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President's Message - Signed & sealed



Wow, I'm pretty tired as I write, having just returned from Taipei to preside over the Sister Club signing, I immediately had to prepare for an Area 3 Joint Meeting dinner, to make my report to DG Eric for the past year. Which meant I was late preparing the bulletin...it's all go as President (yeah, so, now I know). But, I have to say that, going to Taipei to take part in the signing was truly one of the most memorable highlights of the past Rotary year for me. I was honoured to represent the club, and thank all who guided me through the experience (especially IPP William as usual). Must admit I'm kind of looking forward to having a slightly less hectic Rotary

schedule in the coming months (the last month has been pretty full on). Just the District Conference this weekend (I will be speaking at one of the breakout groups, as Chair of Rookie Stars, as well as MC at the evening DG Banquet..so pretty busy at that as well..), followed by the 12th and last JPM, final AGM (my turn) and finally District and Club Installations. I'm looking forward to the coming elderly care visits in June as it would be good to get back to doing a bit of good again. Plus, we still have a few interesting guest speakers lined up before I sign over to PE Stacy, so do look out for those.



**COMING
SPEAKERS**

31 May 2017

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LAST WEEK'S REDBOX
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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 - Trip to Taipei for Sister Club signing



This was a marriage which had enjoyed a hearty court-ing period, as the relationship between Rotary Club of Taipei South Sea and HKIE was slowly being cemented first as Friendship clubs and via a few mutual visits (we visit them, they visit us). Eventually we were both ready to tie the knot, and last weekend a delegation of our members yet again made the trip to Taipei to join our friends as they celebrated their 25th anniversary, and to officially sign an agreement to become Sister Clubs. As we experienced before, these lively, active Rotarians are extremely thoughtful, classy, generous hosts. And this trip was no exception. From the welcome committee at the airport for the early arrivals, to the main ceremony itself on Saturday the 20th, we were treated like VIPs and made to feel very special wherever we went. Day one (19th) kicked off with two groups as before. The golfers and the sightseers, who were led around town by PPs Chilin and Apex, including lunch and afternoon tea.

We then enjoyed our own welcome dinner among our own members and wives and friends, arranged at a sumptuous Japanese restaurant by our ex member Clark, we had kicked off the trip in style. Enjoying delectable food prepared before our very eyes by master chefs, and a professionally considered wine pairing selection by Clark, we wine and dined and had a lovely evening. The next day was the big day. And after a bit of a lie in and a good breakfast, we were met and collected at 10.30pm to be driven by bus to the main venue..the Soochow University in Taipei. There we enjoyed a nice buffet lunch, prepared by an NGO, before it was time to move into the main hall for the official ceremony. This event coincided the Sister Club signings between ourselves and RC Taipei South Sea, and their re-signing with their other Sister Club, Rotary Club of Fukuoka Evening from Japan. President Benson began the ceremony with his opening speech, expressing how much they all treasure the new agreement and look forward to working together. Then the signing ceremonies..with the Japan club going first, followed by ourselves, as President Chris took to the stage and tied the knot (watched over with fascination by wife Flora who joined him on the trip). Exchanging gifts, and saying a few words. It was a great occasion. From then until the end of the official ceremony (various recognitions of members etc) we sat and soaked up the experience. What followed for the rest of the afternoon was what can only be described as a beautiful concert and showcase of young Taiwanese talents, who were all past scholarship winners and as well as this year's scholarship contestants. You would not have thought them not yet professional, such was the caliber of their signing and musicianship. As the MC com-

This time we took to the bus and took to the hills, the hot springs territory where we disembarked and entered a fascinating, Japanese style villa which had been built during Japanese occupation, and was now converted into a museum cum restaurant. Upstairs we entered a vast hall, Japanese style (low seating and tables etc) for an evening of more great food, wine and brilliant, colourful entertainment. Which we all took part in. There were some very credible individual performances, with our own members PP Jonathan (accompanied by Rtn Hazel on guitar), PP Kevin and eventually all of us, joining in the fun to sing. P Chris did his usual Mandarin song (well, half English) which went down well to the 3 people who had never heard of before (probably only 3 people in the world by now), and the evening was crowned with a colourful, team performance by the Ladies (wives) of RC Taipei South Sea. A truly memorable evening. Once again we owe a big thanks to President Benson and all of their members, not least PP Chilin who took good care of us with all arrangements. We will be receiving members of our new Sister Club this coming December, as they are planning to visit us before Christmas. We had better get our act together and plan something that matched the wonderful times they have given us. Let's get that going! Thankyou to all who joined the trip, including IPP William and spouse Fanny, PP George and spouse Cynthia (who were celebrating their anniversary – congrats), PP Henry and spouse May, PP Eddy, Director Kevin, PP Jonathan and his girlfriend Christie, Treasurer Jason and spouse Sharon and Rtn Walter. You all made it a wonderful trip!



Last week's Proceedings - May 15th, 2017

Our club meeting had been moved to join the Intercity Meeting organised by DG Eric to welcome Rotary International President John Germ, who was visiting Asia. It was also a special, memorable occasion, as we witnessed history in the making, with the birth of the first ever Rotary club in China, whose members are not expats or foreigners. Rotary Club of Shenzhen was born on this evening, in a unique ceremony conducted by DG Eric. Naturally many district members were out in force to show support for the occasion, and representing our club on the evening were DG Eric, IPP William, PP Norman, PP Rudy and President Chris. In the midst of a very busy Rotary District 3450 calendar (in between District Training Assembly and District Conference) this was an extremely significant event, and a major achievement on the part of DG Eric, who had carefully and persistently orchestrated the whole affair. DG Eric commented "We are delighted to witness the charter of Rotary Club of Shenzhen. It is a breakthrough and an historical moment for the birth of a new mainland club."



Out & About

Rtn John Poon has done a marvelous job in running the Happy Lunch calendar this past year. The 5th and final Happy Lunch was on Monday May 15th, 12:30pm at Pizza Hut in TST. He was joined by P Chris, IPP William, PP Rudy and daughter Jacqueline, to entertain the young students and treat them to a nice meal. Great work John and thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the following announcements for our club:

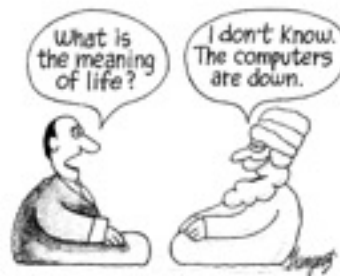
- The next Adopt An Elderly visit is scheduled for June 4th. For those who attended before, please mark your diaries and prepare to spread some happiness once again. Service Director Leo will be in touch with more details.
- On Sunday June 25th afternoon, we will be supporting the Love & Care for the Sick elderly activities day. If you have interest to be involved please inform Service Director Leo or President Chris.
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District announcements

- The coming District Conference will be held on 27 & 28 May 2017 at 7/F L'Hotel Nina, Tsuen Wan. We look forward to seeing our delegation of members who have signed up to join this annual, important date in the Rotary District 3450 calendar.
- The coming District Golf tournament is on June 23. Coming up is the big District golf event of the year. Your chance to test your skills against the District's finest. Contact Lewis Man at Lm@rcosh.org or Tobi Doeringer at td@rcosh.org

THE LAST LAUGH - Life

- *Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.*
- *99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.*
- *A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.*
- *The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.*
- *I almost had a psychic girlfriend, But she left me before we met.*
- *How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?*
- *Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?*
- *To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.*



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