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President's Message - Sounding like a broken record...



Since I have been a member of RCHKIE, which is now just over 2 years, on and off I have seen attendance numbers at luncheons range from small (7-8 people) to normal (12-15 people) and larger turnouts (25+ people). So I'm now kind of used to what the average attendance is, and which members we more or less see on a regular basis. During IPP William's year, I think we did see one week which was particularly small. Of course, Uncle John is always particularly helpful in calling in members at the late hour to boost attendance. But should he have to? I remember IPP William writing about this for his President's message last year, and

now here I am repeating the call. Last week, we just about scraped together 6 people - and I especially want to thank IPP William, Uncle John, PP Hurbert, PP Heman and Rtn Teresa for being there. As I prepared for my year as President, I vowed that attracting members to come more often to luncheon meetings was a priority, and some suggested that if we keep the guest speaker profiles very interesting, it would help. (Personally I think we had some very good speakers in the past two years anyway..). So I do think we have so far had some very diverse topics these past two months, and a good calendar is lined up right until the end of the year. But we can only attract good speakers to come and give their time, if we can provide them with a sizeable audience to listen. Last week's speaker, Dr Yau, was really good. The topic was also an important one. However, we all felt a little embarrassed that there was only a handful of members there. I do hope that we can attract more attendance in future. More than anything, it's great to see everyone once in a while. Please do observe the coming calendar for what's coming up. See you soon (if not today!)>



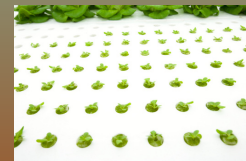
COMING SPEAKERS

**28 September
2016**

Speaker:

Rtn. Angus

**Hydroponics
Farming**



**LAST WEEK'S REDBOX
COLLECTION \$600.00**

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

Last week's Proceedings - 14 September 2016

For one reason or another, this was one of the smallest turnouts of members in recent memory. Just 6 members in all, with one guest speaker. The meeting was held at Alto 88 in anticipation of it being a smaller group. However, we could have just taken a table for 6 given the poor attendance. Nevertheless, those present did their best to make the most of the occasion, and P Chris began by welcoming guest speaker Dr Yau Wing Kwong. P Chris then read out the announcements, whilst we waited for the food to be served. It was indeed a strange atmosphere. Our Acting SAA Teresa then read out the Red Box takings of \$600, before P Chris asked IPP William to formally introduce the speaker, Dr Yau being a good friend of William. After the presentation, the time had come just about to end, so P Chris asked all (well, the few present) to rise and give a toast to RI and HKIE and join for a group photo. After which the birthday cake for IPP William did arrive and was celebrated with a song. The discussion continued after the meeting.

Out & About

Installation RAC THEi

DG Eric, IPP William, P Chris and PP Jonathan were all present on Saturday Sept 17th to attend the installation, as incoming President Jasime took over from Outgoing President Samuel.



Adopt An Elderly care visit

What a great turnout we had at the first of our elderly service visits on Saturday September 18th. DG Eric gave his support, joining P Chris, IPP William, Service Director Leo (who did a great job organizing the whole event, PP Jonathan and Rtn Kishu. They were joined by 5 members from Rotary club, Braemar Hill, led by CP Bee, and Rotaractors from RAC THEi, HKCC and Lingnan University. Great teamwork all round.



Spotlight On - 5 Years of World Class Geopark

In 2009, Hong Kong Geopark became a National Geopark, in 2011, it was accepted as a member of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN), and in 2015, it was renamed "Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark".

Dr Yau began by sharing a video with us, which was an overall presentation about the geopark. He then went on to tell us how and why a UNESCO global geopark was registered here in Hong Kong, and how it got started. He outlined the importance of its status, and also the responsibilities that Hong Kong has to live up to its status. pursue the objectives of conservation, education and sustainable development in the geopark, and asks how Hong Kong can live up to this prestigious positioning.

