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Hong Kong Island East  
**TUNG FENG**

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## President's Message - Thinking ahead



Last week I attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Joint President's Meeting for this Rotary Year. By now of course I am well acquainted with my classmates and we really are a tightly knit group of good friends. There's always a buzz in the air at this sessions, followed by some hearty drinking at the end (I usually slip away before it gets too carried away, always keen to get myself back to the wilderness of Tai Tam on a cold Tuesday night). This week one of the Ps remarked excitedly 'Only 3 more JPMs to go after this one!', reflecting I guess what all Presidents might be feeling at this stage - a bit worn out! Having said that, I do feel there is a spirit of fun in the air, with many clubs planning their annual celebrations, including ours. Although we still have some official business too. The 4-Clans Luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup>, plus more care visits. I'm also still keen to add on more members. But I'm also by now talking to PE Stacy about what's coming up for her year, and naturally she has some strong ideas. The talk we had about rugby and youth development last week actually did give us some food for thought. I think there must be some common ground there for us to consider in terms of a new sports programme we can help support in Hong Kong. Who knows? I'll certainly look into it.



**COMING  
SPEAKERS**

29 March 2017



**To be  
confirmed**



**LAST WEEK'S REDBOX  
COLLECTION \$900**

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 - Hong Kong Rugby



### Diana's story

Diana Li began by telling us that, growing up in HK, like any other girls, she was not supposed to go outdoors to play sports and get her skin too dark, she should be sitting in a room playing piano instead. She still remembers the first time she got a cut above her eye, resulting in stitches, she needed to change her hairstyle to avoid her mom from giving her shouting! She has played for a couple of teams in HK – HKCC and HK Football Club at the same time. The first time she played Rugby when she was asked by a coach at HKCC to support the team and made up the number, second time she played Rugby was a proper league game against Valley Women, one of the strongest team in HK. That's how she started her Rugby career. These days, through a lot of promotion and the Rugby Sevens, rugby is more popular.

Diana told us that through Rugby she learned to be tough, positive and confidence. It is also about friendship and networking, and she has met a lot of incredible friends, who all help each other out no matter in life or in business.

It's also given her the chance to see the world through Rugby tours to places like India, Korea & Thailand. During her thirteen years' playing Rugby, she gained some achievements. She especially loves the team spirit which really gives her something different, she is giving back to the community. Today she coaches young kids, playing the role of mentor to them at the same time.

Besides coaching she is also community member for Women Rugby Seven in HK. 15 different countries people coming to HK to play. Finally she said rugby has given her chance to meet great people like Deacon Manu.



### Deacon's story

An accomplished player at international level, Deacon talked about how he uses his professional experience to nurture young children to learn and to understand the values of rugby - Team Work, Respect, Patience, Confidence, Health and Social interaction. With Diana, he has founded a new community and rugby school for less privileged children in HK to learn to play and benefit from rugby. Rugby Academy Asia is an ambitious project which aims to give more children in Asia access to rugby, increasing the number of coaches to 30,000 in the next 4 years. Supported by HSBC and the HK Rugby Union, they target for 50,000 primary students who have never experienced or even heard of the sport, to be inspired

by the game. RAA objectives are to increase participation and skills across Asia, create career pathways and opportunities to study overseas and abroad. Also using Rugby as a vehicle to teach English through Rugby. Deacon finished by giving us an insightful explanation about the 'Haka', a traditional Maroi dance performed by New Zealand national teams, most famously the All Blacks prior to international matches. It serves as a challenge intimidation to the opposing team. Although we were entertained more than intimidated!





