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President's Message - A quick look back



As I write, PE Stacy is preparing to deliver her first Club Assembly of this Rotary year, and it seems like just yesterday that I was doing the same when IPP William was in my position. I was asking many questions. What do I show? Who do I include? I think by the 2nd one I was a bit better. Anyway, this being the time of the year, I can have a quick look back over my shoulder at my first few months as President. As everyone said it would be, it's been very full on, not so much with club activities but especially the District work, which has really kept me on my toes. Every week there is something or other to attend or involve. Having said that, the highlights to me have been (1) The DG

Visit to Mongolia. A great eventful and interesting trip, mingling with so many great Rotary members. It was a real adventure and a unique insight into Mongolian life and culture, made possible by having such wonderful hosts. (2) Adopt An Elderly - because this is where we really see the team spirit, and I love the feeling of us actually getting out into the community and doing some good. (3) Chairing the board meetings. This is always a constant learning process for me, because I listen to the words and wisdom of the experienced team around me..it's always fun and educational. Of course there are other highlights...Launching the Rookie Stars 2017 Dance Contest, getting the support from all the other clubs..the District Installation, it's all been good. I'm looking forward to the next few months because we're getting into the festive season, so a lot of good times I hope.



**COMING
SPEAKERS**

02 Nov 2016

Speaker:



Topic
To be
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**LAST WEEK'S REDBOX
COLLECTION \$960**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the following announcements for our club:

1. The Uncle Peter Memorial Golf Tournament has been postponed because of the bad weather. Please wait for further updates on the rearranged date..
2. The Choi Jun Swimming Above Self event was cancelled, also because of bad weather
3. P Chris is arranging to host a barbecue party for our club members on Saturday, October 29th, 4-8pm
4. A visit to our friendship Club RC South Sea Taipei has been organized by PP Jonathan and IPP William from November 2nd -5th.
5. The 2nd Happy Lunch will be held on Friday, November 11th. Details of the venue will follow. Please notify PIC John Poon if you can attend.

District Announcements

1. Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship - Hong Kong Chapter and Preserve Planet Earth Committee are proudly presenting you this crossover event with the aim to lift the awareness of Sustainable Seafood together with some wine that will be paired carefully to the sustainable seafood menu for a happy fellowship night! Date: 27 October, 2017, Venue: Chiu Chow Garden, 2/F, Causeway Bay Plaza 2, 463 Lockhart Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Dress Code: Smart Casual with BLUE. Dinner Fee: HK\$780.00 per person.
2. For For the District CPR Project, Chair P John Wong has I organised 4 courses in Nov 2016 (in Chinese) and 1 course in Dec (in English) for sponsoring club members, including Rotaracters, Interacters or even non Members as long as they are older than 13 years old. P Chris has the application form, so please advise if you have interest to join. The first course starts on Nov 9. Please try your best to attend this life saving course and to serve humanity in its best way!
3. RIC is encouraging all members to register for the RI Convention in Atlanta (to be held during 10-14 June 2017) by 15 Dec 2016 (Saturday), so that you only have to pay USD340 per person for registration. The registration fee will become USD415 if you register after 15 Dec 2016, and increase further to USD490 after 31 Mar 2017.

THE LAST LAUGH

An elderly couple, who were both widowed, had been going out with each other for a long time.

Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married.

Before the wedding they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work. They discussed finances, living arrangements, and so on.

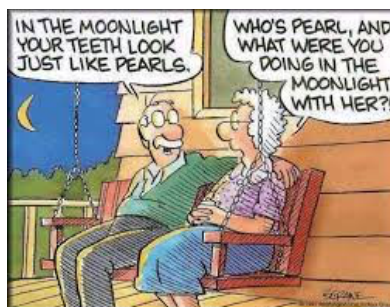
Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.

'How do you feel about sex?' he asked, rather tentatively.

'I would like it infrequently' she replied.

The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, adjusted his glasses, leaned over towards her and whispered

'Is that one word or two?'



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Last week's Proceedings - 19 October 2016

P. Chris began by noting the bravery of those who braved the harsh, wet conditions to make it to the Regal Hotel. What a crazy week of weather it was. He then welcomed our guests, welcomed Shin Yong Keuk, visiting Rotarian from Seoul, and Giovani Braz from Rotary Club Suzano, Brazil, here with his brother Rene. How nice to see Rotarians coming from all corners of the world to visit our club. The other guest was today's speaker, Mark Shuper of the Sprouts Foundation. P Chris invited our overseas visitors to say a few words about their home clubs and did an exchange of flags with them. The announcements were then read out, and secretary assistant Meipo was asked to announce the Red Box takings which were \$960. P Chris then introduced our speaker Mark, who was here to tell us about his organization, of which is founder, and the work that they do. Afterwards, PP Henry was invited to thank the speaker, noting the importance for helping to raise the bar in the standard of English across Hong Kong. Finally it was time for a toast to Rotary clubs Suzano Brazil, Seoul, RI and HKIE.



Polio Eradication

Eradicating Polio

"October 24 2016 is the Rotary World End Polio Day ! It is great to refresh our support with a photo which was taken in 2013 ! It is an on going campaign to help eradicate Polio !"



Spotlight On - The Sprouts Foundation

Mark Shuper quit a 20 year career in finance to found the Sprouts Foundation, an education charity registered in HK in 2011 with his wife Winnie. The aim was to empower underprivileged students by teaching them conversational English and practical IT skills to make them more employable later in life.

In September 2011, Sprouts Foundation and its partners Po Leung Kuk (PLK) and Hong Kong Rugby Union formed the Education Services Centre (ESC) to help the low income children in Tai Wai. Most children attending come from households living on less than HK\$200 per day. Both he and his wife have very consistent values regarding the importance of supporting education of the lower income families (his mother taught English as a second language to immigrants in Canada) and they began by pooling together the experience, network of expertise and financial sponsors to establish effective programmes for underprivileged children, over half of whom go straight to the labour force working as junior cooking staff in restaurants, on construction sites, as drivers or junior retail staff. Career paths that are very challenging to try to breakout of over time. Only about one quarter of these students continue some form of educational training.

The Sprouts Foundation operates two free after-school programmes in Hong Kong, and nearly 200 primary school students benefit from them. Improving the students' language skills with fun and interactive classes and storytelling, as well as a wide variety of monthly outings. These students are unable to afford other extra-curricular activities. With the success at the primary level, decided to extend to secondary level, and launched with Po Leung Kuk school located in Tai Wai, Shatin in 2013. They try to give the students small groups of activity heavy and creation heavy, fun educational and non-exam programmes and to boost their academic achievements, preparing the students with relevant life skills to face the "real world". In addition to the classroom experiences, the Sprouts team supplement these with a variety of weekend outings covering areas such as entertaining, educational, sports, science and charity work.

The next immediate approach Mark said is to focus on growing the work of Sprouts, go to the government and demonstrate the efficiency of what they are doing, and have the opportunity to put the programme to schools in new locations such as Tin Shui Wai and Shamshuipo. One achievement is that now. Through meetings with secondary schools in Tai Wai, Sprouts are being offered the opportunity to take over part of their English programmes - not just after school programmes, but in school programmes.

