE Stacy did the introduction. After Eric's talk, PP Eddy was invited to thanks the speaker, before P Chris invited all the stand, give a toast to RC HK Harbour, RI and HKIE before joining for a

group photo. Meeting adjourned.





DG Visit to Mongolia

P Chris and family joined DG Eric on his visit to Mongolia, which was a busy, tightly packed trip and also a great success involving exploring Mongolia culture,

as well as looking in on some of the meaningful work being done by the Rotary clubs in Mongolia.







District PR Workshop

P Chris was a guest speaker at the workshop, exploring better ways to promote Rotary to the outside world, and was introduced on the day by our own PP Eddy (both are members of PDG Ada's Public Image Committee), as well as DG Eric who gave an opening speech on the day.

The Rotary Foundation Centennial District 3450 PPE Hong Kong Chordophonia Concert

IPP William, PP Hubert and PP Norman were among the audience at this meaningful youth concert of which our club was a Silver sponsor (PP Hubert was a individual Diamond sponsor). All reported a great evening enjoying the music.



Potential Member Cocktails

A good turnout of members and guests came along to the first of these evenings, which looked quite glamorous by all accounts.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the following announcements for our club:

- The first Potential Member Cocktails was held last Thursday August 25th at Alto 88, Regal Hotel. Another one is in the pipeline so please look out for news on date and time.
- 2. The installation for RAC THEi will be on Saturday September 17th afternoon. If you would like to come and support our young Rotoractors, please advise President Chris or Youth Director Jonathan.
- 3. Adopt An Elderly. The first care visit for this meaningful project will be on Sunday 18th 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.
- 4. P Chris is arranging to host a barbecue party for our club members in October, date to be confirmed. He will also book a tennis court earlier from 4pm if anyone is interested in a game before dinner. More details will follow nearer the date. The venue will be at Redhill Peninsular, Tai Tam.
- 5. There will be an RAC elderly home visit on Sept 24 in Kwai Fong from 3.00 to 5.00 pm. Any members interest to join, please enrol with IPP William.

District Announcements

- 1. The District CPR programme press launch ceremony will be held at 9am on Saturday September 10th at the St John's Ambulance HQ in McDonnell Rd. P Chris and IPP William will attend. If you would like to join them, please inform P Chris. We are sponsoring this programme.
- 2. The District New Member Orientation which will be held at 7-10pm, on 28 September 2016, at Craigengower Cricket Club,1/F., Centenary Building, Happy Valley. Language: Cantonese (with English if necessary) Cost:HK\$350 (Including Dinner)
- 3. The District PP's Dinner wil be held on October 14th 2016, Friday at King's Cuisine, Windsor House, Causeway Bay. Any PP wanting attend please put it in your diary.

THE LAST LAUGH

Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House. One is from Chicago, another is from Tennessee, and the third is from Minnesota. All three go with a White House official to examine the fence. The Minnesota contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900. \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me." The Tennessee contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700. \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me." The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans

over to the White House official and whispers, "\$2,700." The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?" The Chicago contractor whispers back, "\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Tennessee to fix the fence." "Done!" replies the government official. And that, my friends, is how the new stimulus plan will work.



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