A geopark is a unique natural area with special geological significance and natural and cultural landscapes, and serves the three objectives of conservation, education and sustained development. This means to conserve the unique landforms and landscapes in Hong Kong, through protecting the landform environment that provides natural habitat to many living things. Such an integrated conservation strategy is also a global trend. Therefore, we are establishing the geopark to promote landform and rock conservation.

Geoparks meeting prescribed conditions may be listed as national and global geoparks. Dr Yau said he believes that the Hong Kong Global Geopark will provide momentum for local nature conservation and will be a focal point for further action by the government and the interested parties.

About the speaker

After obtaining a PhD in mechanical engineering at the University of London, Dr Yau became a consultant and engineer, first in power generation and then in environmental engineering. Proposals on reclaiming the entire Tolo Harbour for housing prompted him to found the Tai Po Environmental Association in 1997 to raise public awareness of the area's biodiversity. Dr Yau took up a tutorship at the OUHK in 2003 for the course Environmental Control, Monitoring and Modeling.

Early this year, Dr Yau co-authored *Butterflies, Birds: Fung Yuen Story*, a book on one of Hong Kong's 12 sites of special scientific interest, Fung Yuen, where more than 150 of the 230 butterfly species in the territory can be found. The book was selected as one of 40 recommended books at the 2004 Hong Kong Book Fair.



THE LAST LAUGH



The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the following announcements for our club:

1. The installation for RAC THEi was last Saturday September 17th afternoon. It was attended by DG Eric, Pres. Chris, IPP William and PP Jonathan.
2. The first Adopt An Elderly care visit was on Sunday 18th September 2016 in cooperation with the Love & Care for the Sick Foundation. We had a great turnout with DG Eric, P Chris, IPP William, Director Leo, PP Jonathan and Rtn Kishu from our club, supported by 5 members from Rotary Club Braemar Hill led by Charter President Bee Chan, and Rotaractors from RAC HKCC, THEi and Lingnan U all forming the visit teams.
3. We will be holding our annual Uncle Peter Memorial Golf Tournament on 7th Oct 2016, to commemorate our beloved Uncle Peter Hall, and to coincide with our 8th Board meeting. You are cordially invited to join this annual golf tournament, please come to support our signature golf event and contact me for registration.

Details

Date :7th Oct, 2016

Place: Hong Kong Golf Club Fanling Golf Course

Time: Early morning, tee off time around 8:00am

Cost: Subject to availability of HKGC members

Prize presentation: 7th Oct., 2016 at Regal Hotel

PIC : Rtn Kevin Leung, Leo Yu

4. P Chris is arranging to host a barbecue party for our club members on Saturday, October 29th, 6-10pm. He will also book a tennis court earlier from 4pm if anyone is interested in a game before dinner. Please mark your diary and let P Chris or Fellowship Director Kevin know if you intend to come along with any family members, so we can start to do the attendance numbers. More details will follow nearer the date. The venue will be at Redhill Peninsular, Tai Tam.
5. PP Jonathan has initiated a trip to visit our friendship Club RC South Sea Taipei. This is in return of them visiting us two times this year, and we are keen to explore the possibility of a sister club relationship. The dates planned are November 2nd- 5th, and will include some golf, shopping and fellowship. Please inform PP Jonathan if you intend to join.

District Announcements

1. 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
1. (Including Dinner)
2. The District PP's Dinner will 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.
3. The District Intercity Meeting will be on 27th Sept 2016, to honour The Rotary Foundation Trustees Chair Kalyan Banerjee who will visit Hong Kong on 27th & 28th Sept and to celebrate the Centennial of Rotary Foundation.
Date : Tuesday 27th September 2016
Time : 6:30pm Registration / Cocktail Starts, Dinner at 7:30pm
Venue : The Salisbury Room of Peninsula Hotel
Fees : \$1280 / person
4. The District Rotary Forum will be held on Wednesday October 12th, with keynote speaker The Hon CY Leung, at the Ballroom, Holiday Inn Golden Mile. If you would like to attend please inform P Chris.

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