## Last week's Proceedings - March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

P. Chris began by welcoming everyone, including our guest speakers Diana Li, and Deacon Manu, both very established rugby players in Hong Kong, who were here to tell us all about the sport, and P Chris own guest, Professor Vincie Lee from Hong Kong Polytechnic, as well as welcoming back some members including Rotarian Walter. P Chris did highlight that both Diana and Vincie were previously Rotarians. Diana had been a member of RC Hong Kong Peninsular, and Vincie had been a Rotarian in the UK. With no birthday boy or girl to celebrate, it was time for the announcements, followed by the Red Box which PP Andy reported was \$900 (not bad considering not a completely full house). P Chris then invited CP Heman to tell us a little more about the Charter Ceremony for his new club, Rotary Club of The Hub, which was the coming Saturday. P Chris then introduced both speakers, both of whom have impressive and distinguished CVs. After the talk, CP Heman was invited to thank the speakers. CP Heman spoke for all of us when he was revealed he had less knowledge about the rugby world (except for witnessing some of the injuries) , but could definitely see the benefits of the sport in terms of youth development in HK. After this it was time for the Lucky Draw, and this week the winner was PP Jonathan who picked up a rather elegant looking bottle of high quality Chinese rice wine. P Chris then asked everyone to rise, give a toast to RI and RC HKIE, before joining for a group photo. Meeting adjourned



## Out & About



### Charter ceremony for RC The Hub Hong Kong

DG Eric, P Chris and members PP Norman, PP Eddy and PP Henry were out in full support for CP Heman as he presided over the inauguration ceremony for Rotary Club of The Hub on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the following announcements for our club:

1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Happy Lunch will be on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact PIC John Poon if you would like to join.
2. Our club dinner and dancy party '6 Decades of Island East' is set for Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Please let P Chris or PE Stacy know if you plan to attend.
3. Our club is planning a trip to Taipei May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. to attend the anniversary and sign the Sister Club agreement with the RC South Sea Taipei. All members are welcome to join the fun, which includes cultural performances, fine dining and golf game. Please join us if you're interested. Inform PP George or IPP William.

### District announcements

1. DG Home club -RC HK island East - members will be cordially invited RF Centennial Celebration: When Tai Chi meets Peace  
Video Shooting Day . Target :100 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors . Venue: THEi Campus, 30 Luen Fuk Road, Kowloon Tong. Date: 2 April 2017 (Sunday)..12:00 noon to 6:00 pm  
Program: 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm . Learning Tai Chi in small group taught by Tai Chi Masters. 3:00 pm -5:30 pm. Video Shooting  
The video will be broadcasted in Inter-City Meeting to RIP John Germ on 15 May 2017.
2. The District Training Assembly will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. District Governor-Elect H.W. Fung will deliver his keynote speech and District focuses of his year of governorship. All incoming Presidents and club officers are highly encouraged to attend. The Rotary International theme for RY 2017-18 is "Rotary: Making A Difference". [08:30](#) Registration  
[09:15](#) Program Starts - [16:30](#) Program Ends **Fee:** Each club is entitled to 8 free seats, \$300 per additional registrant  
**Venue:** Baptist University, [224 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong.](#)  
**Registration:** Please kindly register with RIC asap. Please kindly provide name and e-mail address of each participant.
3. On behalf of DGN Y. C. Ho, Chair of the District Awards Committee, please be reminded that the deadline for District Awards submission will be on **5 PM 5 May 2017.**

District Golf June 23. Contact Lewis Man at [Lm@rcosh.org](mailto:Lm@rcosh.org) or Tobi Doeringer at [td@rcosh.org](mailto:td@rcosh.org)

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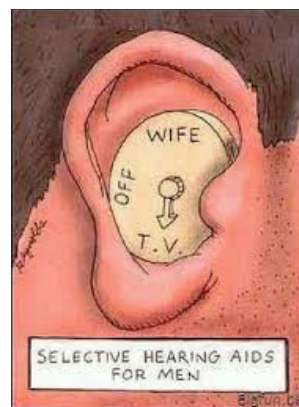
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## The Last Laugh - A Silent Bomb in Church

An elderly couple were in church.

The wife leaned over and whispered to her husband, "I just let out a long silent fart... what should I do?"

The husband replied, "Replace the batteries in your hearing aid."



**Club postal address** : P.O.Box 47064, Morrison Hill Post Office, Hong Kong  
**Meeting Venue** : Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong  
**Meeting Schedules** : Every Wednesday at 12:30 pm  
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